

Students flock to polls

Close presidential election makes every vote that much more important

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After staying up on Monday night to watch the nail-biting conclusion to the Packer-Viking game, UW-River Falls students had another reason to forget their usual bed times on Tuesday night as they watched the closest presidential race in modern times.

Amid a flurry of premature announcements, recounted votes and voter confusion in Florida, the country is still holding its breath waiting to find out who will be the 43rd president of the United States.

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, lines of students who came to register and vote stretched out in front of booths in Rodli Commons, River Falls High School and the armory.

At 2 p.m., former professor Ila June Brown-Pratt was amazed at the steady student turnout.

"I started working at noon and this is the first time we haven't had a line," she said. "It's been incredible."

Carol Zalusky, a River Falls election inspector, noted that the turnout was "much heavier than usual" and estimated that the ratio was "20-1, students to non-students."

Students at the polls offered mixed responses as to why they were there.

"I just kind of planned on it because of all the promoting," said sophomore Matt Anderson, who feels he isn't usually a political person. "I didn't really know for sure. This last week is when I decided."

Sophomore Melissa Schotthofer, who didn't watch the debates, said she was not swayed by the closeness of the race.

"I would've still voted because I think it is important," she said.

As someone who considers herself a very political person, sophomore Kate Camplin knew for awhile who she was going to vote for and was determined to do her part to change the image of college students as

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Helen Ensign is explaining to freshman Katie Clay how to mark her ballot while Margrit Fritsch waits to help another. Some 1,200 students headed to the polls Tuesday.

Election Results: Pierce and St. Croix County Results:
President (R) Bush: 23,409 (D) Gore: 21,636
US Senate (D) Herb Kohl: 25,945 (R) John Gillespie: 18,341
US House (3rd district) (D) Ron Kind: 24,982 (R) Susan Tully: 19,347
STATE LEGISLATURE Results from the counties within their represented districts
State Senate (10th district) (R) Sheila Harsdorf: 41,844 (D) Alice Clausing: 39,000 (Ind) Jim Nelson: 2,020
State Assembly (29th district) (D) Joe Plouff: 12,541 (R) Jeff Butler: 11,686
State Assembly (30th district) (R) Kitty Rhoades: 18,308 (D) Laurie Lundgaard: 10,247
Pierce County Sheriff Everett Mauhlhusen: 10,230 (Write-in) Greg Place: 3,260
Wisconsin Voter Turnout:
Age
18-29 19%
Who they voted for:
Gore 46%
Bush 44%
Nader 10%

Too drunk to drive; cops test students' legal alcohol limits

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Recently, President Clinton signed a bill that may change Wisconsin's legal blood alcohol content for driving from .10 to .08. The change in the limit brings up the question: what's the difference between .10 and .08? That's what three UW-River Falls students with some alcohol and breathalyzers tried to find out on Tuesday night.

All of the students were 21 and the test was given by the River Falls Police Department. The test involved three students who volunteered to drink and then take a breathalyzer test.

Joe Matz, a 5'11", 175-pound economics/business administration major, blew the highest blood alcohol content. Matz blew a .10 after having nine shots of vodka (mixed with orange juice) and one beer over a one-hour period. Officer Alta Painter, who gave the test, said it was clear that Matz was impaired. Painter went on to say that even if someone being pulled over blows a legal limit, if the officer thinks that they look impaired the driver would get a ticket.

"I would not drive at this," Matz said of his condition. "I could drive but I wouldn't."

Matz felt he was at a state where he didn't want to risk driving right after taking the test. He thought he could pull it off, but wouldn't take the risk unless he absolutely had to.

Although talking noticeably louder, Matz seemed to still have pretty good motor skills. He said he didn't feel numb and still had all of his motor skills.

The second highest blood alcohol content on the test was Jess Blaska. Blaska, a 5'4", 130-pound Ag Marketing and Communications major, blew a .08. Blaska had five beers over one hour and a half before taking the test.

"I don't think I should drive," Blaska said after the test. "I can walk fine, but my legs feel a little tingly and my tongue is numb."

Blaska's motor skills were decreased and she was a little giggly when talking. She had trouble catching objects thrown to her. A little while after the test, Blaska became more intoxicated.

The lowest blood alcohol level of the three participants was Phil Bleile, a 5'11", 228-pound broad field social studies major. Bleile blew a .07 after having three beers and five shots of vodka in one hour. Bleile seemed to have all of his motor skills.

"I'm good to drive, definitely," Bleile said of his condition.

Bleile also felt the test showed a difference between .08 and .10 after seeing Matz's condition at .10 and comparing it to his own condition at .08.

"I now feel there is a huge difference between .08 and .10, after seeing where he (Matz) was and where I was," Bleile said.

Bleile noticed Matz was louder and more incoherent than Blaska and himself. Bleile also thought Matz could not walk as well as the more sober people in the room. About a half hour after the breathalyzer, Bleile began to show more signs of impairment.

States have until Oct. 1, 2003 to change the legal limit of blood alcohol level for driving to .08. If it is not changed by then, 2 percent of that state's federal highway construction funds will be taken away. Wisconsin has not yet lowered the legal limit. According to the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) homepage, 18 states have already lowered the legal limit to .08.

Regardless of comments made by students participating in this test, the Student Voice in no way condones driving under the influence.

Conference discusses sexual behavior in college

Topics highlighted by keynote speaker ranged from unwanted pregnancies and STDs to the role of alcohol in intimate situations

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Health care professionals and UW-River Falls' students sat side-by-side on Nov. 2 to talk openly about sex as the University hosted the Midwest's first conference dealing with college students' sexual behavior.

University faculty, staff, students and health care providers from Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota met in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons for the conference titled "Sex and the American College Student."

"One of the major issues for college students is sexual behavior, and we spend less time on it than any other topic," said Dr. Edward Ehlinger, director and chief health officer of Boyton Health Service at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Ehlinger, who feels colleges and universities neglect sexuality and sexual behavior, was the conference's leader and moderator.

Ehlinger said part of the problem is that sex is multidimensional, often taken out of context, and consistently censored, at times to the point where institutions and instructors can't talk about it. Ehlinger gave the example of "Lady Chatterley's Love," a book that was censored because the sexual contact was taken out of context.

In order to really understand the role of sexuality in the lives of college students, Ehlinger said sex had to be looked at as a whole.

"We don't often do that because of the orientation of our society to specialize and only look at pieces of the issue," Ehlinger said.

According to Ehlinger, even the conference broke up the topic of sex.

"Health services tend to look at the problems like pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, while the media folks look at objectification," Ehlinger said. "Religions look at the morals and values, while the economists look at how sex sells. All views and perspectives are necessary if we are to get an accurate and healthy view of sex and sexuality."

John DeLamater, a sociology professor at UW-Madison, served as the keynote speaker. He has researched human sexuality, publishing studies on sexual relationships and behavior, contraceptive use, safer sex intervention and adult sexuality.

In a survey DeLamater did involving 1,000 UW-Madison students, he found that 75 percent of male students and 60 percent of female students between the ages of 18 and 23 were sexually active. These statistics are similar to a spring 2000 survey of 421 UW-River Falls' students that found 67.3 percent had at least one sexual partner within the last school year.

DeLamater said there are four main problems college students face when they are sexually active in college.

The first problem is consent. DeLamater's research has found that often students engage in sexual activity simply because it is easier than stopping it.

Unwanted pregnancies are another problem for college students. His UW-Madison survey found that 14 percent of male students and 7 percent of female students have experienced an unwanted pregnancy while in college.

The third problem DeLamater addressed was sexually transmitted diseases. His research found 10 percent of male students and 12 percent of female students have obtained a STD while in college.

The last and biggest problem DeLamater spoke about was the mixture of sex and alcohol.

"I can see how people think all college students are having sex. I guess it is because you don't hear people saying, 'I'm not having sex.'"

-Senior Tara Benck

lasting relationships. While the students DeLamater talked to claim they would not have sex with a partner who was too drunk, the students were not able to specify at what point someone was too drunk. DeLamater has also found students are not as likely to talk about birth control and are more likely to be assaulted when alcohol is involved in sexual behavior.

Because the student culture is well developed, DeLamater said it is unrealistic to try for drastic changes. Instead, he said institutions need to focus on harm reduction.

Following DeLamater's keynote address, a panel consisting of Fred Hebert, department chair of the School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics at UW-Stevens Point; Faye

Perkins, professor of Health and Human Performance at UW-RF; Alice Reilly-Myklebust, coordinator of Student Health Services at UW-RF; and Beth Zemsky, director of the University of Minnesota Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Programs Office responded to DeLamater's presentation.

During this panel discussion, Zemsky pointed out that the sexuality of GLBT students is consistently overlooked, including by the heterosexual studies that have been done. In research of her own, Zemsky said heterosexual students at some point have harassed 100 percent of lesbians at the University of Minnesota.

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Thursday, student Nicole Hammel, middle, participated with other present and future health care and education professionals in small group discussions during the conference, which was the first of its kind in the Midwest.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UW-River Falls Cycling Club is open to anyone of any ability level who enjoys biking. Road, BMX and mountain bikers are welcome. The club goes on rides together and has members who mountain bike and BMX race. If you always wanted to race or are just looking for people to ride with call Shannon at 426-9557 or Becky at 426-4868.

UW-River Falls Bushwackers is a student-run, outdoor-related organization. Some of the activities the club participates in are camping, rock climbing, biking, hiking, ultimate Frisbee, paddling and backpacking, to name a few. No experience is necessary to join and some equipment is available to members. Club dues are \$5 per semester. Bushwackers meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Presidents' Room of the Student Center. For further information or questions, call 426-0902.

To commemorate Veterans' Day the University is holding a ceremony on Friday from 11 a.m. to noon in front of North Hall. Contact Tory Sletten at ext. 3529 for further information.

Student graduation regalia is now available at the University Bookstore.

The UW-River Falls Rodeo Team will be collecting used auto, marine and tractor batteries now through Nov. 30, to raise money for national rodeo competition travel expenses. Donations can be dropped off at the River Falls Tire Co., 410 N. Main St.

EVENTS

UW-River Falls Career Services is sponsoring a number of informative workshops through Dec. 13. Schedule for next week is as follows:

- **Monday:** "Developing a professional portfolio" will be held in the St. Croix Room from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday:** "Interviewing skills" will take place from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Croix Room. An orientation to Career Services will also be held from 11 a.m. to noon in the Career Services Office.
- **Wednesday:** A workshop on Web-portfolios and on-line job searching will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Croix Room.
- **Thursday, Nov. 16:** "Job Search Strategies" will be held in the Kinnickinnic Room from 1 to 2 p.m.

Textbook Services will be holding a discontinued textbook sale now through Nov. 17. Textbooks are available in all subject areas, with prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars a copy. If students wish to purchase books they have checked out, they can bring them to the textbook sale and receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

The American Association of University Women-River Falls branch will be holding its annual used book sale Thursday, Nov. 16 through Saturday, Nov. 18 at the River Falls Masonic Lodge, 122 E. Walnut St. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All proceeds support local high school and university scholarships.

Weight, health and culture speaker Dr. Jonathan Robison will hold a discussion entitled "Exploding the myths and exploring the realities" on Nov. 15 and Nov. 16 in the Presidents Room and Regents Room, respectively. On Nov. 15, the session times are 11 to 11:50 a.m. and 2 to 3:15 p.m. On Nov. 16, the session will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Robison's talks are sponsored by Student Health Services.

The Communications Fair, showcasing exhibits of campus co-curricular activities in communications, will take place Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the carpeted area of the Student Center.

The music department will be holding its Zeitgeist Concert Thursday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of Kleinpell Fine Arts. The concert will feature Patti Cudd, Heather Barringer, Yuri Merzhevsky, Patrick O'Keefe and Carl Witt.

Federal regulations require that all graduating seniors and transfer students who have had school loans at UW-River Falls attend an Exit Counseling Session. This session provides students with information they will need to repay student loans. They will be held in the Alumni Room of South Hall on the following dates:

- **Monday, Dec. 4,** from 2 to 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5,** from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 7,** from 9 to 10 a.m.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Police Corps Scholarships, sponsored by the Wisconsin Police Corps Program, are available to students willing to commit to four years serving as a community police officer after graduation. For further information regarding the scholarship or application, contact Stephen Grohmann at the Office of Justice Assistance at (608) 266-7185. Deadline for application is Jan. 12.

