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2,161 ballots cast at University Center

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A large contingent of voters made up of UW-River Falls students and River Falls residents turned out on Tuesday to cast their ballots for the 2008 election in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center.

In local elections, Democratic incumbent Ron Kind defeated Republican Paul Stark in the race for District 3 U.S. Congress.

In Wisconsin State Senate District 10, Republican Sheila Harsdorf was victorious over Democrat Alison Page and Republican incumbent Kitty Rhoades beat her Democratic challenger Sarah Bruch to win the District 30 seat in the Wisconsin State Assembly.

Carol Zalusky, chief election inspector at the Riverview Ballroom polling location, said that as of 10:30 a.m., approximately 535 people had voted at that polling place. By noon there were more than 900 voters who had shown up to vote throughout the day.

That number climbed to 1,235 by 2:15 p.m., and when the polls closed at 8 p.m., the final voter turnout was 2,161. In addition to those who voted in person, Zalusky said she also counted 180 absentee ballots.

"There are about 3,000 people eligible to vote in this district [District 2]," she said. "Probably 2,000 of those people are students living on campus."

Although some voters waited in line for more than an hour, Zalusky said that there were no major problems at the UC polling location.

"We had some problems with people being at the wrong polling location, but nothing out of the ordinary," she said. "For the most part,



Sally King/Student Voice

A group of District 2 River Falls residents wait in line to vote at 7 a.m. on Tuesday. Over 2,100 UW-River Falls students and city of River Falls residents turned out to vote at the Riverview Ballroom polling location in the University Center on Election Day.

the [voting] machines worked OK."

Seventy-one percent of District 2 voters used the traditional paper ballots, while 29 percent opted to use the electronic voting machines. UWRF student Jubilynn Hanka was one voter who chose to use a paper ballot, and said she thought things went well.

"Besides waiting in line for an hour to vote, everything went fine," she said. "All of the people working were very helpful and did a great job making sure everything went smoothly."

Sophomore Jessica Rische agreed, and said "everything went fine" and that she had "no problems" voting.

Kelsey Ryan, also a student at UWRF, said that she wished there would have been more information on registering to vote.

"Most of the information I've seen about registering to vote has been about different states, so I wish they would put out more information for people to learn how to register in Wisconsin," she said.

Zalusky and other poll workers began counting the ballots shortly

after 8 p.m., and around 8:30 p.m., most major TV networks were reporting that Sen. Barack Obama had won both Wisconsin and Minnesota. Although not an issue at the Riverview Ballroom polling place, many polling locations in both states still had voters waiting in line to vote hours after the polls officially closed.

At approximately 10 p.m., most major news outlets announced Obama as the 44th president of the United States, with 297 Electoral College votes at that time and 52

percent of the popular vote. Shortly after, McCain conceded the race in a speech from Arizona, and Obama gave a victory speech from Chicago.

UWRF campus media continued to cover the election, with "Valley Vote" appearing on Campus TV (channel 19) at 8:30 p.m. Hosts Mallory Macal and Andy Murphy were joined by River Falls Mayor Don Richards and UWRF Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders to provide election results and analysis for the national, state and local races.

University Center receives 'interiorscaping'



Sarah Schneider/Student Voice
UWRF spent \$25,000 of student segregated fees on 10 types of new plants and trees to decorate the University Center.

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The UW-River Falls University Center acquired new plant life on Oct. 28 after a design company, McCaren Design Inc., was hired by a committee that scored three different design companies that proposed putting plants in the UC.

Walking into the south entrance there are two trees reaching to the top of the next level. There are also new plants on the bridge, in the fireplace lounge, on either side of the Information Desk and near the main entrances. McCaren brought in over 40 plants to the building with 10 different types. Some of the plants are Hawaiian Warneckii cane, Kentia palm, Black Gold Snake plant and the Silver Bay Chinese evergreen.

The committee looked at different aspects when choosing the companies, such as overall concepts, placements, color, price, style of pots, scale, ease of maintenance and design elements. The project was funded by student segregated fees and came out just under \$25,000, according to Cara Rubis, assistant director of the University Center and committee member.

"McCaren was the only one that knew we had to have tall trees," Rubis said regarding the south entrance of the building.

The lead of the project from the design company, Troy Branter, is a UWRF alum from the horticulture department. The other two companies scored were Bachman's and Regent's, both from the Twin Cities.

"It being a 'green building,' we needed more nature and life to it," Rubis said. "The plants decrease stress and give that the close-to-nature feeling."

The old plants were brought to the University Center from Hagestad Hall. Their simple houseplant size did not do the space justice with its extreme height, according to Rubis. The old plants will be repotted and put in offices and cubicles of the Involvement Center and University Center offices. Some of the plants will be free to anyone who wants to take them.

The Horticulture Society once took care of those now scraggly old plants in Hagestad Hall by simply dusting them. On the Tuesday the design team installed

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Economic troubles mean fewer loans for UWRF students

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The financial crisis is causing a significant reduction in loan programs at UW-River Falls as enrollment is on the rise and many talented new students come to campus.

What has always made UWRF attractive to potential students—affordable tuition, proximity in relation to the twin cities and books being included with tuition—is making the campus even more attractive in the midst of the economic downturn.

"River Falls will actually become an increasingly popular option with those students who thought they were going

to go to a more expensive private college, or state school," said Alan Tuchtenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services. "It sounds odd, but it works a bit in the institution's favor in that very good students continue to come here."

Northwestern College sophomore, Kate Drahosh, is one student who is going to make the private-to-public transfer after the fall semester.

"Northwestern has become too expensive for me. The tuition is very high and I know that, as a future teacher, I will not be able to pay off my debts as easily if I stay there," Drahosh said. "I think that UWRF has a wonderful

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University blood drive yields 311 units, falls short of goal

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Students, faculty and interested members of the community lined up to donate blood at the American Red Cross sponsored blood drive held in the University Center Ballroom Oct. 29 and 30. Red Cross workers collected blood from noon to 6 p.m. each day and, by the end of the drive, 311 units of blood were collected, falling just short of their goal of 320. In total, 335 people donated.

Last year UW-River Falls was ranked number two in blood donations in the area, just behind Winona State. This year's goal was to set at 160 units per day, up from 140 units last year. Student Activities Coordinator Sara Gliniany said this increase was due to the blood drive's location.

"With the convenience of the drive being held in the University Center, more people are willing to donate," she said.

Gliniany said that an extra day has

been added to the next blood drive to give blood but, had always been too afraid to do it until now. "I'm scared about the pain from the needle," Ranum said. "I'm afraid that I might faint."

Afterward, she explained that the experience of donating blood was not as bad as she thought

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Sara Gliniany, student activities coordinator

it would be. "It was good, just a little pain from the needle, but I'm glad I went through with it," she said.

American Red Cross staff member Hannah Kittleson said that it is important to donate blood.

"Each unit of blood has the possibility to save up to three lives," Kittleson said. "Without it, life-saving medical treatments would not be possible."

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VOICE SHORTS

Street Beats comes to UWRF

UW-River Falls will be featuring a high-energy show by Street Beat Remixed on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 to 10 p.m. The Street Beat Remixed performance includes break dancing, industrial drum corps, urbanized taiko drumming, stunts, theatrics and audience interaction while using recycled, reclaimed and found pieces of materials. This performance is a collaboration between Vater artist and Street Beat founder Ben Hanse, Chris Mendez and DJ Lee Dyson. The St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development's contributions will help sponsor this minimal-waste event, focusing on recycling and sustainability. There will be food for purchase provided by Sodexo. More information can be found at www.uwrf.edu/sustain. The event is at the Falcons Nest in the University Center and is free.

Student reading series and open mic

Come and join students reading original poetry and prose in the Breezeway of the Davee Library on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. If you are interested in reading, please sign up in the English department or email Professor Brantley at jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu. There will be an open mic following the event. The event is free.

ITC 2010 Informational Meeting

The International Traveling Classroom (ITC) 2010 is a study-abroad program that takes students to Europe where they travel, live, and study in several different locations, such as Paris, London, Berlin and the Pyrenees. Students enroll in UWRF courses, earning credits towards degree and at the end of the semester they travel either independently or in small groups to visit other locations. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply and can usually apply the courses to general education, liberal arts or other requirements. The meeting is on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Centennial Science room 152. For more information, please consult the program's website.

Festival highlights different cultures

The Asian American Student Association (AASA) will sponsor a festival celebrating a variety of different cultures on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the North Hall auditorium. There will be food, dance, music and other entertainments. People will get a chance to see examples of traditional clothing from different cultures and obtain knowledge of these cultures and where they come from.

Listening session hears opinions

The Chancellors Veterans Task Force will hold a listening session at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Go and voice your concerns about the campus, whether it be benefits, professors, classes, or the Veterans service office. The session will be held at the Kinnickinnic River Theater, room 320, in the University Center.

Coffe with the Times

The next segment in the Coffee with the Times discussion series, entitled "Phishing and Identity Theft," is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. The discussion will be led by Mary-Alice Muraski. This free campus event will be held in the Davee Library breezeway.

