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President seeks to further current plan

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As election day comes ever closer, supporters of incumbent President Barack Obama are getting ready to cast their ballots; some of them for their first time ever.

“I’m really excited,” said UW-River Falls student Bridgette Deeny.

This will be the first presidential election she’s been able to vote in.

Deeny said she plans on voting for Obama because of his stances on multiple social issues that affect her personally.

“I feel like Obama mostly represents the kind of change I want to see in my community,” said Deeny. “I feel like he’s more open minded about the issues that I care about like birth control and gay marriage. I feel like Romney doesn’t support those issues and that if they’re even brought up at all they’d be put on the back burner.”

Emily Wilcoxson, a member of the UWRF College Democrats, said that President Obama’s stances on social issues were important to her.

“I’m definitely pro-choice and I’m definitely for Obamacare with [women] being able to get contraceptives,” said Wilcoxson.

Energy and the environment is another issues for some voters.

“I’m really into green energy and I love that we’re giving more money to green energy research,” said Wilcoxson, who is working on an environmental studies minor.

Issues concerning the economy and education are also on these students’ minds. Wilcoxson said that she feels Obama is more on the students’ side.

“I know that he’s more for students, education and Pell Grants,” said Wilcoxson. Without Pell Grants, Wilcoxson would not be able to attend school, she said.

Although the average tuition list price at four year institutions has risen by 26 percent since the 2008-2009 academic year, according to the College Board, the net price, what students pay after grants and tax credits are factored into the equation, has risen at a slower level due to increases in federal aid under Obama.

“The Obama administration pushed and got the in-



President Barack Obama

direct student loans changed to direct student loans so that much of the money going to the middle men, being the banks and other lenders, is now available to students,” said Professor Davida Alperin, who teaches a class on American political policies and elections.

Darren Spence, a member of UWRF College Democrats said he was glad that the increases in federal aid have come to pass.

“[Our education] is not something you should profit off of,” said Spence.

Spence is also concerned about the United States’ place in the world, and that Governor Mitt Romney’s vision of the world doesn’t correlate with his own.

“He basically seems like he’s more in favor of pushing America’s agenda on the western world,” said Spence. “I don’t think it’s America’s place in the world anymore to dictate terms to the rest of the world.”

Alperin said that she sees opposing viewpoints held by many students in her classes.

“One thing I like teaching here is because there are quite a few Democrats and quite a few Republicans,” said Alperin. “There are other campuses you can go to which have 90 percent of one or the other.”

Although multiple view-

points are represented in her classes, Alperin said that she feels that many students are still hesitant to discuss politics in depth.

“I think more of that has to do with the fact that there’s so much bitterness in the public discussion,” said Alperin.

Roman Nordland will also be casting his first ballot on Nov. 6, but said that Romney is his candidate of choice.

“Mitt Romney considers issues that I have value on,” said Nordland.

Romney’s stances on abortion, domestic and foreign policy as well as the economy all appeal to Nordland, but he said that outreach to students has been lacking from both major candidates.

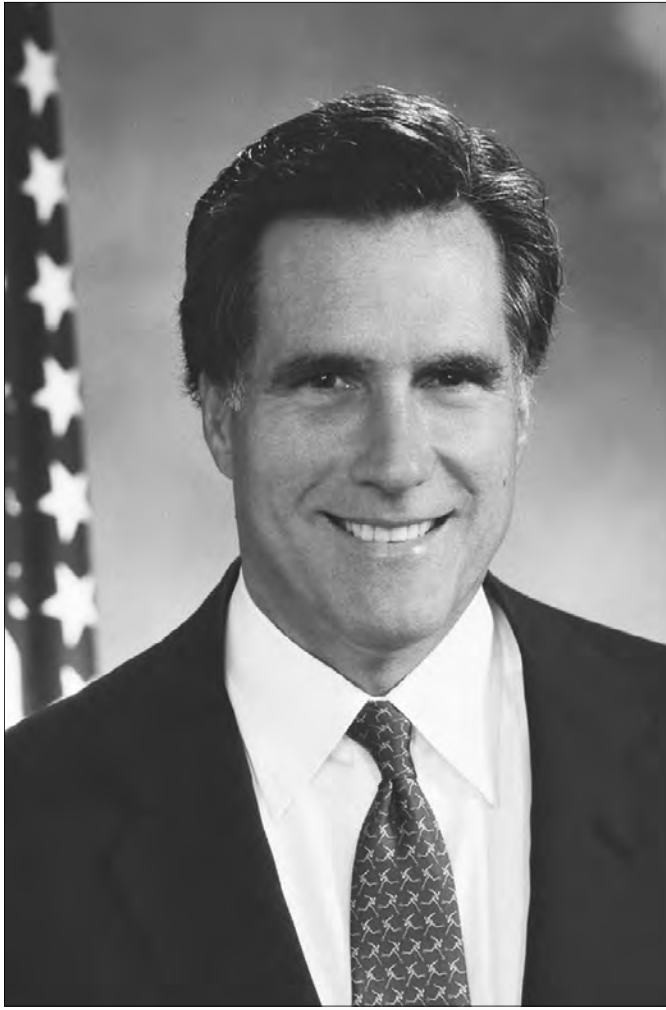
“It’s so important. In order to get the kind of change you want to see in the world you need to use your voice. It’s such an easy thing to do. I hope everyone votes,” said Deeny.