Panhellenic Council is sponsoring a \$100 scholarship for one semester at UW-River Falls. Eligible applicants include any woman in a sorority of sophomore, junior or senior standing. She must have at least one full semester of Greek life at the time of application. Applications may be picked up in sorority boxes or from the Panhellenic representatives and are due by Tuesday. Applications can be turned in to Kaye Schendel in the Leadership Center. For further information, feel free to contact Kaye Schendel at 425-4911.

Mark A. Pursley Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce \$500 scholarships for the academic year 2000-01. Money will be awarded to college juniors and seniors majoring in psychology, sociology and social work. Students must be in good academic standing. Applications are available in the Financial Assistance Office and will be received until Wednesday.

National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance will award \$2 million in grants to student and faculty inventors. The Alliance provides grants to colleges and universities for the creation of student invention teams, courses, projects, networking opportunities and resources for faculty and student innovators. It funds teams whose work is likely to lead to the licensing of new products or technologies. For more detailed information, as well as an application packet, may be obtained from the NCIIA website or by e-mailing the Alliance at info@nciia.org. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15.

MEETINGS

Lutheran Student Fellowship will be meeting this year at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights in Luther Memorial Basement. The topic will be different Christian denominations and their beliefs. For other information, contact Carrie Hanson at (715) 247-5968.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Anyone who has a brief meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

Roundtable discussion strives towards understanding, acceptance of gay community

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Since National Coming Out Day in mid-October, the *Student Voice* has run nine letters to the editor addressing various positions concerning homosexuality. Because homosexuality has become such a hot topic on the UW-River Falls campus, the Diversity Issues Committee and Diversity Awareness Committee sponsored a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender roundtable discussion to encourage a better understanding of LGBT students.

Despite the recent controversy, flyers distributed throughout campus and personal invitations, only nine people attended the event. None were students unaffiliated with the LGBT.

With few questions to answer due to the limited audience, the panel, consisting of Eric Dodge, Robin Kinney, Nicole Jarvis and Betsy Born, spent an hour talking about harassment they have faced on campus, how they came out and the media's portrayal of homosexuality.

Diversity Issues Director Eric Dodge said the purpose of the discussion, held Wednesday in the Falcon's Nest of the Student Center, was designed to help those who had misconceptions or questions concerning what he referred to as the "queer community."

Only Faye Perkins, a UW-RF physical education professor, Dan Guida, a member of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays from Red Wing, Minn.,

and Daniel Sumner, a River Falls resident spoke from the audience.

Both Perkins and Guida were invited to the roundtable because of their involvement as allies of the LGBT community.

Early in the discussion, Perkins addressed the issue of diversity. She said the UW System's definition of diversity only includes five groups, excluding both LGBT students and women.

"They have a very narrow definition of diversity," Perkins said. "It is totally ridiculous."

Kinney said LGBT students across the state have been fighting to get the definition changed and it will be rewritten in the 2008 plan.

In addition, the panel discussed the position of the media within the LGBT community. Jarvis and Dodge feel the television media today is portraying a positive image of LGBT community with sitcoms such as "Ellen" and "Will and Grace."

"The more positive gay role models, the better it is for our kids," Jarvis said.

In contrast, Dodge claimed that although people should be allowed the freedom of expression, media such as the *Student Voice* allow students to hide behind their words.

"People hide behind written words rather than voicing their views publicly," Dodge said.

Panel members also discussed personal experiences they have encountered as a result of their lifestyles. Born feels gays have a more difficult time than lesbians.



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Robin Kinney, Nicole Jarvis, Eric Dodge and Betsy Born discuss their experiences with harassment at UW-RF on Wednesday night in the Student Center.

"Gay males are getting the harassment," Born said. "At this point in time, being lesbian is in vogue."

A strong point of dissension for the LGBT lifestyle revolves around the religious beliefs and Bible passages. Pointing to Romans Chapter 1, Sumner argued the Bible prohibits homosexuality.

"Men with men committing what is shameful," Sumner quoted from Romans 1:27, "and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

This argument upset Jen Straub, Student Senate legislative issues director who served as the discussion's mediator.

"It is very important that we be extremely careful in using the Bible to tell others they are wrong," Straub said. "The Bible also says

'judge not lest ye be judged.'"

This religious debate lasted half an hour with neither side giving ground.

Jarvis is looking to the future. She finds encouragement in the first- and second-graders she works with who are accepting her lifestyle. This news impressed Perkins.

"It is so important to have positive role models out there," Perkins said. "As a parent, I would love for my kids to have positive gay role models."

The panel is comfortable talking to people about their lifestyles. They hope to continue informing the students of UW-RF about the LGBT lifestyle and feel discussions like the roundtable held Wednesday night get misconceptions out.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Unity Conference receives funding

■ Students from all over Midwest will attend workshops in Janesville

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House business once again dominated the Student Senate meeting Tuesday evening.

Two motions discussed by the Senate were allocating \$1500 to fund hotel rooms and transportation for the 'Building Unity Conference' being held at UW-Rock County in Janesville this weekend and allocating \$974 to fund a 'Get Out the Vote 2000' party.

Diversity Issues Director Eric Dodge explained a number of workshops will be held at the Building Unity Conference, which will be attended by over 800 students from all over the Midwest, including a number of students from campus organizations.

In a vote of 12-1, Senators approved allocating the funds for the conference.

In conjunction with this vote, they also approved eliminating the second sentence of the motion, which would have reimbursed up to three drivers 31 cents per mile and a University mini-van.

Upon receiving questions from some Senators, Finance Director

Jennifer Mundt explained the major reasoning behind this decision.

"It'll give them the flexibility to get any transportation they need," Mundt said.

The other motion discussed concerned the post-poll party held that evening at 8 p.m. in Brandy's.

"It will finance \$600 for (Get Out the Vote) t-shirts, \$200 for food, and approximately \$100 for a DJ," Mundt said.

While the motion was approved 12-1, Shared Governance Director David Chell expressed his dislike of the motion's components, mainly because the election was still undecided at the time of the event.

"I'm really frustrated with this motion and the precedent it sets," Chell said. "Especially since it'll be approved (funding) before (the election) happens. If it was brought to us earlier, we could have done more."

In other Senate news, Heidi Hargreaves stated that Senators have received a professor evaluation form from UW-Superior that they may use in determining how to restructure our professor evaluations.

The International Programs Committee also met on Tuesday to discuss adding international studies as a major and minor on campus.

UW-River Falls and UW-Eau Claire are currently the only 2 universities in the UW system without the program.

The next meeting of the Student Senate will be Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room in the Student Center.

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An accident can change someone's life in a moment, and in that moment dreams and goals can be put on hold. What is left ahead is a journey filled with hopes of becoming again what once was. Willi Wormer, 21, is on this journey after a motor vehicle accident Sept. 3.

Wormer, who suffered a severe traumatic head injury to the brain stem along with back injuries, was released from Luther Hospital in Eau Claire, Thursday, Oct. 26, according to a press release.

Wormer is currently making daily trips from Prairie Farm to Eau Claire for therapy and is continuing to make progress and remains hopeful of a complete recovery.

Wormer, who will be a senior at UW-River Falls, hopes to return to school by next fall at the latest, according to Pamela Bruder, who is working on the benefit.

On Nov. 12, the Neighbors Helping Neighbors organization is hosting a benefit auction and barbecued chicken dinner and the Prairie Farm FFA is hosting a raffle on behalf of Wormer and his family at the Prairie Farm High School.

The money raised will help pay for medical bills, the cost of transportation to and from therapy and the cost of the construction of wheelchair ramps to accommodate Wormer's condition.

The grand prize of the FFA hosted raffle is two airline tickets, donated by Sun Country Airlines, which are good for one year and usable in the 48 continental United States. Tickets are currently being sold at Prairie Farm businesses and will also be available the day of the benefit for \$2 each or three for \$5.

The dinner, which will begin at

11a.m. will be held at the PFHS commons. Cost of attending the event is \$5 per person, including beverages. There will also be a bake sale featuring single items and coffee.

At 1 p.m., Auctioneer Orland Bygd will accept the first auction bids in the south gym.

Donations of new or used merchandise for the auction are being accepted until noon on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Ridgeland-Chetek Coop Agronomy Department in Ridgeland.

Wormer has been employed by the agronomy department at the Ridgeland-Chetek Cooperative since his freshman year at UW-RF as a general maintenance, chemical technician and sprayer during the summer months, as well as on weekends.

In addition to playing an important role on the family farm, Wormer is also an avid hunter and fisherman, according to a press release. He was also an active member of 4-H and FFA.

Monetary donations will be accepted; they may be made payable to the Willi Wormer Benefit Fund at the Dairy State Bank, Prairie Farm, Wisc. 54762 or the Farmers State Bank, Ridgeland, Wisc. 54763.

All proceeds from the event will be supplemented by Aid Association for Lutherans (A.A.L.) Branch #852 and Lutheran Brotherhood Heart of the North Branch 8920.

For more information on the auction, contact Sue Varness at (715) 949-1160 or (715) 949-1631. For more information on the benefit, call Neighbors Helping Neighbors Chairpersons Carol Husmann at (715) 455-1903 or Faye Reinikainen (715) 455-1157.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Fires ignite across campus

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On Nov. 5 at about 5:50 p.m. the fire alarm near room 109 of Crabtree Hall went off. Steve J. Wodarz, a UW-River Falls public safety staff member, called the River Falls Fire Department and went and checked the alarm. Wodarz found the cause of the alarm to be a poster that had been started on fire in the hallway. There are no suspects at this time.

On Nov. 2, Gretchen A. Link, a staff member at UW-River Falls, found several signs in Hathorn Hall that appeared to have been started

on fire. There are no suspects at this time. There has been a spree of small fires started all over campus.

On Oct. 29, at approximately 2:30 a.m., several posters were reported burned and the wall around the posters was charred in the first floor men's bathroom of Crabtree Hall. Mark K. Nelson, the resident assistant on duty reported the incident.

In other news

- Alisa M. Beil reported her bike was stolen from the Rodli bike rack on Oct. 25 at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- On Oct. 26, Thomas Engesether, a facilities management staff mem-

ber reported that on the Blue Stem pathway on the UW-RF campus, there was a broken cover on a blue light. There are currently no suspects.

On Oct. 26, four students were issued citations for underage consumption in 115 Parker Hall. They were Tammy L. Giese, 19, Heather L. Reichert, 19, Lucas B. Young, 19 and Michael W. Van Handel, 19. They were each fined \$212.

On Nov. 1, Steven J. Wodarz reported graffiti was found painted on the baseball dugout, and on the N. service door of the athletic storage shed. There are no suspects at this time.

- On Nov. 3, Steven J. Wodarz reported that multiple street lamps on the Blue Stem Pathway were found broken. There are no suspects at this time.
- Derek S. Mc Murchie, 18, was issued a citation for underage consumption in 210 Grimm Hall on Nov. 4, and fined \$212.
- Erin L. Hageman, 18, and a companion were issued citations for underage consumption on 227 Parker Hall on Nov. 4 and each person was fined \$212.
- Michael S. Warren, 19, was issued a citation for underage consumption in 139 McMillan Hall on Nov. 4 and was fined \$212.

An autumn wonderland



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Sophomore Somorn Huot seeks shelter from the snow showers that blanketed campus on Tuesday outside Centennial Science Hall. In the event of weather emergencies, the Inclement Weather Policy for the University states that the Chancellor or designee may cancel classes and close the campus to the public and/or direct all non-emergency employees to leave work early or not to report to work. The University will make every effort to report the closure to Twin Cities news media. For the complete policy, see the Vice-Chancellor's web site on the UW-RF homepage.

Transcending the wilderness provides education, phy-ed credit

■ Backpacking, hiking will pave the way for a possible permanent course in the future

John Goss
Staff Writer

Backpacking for credit. This sounds too good to be true, but that is exactly what 14 students and three group leaders from the KinniConnections are doing this weekend. Students and three KinniConnections staff members will embark on an adventure through the Brule River State Forest. The Brule River runs through several states including Minnesota and Wisconsin and is known for its early transportation service to the French. Sign up deadline was Nov. 8. The trip costs \$40 per student, which includes meals, gas for the trip as well as the provided sleeping accommodations. The group will leave at 3 p.m. Friday and return 5 p.m. on Sunday. This backpacking trip is the first of its kind and is a trial run according to Larry Albertson, a professor in the Health and Human Performance Department.