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Corrections:

In last issue's page 8 election coverage, it was incorrectly stated that Alison Page is pro-life. She is pro-choice. It was also incorrectly stated that Ron Kind wanted to "eliminate independence from foreign oil." He wants to eliminate dependence from foreign oil.



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Campus clock strikes students as off

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The University clock in the campus mall has raised questions after a student noticed that it uses IIII instead of the traditional roman numeral IV.

"It's one of those things that you don't notice, but once you do, you notice it everywhere," Mary Halada, former vice chancellor of administration and finance, said.

At the beginning of the 2008 fall semester, a student contacted Halada to ask why the clock has a IIII instead of a IV. Halada said that the student thought it was inappropriate for an academic institution to have a clock with incorrect Roman numerals.

The idea for the clock, which cost \$23,740, was suggested by former chancellor Don Betz in 2006.

"The clock itself has provided a welcome focal point on the campus mall and is an easily identifiable location for people to meet," Betz said in an e-mail interview. "Visitors often commented to me positively on its design and placement."

Betz said that he had not observed the anomaly on the clock, but that it poses an interesting question.

"Someone is very perceptive," Betz said. "It can serve as a great question for visitors and new students."

Freshman John Erickson, 19, also said he did not notice the IIII. When it was pointed out Erickson said he thought it was erroriaous and unsophisticated.

"It shows a bad example for the school," he said.

Junior Michelle Lappen said she felt the same way.

"I have never noticed it, but I feel like it makes us look stupid because we don't know how to use Roman numerals."

Sabrina Foss, an English education major, said she was not aware of the IIII even though she uses the clock every day because she does not wear a watch.

ment services, said that the IIII seems to be a common practice.

"I even looked specifically at a street clock when I was in La Crosse about two weeks ago and it had the IIII," Weiss said in an e-mail interview.

This fall Halada and her husband took a trip to the Black Hills and stopped at several college campuses and community squares along the way. Halada said that every clock that they saw had the IIII.

To be clear, the company who installed the clock, Verdin Clock Company, did not make a mistake. Since 1842, the family-run business has been creating clocks, according to the Verdin Clock Company Web site.

The problem with answering the question is that the real reason for the IIII is a mystery.

A common answer circulating the Internet is that the IIII is for aesthetic reasons, balancing the VIII on the opposite side.

Halada's favorite explanation goes back to 1364 when King Charles V scolded a watchmaker for writing IV on a tower clock. The watchmaker protested, but the King replied; "I am never wrong," according to the book Famous Watch Houses by Elen Introna and Gabriele Ribolini.

"That one is my favorite," Halada said with a laugh. "It sounds like something a king would do in those times."

Halada said she welcomed the question from the student because higher education is about gaining knowledge.

"We all learn something new, Halada said. "[It] is why we are all here."



Jon Lykssett/Student Voice

The clock featured prominently on the UW-River Falls campus mall has a IIII, not the correct Roman numeral IV.

"Although I don't have a problem with the representation of the four, I do think it reflects poorly on the manufacturer, and possibly the campus because even though it was intentional, it looks like a mistake that no one caught."

The IIII did not phase Alan Tuchtenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment, who said he has no opinion on it.

"I love the clock...regardless," Tuchtenhagen said.

The IIII on the UWRF clock, however, is not out of the ordinary. Other universities and college campuses have clocks with the same IIII.

Tom Weiss, the director of procure-

Residence hall energy contest reduces consumption

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UW-River Falls is taking sustainability initiative with an energy conservation contest to reduce consumption in the residence halls. The winning hall for each category receives a \$250 prize.

"We have seen and continue to see reductions in all three areas," Kristie Feist, assistant director-community development and education department of residence life, said in an e-mail interview. "During last year's contest, all but one hall reduced their overall electrical and water usage for the year."

The contest measures the consumption of electricity, water and steam in each residence hall. It began spring semester 2006 and continues to be effective.

"We have seen and continue to see reductions in all three areas," Feist said. "During last year's contest, all but one hall reduced their overall electrical and water usage for the year."

Last year's winners were Parker Hall, for reducing electricity consumption by 3 percent, Grimm Hall for reducing steam usage by 6 percent and Hathorn Hall for reducing water consumption by 19 percent.

"It's important for students to know that they really have the power to make a positive change in their community and environment by doing a few simple things a day," Feist said.

Students can control their consumption by using natural light instead of room lights, shutting down computers, taking shorter showers and filling the washer when they do laundry.

"I always make sure when I leave the room I turn off all the lights and I don't take long showers," student Sara Hattamer said.

Each student has a heater in their room with a gauge that they can control the temperature with.

It is important for students to use the gauge instead of opening their windows when it gets warm in their rooms, Rebecca Alexander, treasurer of Earth Consciousness Organization (ECO), said.

"To reduce my energy consumption I make sure I unplug

everything when I am not using it," Amber Mijal, student and Johnson Hall resident assistant, said. "It is easy if you plug [multiple appliances] into a power strip, then you just have to shut the power strip off."

The contest is sponsored by Student Senate, Residential Living, ECO Club and Area Council.

"We have been fortunate to have a number of student organizations offer both financial and verbal support for sustainability initiatives in our department, including the Energy Conservation contest," Feist said.

The winner of each category receives a \$250 prize that the students can spend however they want. In the past, winning halls have hosted a party and purchased sweatshirts, Alexander said.

UWRF has made other changes to improve energy efficiency in the halls. Last year the Residential Living Committee and Student Senate voted to increase the cost to live in the residence halls to help cover the additional cost of purchasing green blocks of energy.

"I don't like the price increase, but it is a great way to improve our University and set an example to all the other universities," Hattamer said.

Green energy blocks are generated from non-carbon based renewable sources such as wind, hydro, solar and biomass. Green energy helps to improve the environment by reducing pollution and consumption of non-renewable resources.

"Last year students voted to pay for all the residence halls and the University Center with green block energy," Alexander said. "Currently we are at 40 percent, but eventually we will be at 100 percent."

Throughout the year the results of the energy conservation contest are posted on bulletin boards in each hall, the green kiosk in the University Center and in "Living Green," a monthly electronic news letter.

Currently Parker Hall is in first place for electricity with a 32 percent reduction and Crabtree Hall is in first place for water and steam with a 60 percent reduction in steam and a 1 percent increase of water usage.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from the River Falls Police and UWRF Public Safety incident reports.

October 28

- A floor mat was reported stolen from the north entrance of the University Center.

October 31

- Steve Vue, 18, Ka Ying Yang, 18, and Meng Pao Adee Xiong, 18, were cited for speeding and underage consumption in a vehicle at Main and Pine Street.
- Nathan A. Stauner, 24, was charged for operating a motor vehicl after suspension of his license.

- Addison D. Griffin, 20, was arrested for damage to property and disorderly conduct at 620 S. Third St. Griffin put his fist through a window at Hathorn Hall and was later transported to River Falls Area Hospital for treatment.

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- Cassi J. Warnken, 20, was cited for underage consumption while carrying a bottle on Main Street.
- Matthew D. Hoerning, 21, was cited for public urination near the intersection of Main and Locust Street.
- Britany R. Baures, 22, was cited for speeding.

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Plants: Irrigation system built into pots will help reduce maintenance

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the new plants, a plant care specialist taught members of the Horticulture Society how to care for the plants, as the society will be the caretakers of the building's greens. Such plant care tasks include pruning, providing new soil and removing dead and damaged leaves for the smaller plants.

The trees require extendable pruners to remove any rubbing branches, crossing branches or any branches that are too big. Two of the three trees are located either near windows or railings. Pruning also involves keeping the trees' shape and to increase light and air flow through the branches and the dining services.

All issues dealing with pests are for the greenhouse manager, who is certified to use pesticides and natural ways, to rid of bugs that suck moisture from the trees.

"The trees are transitioning from a different environment now. They were grown in Florida and this is the first time they are indoors," Alyssa Janilla, president of the Horticulture Society, said. "They won't use as much water or nutrients as outdoor life in Florida."

The Horticulture Society will not be watering the plants. All of the new plants have an irrigation system in the pot and a member of the University Center staff will be watering the plants on a weekly basis.

"The finger test only shows what it is like on the top of the soil. The irrigation system in the pot will tell you how much water the roots need," Rubis said.

The plants' health may also be impacted by their location near a door or a vent. The choice of hearty plants was a must for the committee putting the regional cold temperatures into consideration. All locations of the plants are strategic and not only for aesthetics.

"Indoor greenery can also remove toxins," Janilla said. "Say if the building got new carpet or new paint. It will make the air quality better as well as create a relaxing atmosphere."

According to Terry Ferriss, UWRF professor of plant and earth science, NASA research found that plants were the most efficient air filtering system for space shuttles. Plants proved even more efficient than man-made systems.

Green plants are beneficial to human and environmental health because they absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. Leafy, green trees produce as much oxygen in a single season as 10 people inhale in a year, according to The Forestry Guide by Steve Nix.