One thing is clear to these students: voting is crucial in this election.

“No matter who you vote for, make sure you vote,” said Spence.

Early voting in Wisconsin has already begun. Voters can go to their local city hall to vote in person before Election Day. Wisconsin also holds same-day registration for those interested in voting on Election Day.

Romney challenges with five-point plan



Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney

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Republican candidate for U.S. President Mitt Romney has been campaigning with a focus on his five-point plan. The goal of the plan is to create a stronger middle class with more jobs and more take-home pay.

Romney served as governor of Massachusetts for one term from 2003 to 2007 and he has been running for president almost nonstop since 2007. He lost the nomination to John McCain for the 2008 presidential election. He has a background as a businessman, spending most of his career in the private sector.

Romney argues that as an accomplished business executive, he has a better understanding of what seems to be the big issue in this election, the economy. According to elections.nytimes.com, Romney is trying to persuade voters that President Obama’s policies have not worked and said he believes that he should be elected to complete the nation’s economic recovery.

UW-River Falls Associate Professor of Political Science Neil Kraus said that when it comes to the issues they are all important, but some certainly stand out more than others.

“The economy is what seems to be most important to

students who are trying to get a job or will be looking for a job very soon. That, and education, really seem to be the key issues in this election.”

Romney’s five-point plan is what Romney argues is necessary to turn the nation’s economy around. His official campaign website, mittromney.com, states that his plan, “will end the middle class squeeze of declining incomes and rising prices, bring back prosperity, and create 12 million jobs during his first term.”

The five points in his plan include: energy independence, the skills to succeed, trade that works for America, cutting the deficit and champion small business.

His plan would increase access to domestic energy resources and eliminate regulations destroying the coal industry. It would also streamline permitting exploration and development and approve the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Under the “trade that works for America” category, Romney states that he will curtail the unfair practices of countries like China, open new markets for American goods and services and build stronger economic ties in Latin America. He is a strong supporter of Reagan economics that would strengthen free enterprise around the world.

In order to cut deficit, Romney states that non-security discretionary spending must be reduced by 5 percent and a cap must be put on federal spending. States would have responsibility for programs that they can implement more effectively under this plan.

In order to champion small business, Romney will pursue a comprehensive tax reform that lowers tax rates for all Americans. He promises to protect workers and businesses from strong-arm labor union tactics.

The aspect of Romney’s plan that is perhaps very important for students in particular, however, is the skills to succeed portion. Romney and President Barack Obama agree that the economy and education are key issues in this election.

Romney’s plan promises to give all families access to a adequately schools and quality teachers. One of his goals is to provide more access to affordable higher education options. He wants to strengthen and simplify the financial aid system and encourage private sector participation instead of pushing it away.

UWRF student Andrea Strauch will not be voting for Romney in the upcoming election. “Romney says that he will create jobs, but all Republicans say that. I really don’t believe that his so called plan will really help the middle class or students, but rather the rich like him,” said Strauch.

On the social issues, Romney states that he supports the right of citizens to bear arms. He will defend the right of individuals to protect their families, homes and property. Romney is pro-life and states that he will end federal funding for abortion advocates like Planned Parenthood. If elected, Romney will also champion a Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

“I believe strongly that he (Romney) has a better vision for this country. I want a job when I get out of college and he is the one that can make that happen,” said UWRF student Luke Affolter.

For more information on Romney’s stance on issues or general background information on the candidate, visit www.mittromney.com.

Presidential candidates range beyond two parties

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While most of the national media has focused on President Barack Obama and former Governor Mitt Romney there are three other candidates who have the chance to

win the election as well.

They are: former Governor of New Mexico, Gary Johnson (Libertarian Party), Dr. Jill Stein (Green Party) and former Congressman from Virginia, Virgil Goode (Constitution Party).

Johnson began his cam-

paign by seeking the Republican Party’s nomination for president. He is now the Libertarian Party’s nominee for president.