"This is an experiment; a trial to see how it works," Albertson said. This trip required a lot of pre-trip planning according to Lance Ross, Recreational Leadership coordinator. Planning included a pre-trip meeting held Nov. 3, at 6p.m. in the Leadership Center. "The pre-trip meeting was required," Ross said. "This gives the trip leaders an idea of the group dynamics." According to Josh Knutsen and Alison Tait, group leaders on the trip, students will learn backpack loading, nutrition information, compass skills, problem-solving skills, camp set up and meal planning. "Students will learn things like always bring essential gear," Knutsen said. Essential gear needed on the trip includes hiking clothing, outerwear, footwear, camping gear, and personal items. According to Albertson, both Knutsen and Tait are well qualified to lead the group. "Both Knutsen and Tait are well trained in leading group activities," Albertson said. Students will participate in some planned activities, but also will do things like sightseeing if the opportunity presents itself, according to Knutsen and Tait. "If we see some scenic sights, we'll drop our packs and run," Tait said. According to Albertson, by working together with KinniConnections, students are better served because of opportunities like backpacking the Brule River. "Working with KinniConnections is a good opportunity for students," Albertson said. "It is the department's and KinniConnection's job to serve students at the University." Ross agrees with Albertson, saying KinniConnections is looking for ways to get students involved in the outdoors. "The KinniConnections is interested in providing students opportunities they otherwise may not have," Ross said. The trip is going to be fun, but is also being very carefully controlled, according to Albertson. "Students are required to write a processing paper that reflects their trip," Albertson said. "Students will also keep a journal that reflects their experience." Student processing papers and journals, according to Albertson, will determine the success of the trip and student's grades. Papers and journals are also additional requirements students must meet to receive the half credit offered. Albertson is confident that the program will be a success. "Students processing papers and journals will tell whether the education process was learned," Albertson said. KinniConnections is interested in providing students with more opportunities like this backpacking trip according to Ross. "KinniConnections wants to provide more experimental learning programs for students," Ross said.

Turkey trot not for the birds

■ Walk/run through campus to get students, staff, faculty and locals on their feet Saturday

Amy Moe
Staff Writer

Instead of sleeping in this Saturday, students have an opportunity to get up and run with their friends, family, fellow students and community members in the second annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot is a 5K run or a one-mile walk through the UW-River Falls campus. The Organization and Administration of Physical Education Class and the Department of Health and Human Performance organized this event. The organization, promotion and advertisement of the Turkey Trot falls on the shoulders of the students in Dr. Debra Allyn's class. "This is a new class for me," said Allyn, an

assistant professor in the HHP department and assistant women's track and field coach. "One of the hardest things was to facilitate students to do what they needed to. This is such a learning experience for them." Krista Kirkeeide, a HHP major and a student in Allyn's class, agrees that this is a good learning experience for her and the class. "Figuring out all the organization, budget and advertisement offers a wide range of experience for me and the class," Kirkeeide said. "This is also a good opportunity for the campus and the community of River Falls." According to Kirkeeide, a wide range of participants are involved in this event, including elementary students and their teachers, families and people who just want to run or walk. Nick Ballard, a sophomore marketing communications major, ran in the Turkey Trot last year because he enjoys running. "I was on the cross-country team in high school and I still enjoy running," Ballard said. "The Turkey Trot is a very good idea and I wish that I was able to run in it again this year." Allyn would like people to participate in this event for any reason but hopes that everyone can have fun at the same time. "The intent for the event this year is a fun run

for the community and campus," Allyn said. "We like to see people get involved." Despite the number of people that pre-registered for the trot, Allyn and her class were hoping to see more student and community participation. "Right now we have a little under 100 people registered for the walk or run combined," Allyn said. "There may be a few more people signed up for the run rather than the walk at this point." If you didn't pre-register for the trot, and are interested in participating, there is still an opportunity to register the day of the event in the lobby of the Knowles Center. Registration for the run is Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. with the run starting at 9 a.m. The walk registration is from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. with the walk starting at 10 a.m. Each participant will receive a shirt covered by the \$10 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded after the run/walk. Athletic wear from UW-RF athletic teams will be awarded to the top female and male from each age division. The age groups are: under 12, 13-18, 19-39, 40-60 and over 60. For more information about the Turkey Trot contact either Krista Kirkeeide at (715) 425-3458 or Deb Allyn at debra.a.allyn@uwrf.edu.

Sorority raises money for arthritis research

■ Alpha Omicron Pi sells candles, ribbons, sponsors a walk to generate money for Arthritis Foundation

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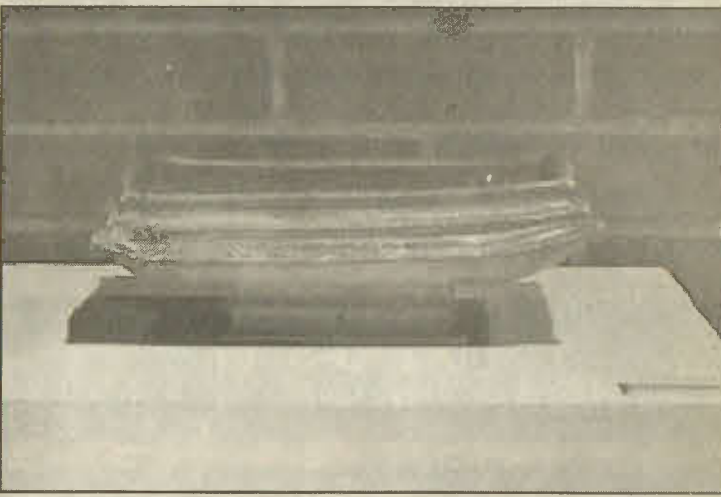
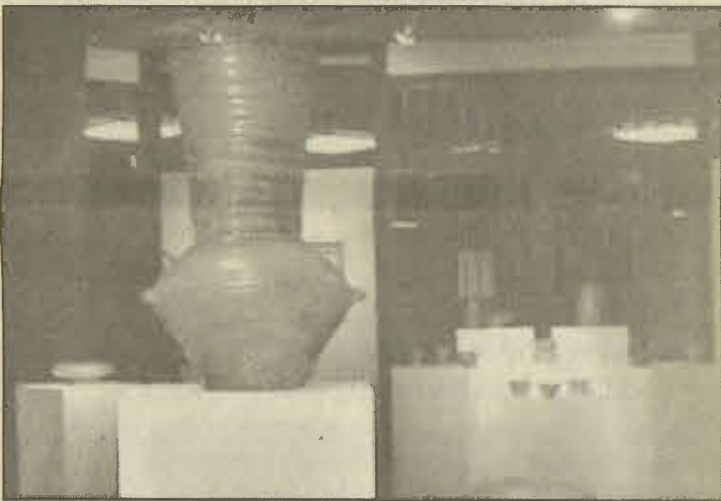
Imagine waking up one morning and start to get up, only to discover you can't because your hips and knees are too stiff to move. Imagine not being able to pick up a pencil, tie your shoes, or open a jar of jelly. These are the consequences of the disease arthritis, which is not something that most college students spend a lot of time worrying about. UW-RF greek sorority Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI) spent the week of Oct. 23-27 raising money for the National Arthritis Foundation as a part of their sorority's national philanthropy. The sorority made around \$550 selling candles and ribbons and

doing a fundraising walk called Walk for the Roses. According to the American Medical Association, 41 million people in the U.S. have some form of arthritis. In other words, 1 in 7 people, and 1 in every 3 families are affected by it. Arthritis is not limited only to older people. Approximately 8.4 million people ages 18-44 have some type of arthritis, which can affect their ability to function in normal life. AOPI focused on the Arthritis Foundation because the disease is one that affects a lot of women, and because it is such an important health issue nationally. The money that is collected is sent directly to the Arthritis Foundation, with most going to research and therapy. "We feel strongly that it needs help and needs to be recognized," Chapter President Jenny Kendall said. AOPI made the candles during recruitment of new members as an activity. They were sold at a table in the Student Center for \$3 each, and sold out on the first day. The ribbons came on a small card with a short piece of information about arthritis printed on them, and were priced at \$1. The ribbons represented support for arthritis research. They were sold on

Wednesday and Friday. All 23 members of the sorority participated in the Walk for the Roses, which involved them getting a sponsor for the approximate 1.5 mile walk around campus. "Everyone was enthusiastic this year," Kendall said. "It was our best year so far." Although there are more than 100 different specific kinds of arthritis, they all fall into two different categories. Degenerative arthritis is the breakdown of cushioning tissue, called cartilage, inside the joints. Inflammatory arthritis is simply heat, pain, and swelling in the joint. Some specific kinds of arthritis include osteoporosis, rheumatoid, fibromyalgia, lupus, and Lyme disease. One of the most well known types is rheumatoid arthritis. This is an inflammation and stiffness of the joints caused by the immune system attacking joint tissue. It commonly strikes people ages 20-45, and currently affects over 2.5 million people. UW-RF junior Christa Iacono is familiar with arthritis because her mother, Jane, is severely affected by it. Jane has severe rheumatoid arthritis, which interferes with her daily life. Painful joints in her hands and knees make it difficult to

do day-to-day activities like working, exercising, or even getting out of bed. Jane is a dental hygienist, but can only work one day a week because her arthritis tires her out too much. She takes several kinds of medicine, including a shot twice per week that helps reduce the swelling and makes it easier to function. "We have to help out a lot more and be understanding," Christa said. All activities have to be arranged also, as it is impossible to do more strenuous activities such as a family canoe trip. A chore as simple as raking leaves can leave her bedridden the next day. "It's really unexpected, and just flares up without warning," Christa said. Research currently being done by the National Arthritis Foundation is providing some new treatments and drugs. One such drug is the newly approved Arava, which is designed to slow the division of inflamed cells, and thus reduce pain. It is the first arthritis drug to be approved in more than a decade, but there is much more research to be done to figure out the causes and more effective treatments.

Seniors showcase



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The Senior exhibition, "Emerging," runs through Nov. 12 in Gallery 101 and features work by three students. Marsha Smith created ceramics, Kate Christensen displayed photographic work and Sauter displayed print making graphics. Some pieces are for sale, with a price list available in the gallery.

Support River Falls sports teams this weekend! Women's Hockey plays at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and 1:05 p.m. on Saturday at Hunt Arena. Swimming begins at 6 p.m. on Friday at Karges. Football plays a non-conference game in the Metrodome on Friday at 9 p.m. Cost of tickets for the football game is \$7.

Origination fee on award letters causes confusion, frustration for students

Kathryn Houge
Staff Writer

What?! I paid this thing already!" insisted Liz Paone, a senior education major, as she glared at a UW-River Falls tuition bill.

After glancing at the bill, her roommate explains something that isn't listed on the bill: You didn't pay enough to cover the "origination fee," the bank's commission that comes directly out of your total loan amount.

To avoid missing such details, students should keep all their financial paperwork, said Dave Woodward, UW-RF financial aid Director and counselor. His office helps students with their questions as much as possible so that they don't volley between the Cashier's office in North Hall and the Financial Aid office in South Hall.

"We really do attempt not to have the student walk back and forth across the street," he said.

One of the items Woodward suggests students keep handy is the Student Financial Assistance Award Information pamphlet that comes with award letters as a reference.

Award letters estimate the students' costs for the year, their financial aid totals and how much their families should contribute. The students check off the types of aid they want, sign it, keep the carbon copy and send the original back to the Financial Aid office.

Award letters for this semester were printed in early May for students who met the financial aid application deadline.

If students would glance at highlights of the brochure when they have questions, it would be helpful, Woodward said.

"It's more like an encyclopedia," he said. "Look it up as you need it."

Half-way down the center column of the pamphlet's inner flap under the Loans Programs heading, is a paragraph related to Paone's plight:

"All Federal Stafford Loans are subject to a 3 percent Origination Fee paid to the U.S. Department of Education and a 1 percent Guarantee Fee for Guarantee Agencies. These fees will be deducted from the principal amount of the loan before disbursement to the school."

The award letters themselves do not mention the origination fee, but tell students to contact the Financial Aid office if the brochure wasn't enclosed with the letter.

Another letter that tells students about origination fees is the "Notice of loan guarantee and disclosure statement" from United Student Aid Funds.

In the August 1999 notice of a journalism student, under the chart showing how much money is allotted each semester is a note:

"In accordance with the requirements of federal law, the origination fee for your loan equals 3 percent of the loan amount. By cashing your student loan check, you are agreeing to pay this origination fee."

Students react with surprise

But some students say that they only check previous paperwork if there's a problem. Some don't ever see all of it because their parents file it or their parents take care of most of the bills. These students expect the bills to be accurate enough so that they don't have to drag out the file cabinet and scientific calculator before writing the University a check.