"Plants are generally healthy to have around. Studies have shown that plants in urban areas reduce crime and vandalism," Ferriss said. "They have a psychological impact on people. They make you feel more positive. Hospitals use indoor plants for faster healing."

The Horticulture Society will continue to be in contact with McCaren Design Inc. for any future additional plants. As the current members of the club work hard to maintain the plants, they must also pass the knowledge and practice on to the future members of the club.

"I graduate in the spring, so it will be up to the new members," Janilla said. "We plan on adding more plants in a new study nook [along the wall in front of the Involvement Center]."

Some potential plant changes will include wheels on the bottom of the pots to be able to move them around for events in the Riverview Ballroom.

"If it were up to me, I would have plants in every classroom," Ferriss said. "This project will be a model for the future."

According to Ferriss, people will respect the areas that have the plants. However, vandalism is still a minor threat to the new greens.

"Garbage is a concern. We have to instill the respect in people," Janilla said. "Everyone should know that they are here for a purpose. There was no plant life in the 'green building.' It just creates a better environment."

Blood drive: Two more drives to be held at University Center next February, April

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Veteran donor and junior Justin Vara gave blood for the fifth time at the event. He said he was disappointed by people who did not give blood.

"There is no reason why I can't give blood," Vara said. "There are too many people who can donate, but for some reason choose not to."

Vara said that he keeps giving blood because he would "feel bad if [he] didn't."

American Red Cross worker Adrian Washington described the donation process in four steps. Registration is first. During registration donors are given information about the donation process and eligibility requirements.

After registration, a trained Red Cross staff member conducts a private interview about a donor's health history. A physical test is then conducted that includes checking

a donor's temperature, iron level, blood pressure and pulse to ensure their health before giving blood.

The third step is the donation. Donors are fitted with a collection bag and a needle is inserted into their arm. The actual collection process usually takes seven to 10 minutes to complete.

The Red Cross provides refreshments to donors after they give blood. The Red Cross recommends spending between 10 to 15 minutes resting and eating



Renaë Bergh/Student Voice

UWRF freshman Anna Liska donates blood Oct. 29 at the University Center. The next blood drive will be held at the University on Feb. 2.

Washington said.

Two additional blood drives will be held at the University Center this year. The first will be Feb. 2-4 and the second will be held in April.

Financial aid: Low tuition costs make UWRF more appealing to students during tough economic times

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education program, and I think I will receive a very good education."

The trend of choosing public over private is not specific to just transfer students. Statistics involving new freshman also solidifies the idea that UWRF is becoming a popular choice.

Tuchenhagen said that UWRF actually enrolled more new freshman than expected this fall. According to 2007 versus 2008 percent yield data, the percentage of students who showed up after being accepted, UWRF actually increased from 49 to 51 percent. UWRF was the only school in the UW System, of the seven that responded, to increase yield and enroll more than 50 percent of those accepted.

The positive effects of the enrollment figures for UWRF during the current financial crisis can be broken down into three categories of students. The first are those who had originally planned to attend a private college but the recent credit crunch affected the availability of financial assistance.

The second group is students who were going to attend UWRF initially and have not been deterred by the current economic status. Tuchenhagen said there is a third group of students contributing to the increased enrollment figures.

"There is another group of students that we become very appealing for because they didn't think they were going to go

to college; they were going to get a job right out of high school. But they realize the job market is not what they thought it would be," he said.

The most significant negative role the financial crisis has played at UWRF is the reduction of the Perkins loan program. UWRF has received 30 to 35 percent less money than in previous years.

"There are some former students who are not able to repay funds as quickly and, because it's the sort of money that is recycled, we don't have it to give out to new students," former Director of Financial Assistance Sandra Oftedahl said. "We've seen a significant reduction in that repayment in the last 12 months."

Many other institutions throughout the country, and the UW System, are feeling similar effects as UWRF. In most cases, UWRF's 30 to 35 percent reduction in the Perkins loan program is less than other schools in the country.

"I've seen 40 to 45 percent for other schools," Oftedahl said. "This is not something unique to River Falls, but it is certainly something we can observe here. This is nationwide, I've talked to the directors at Stout, Superior, Parkside and Eau Claire, all these schools are feeling the crunch."

Eighty-five percent of respondents to a recent survey by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities reported that they had lost lenders who participated in the federal guaranteed loan programs. UWRF has

also dealt with lending institutions that no longer participate in the Stafford loan program, including Twin Cities Federal (TCF).

"We know of at least six institutions that have previously dealt with students here at River Falls that are no longer participating," Oftedahl said. "And it's because they just don't have the money to do it."

Although there are fewer lenders, and a smaller pot in which to give federal money, Oftedahl says students still have access to funds if they are proactive.

"There is financial aid out there, the federal government has guaranteed that each student can have at least \$5,500 as long as they apply through the FAFSA," Oftedahl said.

The current financial crisis is taking a toll on families, students and businesses alike. Tuchenhagen says education is one way people typically weather the storm of economic downturns.

"If students are going to weather downturns in the economy like this, they're going to need an education," Tuchenhagen said. "For example, if you get a good job in construction or the service industry, but you get laid off, what are your options? The more education you have, the more options you have to find another job."

Drahosh is one of many who are working toward that education for a strong future. But as students pursue higher education she urges them to keep all of their options open.

"My advice to other students in my position would be to not rule out public universities," Drahosh said. "Private colleges are great, and they are able to offer some things that public institutions may not, but public schools also have tons to offer that private colleges may not be able to share."

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Alan Tuchenhagen, associate vice chancellor for enrollment services

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EDITORIAL

Voice has obligation to inform, teach campus

You may have noticed the occasional black and white issues of the Student Voice appearing on newsstands. The number of issues void of color will only increase as budget cuts and inadequate funding continue to affect the paper. Cuts have forced our organization to reduce staff, page sizes, stories and print quality as the costs of printing has gone up.

There has also been some confusion over exactly what the Student Voice is and what purpose it serves on campus. The Voice is a student-run news organization that has been tasked by campus administrators to report news that is relevant to the University. We are not a glorified public relations department, nor do we always print "fluff" stories. Some of the events we report will be positive, others negative. The Student Voice is not a mouthpiece for any particular organization or influence on campus. The paper is intended to educate and inform, not to spin.

The news stories that appear in the paper are being researched and written by students in a journalism class who are still learning how to write news articles. They are not paid for their work; their articles are assignments. Journalism students, much like students in any other department, are fairly new to the process and still learning. The Voice is a serious publication, but it is also part of their educational experience. The students work hard each week to present the University news to the student body.

The organization does employ a staff of editors, proofreaders, photographers and page designers who arrange the paper each week. This paper's editorial staff is not infallible, and we do make mistakes. When that happens, we want to hear about it. Send a letter or an e-mail to the editor at editor@uwrvoice.com to let us know how we are doing. The Student Voice is meant to be just that, the voice of the students. Our success depends on your input.

Furthermore, if you believe you can do better, the Student Voice is now accepting applications for the spring semester. We urge students who are interested to pick up these applications outside the door of the Voice office at North Hall 304.

All of these issues that we deal with each week are worthwhile knowing that we provide a valuable resource and we appreciate your continued support and readership.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conservative shows respect for Obama

Last night, America spoke. We have elected a new leader for this country. I agree strongly with the ideals head by conservatives, but I speak now to make an example to be respected: Sen. Barack Obama will be MY President.

Conservatives whose hearts fell when we lost Ohio and Pennsylvania, from who the outcome of this election may seem as though our worst nightmare has come true, I encourage to throw ours', and all citizens', full support for Sen. Obama.

It has been too long that we have utterly disrespected the leader of our country. The president of the United States of America should be the most respected person. To disrespect that position is to disrespect the very citizens that elected him. We as U.S. citizens should not sink to that level.

Republicans, can we respect and support one of the most liberal senators to become our leader, even when we may fundamentally disagree with him? I answer in the words that have served a man that I will one day call President Obama: Yes we can.

Jordan Harshman, student

Support for Obama remains conditional

The election that Barack Obama has just won is historic in many respects. First, President-elect Obama is the first African-American to ascend to our highest office. Second, this election has seen a record level of voter turnout, highlighting a degree of political participation unseen in American history. Third, the Obama campaign succeeded in turning out all these voters through a well-organized network of "grassroots" activist to mobilize voters, run local campaigns and stir up excitement about an Obama presidency.

I am of the persuasion, however, that we must not relinquish this activism that has brought Obama to power. Obama, and the newly elected Democrats in office, needs those "grassroots" activists. They need us voters to remain vigilant so as to prevent Obama and those congressional Democrats from drifting too far to the political right, betraying their promises of a new, progressive political policy that address the myriad of problems that we are facing as a nation.

We, the people, must let them know that our support is not universal, but conditional. Already in his acceptance speech on Election Day, Obama began to excuse him-

self from some of the promises he made, attempting now to ground himself in the political reality of this high-minded campaign rhetoric would not acknowledge.

The fact is that American politics has corrupted even the purest of souls. I intend this letter to be an effort to ensure that practicalities do not prevent him from fulfilling his most important campaign pledges to all of us.

