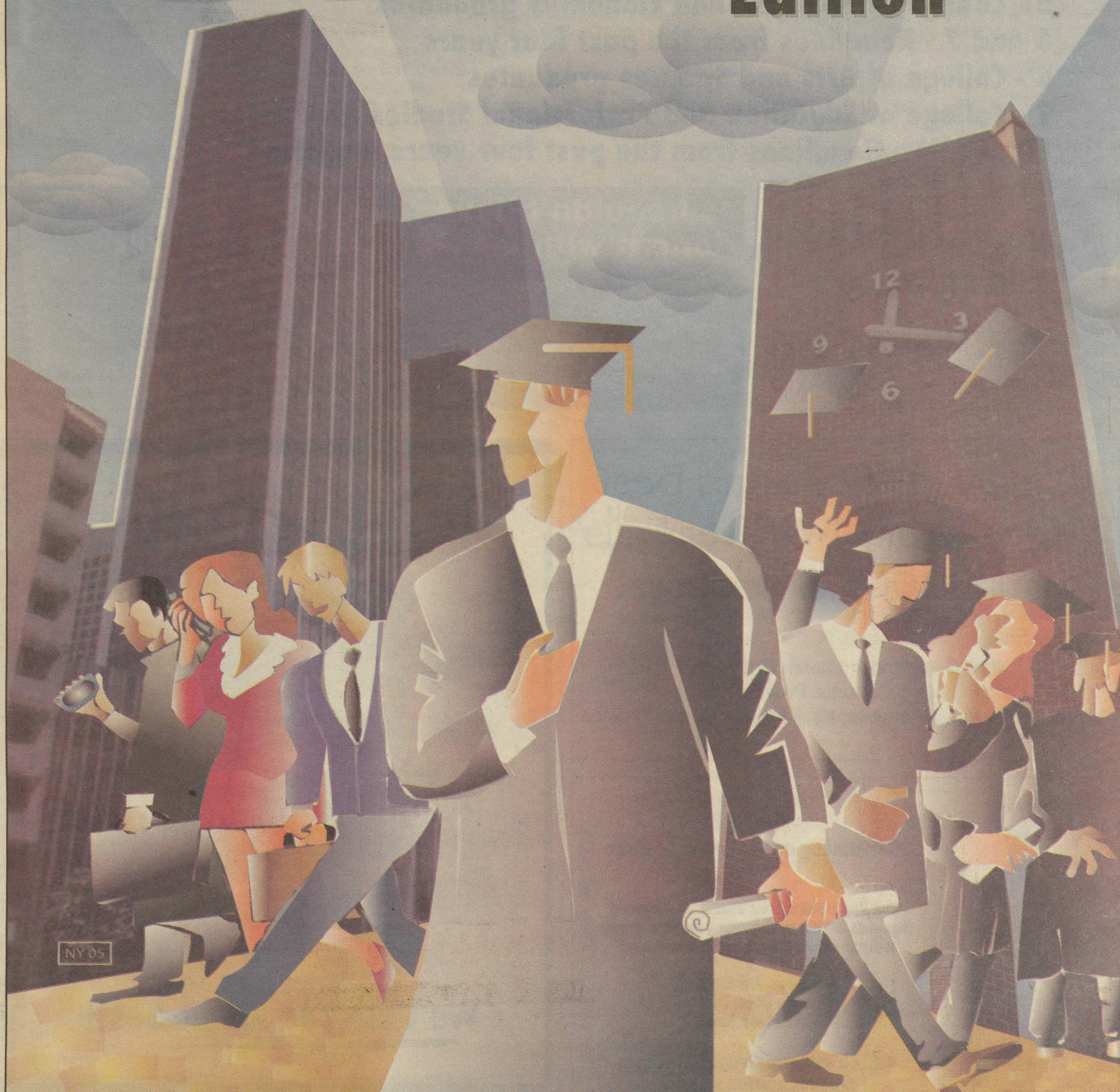


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After four years of begging for graduation to arrive, it finally hits you; it's all over. A sudden wave of sadness brings you to the realization it may have been a bit hasty to spur graduation on so quickly.