Senior sociology major Marcus Bridgeman hasn't encountered the origination fee yet, perhaps because his loan may cover more than tuition, he said. Bridgeman keeps all his paperwork. He empathizes with those who don't realize that the origination fee isn't listed on the bill.

"I think I'd be pretty upset if I wasn't notified on it (the University's bill) that I didn't get the full amount," he said.

Other than that, Bridgeman is satisfied with the bill's format.

What's an origination fee?

"I never knew there was such a thing," said Alissa Green, a pre-vet major in the middle of her third year at UW-RF. Not until she heard the shocked voice from Paone's room.

Like Bridgeman, Green keeps all her paperwork, but she has never seen a "Notice of loan guarantee." Maybe her parents have it, she said.

Green has always subtracted the total estimated loan amount from the total charges.

"I just get my bill and say, 'Okay, this is how much I need to deposit,'" after subtracting the loan, Green said. It usually works out okay because she gets more financial aid than charges, she said, but she tends to pay the University automatically without questioning what she's being charged for.

Green said that some students, particularly freshmen whose parents usually pay bills and file the paperwork, may be too scared to question a bill they don't understand.

"And they'll look like fools when they go into Financial Aid and say 'What the heck happened?'" when they get a second bill with a finance charge, she said.

Here's an example:

When your first bill arrives, the loan hasn't been applied (dispersed) to your account yet, so you think you're getting all of your \$2,000 Stafford loan listed in the middle portion of a statement. If a student pays \$1,000 of a \$3,000 bill because the loan amount is \$2,000, she'll get another bill equaling the origination fee of \$60 (it was subtracted from the loan by the bank before the school got it) plus a late charge.

"Sixty bucks is a lot for students," Green said.

The origination fee should be mentioned on the bill, even if it's just a reminder to figure out the amount on your own, she said.

For example: Subtract your lender's origination fee from your total loan amount; you are responsible for the difference. See your

loan guarantee or Award Information brochure enclosed with your award letter.

Woodward said that the origination fee varies enough that it would be too complicated to put it on each student's statement, but a general reminder might be possible.

"But what do you take away?" he asks. "The bill is not like a regular word processing document. We're working with a very old computer mainframe."

Some students have caught on. The first week of school, a journalism student went to the cashier's office and asked cashier Steve Moore what "the bank's commission" is this year. He laughed, saying that he hadn't heard it phrased like that before, and helped her figure out how much to pay.

The birth of a new bill

The Cashier's office often gets angry questions about the finance charges caused by unknown origination fees, but the Financial Aid office has informed students about it, said Accounts Receivable Director Arthur Delforge.

"We're a collection agency," Delforge said, describing the Accounts Receivable/Cashiers office. "We don't put any charges on the computer system at all," he said. "We just collect what is put on there by other departments."

Delforge said the University's relatively new billing system is wonderful because it's easier to change the computer-generated bills than it was with the old five-ply bills that didn't have as many fee breakdowns, loan amounts or the class schedules.

At the start of 1997, students still received a five-ply form, "like a water bill," which was two carbon sheets holding two statement sheets and an outer address sheet that a student had to tear apart from one end. The statements would smear and printing costs were heavy, Delforge said.

It was time for a new statement.

"We tried to make it more user friendly" to

answer students questions, Delforge said.

After looking at over 13 bills from different schools, including the University of Minnesota, Indiana University, UW-Lacrosse, a two-page bill from UW-Eau Claire and a five-page bill from UW-Superior, the Accounts Receivable office proposed the current format.

Unlike Superior's 1997 statement, UW-RF felt that a clearly legible one-page bill would be best, Delforge says.

"We wanted the student to be able to read it without a magnifying glass," he says.

Today the bills that UWRF sends students are on 8 x 14 paper accordion folded to fit in business-size window envelopes with the bottom quarter as a tear-off that can be returned with payments. The top portion describes fees and payments received, and has a few lines describing how much the legislature allows students. The center portion has the estimated financial aid amounts and a class schedule.

The schedule on Rhode Island University's bill was one of the things Delforge used as a model when designing the new bills. It helped with the questions from students who didn't remember how many credits they registered for, he said.

The tear sheet with student information at the bottom of the bill helps keep who's who straight, Delforge said. For example, there were four Debra L. Lees on campus once and it could be difficult to make sure their money got put in the proper accounts.

"There are so many common names," Delforge said. "This way we have the right student ID number."

For more information on the University's Accounts Receivable/Cashiers office, see its website at <<http://www.uwrf.edu/accounts-receive/>> or call 3145. For more information on the Financial Aid office, see its website at <http://www.uwrf.edu/financial-assistance/> or call 425-3141.

Renowned author to speak on campus

Natalie Goldberg, an author and teacher of writing, currently conducting a series of classes on Zen insights at the Water Zen Center in St. Paul, will be speaking at 4 p.m. in the Breezeway of the Chalmer Davee Library on Thursday, Nov. 16.

Goldberg recently published her newest book, "Thunder and Lightning: Cracking Open the Writer's Craft," which focuses on her exploration of the creative process. In this book, Goldberg reveals her methods and struggles as a writer, including the large effect that Zen Buddhism has had on her life.

Correction

In an article written regarding a proposal by the Panhellenic Council on campus, a number of aspects were misreported.

The four sororities on campus are dry, and are not allowed to have alcohol present at any functions. The resolution also states that sororities will not support any wet fraternities by participating in events at their houses. National Panhellenic Conference has not required this, rather the UW-RF Panhellenic Council has decided to voluntarily consider the new policy.

Lastly, the correction abbreviation for Alpha Omicron Pi is AOII, not AOP as written.

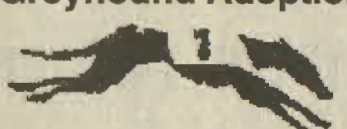
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Alcohol task force fights losing battle

One of my favorite dorm room decorations is a poster showing John Belushi sucking the life out of a Southern Comfort bottle and wearing a shirt with the word "COLLEGE" written across the front. The connection is obvious; college kids drink alcohol, and many of them drink an insane amount.

The problem, in the eyes of the law, is that about half of the students partaking in adult beverages are under the age of 21.

So, in yet another attempt to curb underage drinking at UW-River Falls, the city's police department has joined forces with other local authorities in the Pierce County Alcohol Compliance Task Force. Authorities from around the area are doing random checks of liquor-selling establishments to make sure that only those who are "of age" are being served alcohol.

The problem with this and other similar programs is that they are working off the ill-conceived notion that college students are still children and a good hand-slapping will keep us in line.

This reveals a glaring inconsistency in the law of our land: a person with all the rights, responsibilities, and liabilities of an adult is still not trusted to consume any amount of intoxicating beverages until they are three years into adulthood.

Not only does this undermine the whole concept of legal adulthood, it forces police to waste their time regulating the personal decisions of people who are, in all other respects, considered old enough to make their own choices.

As a legal adult in a free society, I should not have to

worry about the government glaring over my shoulder and punishing me for what I do to my own body.

Alcohol is a great social lubricant that can liven up conversations, liberate the chronically shy, and relax the overworked. Admittedly, it's also a terrible poison that can lead to dependence and cause death if not used responsibly.

never be an acceptable excuse for rape, assault, or any other crime against others. And, of course, driving while drunk is never tolerable.

The irony behind the underage law is that many people over the age of 21 who are deemed responsible enough to drink are more likely to break these rules than are those who are underage.

For example, a 45-year-old hick with eight DWIs, two drunk and disorderly citations, and three assault convictions incurred during bar fights is still considered by our government to be more capable of handling the right to drink alcohol than a freshman in college who shares a six pack with his friends in the comfort and safety of his dorm room.

No arbitrarily assigned age can determine when people are old enough to drink responsibly. The only thing a government should be allowed to do is distinguish between adults and minors and then give parents the right to make the decision for their children.

To police: Regardless of what you do, underage people are going to drink. For every 20-year-old you catch with a beer in hand, 30 more 19-year-olds are going to evade your peering eyes and sniffing noses.

I am one of those unfortunate souls waiting for my day to come up when I don't have to worry about being harassed because I want a beer. Until then, I will continue to hide my six packs under my bed and keep my running shoes on at parties, as so many before me have done. But I will not stop drinking because the alcohol task force said so.

KEVIN O'BRIEN



"The problem with this and other similar programs is that they working off the ill-conceived notion that college students are still children and a good hand-slapping will keep us in line."

However, we should be trusted to know the effects of alcohol on our bodies and decide for ourselves when we are ready to drink, how much we want to drink, and when we need to abstain.

The other side of the coin is that we have to prove that we are truly adults and can handle the responsibilities of drinking. This doesn't mean we must always "enjoy in moderation" or wait for the weekends to drink, but we have to realize that alcohol will

Letters to the Editor

Theology doesn't mean hatred

I am writing to rebut Mr. Wade Warner's letter labeling me "an ignorant and hateful bigot." I explicitly stated that I do not hate homosexuals in my original letter. Apparently, Mr. Warner has made his ruling; I am a "hateful bigot." Case closed. His argument contains huge logical leaps and is extremely flawed. He states, "Mr. Coughlin you do hate gay people" because I spoke strongly against the presentation "When the Gays Move Into Mr. Roger's Neighborhood." Mr. Warner, I resent your branding me a hateful bigot. I challenge you to stand up to the ideological substance of my claims instead of committing the logical fallacy of dismissing the argument based on whom it is being argued by. Treasure you that I do not hate homosexuals, but I believe homosexuality is a sin.

I also challenge Mr. Warner to think about what hatred and bigotry are and why they are wrong, as he has implied. I believe that they are wrong. From a Biblical perspective we are not to hate; we are to love the sinner but hate the sin that has been said. (Romans 12:9 "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.") However, earlier in the same book of the Bible, Romans, homosexuality is denounced as being wrong. Romans 1:27-28 states: "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was met. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient."

As a society we have based our morali-

ty on the Bible. This is reflected in our law, our Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and many other historical documents, read them. Religious faith in the Bible is what our country was founded on, the idea that God himself has endowed man with certain "inalienable rights." Thus, I am challenging you, Mr. Warner, as to where your beliefs that hatred and bigotry are wrong come from. It would certainly be hypocritical of you to base your beliefs on the Bible. In order to assert that hatred and bigotry are wrong, you must have some objective basis on which to judge such things. What is your objective basis, Mr. Warner? Or do you believe in "situation ethics," where you yourself, or a group of people, can subjectively judge what is right and wrong? In your world, Mr. Warner, there are no absolutes — there is no right or wrong — everything is based on pure emotion. This flies in the face of everything that I believe in as a Christian, Mr. Warner, and I will not stand by and be branded as a hateful bigot. I will not be beaten into submission by you and your band of "diversity" zealots.

Wake up, Christians, the fact that a lone faculty member wrote in against my statements is evidence that these people have a very strong foothold on our campus. They must view me as merely a bug hitting their windshield as they drag us down the road towards a utopia of tolerance and acceptance. Speak up for what you believe, or you will lose the right! Remember these words of Samuel Adams, one of our founding fathers, "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds."

Patrick Coughlin, Student

Panhellenic article lacks certain detail

In regard to the article about "eliminating alcohol" for the sororities on this campus, I believe there are a few things that need clarification.

First, the four official sororities at UW-River Falls ARE dry! We are not allowed to have alcohol at ANY official event unless we have approval to have a third-party vendor present. (My sorority requires permission from International Headquarters and is usually granted for formal only. I cannot voice for the other sororities.) This resolution has nothing to do with sororities going dry — we already are! The resolution states that sororities will not support fraternities who are wet by participating or sponsoring events at their houses. This means we cannot go to their house as a group, but we can go as individuals; also we cannot give any of the chapter's money to help pay for the event.

Second, National Panhellenic Conference has not required this resolution, but they have strongly recommended it. UW-RF Panhellenic didn't just come up with this idea; they have decided to deal with the issue voluntarily rather than being forced into it a few years down the road.

It was also stated that, if this passes, sororities will not be allowed alcohol at their facilities. What facilities? Have people forgotten that sororities on this campus do not have houses? We hold meetings and most functions in the Student Center. If that's what you are calling our facilities, I do not think that Chancellor Lydecker would appreciate us bringing alcohol into the Student Center. Again, this brings me back to sororities being dry. We do not have alcohol at any on-campus functions.

Finally, I want to say that the article is quite contradictory. The introduction stated that Greeks are often looked down upon because of the "movie" image given to us. On a side note, I want to thank you for that effort. Anyway, later in the article it implies that all sororities do is drink at all of our events. As an organization, we do not drink — that is each individual's choice outside of the organization.