We need to create, as Ralph Nader has advocated, a perpetual "grassroots" pressure on Congress and Obama to ensure that we, the people, receive our right to universal healthcare, our right to universal access to higher education, a withdrawal of our troops from the wars of occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan and, most importantly, end the tyranny of corporate control of the American government.

Here on campus, the Union of Democratic Progressives is committed to this cause and votes people of all political persuasions who seek American social justice to take part in this struggle.

Alex Halverson, student

Smoke-free campus idea is ridiculous

In response to Naomi Vogel's article regarding a

smoke-free campus, I must say the thought is absurd.

Don't we have more important issues to deal with? Such as skyrocketing tuition? Of course not, because smokers are stupid and filthy, right? I am not a smoker, but I do believe we need to fight the nannies who want to punish smokers.

Keven Syverson claims to know the science behind secondhand smoke. But all of the studies of secondhand smoke I have researched have been found to be extremely misleading or just plain lies. I believe we should ban all chemicals in our University labs because those can kill someone in an instant!

I will admit smoking is not the healthiest habit to have, but there are many worse things one could do, such as drive a car. The claims that "88.2 percent of surveyed students and 92 percent of surveyed faculty agree" it should be banned is also ludicrous. 382 students responded and 138 faculty responded. So on a campus of thousands we are going to use these stats to come to a conclusion? What convenient numbers. So, please, nannies of UWRF, stop trying to run our lives and get a real job. We know what is good for us and what isn't.

Kevin Austin, student

United States threatened by zombie apocalypse

As a nation, we are in a time of worry. There's a lot to fret about these days. I think everyone is well aware of our dire situation.

Instead, I regretfully admit that I have one more terrifying worry to add to our growing heap of worries. While not supported by the hardest of sciences, this vast national threat should be first and foremost in everyone's minds. I'm referring directly to the impending, ambiguously-scheduled zombie apocalypse. Like its name suggests, this event would end the world as we know it.

As the cannibal victims of these lumbering corpses, we would all suffer grisly fates far worse than any of us can currently imagine, including global warming.

The first step is acknowledgement. We've got to agree on a national level that hordes of the undead pose an immediate threat to our citizens.

Everyone has to rearrange their priorities. They could strike at any time.

Zombies are Hellish creatures—they do not feel pain, remorse or pity. They

never bathe except in the steamy, coagulating blood of their victims (who, let's face it, might have AIDS). The undead cannot read or speak English either. We simply don't want them in our country, do we? So primarily, let's focus on defense.

We could learn a lesson from the 'gun-totin,' immigrant-huntin' Border Patrol volunteers down in Texas: The best offense is a good defense. We should all write to our senators and get our politicians working to arm every citizen with some sort of semi-automatic weapon and perhaps a machete or large Rambo knife. When the zombie apocalypse finally occurs, remember: Safety first!

If all civilian infrastructure collapses in the event of a zombie apocalypse and our government abandons us like I assume it will, we may find ourselves a lost nation of wandering vagrants. In this case, civilization as we know it will crumble. Its replacement will be an ugly new order of human behavior. In the public square, debased acts of violence and greed will replace curt-

sies and friendly tips of the hat. When meeting a stranger, you'll be as likely to receive a handshake as a gutful of lead. And exponentially, the growing number of human corpses will reanimate into a shuffling, groaning horde that will hunt down the last remains of humanity like a mob of stoners descending on a dwindling plateful of Pizza Rolls.

Usually, I am never a proponent of voting on the basis of a single issue. But 2008 is a special year and I've got zombies on the mind, so I might just write in my ballot for the man with the chin that can kill, the coiner of the phrase "Come get some!," and the slayer of all things undead: Bruce Campbell.

You might recognize Campbell as the sharp-looking gentleman playing piano in the Old Spice commercials. I think Bruce really showed some excellent leadership potential in the 1981 film "Evil Dead," in which he replaces his severed hand with a gas-powered chainsaw and proceeds to gruesomely dismember several demons with it. That's the man I want in the White House.

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Joe Hager

Exploring River Falls' landmarks provides new adventures

I wonder how well I would be able to map out an area like a city without ever seeing a map of the area prior to the mapping. Probably pretty well, however, I will never find out unless I was to be dropped off somewhere blindfolded.

Exploring could be fun. Discovering new coffee shops, a farmer's market, a good deal on jeans or just an awesome view is thrilling. So when a town the size of River Falls becomes a bore, I find comfort in a walk or a bike ride to somewhere unfamiliar. When airplane rides costs money and time, I can explore the town I reside in or venture out to nearby towns.

How about a séance at the American Indian burial grounds in Hudson? Or a night of fine dining in Prescott? Being a suburban

Minnesota native, I have recently been prone to the underground tourism of western Wisconsin.

More often than not people are turned off from River Falls because of its lack of culture and "things to do." The few considerable bars are too smoky, campy and sleazy among the tainted with pure skeez. Fortunately, with the coffee shops gaining popularity perhaps other local businesses of downtown River Falls will see an increase in public interest.

Besides the tasty cup of coffee and a new brew of Rush River available in local shops, there are places in town that have been unseen by citizens that have resided here for years and years. This town is named after an actual physical feature. The

falls of the Kinnickinnic River are located not far from Cascade Avenue. How do people miss this feature? It's under the swinging bridge—another site that is somehow overlooked. Follow the river north and even more waterfalls will be found.

Did you know that there are two man-made lakes in River Falls that follow two dams? Along the river are caves and a wigwam-like hut and paths that are either dirt or stone. There are trees that hang so generously and allow for an easy climb. A climb will almost always mean a better view of the river valley.

A memorial tombstone on the opposite side of the waters from a legitimate cemetery in the woods both rests along the Kinni. Sandbars and nude beaches are a bit farther south; just follow the sounds of acoustic guitars to spot them. Fire pits and ash lay from past visitors. Makeshift bridges over the river's forks become summer hangouts.

Maybe wave at the fly fisherman standing in the middle of the wide river.

Unfortunately, it seems as though in the recent years college students have bad luck with rivers. You could be one of the few that have climbed the water towers or you could go to Mounds Park. Hike to the top near the big, ugly water tank in the woods and you'll find a wooden bench to admire downtown from above. Want more height? Golfview Road, a hairpin road going up, is similar to a mountain street and will bring you above Highway 35.

Everywhere I have ever lived I find these quirks of the towns and am eager to share them. Although I would actually prefer to have a point of interest shared with me as well. Share your discoveries?

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Teresa Aviles

Parents fail to discipline children

This weekend proved that I am still overwhelmingly bemused and slightly sickened by children.

In a quick trip to the grocery store to pick up my mother's birthday pies, a small child sitting on the floor screaming at his mother blocked my access to the whipped cream. He sat sulking on the floor pointing a stubby finger at the double-stuffed Oreos. His mother quickly swooped him up and dumped two packages of the cookies into her cart while rolling her eyes. The little boy's tears immediately ceased and they disappeared into the next aisle.

Why are events like this taking place? Why are children allowed to scream at their parents until they get what they want? Why do parents cave? I believe I pulled that kind of stunt all of about twice before I realized that it was in no way acceptable.

The way I see it, there should really only be two courses of action in that situation. One, the pair can have it out in the middle of the store, or wherever, in which the child loses the argument and shopping continues, or, you leave the store and have it out in the parking lot and the child loses. What lesson is it teaching anyone to give in to that kind of behavior?

People are getting soft in terms of child discipline. Most children today are spoiled, lazy and obnoxious (okay, perhaps they were always obnoxious).

I can't quite wrap my brain around what all kids get away with these days. What ever happened to time-outs and getting grounded and everything that worked? When I was a kid my mouth got reac-

quainted with the taste of soap every time I mouthed off, and my whole family was familiar with time-outs and a sharp tap on the ass when we really misbehaved. Nothing was ever harsh enough to leave marks or cause damage or anything like that, but our parents were perfectly comfortable with marching us screaming out of a store if one of us threw a tantrum in the toy aisle (and we quickly learned not to). I mean, if you can find a genuinely effective way to discipline a kid without all of the "old school" methods, I am all for it, but it feels like kids lately have their parents wrapped around their pudgy little fingers.

I will be the first to admit that I have a low tolerance for annoying childish antics. It is true that I generally don't find them cute or "precious." I was never a babysitter, nor do I think I'll ever have the desire to change diapers on anyone (regardless of age, really). I might die if I had to listen to Saturday cartoons on a weekly basis or assist some little girl in cramming Barbie's disproportionate thighs into her made-in-China daisy dukes.

So perhaps my tendency to distance myself from anyone with jam-hands or reluctance toward the idea of procreation lands me with a bit of a bias.

However, I do not believe it to be unreasonable to want to give Mr. and Mrs. Next Door a healthy full-body shake for letting their shrieking little girls pick up their equally shrieking cat by the tail.

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Katie Heimer

Hunting for jobs is no easy battle

A funny thing happened to me the other day, and I imagine not the only one of my kind. I've been a bit introspective lately, listening to Harry Chapin and Coldplay rather than Kings of Leon and Jet. If it persists for another couple weeks I'll start wondering about the possibilities of a recession, but for right now it's just a lull.