Johnson’s views on education focus mainly on the k-12 areas. Johnson supports taking control of the education

system away from the federal government and handing it back to the states. He also has the goal of ending the Dept. of Education.

Johnson believes that ending the Dept. of Education would give schools more room to decide what they

want to do and allow the schools’ decision to be more student driven.

On the economy, Johnson believes that spending and taxes need to be cut drastically. Amongst Johnson’s ideas are to revise Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security

as they, “threaten to bankrupt the nation’s future,” according to garyjohnson2012.com. Johnson also believes that the IRS should be abolished and the Fair Tax should be expanded.

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News briefs

UW-River Falls 2012 RADD Jazz presents the UWRF Jazz Ensemble

The UW-River Falls Jazz Ensemble, directed by Professor of Music David Milne, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The concert will be featuring large jazz ensemble works by Count Basie, Oliver Nelson, Arturo Sandoval, Fred Sturm, Mike Stern and others. Admission is free and open to the public.

The RADD Jazz Series features the UWRF Jazz Ensemble, directed by Milne, as well as national and regional touring jazz artists. The RADD Jazz Series is dedicated to the memory of Professor of Music and Jazz Ensemble Director John Radd at UWRF. The RADD Jazz Series is collaboration between the UWRF Music Department and the UWRF Office of Student Life.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information or accommodations, call 715-425-4444.

Online privacy topic of Working Journalist Seminar Series at UW-River Falls

When we talk on the phone or conduct business on the Internet, there is always someone between us and the person or organization we’re talking to. It could be a phone company, an Internet service provider, a credit card company, a bank or other entity. It knows what we do and has control over our communication online. Can privacy exist in such an environment? What are the dangers to society when big companies have access to our private conversations and business transactions?

These important questions will be addressed by Lee Tien, a senior staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), when he speaks at UW-River Falls as part of the Working Journalist Seminar Series at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 in the Riverview Ballroom at the University Center. The event is free and open to the public.



Provided by University Communications

Lee Tien will be speaking about online privacy at the Working Journalist Seminar Series on Nov. 8.

Tien specializes in free speech law, including how free speech is related to intellectual property law and privacy law. Before joining EFF, a non-profit, member-supported public interest organization dedicated to protecting privacy and free speech on the Internet, Tien was a sole practitioner specializing in Freedom of Information (FOIA) litigation.

Tien received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Stanford University. After working as a news reporter at the Tacoma News Tribune for a year, he attended law school at Boalt Hall, University of California at Berkeley.

The event is cosponsored by the UW-River Falls Department of Journalism and the UW-River Falls American Democracy Project.

For more information, visit www.uwrf.edu/JOUR/Events/Working.cfm, call 715-425-3169 or email patricia.berg@uwrf.edu.

UW-River Falls, area high schools, team up in mathematics partnership project

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction was awarded a \$316,594 two-year grant to provide professional development for middle school & high school math teachers in western Wisconsin, preparing them for the upcoming implementation of the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics.

The main partners in the grant are UW-River Falls and the Rice Lake Area School District. Additional partners include UW-Eau Claire and 12 other school districts in western Wisconsin (Barron, Cameron, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Lake Holcombe, Luck, Osseo-Fairchild, Baldwin-Woodville, Ellsworth, Menomonie, Prairie Farm and River Falls). To date, 36 teachers are involved in the project.

“Each year of the grant we will provide approximately 100 hours of professional

development that focuses on mathematical modeling and the practice standards, which will both be new areas of emphasis in state assessments,” said Erick Hofacker, assistant professor of mathematics at UWRF and co-principal investigator for the grant.

“The common core standards will emphasize focus, coherence and rigor which include looking at mathematics from both a theoretical and an applied perspective. The grant activities include teachers and students using modeling to solve multifaceted, real world math problems in their classrooms aligned to the common core standards. Besides the intensive professional development, each year the higher education faculty (co-PI’s) will meet individually with the participants to discuss the implementation of modeling, to examine classroom artifacts and to observe teachers’ lessons which address the common core standards.”

Kathryn Ernie, professor of mathematics at UWRF and Sherrie Serros, professor of mathematics at UWEC, serve as the other co-primary investigators for the grant. Barbara Bennie, associate professor of statistics at UW-La Crosse, will serve as the external evaluator on the project.

The program is one of four newly funded projects this year by a mathematics and science partnership grant through Wisconsin Department of Instruction. Funding for the grants is part of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title II (Part B), Improving Teacher Quality Grant Program. More information on mathematics and science Partnership grants, including a full list of recipients is available at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2012_84.pdf.

For more information on the Math Transition into the Common Core Era program, contact Hofacker at 715-425-3347 or erick.b.hofacker@uwrf.edu.