Now it is time to grow up. No more skipping classes, no more asking Mom and Dad for some cash and no more partying if you know what is good for you.

Just like that, you wish you could take it all back, if for no other reason than to enjoy the ride you called your senior year of college. In the whirlwind that made up the last nine months, we forgot to enjoy the ride.

It is too late now though, you're sitting in a graduation ceremony and wondering if you'll ever land a job.



Eric Quade

From the Editors

As editors, we felt this as well, but with the added responsibility of managing a newsroom. Never did we think that the Voice would become our baby, our world, our life.

Living in 304 North Hall wasn't something we ever thought we'd do when we came to UW-RF, but sure enough, 80 hours a week later, North Hall residents we became.

Time commitment wasn't the only surprise to be had as an editor. Who knew that the standards by which a newspaper must hold itself could consume a person.

Though errors have been made, it can never be argued that this year's Student Voice wasn't the best that each and every member of it's staff could do.

While picking up an issue on a Thursday night would leave us scratching our heads, trying to find a reason why a headline was misspelled or a date was wrong or a photo was cropped poorly, we still knew that we gave it our best effort.



Micheal Foley

Those mistakes taught us that we can never take the little things for granted. While there is a big picture to be made, that picture is comprised of many small brush strokes that can make or break the whole deal.

This voyage isn't altogether different from that of any other student. We're all here to learn after all, and we can all relate to mistakes, missteps and trials that make up the life of a student.

That being said though, we spent too much time anticipating the end instead of relishing the present. The Voice is no longer ours, a new group of editors will take over for us when we go, and they will learn the same lessons we have.

As we move along to bigger and better things, the faculty and staff will still be here to teach and aid the next generation of Voice editors. We'd like to thank all of the folks who have touched our lives and made UW-RF a great place to learn.