The funny thing is the process of looking for jobs and application of those jobs. I don't have much time, just a couple months, and then I can no longer use college as an unemployment alibi. For some soon-to-be college graduates the process may lack the extreme sense of urgency, but for a guy who is casting his gaze toward winter while he watches his four-month-old son try to eat his own feet, I'm feeling it.

It's a well-known fact that there aren't an enormous amount of jobs out there for us college grads to snatch up. So without a glut of strictly reporting positions I, for a while, expanded my search to include marketing and public relations jobs as well. I recently have narrowed my search back down after finding out—I'm not qualified for any of those jobs. I am qualified for just about one job on the planet: a print journalist.

The job hunt went something like this: "Entry level public relations position." I think to myself, *hmm, one of the bachelor's degree subheads is journalism, lets take a peak at this job.* "Good understanding of AP Style," checkmark. "Excellent communication skills," checkmark, sort of. "Ability to use an abacus to solve complex problems," checkmark—wait, what?

So I've found out after a couple months of job hunting that everyone is more qualified

for just about every position, except "print reporter," than I am. This is disconcerting.

Perhaps the new Obama administration could help me out. Within the massive expansion of government that will undoubtedly occur over the next few weeks, months and years, all the liberals in power need to do is create governmentally run journalism outlets.

Oh wait, these already exist under the code names of the New York Times, Washington Post and MSNBC.

But I guess I don't know if I could look at myself in the mirror if I was as "in the tank" for democrats as the rest of the "journalists" out there are. Politics aside, I still need a job.

It is really starting to come down to the wire. The purpose of this column was not to tell a grand job hunting story with a specific resolution at the end, because there is no resolution at this point in time. I am considering just posting my resume in the Student Voice as my column for next week, just to get it out there. I need to focus my thinking more "outside-the-box."

Make no mistake my friends, this is a war. We are soldiers fighting for an existence free from the tyranny of the unemployment line. My job search is just one "journalism" battle in the job searching war. All I'm saying is that sometimes I feel like I'm bringing a knife to a gunfight. Fortunately for me, I'm like, really good at throwing knives and the bullets in your gun don't phase me. So good luck, because I'm not afraid to throw knives at people's tracheas.

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Caleb Stevens

Congratulatory letters to McCain, Obama

I have been following the 2008 election attentively since the primaries began. I am not a very political person, but I do have my own opinions and concerns about both of the major candidates. I decided to write two congratulatory letters—one addressed to John McCain, the other to Barack Obama. Needless to say, I will only have to mail Obama's letter, however, I wanted to present both as if either had won.

Letter to John McCain, Republican Party

John McCain, I congratulate you on winning one of the most contentious and important elections of our time. Throughout your years as a soldier, prisoner of war and politician, you have done your country proud. I have faith that you will continue to do so in the White House.

Even now, it is clear to me that you still have plenty of heart and determination left. You've gone toe-to-toe with an inspired rival and defeated him, against almost everyone's expectations.

As president, it's likely that you will not be intimidated by either party in Congress and can serve as an effective bridge between them. I hope your vice president-elect, Sarah Palin, gathers as much experience in her office as she can and fulfills her role effectively.

I respect your accomplishments, and enjoyed your nomination speech. However, I must say that over the course of the campaign, I found the

tone of your ads offensive and discouraging.

Examination from impartial fact-checking sites showed them to be riddled with inaccuracies and largely devoid of the "straight talk" on which you've built your political reputation. My mother remarked a few days ago that even if she were not an Obama supporter, your ads might have caused her to vote for him out of spite.

Unfortunately, this is what I have come to expect from most political candidates, and you certainly were no maverick in that regard.

I do not agree with some of your national security policies, especially your resolve to stay in Iraq until the war is "won." I do not believe either side can win such a war—or, if we can, the victory will come at too great a cost. The time has come for the U.S. to stop throwing its weight around abroad and come up with a more efficient and rational way of dealing with its neighbors and finishing off the people who actually attacked us in the first place.

Though your beliefs differ from mine in some ways, I wish you luck as our new president. The way the economy is now, you certainly have your work cut out for you.

Letter to Barack Obama, Democratic Party

Barack Obama, Congratulations on becoming the new president of the United States. Your charisma and remarkable speeches, as well as a formidable

"grassroots" campaign, made you an unstoppable force in 2007 and 2008. I hope you take some time to savor your victory, because now the real work begins. You will soon take the reigns of an enormous nation with a reeling economy and a confused, disjointed population.

Your candidacy and campaign have actually made me, and many other young people, care about politics again. Your speeches have been inspiring, and your theme very effective. You have sought not merely to exploit Americans' dissatisfaction with George W. Bush and his policies, but to turn that disappointment into hope. That puts you a cut above most politicians in this country.

But that's the bottom line—you are still a politician. You have manufactured your share of misleading ads during both the Democratic primaries and the presidential contest, and I didn't take them at face value any more than I did Sen. McCain's.

Nor did I believe the ridiculous Internet rumors that have circulated about you in recent months, because the real problem with your candidacy is already quite apparent: you have made many promises to the American people, some of which you can't realistically fulfill (according to independent economic experts, at least). That could make it very hard for you to do your job in the long run, and to maintain all the optimism and enthusiasm you have built up among your supporters.

For the good of the country, I sincerely hope you can make good on your ambitious claims. I wish you luck as our newly elected president and commander-in-chief.

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Nathan Sparks

STUDENT Voices

What did you find most surprising about the election?

Marc Berg, junior

"I was surprised our nation actually did vote for him (Obama) and didn't just say that they were gonna vote for him. I was surprised the youth got out and voted!"



Jim Cibera, sophomore

"I was surprised at the voter turnout. It was more impressive than I thought."



Beth Van Kampen, junior

"I am surprised and happy that we've come so far with racial equality."



Raymond Moore, senior

"I wasn't surprised. I thoroughly enjoy the new era we are entering."



Ashley Zwinger, freshman

"I didn't find it that surprising. Obama had a lot of support."



Matt Mobley, sophomore

"I was surprised to see the numbers who voted for each candidate, but I kind of saw what was coming."



Men's rugby finishes fall season strong

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The UW-River Falls rugby team capped off a successful fall season with a fourth-place finish at the All-Minnesota Tournament on Oct. 24 at the Polo Grounds in Minneapolis.

Team members said winning the All Minnesota Tourney was a realistic goal that was not quite obtained. However, they said there were many promising moments from the fall season. This year's team captain Crague Cook was optimistic about the team's performance.

"The fall season went great. We had a lot of new faces that filled in for us, but I think this is the best we have been in years," he said.

Team member Paul Oligney said the experience gained through the fall season bodes well for the team's future.

"We won quite a few games and I think we definitely had the talent to win the Minnesota Border Battle and even the Final Four. We didn't make it as far as we had planned, but we had a lot of fun and picked up some good prospects for the future," he said.

Rugby is a club sport on most college campuses since it is not sanctioned by the NCAA. Past rugby teams at UWRF have competed against other teams from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada. This year's squad will also play a spring schedule, although it has yet to be finalized.

To the untrained rugby observer, words like tackle, ruck, scrum and maul may sound like the vocabulary from a chess match gone bad or a type of grisly horror movie. However, these are a few of the terms and actions that dictate the play of the game.

Cook said people familiar with the sport know just how fun it can be to play and watch. He also said rugby is growing in popularity nationwide.

"When we introduce people to the game we try to make as many comparisons to football, since that's what they are most familiar with," he said. "It might seem dangerous because of



Sally King/Student Voice

The Falcon men's rugby team practices at the intramural fields Nov. 4. The team recently wrapped up a successful fall season after taking fourth place in the All Minnesota Tournament Oct. 24 at the Polo Grounds in Minneapolis.

the nature of play and not wearing any pads, but the rules of the game really do protect the players."

A rugby team has 15 players on the field of play, while American football and soccer have 11 players on each team. In rugby, each team is numbered the exact same way for each team. The number of each player signifies that player's position. Players numbered one through eight are forwards, who are typically the larger, stronger players of the team. The main job of the forward is to win possession

of the ball. These players are similar in size and abilities as American football linebackers and lineman. Players numbered nine through 15 are backs, who tend to be the smaller, faster and more agile players. Their main role is to exploit possession of the ball that is won by the forwards, similar to the roles of American football's running backs, wide receivers and quarterbacks.

According to team members past and present, playing rugby offers not only a physical challenge, but also a mental and social chal-

lenge as well.

Dereck Richter plays for this year's team and said that it takes more than just size and speed to be successful.

"Rugby is a sport that allows players to use their mind more than just raw talent. This is a

"We had a lot of new faces that filled in for us, but I think this is the best we have been in years."

Crague Cook,
men's rugby team captain

mental game, and smarts will win over skill," he said.

UWRF alumnus Jamie Wenzel played rugby on campus nearly 15 years ago. He said the players seemed to form a special bond that has lasted to this day.