Liz Fliceck, Alpha Omicron Pi

WRFW has unique music quality

Topic #1 — WRFW is my favorite radio station (and maybe MTV isn't so bad). Before I start, let me admit that yes I am on the board of directors of WRFW. But this isn't some shilling radio station advertisement. Excluding WRFW, what are my three favorite radio stations right now? 93X, Cities 97, and B96. If you notice, those three are a wide variety of music. More and more, I seem to be not completely normal to like all of these radio stations. I am seeing that people are becoming more close-minded to different music. Rock is the only good music; rap is dreadful. Or is it that rap is the only good music and country is putrid. Radio stations have become vertical, not covering a wide area of music interests or talent. Along with being very vertical, stations have become afraid to take chances with new music and new ideas.

It bothers me that while radio is becoming a stale entity in the media, the Internet has become the place where people go to take chances. Radio stations have become more vertical because people as a whole are becoming more musically vertical. There still are many people out there that enjoy wide varieties of music and confuse the clerk at Best Buy when they check out with Kid Rock, Mozart, swing and some Credence Clearwater Revival.

Radio stations need to learn that people are more and more listening to their own mixes in the car and at home. Radio stations need to keep people guessing about what is next and new to keep listeners. Along with radio stations changing, people change and open up their ears to more new music experiences. The beauty of WRFW is that there

are many shows that bounce around genres and flavors to actually give the radio listener possibly a new experience. WRFW has shows such as Andy Hall's "The Pit" and Andy Coopman's "My Show" that stick to one genre of music. That's fine because they are one of many shows on WRFW that have their own individual style. Then there are other shows on WRFW that bounce around to different genres such as Abe O'Rourke's "Godzilla's Monster Jam" and Carrie Paetow and Tree Doran's "Tee Time" both of them will hit many genres in one show. Because there is always different people on the air at WRFW the station,

will always be changing, and that is great that there is a variety, and that is a new experience.

Now how does MTV come in to play? They play many different types of music, and I truly respect MTV as a music source (when they aren't playing drivel known as "Road Rules" and "The Real World") they will

play Korn, U2, Britney Spears and Mystikal. The people at MTV may not do the best things at times, but they play a wide variety of music. And for playing real variety (not KS95 or the Point's version of variety) I respect MTV as a station that respects music and doesn't want to market itself to the lowest common denominator — one genre. It is okay if you don't like a genre as a whole, but I bet there is some good stuff in that genre. I don't like country as a whole, but there is some good music in that genre.

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MATT MCCONICO



"Radio stations need to learn that people are more and more listening to their own mixes in the car and at home."

EDITORIAL

Student Senate had right idea with mock debate, helping to combat apathy created by Gore, Bush

Amid this year's unpredictable and historic presidential race, there was a great deal of focus on the power of young voters. As Election Day approached, the pressure to get involved increased tenfold as organizations urged us to take part in our "democratic duty" of voting. However, what was needed and often lacking was sincere discussion of issues that are relevant to students' lives.

While George W. Bush and Al Gore endlessly expounded on the complexities of Social Security and argued about the multiple facets of foreign policy, we worried about paying rent and getting a good job after graduation. With priorities that are so different, there's no wonder that is

so difficult getting college students to care about what presidential candidates have to say.

On the Wednesday before the election, UW-RF's Student Senate made a noble attempt at localizing the election by staging a mock debate. One of the questions asked was "I'm a college student making \$10,000. How would your tax plan affect me?" This exact question could have been asked by millions of other college students across the country, but it probably would never make it into a national debate.

How many more UW-RF students would have tuned into the debate if they knew the questions were being asked by

other college students about issues they cared about. According to survey by Neglection.com, 77 percent of registered voters support having a national debate that would deal exclusively with issues that face younger voters.

While it is common to blame young adults for their own ignorance and apathy, it is more likely that we are simply responding to the apathy of ignorance shown by the candidates when talking to the American public.

The student body here owes Student Senate and Vote 2000 thanks for doing what the candidates didn't, getting them genuinely interested in the election.

Viewpoint, proposal don't mix

I am writing a letter to the editor in response to the recent articles written by Mr. Matt McConico regarding Panhellenic Council's proposed alcohol policy.

It is my understanding that the *Student Voice* is supposed to be an information source for students of our campus. I also understand that in the "Viewpoints" section, students are allowed to state their opinion on the issues relevant to our campus. However, in Mr. McConico's articles, he stated his information as if it were fact, but the truth of the matter is that he was uninformed and inaccurate in his reporting. Therefore, I would like to take the time to provide some of the "facts" for you.

First I would like to clarify what exactly Panhellenic is. For a non-member of the Greek society, I can see where it may

be confusing. The National Panhellenic Conference was founded in order that we may help foster interfraternity relationships and work toward common goals. Sororities existed prior to the National Panhellenic Conference. The national level then extends down to a collegiate level, which is known as the Panhellenic Council. It is the Panhellenic Council that is entrusted with the issues that affect all of the sororities on a particular campus and is comprised of equal numbers of members from each organization (on our campus, each sorority has two delegates). It is not an organization that we can locally "just drop out of" if we do not agree with a particular issue; that decision must be made on a national level.

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Conference / sexual behavior

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UW-RF students from Faye Perkins' class, Teaching of Family Life and Sexual Education, were required to attend the conference.

Senior Tara Benck, an elementary education major, doesn't feel the problems can be corrected with additional campus rules and regulations.

"They are in college; they are adults," Benck said. "If you set up rules saying don't do this, they are more likely to do it."

Benck said because sex isn't talked about openly, there is a false perception that everyone is sexually active; we only hear about the people who are having sex. This statement is consistent with the spring 2000 UW-RF survey, which found more than 99 percent of students believe the typical UW-RF student has been sexually active in the last year.

"I can see how people think all college students are having sex," Benck said. "I guess it is because you don't hear people saying, 'I'm not having sex.'"

Katie Johnson, a junior elementary education major, thinks sexual

education should be a greater part of the college curriculum.

"Your health is your life," Johnson said, "but you don't hear about it as much as you should."

Another elementary education major, Kathryn Clubb, feels the most important part of college is becoming a well-rounded individual. She agrees there needs to be more education concerning sexuality and sexual behavior. Clubb said one way to help the situation is to improve communication.

"Putting up posters doesn't do anything," Clubb said. "As college students we have to learn how to talk to other college students."

Dr. Ehlinger feels the conference went well and commended UW-RF for hosting the day. Ehlinger said he learned a lot about the current knowledge regarding sex and the American college student, who is researching and teaching on the topic and how important it is to hear students' voices on issues like this.

"The conference was a good start to a discussion that needs to be continued and expanded," Ehlinger said. "It raised lots of questions and answered a few."

Election day / Vote 2000 shuttle bus is success

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politically apathetic.

"I think sometimes students are more political than their parents," Camplin said. "As a generation, maybe we are understood."

For many, having to go to off-campus voting stations was an inconvenience, but it was made a little easier with the shuttle system set up by Vote 2000. The UW-RF project was designed to raise student awareness in the various campaigns and encourage them to register and vote.

Although the results of Vote 2000 were not completely clear at the time this edition went to press, the number of students who registered to vote was slightly below expectations. The governing body of Student Vote 2000, the Student Senate, anticipated that over 2,000 students would register to vote.

According to Senate President Amy Jurgens, about 1,200 students showed up at the three voting stations in River Falls. This represented about 20 percent of the 5,400 total voters who showed up to cast their ballots in River Falls.

Jurgens credits the shuttle busses for helping to make the voting process more convenient.

"A lot of students got out and voted who wouldn't have if they didn't have a ride," she said.

Although Jurgens said the buses were full all day, the Vote 2000 fell short of getting 2,000 students to

vote.

"We didn't get as many students to sign up as we had hoped," said Jen Straub, co-coordinator of Student Vote 2000. "We do expect a greater participation in voter turnout than we have in the past because Wisconsin allows on-site registering."

Straub hoped the number of UW-River Falls students turning out at the polls increased over last the last election.

"In 1996, only 800 students voted. This year we estimate that nearly 1,500 students will vote," she said.

As the politicians look at the numbers of students who voted, it will be important for them to see that large numbers of UW-RF students turned up at the polls.

"We ultimately want politicians to recognize our strong voter constituents," said Jeff Coggins, Vote 2000 coordinator. "In response they may allocate funds to the UW-system."

"A good voter turnout speaks well about our campus," Straub said. "We want to show the politicians that UW-RF students made a difference in the elections."

Student Vote 2000 was student-based program for all the universities in Wisconsin. Of the 26 campuses in Wisconsin, 23 participated in the program.

According to election results for Pierce County, which includes the University and the surrounding

area, 48 percent voted for Al Gore, 46 percent voted for George Bush and 6 percent voted for Ralph Nader. These results reflected a national trend, with the two leading candidates hovering around the 50 percent mark and the independent around 5 percent.

On a state level, Wisconsin gave its 11 electoral votes to Gore, who received about 6,000 more votes than did Bush. Almost 20 percent of voters from ages 18 to 29 showed up at the polls, with 46 percent of them voting for Gore, 44 percent voting for Bush and a relatively high 10 percent voting for Nader.

In the 10th District Wisconsin Senate race, Republican Sheila Harsdorf beat Democratic incumbent Alice Clausing by a margin of 2,700 votes. Donning earmuffs and carrying an umbrella, Clausing spent most of Monday and Tuesday on campus passing out flyers with Lifesavers candy attached to them saying "Alice is a Lifesaver."

Considering how close the election was, Jurgens believes this is an example of how important it is that everyone votes.

"Since 1880, there hasn't been an election where the winner of the popular vote differed from the winner of electoral vote," she said. "Hopefully, it shows students that every vote does count, and maybe the race would have been closer of further apart depending on their contributions."

Music

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So what does all of this mean? People need to be more accepting of different types of music. I can't understand how somebody can be happy with listening to just one or even two types of music. I hope people could open themselves up a little bit more to new genres of music.

If you get anything from this please do one thing; wait 20 seconds before flipping radio stations, not the second that you hear something not familiar. Give each song at least a short chance, and open up your mind to new things. The only thing you have to loose, is a genre you no longer dislike.

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Resolution / letter to the editor explains sororities' alcohol policy

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However, with a complete understanding of the entire good thing that the Panhellenic Council can do for a campus, I do not see why any sorority would choose not to belong.

Second, I would like to address the lack of factual information that was included in Mr. McConico's article. After speaking to both Kaye Schendel, All Greek Advisor of UW-River Falls, and Leah Palmer, President of the Panhellenic Council at UW-RF, I have come to the conclusion that not only did Mr. McConico not try to receive factual information, but that when it was offered to him, he refused to accept it. Ms. Palmer specifically asked Mr. McConico if he would like a copy of the policy in question and he said it was unnecessary. I may be confused,

but if I were to write an article that was going to affect approximately 250 people on our campus, I think I would be compelled to include relevant information (like a copy of the policy).

Finally, I would like to say that although it may be "just the Greeks" that are affected in your opinion, it means a lot more to me. Begin a member of a sorority on this campus, I am in the middle of the debate on the policy. We are handling it in a manner that we see fit. Each sorority is attempting to gain as much information as possible before we pass judgment on the policy and/or pass it. We would not "just pass it because we can" as Mr. McConico indicated. This policy affects us all in a large number of ways, there fore we are handling it as Greek women. I do not feel that I have enough information to vote on this policy as of yet, so I do not see how it is that

you feel you have enough information to write an article on it.

By writing an uninformed article, it no only makes you look poor, Mr. McConico, but it also affects the Greek community. We have all put a lot of time, effort, and emotion into our organizations, and just as I do not pass judgment on the organizations that I know nothing about, I ask that you would do the same. Please feel free to continue to state your opinion, but next time get the facts straight before you write an article that could have such a negative impact on our campus. Sororities may not seem very important to you; however, they mean the world to the women involved in them. Don't hurt us because of ignorance.

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Sports win at the polls

While presidential nominees Al Gore and George Bush were splitting hairs, waiting for election results to come in, sports won in a landslide that could cover up Cris Carter's ego.

Numerous referendums resulted in the approval of new stadiums or arenas being built for their respec-

TROY MALLAT

tive teams. Voters in Maricopa County in Arizona approved a new \$331 million stadium for the Cardinals. The citizens of Houston approved a similar measure to build an arena for the Rockets as well as an increased sales tax that would create a slush fund that would help secure the 2012 Olympics. More money will go into new

professional sports facilities than Gore and Bush's education, welfare, and health care plans combined. Okay, okay, that may be a bit of an exaggeration (Insert Al Gore joke here.), but sports franchises are big businesses that continue to get more handouts and subsidies than Bush's first 11 economic endeavors."