Derrick Williams

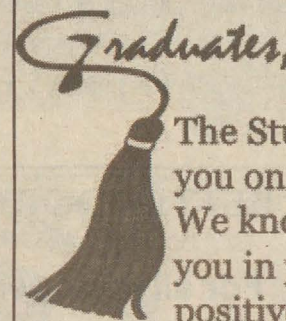


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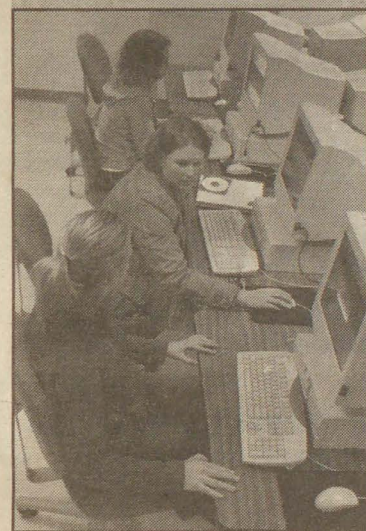
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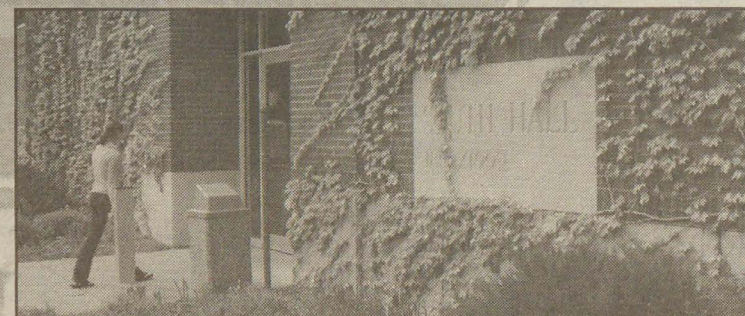
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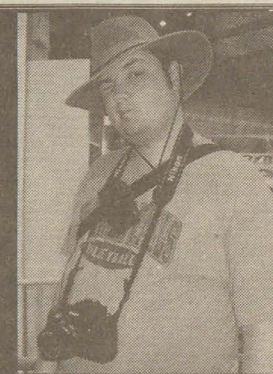
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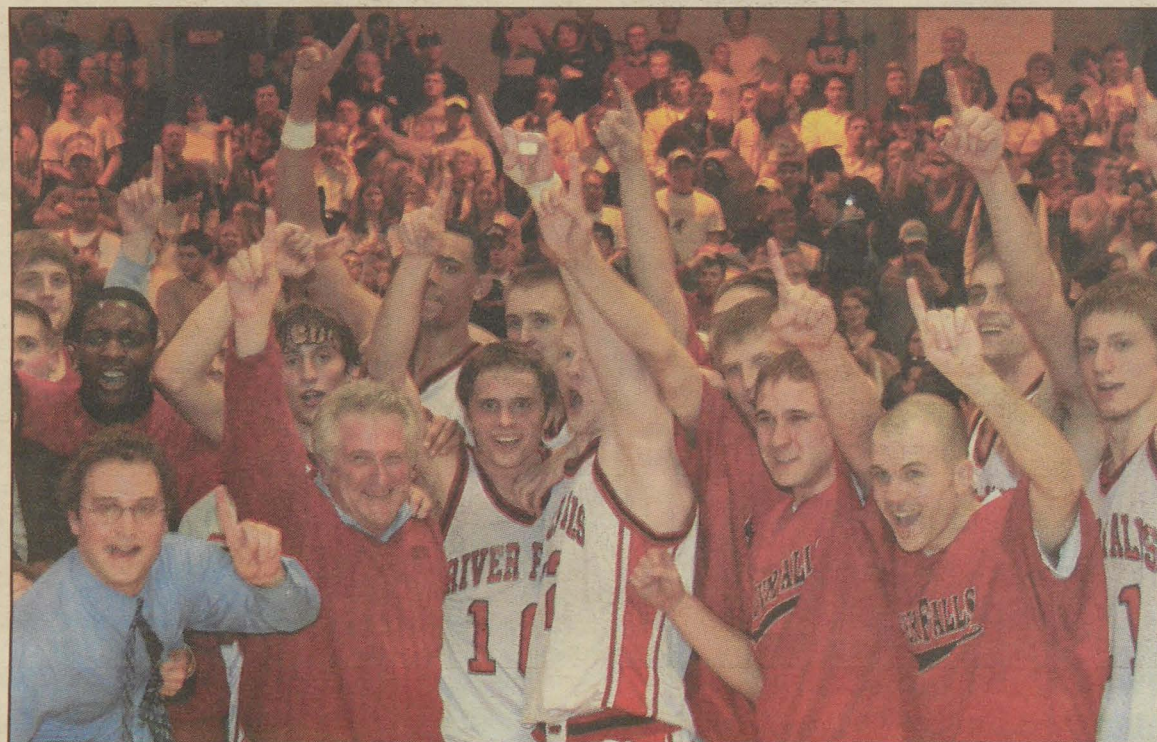
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Two UW-RF students comfort each other while watching President George W. Bush address the nation following the 9/11 attacks. The terrorist attacks were among the first events members of the class of 2005 experienced during their college lives.



File photo

The UW-RF men's basketball team rejoices after winning the WIAC title for the first time in 54 years on Feb. 21, 2004.

Looking back at 4 years of tragedy and celebration

2001-2002

SEPTEMBER 11

Everyone remembers where they were on Sept. 11, an event that shook the nation, as well as students at UW-RF.

A candlelight vigil was held in front of the Student Center to pay respects to those who lost their lives, and several presentations and forums were also held after the attacks to try and shed light on the situation.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker said the terrorist attacks would not stop normal activities at the University.

"We will not allow an irrational act of terrorism to alter our mission as we see the light to perform that mission," Lydecker said.

VARSITY ATHLETIC CHANGES

Despite last-minute protests from students, players and coaches, Chancellor

*File photo*

Ann Lydecker, UW-RF's 11th chancellor, was tragically killed in an auto accident March 25, 2003. Known fondly as the "students' chancellor" her death struck students especially hard.

Ann Lydecker approved a proposal that ultimately decided the fate of three sports at UW-RF and added two additional sports.

The Sports Module ad hoc committee suggested the elimination of varsity baseball, wrestling and gymnastics in a proposal submitted to Lydecker near the end of March. Although those three sports would be eliminated, men's track and women's golf would be added to the list of sports at UW-RF.