"I think we [rugby teammates] formed a type of brotherhood in a way. We always had each other's back on and off the field. Whenever we see each other now, we always bring up our playing days," he said.

Cook agreed that rugby offers a unique form of competition and offers a close knit bond for competitors and teammates alike.

"It's a sport like no other. No matter how heated the battle is on the field and how angry you can be at your opponent, after the game everyone has respect for each other," Cook said. "It has been a tradition that both sides usually meet at a designated place and socialize."

On-the-field achievement and off-the-field camaraderie are not the only goals of this year's team. In cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, this year's squad will be spending a weekend helping build houses for those in need.

"It's a good way to give back something to the community and also to get some good publicity while helping others," Cook said. "It's a great situation for everyone involved."

Men's hockey searches for victory

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The UW-River Falls men's hockey team is 0-1-1 after a 4-4 tie against Marian University on Oct. 24 and a 2-0 loss to Hamline University (Minn.) on Oct. 31.

In the season opener against Marian at Hunt Arena, UWRF had a 3-1 lead late in the second period, only to have it disappear in the third. The Falcons tied the game in the closing minutes as Jaime Ruff scored his first goal for the Falcons with 2 minutes, 24 seconds left in the final period.

Ruff was alone in the slot as Ben Beaudoin fired a pass to him from the corner. Ruff appeared to fan on the shot, but after the game said his stick broke on the shot and fooled Marian goaltender Jason Jadczyk, who finished the game with 43 saves on 47 shots.

"I just whacked away at it and broke my stick, but it went in somehow," Ruff said of his goal. "As long as it goes in it's a goal."

UWRF Head Coach Steve Freeman said the goal was important for his club.

"It's big in getting us out of here with a tie," Freeman said. "You obviously want to win them all and this game feels like a loss, but it's important for us to get out of here with a tie."

UWRF started the game with hard forechecking, putting constant pressure on the Marian defense and forcing them into errant passes. One of them led to a failed clearing attempt where Ruff saved the puck from leaving the Marian zone. He passed the puck to Beaudoin who took a shot from the left face-off dot. Jadczyk made the save but UWRF's Andrew Harrison was crashing the net and put away the rebound for his first collegiate goal.

After Marian tied the game late in the first, UWRF took the lead less than a minute later as Sean Roadhouse saved the puck from

clearing the Sabre zone. He skated to the right face-off circle and fired a shot low stick side to beat Jadczyk.

Pressure again on Marian defensemen resulted in the Falcons Tyler Czuba taking a loose puck from Marian's blue line, where he skated in alone for a breakaway and fired a shot in the upper right corner, beating Jadczyk on his glove side.

Roles were reversed in the third period with Marian controlling most of the play early. Sabres forward Lane Boswell scored 3 minutes, 32 seconds into the period, which gave Marion the jolt it needed to keep the puck in the Falcon zone for most of the period.

Adam Freeman broke the 3-3 tie after deflecting a shot from the point by Nick Cinquegrani. Marian held the lead until Ruff's goal.

Despite out shooting the Sabres 47-29, the Falcons let Marian back in the game and did not close them out, Freeman said.

"When teams come into this building, they're excited to play us," Freeman said. "When you let teams hang around, they will get you and that's what we did. They got better as the game went on and we didn't."

Senior captain Derek Hansberry, who has been an All-NCHA player since his freshman season, said the final score was not what he was looking for.

"Obviously I'm a little disappointed," he said. "They did come out a little harder and we kind of sat back on our lead," he said. "You never want to do that in hockey. You see it all the time as teams come back when they are down."

After the game, Freeman said he was not happy about UWRF's play in its own zone.

"We played real loose in front of our own net and they got a few goals that way," Freeman said. "We have to clean up our defensive zone."

Of the four goals, three were scored by freshmen Harrison, Roadhouse and Ruff. Freeman said he thought they played well, but have to keep errors down to a minimum.

"They played pretty well. Their first college game, they played with a lot of energy," he said. "Too many mistakes, but that is what will



Sarah Schneider/Student Voice

Men's hockey team players practice shooting.

happen early in the season and it's [the coaches] job to work with them."

The following week the Falcons played the defending Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions, the Hamline Pipers and lost 2-0 at Drake Arena.

Freshman Chris Giebe took an interference penalty just one minute, six seconds into the game. The MIAC's defending scoring leader from last season, Dustin Fulton scored four seconds later on a backdoor pass from Piper forward Andrew Birkholz.

Hamline put away the Falcons for good in the third with Kyle Kurr scoring on the power play, as Josh Meyers sat in the penalty box for elbowing midway through the third.

Kurr took the puck from the left wing boards and brought it to the slot where he was not guarded and ripped a shot past goaltender Bo Storozuk.

He faced 31 shots, and the Pipers had nine power plays and put 18 shots on goal during the man advantages.

"I think our goaltending was outstanding tonight," Freeman said of Storozuk.

In the end, it was Hamline's experienced power play that got the best of UWRF, Freeman said.

"They have all their top players on the power play from their team last season, which was one of the best in the nation last season," he said. "We took too many penalties to give ourselves a chance to win and you're not going to win when you're in the box all night."

When the Falcons had pressure in the Hamline zone, they did not put together too many scoring chances. The Piper defense shut down passing lanes.

"They took care of business in front of their net and our power play wasn't working," Freeman said. It's still a work in progress."

UWRF's next game is on Friday Nov. 7 against St. Olaf College (Minn.) at Hunt Arena. The following night it will be at Gustavus Aldolphus College (Minn.).

UWRF Public Safety maintains order at sporting events

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For many years UW-River Falls students have piled into the stands at Ramer Field and Hunt Arena expecting to see exciting sporting events, but what many students do not realize are the security measures taken by Public Safety to protect and maintain safety at the events.

Public Safety Director Richard Trende is in charge of putting safety precautions in place at UWRF sporting events.

"For games that we know will have a lot of people coming to, let's say homecoming for example, we try to increase the number of Public Safety officers at the game from around two to around five or six," Trende said.

While one of the important duties of the officers is to maintain public safety, they also have the responsibility of controlling traffic.

"With homecoming games and games against rivals, the parking lots get pretty full and can be hectic for everyone," Trende said. "So another important duty for Public Safety and the security officers is to maintain order and control."

Jeremy Wagner, a former UWRF student and Public Safety employee, said he remembers how busy the traffic could get at the UWRF events.

"I've been to football games as a fan and I have worked in the parking lot at some of the busy events," Wagner said. "It can take a lot of work to keep the traffic in order."

Order and control are some of the measures that Falcon football head coach John O'Grady said he appreciates about security at football games.

"I think our security officers do a great job even though we don't have many security problems to begin with," O'Grady said.

O'Grady has been coaching the Falcons for the past 20 years and has seen many football games played at Ramer Field. Throughout his years as a player and as the head coach of the Falcons, he can only remember one real threat to the public's safety.

"About the only problem I can ever remember was a fire that started in the field east of the stadium," O'Grady said referring to a game in 1972. "It ignited as a result of sparks from the cannon that we used to fire following Falcon touchdowns."

No injuries occurred during the fire.

With the athletic seasons beginning to turn and the UWRF Public Safety department beginning the transition to change into a certified police force, Trende said he believes the safety at UWRF sporting events will become even better.

"With Public Safety's switch to a police force, that will give us more control in adding more of our own security officers for the games," he said.

STANDINGS

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

Volleyball		
W	L	
7	1	UW-Oshkosh (35-2)
7	1	UW-Eau Claire (22-10)
6	2	UW-Whitewater (29-7)
6	2	UW-La Crosse (26-10)
4	4	UW-Platteville (16-18)
2	6	UW-Superior (13-19)
2	6	UW-River Falls (51-22)
1	7	UW-Stevens Point (12-23)
1	7	UW-Stout (5-25)

Soccer		
W	L	T
8	0	0
7	1	0
5	3	0
4	3	1
3	3	2
3	5	0
2	5	1
2	6	0
0	8	0

Tennis		
W	L	
6	0	UW-Whitewater (12-1)
5	1	UW-La Crosse (10-2)
4	2	UW-Eau Claire (8-4)
2	4	UW-Oshkosh (8-5)
2	4	UW-Stevens Point (7-5)
1	5	UW-River Falls (7-8)
1	5	UW-Stout (3-7)

APO to perform 'Rocky Horror Picture Show'

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During the 2005 fall semester, the UW-River Falls theatre department performed the musical Rocky Horror picture show and, since then, Alpha Psi Omega, a theatre honor society, has been carrying on the tradition each year.

"It started out as a full musical, but it has kind of lived on ever since," Al Broeffle, president of APO, said.

The first performance on campus was a full-length musical directed by theatre professor James Zimmerman. It was APO's idea to continue performing it annually, Broeffle said. This is the third year APO will be putting on

the performance of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. The first two years the show was directed by alumna Kristy Reid, but this year student Amanda Luke takes on the challenge as director.

The theatre department still has the costumes from the original show. So far they have only had two rehearsals but most of the cast improve their parts on their own, Luke said.