Many taxpayers are not happy with these decisions, including most Minnesotans who have repeatedly refused to open their wallets for new football and baseball stadiums that will keep the Vikings and Twins in the Twin Cities for years to come. But in the end, these votes are sound investments into the future of their respected communities.

Look at what happened to cities like Cleveland and Baltimore after they received new ballparks. Cleveland was turned into an overnight success, and Baltimore, well, we'll just move on.

No matter how bad the Cardinals or the Rockets become (and they will get worse before they get better), the teams will still provide employment for numerous people. The teams still will be attended by hundreds of thousands of people, and they will continue to give their patrons a common interest.

And yet people fight to keep \$20 in their pocket on this issue instead of fighting to lower their federal income tax, a tax that is truly wasted by our national government. That \$20 gets us more than any other \$20 we give the government. It gives us something to do with our leisure.

Let's see a ballistic missile or a new highway do that.

Sports are embedded in this country's national fabric just as much as partisan politics. The only difference is that sports should be encouraged.

And finally, another thought you won't care about.

I would just like to say that the hand of God came down to earth Monday night to squelch the evil known today as ridiculously stupid Viking fans. How else could you explain that divine intervention?

Troy Mallat is a senior majoring in journalism.

Falcons 2nd at WIAC Tourney

■ With a second-place finish in the conference tourney, the Falcons earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

This past weekend provided the opportunity for a clash all too fresh in the Falcons' minds. After only two weeks away from Oshkosh and Whitewater, the Falcons again went head-to-head with the WIAC's best to finalize the 2000 WIAC Tourney and accompanying automatic NCAA Tournament berth, hosted by Whitewater.

After waging a five-game war with Oshkosh and

emerging victorious, the Falcons set to upsetting the team to beat. Though the River Falls women managed to knock off the Warhawks in game two in dominating fashion, 15-3, Whitewater had other ideas for the match as a whole, and took the championship 3-1.

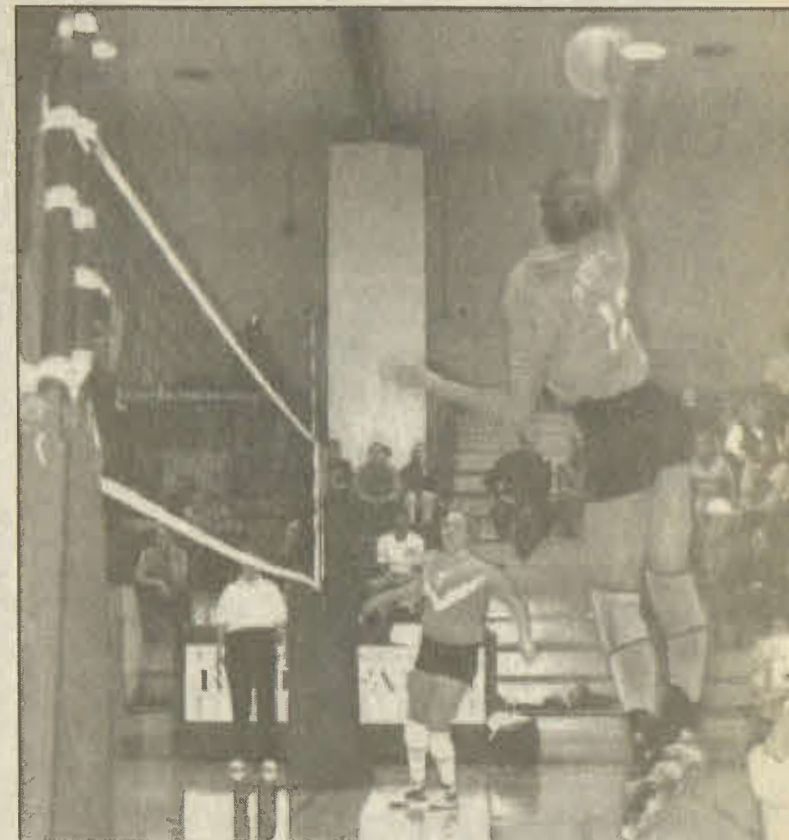
"It was anybody's match," head coach Patti Ford said. "They really didn't do anything better than we did. It was a slugfest. The difference was that they scored when they were serving. That's the bottom line, basically. We walked away knowing there was nothing else we could have done."

Offensively, the Falcons had an even attack, sharing double-digit kills among four different hitters. Never failing to score less than eight in a game, the Falcons had the offensive artillery to compete with the Warhawks, they just didn't have the timing.

"It was more of a defensive battle than offensive, just a matter of who made errors at what time," Ford said.

Six Falcons broke into double-digits in digs, led by Joy Nicholson, Holly Olson and Sara Halverson, each of whom compiled more than twenty. Altogether, both teams produced around 130 digs, a number rarely achieved.

The championship honored the Warhawks with the NCAA Tournament berth and left the Falcons waiting for an at-large invitation to join the national tournament. When that call finally did come, the Falcons were surprised with the number two seed in the regional. In addition, WIAC number three Oshkosh made the regional as well, a very rare but huge accomplishment for them and



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Despite losing to the Warhawks, Joy Nicholson and the Falcons are still in the hunt for post-season concessions.

See "Volleyball" on page B2

THIS WEEKEND



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What: The Falcons (27-10) travel to UW-Whitewater for the Midwest Region of the NCAA Div. III Tournament.

What to watch: The Falcons make their fifth appearance in six years into the NCAA Tourney. They will face the Elmhurst/ Lake Forest winner on Thurs.

On upset weekend, skaters stay on top

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

In a weekend that saw conference favorites UW-Stevens Point and St. Norbert lose to open up the NCHA season, the UW-River Falls men's hockey team started off on the right foot defeating UW-Stout 7-2 and 5-2 to earn four valuable points.

The Falcons took care of business without starting goaltender Jacques Vezina, who injured his hand during the week. Backup Landon Luther filled in admirably stopping 17 shots in Friday's victory and 27 attempts in Saturday's win.

"We got the kind of performance we needed from him," said Falcon head coach Steve Freeman. "When we needed him to make a big save, he made it."

The Falcons jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first period Friday night in front of 583 spectators at Hunt Arena.

Just 3:25 into the contest, Dan Miller found a streaking Adam

Kragthorpe at the blue line. Kragthorpe rushed in uncontested and beat Blue Devil goaltender Justin Wiskie low for his second goal of the season and a 1-0 lead.

Seven minutes later Tim Beres' slapshot from the left circle made the score 2-0.

Rob Novak's third goal of the season, and Jess Johnson's first collegiate goal made the score 4-0 after 20 minutes.

Stout then cut the lead in half in the first three minutes of the second period. Cullen Flaherty scored :42 into the period while Lewie Kellin made it 4-2 with a diving goal at the 2:52 mark.

With the puck just outside the crease, Kellin slid across the ice, redirecting it past Luther who could not get his stick on the ice in time.

"A team has a tendency to get comfortable when things go your way," Freeman said. "You try to fight it as a coach and player, but you kind of lose that edge. No doubt our play dropped off (in the



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The Falcon men held strong defensively against the Blue Devils last weekend, winning with a 7-2, 5-2 sweep.

second period.)"

The Falcons would quickly rebound, scoring three straight goals to end the game. Jeff Bernard scored a pair of goals while freshman Jamie Steinert added a short-handed goal at the 5:41 mark of the third period.

Steinert took a pass from Eliot Komar and sidestepped defenseman Shane Maher. After regaining con-

trol of the puck, he beat Wiskie to put the game out of reach.

"That was a tremendous goal. He jumped around a defender and made a great play," Freeman said. "He blew the top right off of that game."

Saturday's game at Dunn County Arena was a carbon copy. After jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first

See "Hockey" on page B2

Women's hockey beats SMU

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Friday afternoon it was as if the Falcon women's hockey team awoke from a bad dream. The recollection of last year's 3-15 season, 9-0 and 8-0 losses to St. Mary's dissipated into thin air as they shut down the Cardinals in a battering 3-0 season-opening victory at Hunt Arena.

A tough 4-2 loss at Gustavus Adolphus Saturday would split their weekend.

Despite a rather uneventful first period, which was ironically the only period that UW-River Falls out-shot St. Mary's (8-4) and in which both teams shakily adjusted to being back in game situations, the Falcons shattered the silence early in the second period.

At 3:56, freshman Lindsay Carlson

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Over before it began



File photo by Scott Wente / The Student Voice

A lot of Falcons saw nothing but green in front of them last Saturday against the Pioneers. UW-River Falls ran for 606 yards in the team's 52-7 dismantling of UW-Platteville.

■ Falcons score three touchdowns in first 7:02 and cruise to a 52-7 win over UW-Platteville

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

In a game that featured two completely different offenses, UW-River Falls proved the run is still king as the Falcons and the wishbone destroyed UW-Platteville and the spread offense, 52-7, Saturday afternoon at Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium.

The 1,329 spectators saw the Falcons score three touchdowns in the first 7:02 of the game and jump out to a 24-0 lead after the first quarter.

In all, the Falcons rolled up 616 yards, 606 coming on the ground against a Pioneer defense that was ranked last in the WIAC in run defense at 274 yards a game.

"We got up on them so quickly and so early that they just didn't believe that they had any chance," head coach John O'Grady said. "You could just feel it on the field. There was no emotion. They wished the game was already over at the end of the first quarter."

Taking the opening kickoff, the Falcons scored on a 5-play, 62-yard drive capped off by 19-yard Andrew Kruger run with 13:07 left in the quarter.

After the Falcon defense held the Pioneers to a three and out, halfback Mark Shepherdson scored on a 45-yard gallop on the first play of the drive to make it 14-0.

On Platteville's next possession, cornerback Toby Tyler intercepted quarterback Don Lackey to set up a 2-yard touchdown pass to Scott Kusilek from Cory Mueller.

The game was over about as soon as it started.

The Falcon defense would remain strong all day, holding the Pioneers spread offense to 264 yards, including 255 passing yards. They also forced six Pioneer turnovers, five via interceptions from four different quarterbacks.

"Nothing they did surprised us," O'Grady said. "They've become relatively predictable with personnel and downs and

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SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

WAC STANDINGS

Stout (9-0)	W	L
La Crosse (6-3)	7	0
River Falls (6-3)	5	2
Eau Claire (5-4)	4	3
Whitewater (5-5)	3	4
Platteville (2-7)	1	6
Oshkosh (2-7)	1	6
Stevens Point (1-8)	1	6

Nov. 4 results

River Falls	24	14	7	7	-	52
Platteville	0	7	0	0	-	7

Scoring Summary:

1st Quarter

13:07 RF - Kruger 19 yd run (Toninato kick) 7-0

11:17 RF - Shepherdson 45 yd run (Toninato kick) 14-0

7:58 RF - Kusilek 2 yd pass from Mueller (Toninato kick) 21-0

2:07 RF - Toninato 32 yd field goal 24-0

2nd Quarter

14:55 RF - Shepherdson 11 yd run (Toninato kick) 31-0

12:35 P - Davis 3 yd pass from Mack (Abraham kick) 31-7

6:41 RF - Koranda 1 yd run (Toninato kick) 38-7

3rd Quarter

6:18 RF - Mueller 3 yd run (Toninato kick) 45-7

4th Quarter

8:08 RF - Galbreath 8 yd run (Toninato kick) 52-7

VOLLEYBALL

WAC STANDINGS

Whitewater (36-1)	W	L
River Falls (27-10)	7	1
Oshkosh (28-6)	5	3
La Crosse (20-13)	5	3
Platteville (25-9)	4	4
Eau Claire (21-10)	3	5
Stout (24-12)	3	5
Stevens Point (12-22)	1	7
Superior (5-22)	0	8

Nov. 3 results (WAC Semifinal)

River Falls	15	13	15	4	15
Oshkosh	13	15	6	15	8

River Falls (kills-%set-ace-digs-bks)

Saxton 0-000-1-1-16-0, Hyland 2-667-0-0-0-0-5, Mattson 26-386-0-0-2-2-5, Braun 0-000-0-0-1-0, Brune 13-136-1-3-13-0-5, Olson 4-300-52-1-14-0-5, Ellsworth 0-000-1-1-14-0, Halverson 2-667-0-0-3-0, Nicholson 6-000-0-2-17-2, ZumMallen 4-300-0-0-5-0, Hinz 4-143-0-0-2-1, McKee 4-231-2-0-4-1

Nov. 4 results (WAC Championship)