"The proposal was a very, very difficult thing to do," said Rick Bowen, athletic director and head men's basketball coach who served as head of the ad hoc committee. "But we're in a position in our athletic department that if we are going to continue, we must make some tough decisions."

O'GRADY ACCIDENT

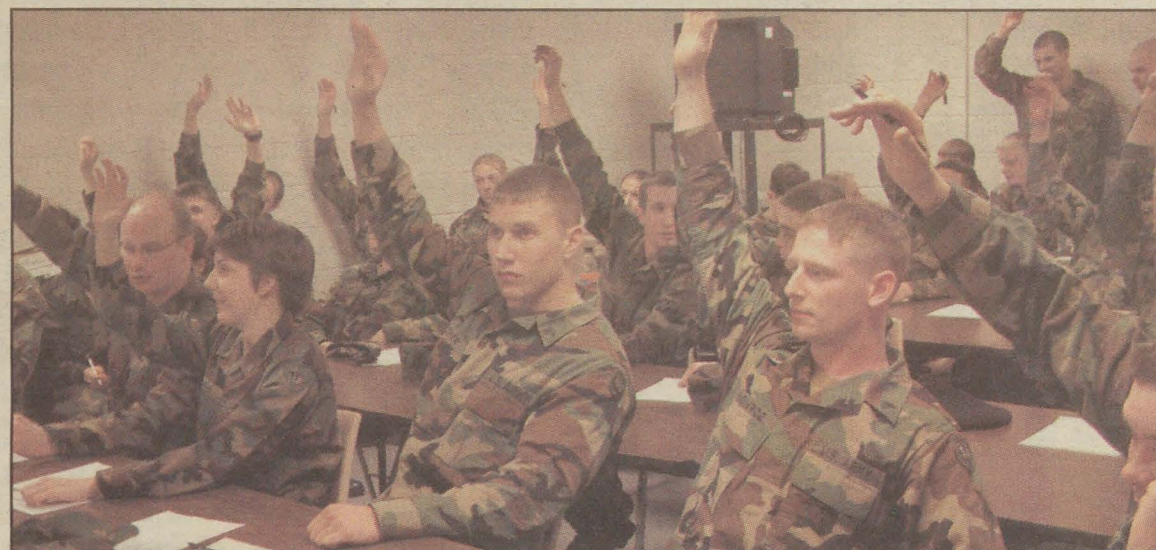
After allegedly rolling his 2002 Jeep Liberty and leaving the accident scene after drinking at Philanders Bar in Prescott, Wis., UW-RF head football coach John O'Grady had his original DWI reduced into two citations, one for failure to notify police of an accident and a second for inattentive driving, in the fall of 2002.

According to deputy reports, River Falls EMT workers Lance Ross and Gary Eloranta were called to the scene of the accident while on duty and found an unattended vehicle they recognized as O'Grady's. The two EMTs later found O'Grady at the home of Prescott Police Chief Jim Schneider.

"I apologize to the people of the community, University and all of those involved in our football program and my family," O'Grady said.

*File photo*

April 5, 2005 marked the official ground breaking for the long awaited Student Union. Plans for the building were hatched five years ago.

*File photo*

(Above) Several UW-RF students were among those who dropped out of school when called upon by the armed services for deployment overseas. (Below) UW-RF students joined River Falls peace marchers weekly in the winter of 2002 and spring of 2003 to protest the war in Iraq.

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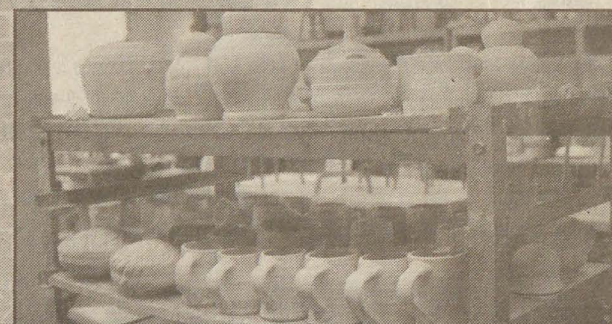
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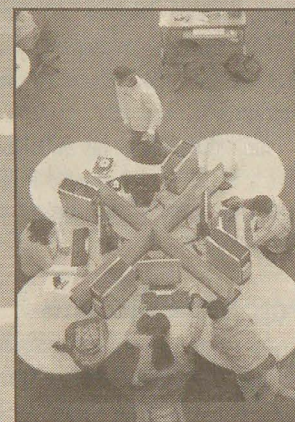
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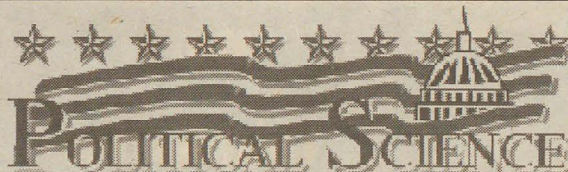
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**Larry
and
Sharon**