"We play the movie on a huge projector and the actors act it out downstage of the projector," Luke said.

Actors lip sync, move and dance along with the movie as it plays on the screen behind them.

"It's laid back. Most of the people know the show pretty well," Luke said.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show, starring Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon, was originally released Sept. 26, 1975. It has since received a cult-classic following among its

fans that act out the movie. The movie is 89 minutes long and starts at midnight, but the doors of the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building will open Nov. 7 at 11 p.m. for pre-show activities. One of the activities includes a costume contest.

"Winners will get something extremely

sexy," Broeffle said.

Any type of costume is allowed, but goth or drag are preferred, Broeffle said.

"You can show off your Halloween costume, or show off a different costume you didn't get a chance to wear," Luke said. "It is not required but you can."

The show is free to students, but there will be optional \$5 prop bags and concessions to purchase.

The show costs about \$500 to perform. The Leadership Development and Programming Board has donated \$400 to this year's performance while APO paid the additional \$100 for the performance.

Filmmaker delivers crass humor with 'Zack and Miri'



Ken Weigend

There are a select few filmmakers in the business today that have commanded such an extreme cult following as Kevin Smith. The eight films which he has written and directed have spawned a colorful little multiverse of convention center icons—characters that have, in their own unique way, given voice to the Comic Con nerd, turning the typical loser into the atypical hero.

And so it is with "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," only the second Smith film devoid of Jay and Silent Bob. There is little to say that the film's title doesn't explain well enough. Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks), stubborn platonic friends since high school, need a get-rich-quick scheme to scale their mountain of debt and keep a roof over their heads. The solution, as a flamboyantly gay Justin Long offers up at their 10-year reunion, is to make a porno. But as the cameras roll, Zack and Miri discover that what they thought was casual sex could lead to feelings neither thought existed.

As with most of his other films, Smith centers his story on the often-elusive notion of finding true happiness. It is a stereotypical dead horse setup that is habitually beaten with increasingly ugly and resiliently lazy scripting. The

microcosm of romantic comedy is a nauseous sensory overload; a pink and frilly wasteland of cinematic taboos. These failures of film have permeated what has become a bittersweet category of lovey-dovey fodder.

Enter "Zack and Miri," a simply sweet story of finding love set against the non-traditional, naughty world of amateur, homemade porn. The abrupt change of scenery, coupled with gratuitous amounts of vulgarity, adds up to a refreshingly off-beat, kinky date movie—a date movie that doesn't want to hold your hand, but be spanked! It is within this unconventionally raunchy approach that an otherwise conventional genre redux becomes so engaging.

Smith is a smart enough filmmaker to know how to traverse the usual pitfalls of an off-color, erotic comedy. Effortlessly dodging the threadbare platitudes that plague the hackneyed "American Pie" run-off, "Zack and Miri" strikes a very real emotional chord. There is little to the story that we don't see coming, but that doesn't matter when the payoff feels so right. Smith's writing, coupled with admirable performances by Rogen and Banks, make it far too easy to fall in love with Zack and Miri. The duo rings true as an accurate personification of Americana. Finding a bit of yourself within them is as easy as falling in love.

It is this credence given to the little guy that makes Smith's fiction so genuine.

His leading roles aren't filled by Hollywood hunks or blonde bimbos, they are real people that look and act like the everyman. His dialogue is snappy, satire dripping from an overbite of candid wit. While other comedic writers and directors reinforce an aggregate of subpar comedy, Smith's poison tongue is a finger on the trigger, aiming a silver bullet into the collective hearts of pop culture. And while a jester in the Hollywood court, Smith knows how to relate on a common level. His exaggerated, often crude, style masks a poignancy to his writing. Get past the language, dick and fart jokes, and you just might find a lens of truth, clarifying the most lustfully taboo landscape of all: reality.



A.J. Hakari

In recent years, Judd Apatow has made a killing churning out crass comedies with a hefty dose of heart. But lest we forget that it wasn't so long ago that cult filmmaker Kevin Smith introduced viewers to such a style. But don't look upon the man's latest picture, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," as some sort of attempt to reclaim this thematic territory. Instead, just think of "Zack and Miri" as Smith merely doing what he does best, having crafted a comedy that's easy to figure

out but even easier to have a lot of good laughs with.

Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks play Zack and Miri, current roomies and lifelong friends who've danced around taking their relationship to the next level. The pair return home after their high school reunion only to find themselves stripped of power and basic utilities. But thanks to the two that's become an Internet hit, Zack comes up with an idea to make some quick cash: create their own porno-graphic film. In just a few days, Zack and Miri gather all the ingredients they need for their project, from a particularly well-endowed star (Jason Mewes) to a script that puts an erotic spin to George Lucas' "Star Wars." But the time eventually comes for Zack and Miri to be intimate with one another, an event that will change the course of their friendship either for better or for worse.

The best part about "Zack and Miri" is that Smith acknowledges the outrageousness of the story, especially when the turn of events forces the titular duo into a rather awkward position. The film's life lessons aren't learned with as much difficulty as those in "Chasing Amy," nor is the ending that hard to surmise. But while

the umpteen "American Pie" sequels are content rehashing old sex comedy clichés, Smith is actually trying to do something sweet and even a little profound with the formula.

However, Smith never loses sight of his other top goal: making you soil yourself in laughter. I dare not recount some of the events that took place, but let's just say even the most cynical of viewers will get a few chuckles shocked out of them.

At this point, Rogen can play a dishveled schlub in his sleep, but luckily, he comes across with an endearing performance, turning Zack into the type of slacker you truly end up rooting for. I still say Banks wasn't the best choice for Miri, though I'll admit that her cheery performance grew on me after a while.

There's been quite a bit of brouhaha stirred up about "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," particularly surrounding its scandalous title. But trust me when I say that this is a film with more soul than the dreadful dreck Hollywood shoves into multiplexes on a regular basis. So what if there are a few taboo words banded about? There's a lot more to be concerned about than "Zack and Miri," a well-meaning romp with the best of intentions and even better jokes.

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"...Smith never loses sight of his other top goal: making you soil yourself in laughter."

Seth Rogen & Elizabeth Banks made a movie so titillating that we can only show you this drawing.

Zack and Miri make a porno

Movie ratings are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores five stars is worth seeing. A film that scores one star is horribly acted or directed, with no substance.



M.I.A. falls short of expectations, despite 'big name'



Erik Wood

I know there has been some criticism over my past couple reviews, mostly for the fact that a large percentage of readers have never heard of the artists I choose to review. In response to the criticism, I've decided to review something for anyone who listens to mainstream radio, the Weekly Top 40 or are avid MTV watchers. If you are any of the above, I feel quite sorry for not only the bones of your inner ear, but any cell in your brain forced to process the pathetic crap coming from these sources. With that said, this week I

have chosen to review an album from 2007 that recently exploded almost overnight. The artist, M.I.A., the album, "Kala."

If you're still asking yourself, "who the hell is M.I.A.?" Quickly flip on 101.3 KDWB and listen for about an hour, I'm sure you'll hear the catchy lyrics or the remnants of the hit song "Paper Planes." Now that you have an idea of whom I'm reviewing, please read on.

Mathangi "Maya" Arulpragasam, better known by her stage name, M.I.A. is what many would call a genre confused British/ Sri Lankan Tamil commonly known for her questionable political lyricism. Not only is M.I.A. a worldwide success with her overly catchy and political-

ly questionable songwriting, but she is also a record producer, author and visual artist. After mild file sharing success of her first album, M.I.A.

entered the studio in 2006 to record her follow-up album which was named after her beloved Mother, Kala. She claims that this album is far less political and more personal than its predecessor, "Arular"—that statement in itself is misleading.

"Arular" is incredibly political as she is seemingly obsessed with the idea of her long lost father. She has many songs that describe her father's role as a player in the Sri Lanka's terrorist-revolutionary Tamil Tigers. According to Rolling Stone Magazine, "Kala" features

M.I.A. as "star access enables a woman who grew up an impoverished refugee to observe the outcomes of similar histories in immigrant and minority communities worldwide. If you don't think that's political, ask your mama-or hers, who's named Kala." "Kala" is an album that portrays M.I.A. as someone who is obsessed with Euro-American culture.

The first couple tracks of "Kala" sound almost like some sort of tribal declaration of ethnicity. I felt almost taken back after knowing the radio worthy hit "Paper Planes." To think that M.I.A. sought out infamous Timbaland to do the production of this album, I expected quite a bit more. "Kala" doesn't

offer much more than "Paper Planes" for the casual listener.

On the other hand, if you're an avid underground electronic follower, you might find some worth in this album. To me, it's a mish mash of overly hokey political lyricisms that, to be totally honest, don't make a bit of damn sense. Don't waste your hard earned college cash, stick

to getting your free single of a KDWB sampler or other means of acquiring the only song worth listening to. The moral of the story is, just because you have a big name, American hip-hop artist for your producer does not mean you will produce a successful American hip-hop album.