River Falls	10	15	8	9
Whitewater	15	3	15	15

River Falls (kills-%set-ace-digs-bks)

Lundberg 0-000-0-0-1-0, Saxton 0-000-

0-1-15-0, Hyland 3-333-0-0-0-0-5, Mattson 11-071-0-0-0-1-5, Brune 10-041-1-0-18-0-5, Olson 4-235-47-2-25-0-5, Ellsworth 0-000-0-0-2-0-0, Halverson 0-000-0-0-2-1-0, Nicholson 19-255-0-1-27-1-5, ZumMallen 3-034-0-0-14-2, Trdick 1-1-000-0-0-0-0, McKee 11-259-0-0-4-0-5

MEN'S HOCKEY

NCHA STANDINGS

St. Norbert (2-1-0)	W	L	T	GF	GA
River Falls (4-0-1)	2	1	0	16	8
River Falls (4-0-1)	2	0	0	12	4
Stevens Point (1-1-0)	1	1	0	5	6
Lake Forest (2-1-0)	1	1	0	7	10
Eau Claire (2-2-0)	1	2	0	7	11
St. Scholastica (1-0-0)	0	0	0	0	0
Superior (4-0-0)	0	0	0	0	0
Stout (2-2-0)	0	2	0	4	12

Nov. 3 results

Stout 0-2-0-2

River Falls 4-1-2-7

Scoring Summary:

1st Period: RF - Kragthorpe 2 (Miller) 16:35 RF - Beres 1 (Almqvist, Miller) 09:08 RF - Novak 3 (Stensrud, Elsen) 07:12 RF - Johnson 1 (Kragthorpe, Stensrud) 02:26 (pp)

2nd Period: ST - Flaherty (Weappa) 19:18 ST - Kellin (Anderson) 17:07 RF - Bernard 3 (Johnson, Fukushima) 01:13

3rd Period: RF - Steinert 3 (Komar, Luther) 14:19 (sh) RF - Bernard 4 (Kragthorpe, Johnson) 00:35 (pp)

Power plays: ST 0 of 4; RF 2 of 5

Penalties: ST 11 (22 min)

RF 10 (20 min)

RF - St. Wiskie (60:00, 43-36)

RF - Luther 2-0 (60:00, 19-17)

Nov. 4 results

River Falls 2-0-3-5

Stout 0-2-0-2

Scoring Summary:

1st Period: RF - Anderson (Boben, Komar) 19:43 RF - Kragthorpe (Elsen, Stensrud) 14:19

2nd Period: ST - Berry (Finseth, Legler) 15:41 ST - Berry (Riffe, Flaherty) 08:29

3rd Period: RF - Fukushima (Stensrud, Johnson) 18:37 (pp) RF - Steinert (Saverine) 10:56 RF - Johnson (Fukushima, Bernard) 00:44

Power plays: RF 1 of 4; ST 0 of 3

Penalties: RF 4 (8 min)

ST 4 (8 min)

Goals: RF - Luther 3-0 (60:00, 29:27) ST - Dotson (60:00, 42-37)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

NCHA STANDINGS

Superior (2-0-0)	W	L	T	GF	GA
Stevens Point (2-0-0)	0	0	0	0	0
River Falls (1-1-0)	0	0	0	0	0
Eau Claire (1-1-0)	0	0	0	0	0
Lake Forest (0-0-0)	0	0	0	0	0

Nov. 3 results

St. Mary's 0-0-0-0

River Falls 0-1-2-3

Scoring Summary:

2nd Period: RF - Carlson 1 (Marcella, Hylle) 16:04 (pp)

3rd Period: RF - Best 2 (Schwenke) 15:07 RF - Best 3 (Carlson) 00:07 (empty net)

Power plays: SM 0 of 9; RF 1 of 6

Penalties: SM 7 (14 min) RF 10 (20 min)

Goals: SM - Maemken (60:00, 24-22) RF - Seiler 1-0 (60:00, 33-33)

Nov. 4 results

River Falls 1-0-1-2

Gustavus Adolphus 0-1-3-4

Scoring Summary:

1st Period: RF - Misheski (LaMotte, Betker) 04:06

2nd Period: GAC - Deschneau (Brandanger, Guimond) 00:45 (pp)

3rd Period: GAC - Levine 18:24 RF - Betker 17:58 GAC - Skalko (Levine, Schultz) 17:09 GAC - Deschneau 11:47

Power plays: RF 0 of 6; GAC 1 of 8

Penalties: RF 9 (18 min) GAC 7 (14 min)

Goals: RF - Seiler 1-1 (60:00, 33-29) GAC - Pinkham (20:00, 6-5), Schaefer (19:56, 2-2), O'Donnell (20:00, 6-5)

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Nov. 10-16, 2000	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Football	Bemidji St. 9 p.m. at Metrodome						
Volleyball	Elmhurst/Lk Forest 5pm @ TBA	Regional Champ. 7pm @ TBA					
Men's Hockey	at St. Scholastica 7:30 p.m.	at Superior 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	Superior 7:05 p.m.	Superior 1:05 p.m.					
Swimming	Hamline 6 p.m.						
Cross Country		NCAA Regionals at Eau Claire					

Melissa 2000

Mattson WIAC

Player of the Year and Scholar-Athlete Volleyball

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the WIAC as a whole.

"We did everything we needed to do to put ourselves into consideration," Ford said. "We're one of the few teams that's really played a full-out battle with them as of late."

Both Ford and her players knew the challenges they faced prior to the season, and they welcomed them. They tangled with the nation's best, and they stayed on the national rankings.

"We are playing some of our best volleyball," Ford said. Hopefully, they will continue to play well as they make their way through the NCAA Regional.

To further highlight the 2000 season, senior Melissa Mattson was awarded the prestigious WIAC Player of the Year honor as well as being named a WIAC scholar-athlete. Nicholson and Olson were also named the WIAC's All-Conference team.

Against Oshkosh on Friday in the Semifinal match, Mattson single-handedly destroyed the Titans with a 26-kill performance.

"When she's hot, and they can't stop her, we're going to give her the ball," Ford said.

A tough 15-13 game one gave the Falcons the edge going into an equally-as-tough game two, where Oshkosh returned the favor, winning 15-13.

"Game two was probably the critical one, we could of, should of, would of - it was kind of one of those things," Ford said. "If we would have closed the door a little, we could've probably been done in three."

Instead, the Titans followed the Falcons' winning 15-6 game three with a silencing of their own, a 15-4 victory in the fourth. Luckily for the Falcons, that momentum didn't carry over to the game five rally. The 15-8 game won the semifinal match for UW-RF.

The Falcons have earned the second seed in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Div. III Tournament. They will face the Elmhurst/Lake Forest winner Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Hockey sweeps

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period via goals by Jared Anderson and Kragthorpe, Stout again came back to tie the game at 2-2 in the second period.

Again, it was Steinert who put the game away with another pretty goal.

After Shane Fukushima gave the Falcons the lead, Steinert took a long pass from Ryan Saverine at the blue line. He pended off a defenseman with one hand and was able to score with the other past goaltender Jeff Dotson.

"That was just a determination goal," Freeman said. "(Steinert) constantly has his feet moving and motor running. He has a tremendous work ethic."

In both games, the Falcons dominated the shots on goal, outshooting the Blue Devils 43-19 on Friday and 42-29 Saturday.

With the Falcons at 2-0 in conference, their first major test will come this weekend when they travel to St. Scholastica and UW-Superior.

"Superior is always a big game," Freeman said. "Early in the year, it will allow us to see where we are at this time of the year - to see if we're up to the challenge."

Football / crushes UW-P

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distances and things like that. Did they establish anything? They couldn't throw it. They couldn't run it."

Pioneers only score came when Aaron Mack, Platteville's third quarterback of the afternoon, found Reggie Davis for a 3-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. The play was set up by a one-handed, 42-yard grab by Troy Wagner.

The score cut the lead to 31-7, but the Falcons quickly dashed any hopes for a comeback, scoring on the team's sixth straight possession. The 11-play, 73-yard drive ended with a 1-yard Chad Koranda run, his first score as a Falcon.

The Falcons were able to pull the starters midway through the third quarter after Cory Mueller scored from 3 yards out to make the score 45-7 with 6:18 left in the third.

Terrence Galbreath added his first career touchdown, an 8-yard run with 8:08 left in the game.

The win gives the Falcons five straight conference wins to close out the WIAC season. The team has averaged 411 yards rushing per contest, a Falcon record.

"There's no question this has been the best running team we've ever had here," O'Grady said.

The Falcons have five rushers over 600 yards for the season. All five have led the team in rushing in one game. On Saturday, it was Nick Scribner.

The senior rushed for 182 yards in 12 carries. Kruger

Falcon team captain Melissa Mattson's 556 kills, 372 hitting percentage and 113 blocks this year carried her to WIAC Player of the Year and Scholar-Athlete honors, the two highest awards given by the WIAC.

Mattson is a health and human performance major and boasts a 3.54 grade point average. Her academics have allowed her to become a three-time member of the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and have listed her on the UW-RF Dean's List for three semesters.

A three-time All-WIAC First Team

Lady Skaters split

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put her moves on the Cardinal defensemen and beat the goalie with a solid shot from the inside edge of the left circle. Assisted by freshmen Nicole Maccella and Karyl Hylle, the goal gave the Falcons the 1-0 lead and a confidence that produced noticeable improvements in the team's chemistry.

Meanwhile, Stephanie Seiler kept the Falcons ahead by repelling 13 shots on goal in the second period and 16 in the third, including a handful of situations that seemed to rob the Cardinals of a goal.

In the late second and throughout the third, however, the Falcons entrenched themselves in some serious penalty troubles. Six consecutive penalties put the Cards on a near-continuous power play.

Playing penalty kill at their best, the Falcons hung on despite being out-shot 29-17 in those last two periods while the offense overcame the disadvantage. Elisha Best came through at 4:53 into the third, scoring from the crease on a rebounded Katie Schwenke shot.

That goal put the already-struggling Cardinals on heels and finally, when the Cards pulled their goalie in the last half-minute of the contest, Best finished off the game with an empty netter from Carlson at 19:53.

Though the Falcons outnumbered St. Mary's in penalties 10-7, and St. Mary's outshot the Falcons 33-25, Seiler anchored the skaters with an unbeaten 33-save effort and boosted the Falcons to their momentous first victory of the season.

Unfortunately, they wouldn't have the same luck on Saturday at Gustavus Adolphus.

Last year's MIAC runners-up, the Gusties came with an equally aggressive offensive attack, matching St. Mary's 33 shots on goal as they defeated the Falcons 4-2. But even with a mere 14 shots the entire game, the Falcons had the game in their hands for a good while.

Late in the first, defenseman Beth Betker brought the puck up the ice

added 111 yards on 13 attempts and a touchdown. Shepherdson ran for 95 yards and two scores.

Mueller went 2-for-5 passing for 11 yards and a touchdown.

However, with two conference losses to begin the season, a chance for the playoffs is slim. Instead, the Falcons must focus on their final game of the year, a Border Battle contest with Bemidji State. The game will be Friday night at 9 p.m. at the Metrodome.

THIS WEEKEND

VS.

What: River Falls (6-3, 5-2 in the WIAC) vs. Bemidji St. (8-2, 6-2 in the NSIC) in the Border Battle at the Metrodome. The game starts at 9 p.m. on Friday. The game will be broadcasted on 88.7 WRFW and by MSC. Last week: Bemidji St. beat UM-Crookston 34-28. The Falcons ripped up UW-Platteville 52-7 en route to their fifth-straight conference win.

What to watch: Beavers. In 1998, the Falcons crushed the Div. II Beavers 45-14. The Beavers are looking for revenge.

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Lindsay Carlson

Women's Hockey

(Fr., Two Harbors, Minn.)

Carlson scored the team's first goal of the season and an assist in the win over St. Mary's. "All five of our defensemen played well, but Lindsay's ... (goal) on power-play set the tone for the game," Coach Joe Cranston said.

Toby Tyler

Football

(Sr., St. Ansgar, Iowa)

Tyler finished with two interceptions in the Falcon win at UW-Platteville. He had four solo tackles. His first interception in the first quarter set up the team's third touchdown. His second pick came in the third quarter to stop a Pioneer drive.

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Artist's thrown pots land in library

Harriet Barry Gallery to house Keppers' works

Scott Wente
Staff Writer

Some artists consider their work to be delicate and fragile, and as a result their work is often reserved strictly for visual interaction.

Potter Ken Keppers thinks otherwise. He wants his work to be handled; he wants people to look beyond the visual aspect of his pottery and he wants his pots to be functional.