**Thanks for cleaning
up after me.**

-Mike

Headlines from the last four years

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2002-2003

MAYOR CHARGED

Mayor Eric Amundsen pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor battery charge in 2002 for his involvement in a confrontation that involved six people outside a local bar.

The incident took place in the 100 block of South Main Street and included UW-RF student Robert E. Klingworth.

Amundsen told police he struck Klingworth with a baseball bat when he thought the confrontation turned into a "threatening situation."

Amundsen was found not guilty on Oct. 3, 2003.

In a separate incident Amundsen was charged March 5, 2003, with misdemeanor disorderly conduct following an incident that took place Feb. 12, 2003.

The incident, involving City Council member Tom Parent, took place outside Whole Earth Grocery Store.

Amundsen made his initial court appearance March 17, 2003. He entered a plea of not guilty and later pleaded no contest to an amended charge.

POLL RATING WOMEN

An e-mail survey sent to 32 students including 12 current or former varsity athletes asked men to rate female students based on several physical

attributes and to make nominations for "Hottie of the Year."

A female student who was written about in a previous e-mail said the recipient list included up to 700 people based on past voting results.

All of the 32 students listed on the recipient list met with UW-RF coaches and administrators and said they were unaware their names were on the list and didn't want anything to do with it.

"To me, it's the worst of what you want male students doing with their time," said Roger Ballou, dean of students. "It's exactly what the University doesn't stand for."

CHARGES AND CONVICTIONS

Former student William Banholzer, 21, was charged with reckless homicide in the Aug. 8, 2002, death of UW-RF student Craig Hendrickson, 20.

Hendrickson died from an apparent heroin overdose. Pierce County Assistant District Attorney Russ Berg said Banholzer was charged with first-degree reckless homicide because he provided an illegal drug to Hendrickson, who died after consuming that drug.

The homicide charge carries a maximum 60-year prison sentence and was one of six criminal charges against Banholzer in connection with Hendrickson's death.

Brian Busby, 19, a UW-RF student was charged with misdemeanor battery following an incident with a public safety officer Sept. 27, 2002.

Busby allegedly shoved UW-RF Public Safety Officer Dave Kuether against a dorm room wall in Johnson Hall. On Dec. 4, 2002, Busby was sen-

tenced to one year probation and anger management and alcohol and other drugs treatment.

UW-RF student Joanne Sander, 18, was charged Oct. 8, 2002, with 14 misdemeanor counts including criminal damage to property, entry into a locked vehicle and misdemeanor theft. The charges are in connection with a series of vehicle vandalism in a River Falls parking lot.

Sander pleaded no contest to four of the counts of property damage and was sentenced to 120 hours of community service, 45 days in jail and \$6,865 in restitution.

Bobby Salas, 20, Hudson, was convicted Oct. 25, 2002, of second-degree sexual assault with use of force and aggravated battery felonies, both stemming from the rape of a 21-year-old female on the UW-RF campus in 2002.

Salas was sentenced Jan. 13 to 18 years in prison and 10 years probation.

2003-2004

"STUDENTS CHANCELLOR" LOST

If the 2003-04 school year brought UW-River Falls anything, it brought change.

Sometimes the change was welcomed; students surveyed gave overwhelming support for the 25-foot smoking radius imposed around campus buildings. Other changes, like the rude awakening campus commuters got when the city restricted parking, weren't so easily accepted.