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University develops strategic recycling plan

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There are four new outdoor recycling bins on campus strategically placed in an effort to promote the habit of recycling. Despite failed past efforts of recycling bins, UW-River Falls has invested about \$400 for each receptacle.

"It helps that the bins are a different color and they have the triangle on them," Manny Kenney, assistant director of grounds maintenance and recycling coordinator, said. "These bins stay put and are more attractive. They fit the campus' aesthetics."

Recycling bins that are usually used outdoors are actually plastic barrels painted blue. These barrels are used for events such as the Kansas City Chiefs' training camp during the summer, athletic events and the Weeks of Welcome in which they are placed around the mall and at Knowles Center.

"It's amazing how people forget about recycling when they leave their houses," Steve Melstrom, administrator of the Pierce County Recycling Center, said of the unsuccessful recycling barrels that have routinely been contaminated with garbage.

"We tried 10 years ago with outdoor recycling bins but there was just too much garbage," Kenney said.

Since then, the Earth Conscious Organization (ECO) approached Kenney with the need for outdoor recycling bins on campus if the University was to reach its 2012 goal of "going off the grid." With the help of ECO and the Pierce County Recycling Center, UWRF is the first campus to have a full recycling system, which means the campus has the opportunity to recycle everything that is recyclable.

Recycling materials, food

Available on the University's Web site is the 2007 UWRF Recycling Survey that indicates what has been recycled during the year and how much of each material has been recycled. In the 1980s, it was a law to recycle office paper and, thus, it was the only thing recycled.

"Since individuals were required to separate the plastics from aluminums and so forth, participation was low," Kenney said. "Since we are phasing into single-stream [sort], everything that can be recycled can be."

Last year, there was a total of 30.71 tons of co-mingled recycled materials, which included aluminum containers, steel containers, glass containers and plastic containers. Mixed paper recycled came out to 136.37 tons, which included office paper, magazines, newspaper and cardboard, according to the recycling survey.

Other things that were recycled on campus last year were batteries, waste oil, computer components, fluorescent light tubes, pallets, composted yard materials, chipped yard materials and food grease.

Food grease, or fryer oil, from the University Center's Dining Services, is in the experimenting stage and is recycled by the agricultural engineering program. It is turned into biodiesel to power the campus lawn mowers.

"To compost food waste takes a lot of time and effort. We are currently working with a grad student that has a grant for composting options," Jerry Waller, director of dining services, said.

In a worm-based process, the food waste would be used for fertilizer for the UWRF lab farms. The lab farms either use it there or sell it to commercial or private growers.

"We could use it virtually anywhere, including the gardens on campus," Waller said.

According to Waller, there is work to be done with the DNR for regulations of composting food waste from the dining services, but it could be in effect by the end of this semester.

Recycling locations identified

The four new bins were installed where there was the most recyclable materials found in the trash, according to Kenney, and they are in the highest foot traffic area on campus. In addition to the new bins, there are also recycling dumpsters near every residence hall.



Sally King/Student Voice

Newspapers are gathered to be recycled at the Pierce County recycling center. The University is ramping up recycling efforts on campus by placing recycling containers near dorms and in heavy foot traffic areas.

McMillan and Grimm Halls share one dumpster, Crabtree and Parker Halls share one dumpster and there are two dumpsters at Hathorn Hall.

There is one dumpster for the east end residence halls and South Fork Suites have one. Next to all of these recycling dumpsters are two trash dumpsters. Also, every residence hall room has a small blue recycling bin.

"ECO got the recycling bins in the dorms. There were health and safety reasons to have the big bins phased out," Rebecca Alexander, recycling coordinator of ECO, said. "It was too hard to lug the big bins up and down stairs. This will hopefully make it easier on students."

The four new bins are part of a pilot program because of the cost for each receptacle. According to Kenney, there is definitely intent to expand.

"If all goes well this year, there will be more. I think that we will gradually see a change," Alexander said.

Additional information on recycling locations on cam-

pus has been published in ECO's newsletter sent to all students.

The Pierce County Recycling Center, located in Ellsworth, Wis., will also take various items that have the potential to be recycled. The building is open five days a week and gives the option for drop-offs for tires, toxic waste, oil and scrap metal. The center employs only six staff members running the machines that are mostly conveyor belts. The labor is mainly hands-on as the staff sort through recyclable materials.

Bales are made of same-type plastics, cardboard and aluminum and then wait in a warehouse for companies to purchase the materials. Type two, the natural-colored plastics that usually come in milk jug form rate at 38 cents per pound. For the recycling center October is the third consecutive month of dropping prices. As technology changes, there are new ways to reuse materials. But as the economy changes as will supply and demand.

What can be recycled?

For residents of River Falls that live off-campus, recycling is collected by the recycling center. Comingled fibers are recyclable and glass, aluminum, tin and plastic containers type one and two are recyclable. Nearly all plastic containers will have a triangle with a number. The number indicates the type of plastic. Each type of plastic melts at a different temperature and contains different properties. For instance, type one is polyethylene terephthalate (PETE). These are often used as soda bottles and peanut butter jars.

The UWRF campus is independent of Pierce County and recycles through Waste Management of the Twin Cities. Comingled fibers and comingled containers, as previously listed, are recyclable. Anyone on-campus can recycle one through seven. This includes, but is not limited to, milk jugs, pop and water bottles, shampoo bottles, deli containers, yogurt containers and peanut butter jars.

Beside plastic containers, beer bottles, pop cans, wine bottles, coffee tins and aerosol cans are acceptable to recycle. Caps usually are recyclable, but should be removed from bottles. Plastics are melted and then created into new things that vary from plastic lumber to carpet and polyester.

One thing that is not recyclable is the plastic shopping bags, although these bags can be taken to many large stores such as EconoFoods and Wal-Mart. Treasures from the Heart will even take the plastic bags to reuse for customers.

"If you have to have a bag, ask for paper," Melstrom said. "Of course, the best choice is to bring your own bag."

Newspaper and magazines, according to Melstrom, make up 90 percent of the fibers recycled. It is shipped to a company called Bowater Inc., in Ontario, Canada, where it is de-inked and made into different paper products using environmentally safe practices. 70 to 80 tons of paper is shipped out from the recycling facility each month, which is the equivalent to about 10 elephants.

Cardboard and other papers are most commonly recycled in the region to make cereal boxes for General Mills, according to Melstrom. The cardboard is put into a beater and it beats the fiber out of it so it can be reused. However, not all cardboard is recyclable.

"The rule of thumb is that if you pour water on it and it runs off, you can't recycle it," Melstrom said.

This is true for frozen food boxes, orange juice and milk cartons, some beer boxes, detergent boxes and anything with a wax coating.

Recycling practices are important

Since Gov. Jim Doyle's challenge to UWRF to go "off the grid" by 2012, the University has created strategic plans to meet the goal that former Chancellor Don Betz accepted. The University Strategic Planning Goal 2.3.3 for 2007-08 will "pursue aggressively other sustainability opportunities in areas such as recycling."

UWRF student Patrick Garsow of the environmental science and management department did a project last year in which he picked through selected trash dumpsters on campus to find recyclable materials. He successfully proved his point that there was a need for outdoor recycling receptacles.

"We, as a campus and an inclusive community, need to put forth the effort to make sure that sustainable development goals are not only discussed, but implemented. We can achieve this through a campus wide education program which advises students

to recycle by what they can recycle, where to recycle, and how they are benefiting from recycling," Garsow said in his report. "How much are we Throwing Away? Recyclables vs. Trash in UWRF Campus Waste Receptacles."

Recycling is important in regard to the harmful chemicals and greenhouse gases that are released into the air from landfills. Recycling requires less energy than creating products from raw materials and helps to preserve natural resources.

"I think that it is important to recycle because, in my mind, it doesn't make much sense financially or otherwise to let things go to waste when they could easily be reused and made into something new," Michelle Jensen, UWRF junior, said. "With our world in such an ecological crisis it is more important than ever to start making a change and this is such a simple one that can yield a large impact."

The old rumor of recycling centers throwing away materials no longer has any validity. The market for plastics and aluminum changes everyday, according to Melstrom.

"It was a throwaway society. If we were to live like that we would need three planets," Melstrom said. "We believe in diverting stuff from landfills."

Jensen said she recycles plastic bottles, cans, paper and coffee cups, but thinks that there should be more recycling bins in classrooms for paper. As Jensen is an example of an active recycler, 100 percent participation is needed from students, faculty and staff, Kenney said.

"The campus has responded to ECO, mine and fellow students' wishes for more recycling around campus. Now it is just our job to put them to use," Garsow said.

ECO hosts a contest within the residence halls called Recyclemania in effort to have students become more aware of the necessity for their participation in recycling. The contest keeps track of how much each residence hall recycles and awards the hall with the highest volume of material.

"Most of it is routine habits. Recycling is common sense. You can recycle more than you think and it is an easy way to be more sustainable," Alexander said. "Students need to know that it starts with them."



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Recyclable plastic containers sit on a conveyor belt waiting to be sorted at the Pierce County Recycling Center in Ellsworth, Wis.