Keppers' work is currently on display at the Harriet Barry Gallery, located in the Chalmer Davee Library, throughout the month of November. The collection includes bowls, cups, mugs, pitchers, plates and prints.

Keppers has been "throwing pots," a term used to describe the actual forming of clay, for over twenty years. With help from his wife Judith, he has maintained his studio and his shop, where he sells his work, on the forty acres he owns outside Turtle Lake, Wis.

Prior to pottery, Keppers worked in the cooking and food service industry, an experience that, to this day, shapes his work. He strives to create pottery that is practical, useful and functional, especially for food preparation.

"My intention is to create quiet, strong pots

that serve," Keppers said.

Keppers is involved in every step of the process in creating his work, something that's very important to him:

"That's part of who I am," Keppers said. "I really like to be engaged in the whole process."

The process that Keppers speaks of is incredibly involved.

In fact, each completed piece represents a year's worth of work.

Unlike many potters who use premixed glazes, gas and electric firing processes, Keppers has chosen to use materials that are indigenous to western Wisconsin, and more specifically, his own property.

The creation of each piece of pottery begins in the fall with the ordering and preparation of

materials and cutting of wood. Keppers uses dried wood to fire his pots instead of gas or electricity. Wood not only creates an individual uniqueness to each piece, but it is taken from his land, which establishes a relationship seen throughout the process.

"Firing the wood, especially wood I have cut, allows a close connection to the earth; this is hard to achieve with any other firing method," Keppers said.

The pots are thrown throughout the winter and glazing occurs in August, followed



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Ken Keppers, a Wisconsin artist, has his pottery collection on display in the Davee Library throughout November.

by firing in September. Keppers has been working with alternative glazes, all of which are grown on his property. He's using a variety of ashes, including those from beans and wood, along with cornstalks. These materials add indi-

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It's local music, don't ya know

Matt Rayburn
Staff Writer

Where can you sing and dance to the song "Funktown," learn the dance steps of the 1940s and find out what Bob Dylan wanted to eat at a 1986 Minneapolis concert?

At "Sounds Good to me! Music in Minnesota," a new exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, which opened on Oct. 22, visitors can explore 6,200 sq. feet of music memorabilia that educates, entertains and enralls music lovers of all ages.

Many displays are included in the exhibit that inform visitors of the history of music in Minnesota, including "Musicians in the Concert Hall," which explains the origins of classical music in Minnesota, and "Who Had a Parlor," which describes the importance of music in the home during the early 1900s and allows visitors to experiment with an antique piano.

With mostly donated pieces of music history, the exhibit includes instruments such as a bass guitar used by Karl Mueller of Soul Asylum, a tambourine used by Prince and an original drum set from the 1960s band The Trashmen. Other memorabilia include radios from the 1920s to the 1960s, a reproduced list of catering instructions for a 1986 Bob Dylan concert and a suit jacket and pair of Bermuda shorts worn by Augie Garcia, a West St. Paul guitarist who was considered the "godfather of rock n' roll."

At the "Studio 4U," visitors can enter a recording booth and show off their vocal and dancing skills as they sing and groove to "Funktown," the 1979 hit by Minnesota band Lipps, Inc.

As we are reminded everyday of the importance of education, we are aware that music education in an important part of a student's curriculum. From VH1's Save the Music Foundation to numerous musicians pulling for an increase in funds for school music programs, there has been a recent increase in music education awareness. The "Music Education" display is an important part of the exhibit that shows the importance of music in a student's academic career. The display includes a history of music education and a list of songs a group of high school students chose to express their musical tastes during the last year.

Another interesting display of the exhibit lets visitors put on headphones and listen to local radio personalities such as Garrison Keillor of Minnesota Public Radio and Mary Lucia of Zone 105 talk about their relationships with their listeners.

The highlight of the exhibit is a re-creation of the Prom Ballroom. The Prom Ballroom, which was a nightclub that opened in the early 1940s in St. Paul, featured ballroom dancing and performances from musicians and bands that satisfied all tastes. In the exhibit, a vintage diner re-creation, complete with working table jukeboxes and memorabilia to match, takes visitors back to the times when costume jewelry adorned women and zoot suits dominated a man's wardrobe.

"It brings back memories in my life sitting in the parlor when we'd roll back the rugs and do waltzes," said a history center staff worker who was dressed in costume as Maud Hart Lovelace, an author and poet from Mankato, Minn., who was born in 1882.

People of all ages are encouraged to attend the exhibit and learn what Minnesota has to offer musically.

"It brings back memories in my life sitting in the parlor when we'd roll back the rugs and do waltzes."

"Maud Hart Lovelace"

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SOFA 2000: an art odyssey

Erik Astin
Assistant Off-Beat Editor

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Get off of the sofa and go do something?" Well in this case, you need to go to SOFA to see something.

This SOFA however, is referring to Sculpture Objects and Functional Arts, which was held in Chicago from November 3rd through Nov. 5th.

The site for this unbelievable gathering of artists and galleries from around the world was at Chicago's famous Navy Pier. The playground atmosphere that is host of everything from ferris wheels, to movie theatres was an excellent location to put on one of the top art shows from around the world.

SOFA is a gathering of about 90 different galleries that each include a number of different artists and their work that are on display for the three day period. With many of these galleries displaying up to and beyond 12 artists apiece, this is easily one of the biggest shows around.

This event has been around for about seven years and has consistently been in Chicago and New York for that time with occasional stops in Miami.

SOFA draws some of the world's most impressive and influential artists in many different mediums.

From glass artists, clay, metals, pottery, woodworking, jewelers, and

painters, there are a large variety of styles to view.

This show is one of the largest displays of glass artists in the world, with such names as Dale Chihuly, Lino Tagliapietra, and Dante Marioni, who are all very influential in today's glass art world.

Several students from UW-River Falls made the long trip to Chicago this past weekend to view this show including the River Falls art society.

Art society president, Cara Benedetto, a 21-year-old junior, was among the students who attended.

Benedetto has attended many other shows in the past and feels that this was very well done.

"The art society tries to get to as many shows a year as possible," Benedetto said. "I try to go to a lot of openings and contemporary art shows. It's important to see what people are doing and maybe get a few ideas."

She felt that there was a lot to see in a little time.

"The show was nicely done," Benedetto said. "There was a good variety of functional versus nonfunctional works. There was just too much there for me, art is overwhelming in large quantities, especially when a large abundance is really interesting work."

Nolan Prohaska, an art minor and glass student at River Falls also attended the SOFA Expo and was very impressed with what he saw, and

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Tell us what *really* happened election night in Florida



Eric Searles, Junior
"Gore = Satan."



Jennifer Strom, Freshman
"A driver, his van and the ballots he was carrying all disappeared."



Korey Thompson, Freshman
"They got screwed up on the number of votes and they're going to redo it."

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Max defeats Troy!



Kris Wilkens, Junior
"I think aliens tampered with the ballots."



Tim Fischer, Junior
"You go to hand it to a guy (Gore) whose strategy is to bribe enough homeless people with brand name smokes and luke-warm pot pies. Can we say Nixon? I think the people from Florida are complete boobs anyway."

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Lying can be fun, at least when you're believed

"The verbal part of the brain is running amok while the logical half is ineffectually saying, 'Hey, listen! People aren't believing this!'"

Dr. Charles V. Ford

We, as a people, seem to like to surround ourselves with people who will knowingly deceive us at some point in time. We trust our innermost feelings and thoughts with a significant other who eventually will probably screw us over. Hell, yesterday we voted for somebody who lied to us consistently for the last eight months. And even though we don't know who this person is yet, they're the leader of the free world for the next four years. What can we do in a world of such deception and blatant trickery? Lie worse to everyone else. And there's a method. There are varying degrees of lying: from the petty, "no one ca's"-type of lie.

This is when you tell someone that you'll never see again that you're going to college at the University of Minnesota, when you know damn well that your next four years will be spent in River Falls. Or that you have to miss a Friday afternoon class because it's, um, your sister's birthday. Nobody cares about this kind of lie. You can tell these lies all day because there's no talent involved. On the other end of the spectrum is the obvious lie, otherwise known as the "you've got to be a complete retard to believe this sh*t" lie. People who aren't as popular as they think they should be tend to tell this kind of stuff. So do people who weren't good at high school

sports. Most of these lies are about how many women they've slept with, how many shots they can do or how many fights they started (and how they won all of them). The problem with the obvious liar is that we as humans want to hang out with the most popular people and sometimes we force ourselves to associate with them just in case they aren't lying. But most of the time, it's best to call them tools behind their back. But somewhere in the middle ground is the perfect liar, making the gray area even grayer. I'm not saying that I'm the perfect liar, but college IS a training ground, right? Without indicting myself direct-



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Lindsey Ney, a high school student from Wayzata, Minn., whose favorite Minnesota-based band is Semisonic, thought the exhibit was educational. "It's interesting to see how music started in Minnesota and where it is going," she said. Michael Fischer, a UW-River Falls graduate student in the college of Education and Graduate Studies, enjoyed the displays that allow visitors to make their own music. He also encourages others to visit the exhibit. "All in all it was totally worthwhile and UW-RFer's should definitely check it out," Fischer said in an email interview. The Minnesota History Center is located at 345 Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul near the State Capitol. Admission is free, and hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and Noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The "Sounds Good to Me! Music in Minnesota" exhibit is expected to run for five years.

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was very reassuring to him in his work. "I couldn't believe that there were that many glass artists represented and that many different varieties of work," Prohaska said. "It was very inspirational to find out that a lot of other glass artists started where I am now." Everything from a delicate bookshelf made of glass that stood no more than 10 inches tall by Lucy Lyon, to a giant totem pole made completely out of glass that stood nearly six feet tall, by Richard Jolley were on display. SOFA didn't only consist of work on display, there were also lectures throughout the weekend that were available to anyone who wanted to attend. These lectures consisted of artists, schools, and galleries that were willing to share some of their knowledge. SOFA Expo 2000 is one of the most remarkable displays of art and expression that occurs in the world each year. It is a gathering of some of the greatest artists in the world and draws people from all over the world. Next year, SOFA New York will be held from May 31st through June 4th, and SOFA Chicago will be held from October 5th through the 7th. For more information on SOFA, you may access their website at www.sofaexpo.com.



Brilliant Confetti Corner Sconce
by Dale Chihuly

Keppers / grows organic food as well

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vidual character to each pot by altering the color or appearance. "When I make a set of dishes, each set is similar, but each dish is unique in and of its own," Keppers said. "There's a whole story about each individual pot." Upon receiving a grant from the St. Croix Center for the Arts and the State of Wisconsin in 1996, Keppers expanded his studio to include space for teaching pottery classes. With his wife's help, Keppers teaches three classes per year - two that are geared toward adults and one children's class taught in connection with a summer school program. According to Judith, it's a unique opportunity for kids to experience an art that may be completely foreign to them. "It provides the kids with an example of someone who's a studio potter and an artist," Judith said. Keppers looks beyond any of the childrens previous experiences with clay and enjoys walking them through the pottery process. "It's really nice to teach them because they don't come with a preconceived idea of what they're going to do," Keppers said. "Each individual pot is capable of teaching." All of the pots made by his students, along with Keppers' own pieces, are fired in a kiln that he built with his needs in mind. The size of the kiln was determined by the amount of work he does and its design is tailored specifically to Keppers, who intends on creating pots well into his elder years. "The kiln holds two thousand pots, so the size of the kiln was determined by the amount of work I do,"

Keppers said. "I designed my kiln so I can stack everything while standing up." Besides pottery, Keppers and his wife grow organic foods and sell them to twenty families as part of a program called Consumer Supported Agriculture. They practice organic farming for several reasons. It provides them with extra income, but more importantly, they feel they are supporting small, independent farmers. "Part of the reason I raise food is I'd love to have a farmer next door that I could trust," Keppers said. While organic farming is major part of his life, Keppers' real passion is pottery. His desire to create the ideal pot, one that serves a specific purpose and has individual uniqueness, is evident in the pieces on display. Kay Montgomery, chair of the Exhibits and Presentations Committee at the Chalmer Davee Library, has a personal appreciation for Keppers' pottery and asked him to display it at UW-River Falls for a second straight year. "His work is very practical...I could find a place for most anything," Montgomery said. "I really like the feel of it." Keppers does take the opportunity to do some exhibiting, but it tends to take time away from creating pots. It seems this potter is more comfortable at the wheel throwing than at the gallery showing. "He's constantly working towards something that reflects who he is and what he does," Judith said.

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