And when a misty March morning brought news that UW-RF had lost its chancellor, changes turned into tears.

On March 25, 2002, UW-RF and all within its

reach were blindsided with the news that Chancellor Ann Lydecker had died in a car accident. Lydecker's death left an already personnel-shortened administration with a void not easily filled and questions not easily answered.

"We are stunned our beloved Chancellor Ann Lydecker is no longer here. How can that be?" said Provost and Interim Chancellor Ginny Coombs.

Mourners remembered Lydecker - often referred to as the "students' chancellor" - for her unique ability to relate just as easily to politicians as the students she dedicated her career to.

A re-organization of administration took place April 12, 2004, when Coombs announced she would step down as interim chancellor June 1. Virgil Nylander, recently-retired vice chancellor for administration and finance emeritus, took over the position until Don Betz takes over July 1, 2005.

CAMPUS CONTROVERSY

When students arrived on campus in the fall of 2003, a new city parking policy left many students without one of the conveniences many had taken for granted - accessible parking. In June 2003, City Council voted to make parking permits required for vehicles parked on the even side of streets located in designated zones near campus.

The move left many students and one UW-RF administrator feeling like students were being hung out to dry by the city.

"This is sending a message to students that they're viewed as a problem, not an asset," Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander said.

Student residents of Campus View apartments

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You are the hottest RA on campus! We
will miss you tons!

Love, your 2nd South Ladies
- Southern Belles -
"We've got the best apples in the tree!"

Betz-
Lookie what we've gone a done. We
grew up, went to a bonafide college
and got a degree!
Blah-bliddy-um-blah!
Now that is what I call choppin'
broccol-i.

-Derrick

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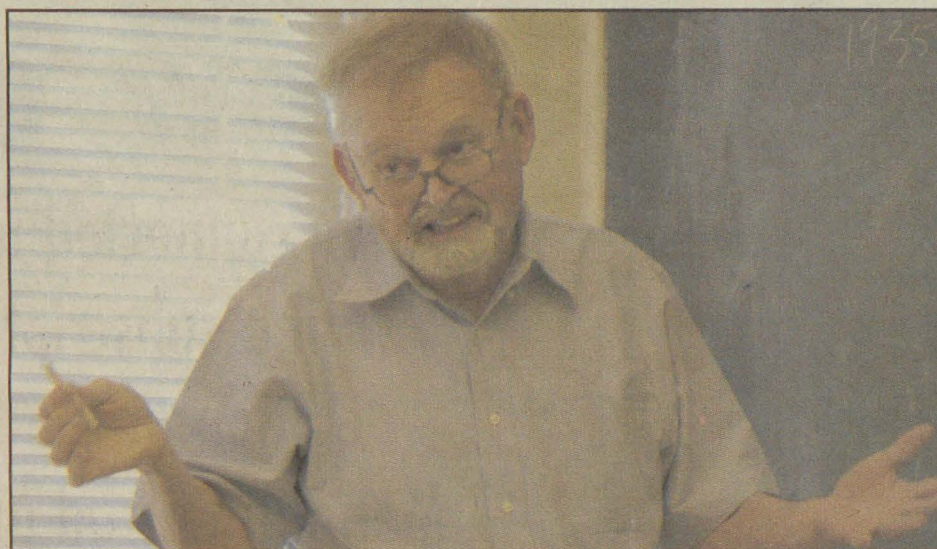
later found themselves in a crunch that would bring them before City Council. The residents argued that due to the new parking restrictions, and a lack of available permits to park where they had grown accustomed, they were forced to park - and were thus ticketed - in fire zones in their lot.

REPUBLICANS VERSUS THE FACULTY

Also in November of 2003, UW-RF College Republicans (CRs) began stirring up political brouhaha on campus. On the heels of a controversial chalking campaign during Coming Out Week, the CRs began sending letters to faculty members, accusing them of political bias in the classroom.

Some faculty members who received the letters said the accusations contained in the letters reminded them of the McCarthy era. History professor Betty Bergland said receiving her letter "conjures up efforts to silence dissenting positions or controversial knowledge."

The CRs and their advisor, associate business professor Brian Huffman, defended the letters, saying they were intended to get faculty to adhere to



File photo

Ed Peterson died in 2005, his 51st year of service to UW-RF.

an "Academic Bill of Rights" that encourages balanced political discussion in classrooms with out the showing of bias.

EXTENDED SEASON

Normally hype about UW-RF basketball ends when the regular season comes to a close. For the first time since 1950, the Falcons broke the losing streak. They were ranked as high as No. 13 in the national rankings.

After a 50-47 victory over UW-Platteville, the Falcons clinched the outright WIAC title, made possible by losses by UW-Whitewater and UW-Stevens Point.

The dream season finally ended with a 65-62 loss to UW-Platteville in the WIAC semifinals.

2004-2005

NEW CHANCELLOR FOUND

On Feb. 11, 2005, the UW Board of Regents announced Donald Betz would serve as UW-RF's twelfth chancellor. Betz, who has a number of years in experience, most recently as provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"I look forward to becoming a member of the community and university at UW-RF," Betz said.

Betz will officially take over July 1, 2005, and allow Nylander to slip back into the retirement that evaded him last year.

HISTORIC LEGACY

Ed Peterson, the longest serving faculty member at UW-RF died on March 23, 2005, at the age of 79.

Peterson went 51 years teaching history classes without missing a single day of class, and he was actually paying the state of Wisconsin to teach. The retirement plan Peterson would have collected would have paid him more than teaching did.

Joining UW-RF in 1954, Peterson watched as chancellors came and went, buildings were built and demolished and generations of students graduated.

"The UW Board of Regents wanted to recognize Ed for his 50 years of service, but he declined the offer because he would have had to miss class," Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander said. "Ed was the best academic I've ever had the pleasure to know."

A NEW STUDENT UNION

It was the fall of 2000 when students were first told about the Student Union, a new building that would replace the Student Center. The Student Union would serve as the hub for student life by

bringing all of the food services under one roof as well as most student organizations.

The Ames Teacher Education building was demolished in the fall of 2004 to make way for the construction phase of the Student Union and construction officially began April 5, 2005, on the \$34 million dollar project. The building is expected to be finished December of 2006.

STUDENTS CAUGHT IN A PICKLE

Early on Sept. 30, 2004, police raided a popular party house known as "The Pickle" at 642 S. Main St. While parties were common when renters occupied the house, it had been vacant for more than a month at the time of the party according to property owner Stephen Schwalbach.

River Falls Police were assisted by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and UW-RF Public Safety officers in issuing more than 45 citations for underage consumption and trespassing.

WCCO PICKS ON UW-RF TWICE

Nov. 16, 2004, the WCCO I-Team did a follow up report on dorm security at UW-RF. The original I-Team investigation, which aired in November 2003 illustrated security concerns, not only at UW-RF but also at the University of Minnesota, St. Thomas, and Macalester College.

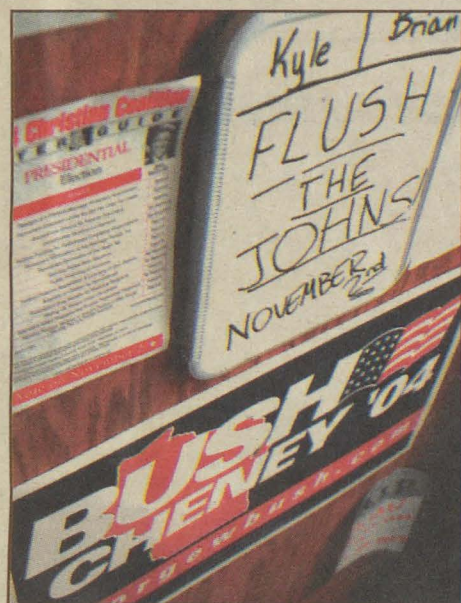
While the first investigation was taken seriously, the follow up was looked upon more critically. Many people found it unnecessarily made the schools look unsafe.

"They admitted that they lied to get this to work," Provost Ginny Coombs said. "But I don't have much power to do anything to change their investigating tactics."



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Donald Betz will serve as UW-RF's next chancellor.



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UW-RF dorms turned into heated political debate forums during the 2004 elections.

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