Senior Bachelor of Fine Arts degree exhibit set at UW-River Falls

Seniors Michelle Carlson and Andrew Schultz will be presenting their BFA Degree Exhibition from Nov. 13-20 in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building at UW-River Falls. Carlson will be displaying a collection of oil paintings featuring images of her friends and family. Schultz will be presenting a variety of sculptural glass objects based on the theme of inner conflict.

Carlson, of Woodbury, Minn., majors in painting and minors in photography and business. Her portraits are intimate depictions of people posed naturally and emotionally unguarded. She emphasizes eye contact to draw viewers into the mind of the subject.

Schultz, of Janesville, Wis. majors in glass and minors in sculpture. His work is the culmination of many years spent developing glass techniques in order to create forms that express the duality of his consciousness.

A reception is set from 5-7 p.m. on Nov. 14, in Gallery 101 located in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Friday; 2-4 p.m. Sunday; closed Saturday.

For more information, contact the Art Department at 715-425-3266.

Barn Cats play at November River Falls Barn Dance

The Twin Cities old-time string band the Barn Cats will supply music for the River Falls Barn Dance series from 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Academy Gym on West Maple Street.

No experience is required and first-timers are encouraged to attend. An experienced caller leads participants in dance steps. All ages are welcome and partners are optional. Family dances suitable for younger children are emphasized during the first half, with more challenging fun in the second half.

Other dances in the 2012-13 barn dance season are:

- Rush River Ramblers on Jan. 12
- Barn Cats on Feb. 9
- Grit Pickers on March 10
- Poor Benny on April 13

All dances are held on Saturday evenings.

The barn dances are a joint project of River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments are available.

For more information contact Thomas Smith for the Barn Dance committee 715-425-2137.

Paul Ryan visits Hudson



Ashley Goettl/Student Voice

Vice presidential candidate and Wisconsin Congressman Paul Ryan stopped by the Hudson Republican headquarters to help with Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Ryan is Mitt Romney’s running mate for the Nov. 6 election.

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Matthew J. Olson was cited \$1,734 for operating a vehicle off a roadway, open intoxicants in a vehicle, an OWI and reckless driving on Cascade Avenue.

Oct. 17

Lauren Francis Deming was cited \$716 for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at Cascade Avenue.

Editor’s note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Police Department incident reports.

Race tightens in battleground Wis.

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The state of Wisconsin will play a key role in the presidential victory of either President Barack Obama or Governor Mitt Romney.

Political Science Professor Neil Kraus explained that Wisconsin is classified as one of the nine battleground states for this upcoming presidential election.

With 10 electoral votes up for grabs, he said it would be a close call with whichever candidate wins the state.

“Obama has had an advantage all along, but now it’s pretty close,” said Kraus. “Whoever wins, I don’t think it will be by very much. It might be between 2-3 percent.”

The state of Wisconsin has not voted Republican since 1984, but due to the recall victory of Republican candidate, current Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, it could

come down to just a 2-3 percent win.

Due to the recall election for Gov. Walker, a source from the Republican campaign office in Hudson, Wis., said that they feel the Republicans may now have an advantage over the Democratic Party.

“We were able to lay the ground work for the campaign before the Democrats because of the recall,” said the Republican source. “We’ve been making phone calls and advertising at least six months before them.”

However, according to Ben Plunkett from the Pierce County Democrats, this election will be a test to see what kind of impact the recall has had on the state of Wisconsin.

“Many of the bills that Walker tried to pass have been declared unconstitutional. It was this violation of individual liberties that caused the movement to re-

call Walker,” said Plunkett. “Many more people have become involved in politics because of the recalls.”

According to the Federal Election Commission website, the state of Wisconsin has received \$8,935,895 from contributions for the campaign.

The Obama campaign has received \$4,409,612 and the Romney campaign \$3,831,521.

With the amount of citizens contributing to both campaigns the numbers show just how close the election will be based on the support each party is receiving.

One of the ways each party is looking to win the 10 electoral votes that Wisconsin has to offer is reaching out to different demographic age groups.

“Every age group is suffering, due to the economy, and the Republican campaign is doing a great job pointing it

out to every age group and not just one in particular,” said the Republican source. “I think we’ve succeeded in treating everyone the same in the terms of everyone wanting a job, everyone wants the economy to bounce back.”

The Democratic Party also is working to target age groups not just in Wisconsin, but throughout the nation.

“There are specific efforts to bring in new and younger voters by the Democratic Party. Younger voters do not tolerate the homophobia, racism, and misogyny that have become trademarks of Republican policy,” said Plunkett. “Outreach to youth and voter registration has been increased by the Democrats.”

Kraus expressed that, from his perspective, the advertising and campaigning has increased with this election.

“I think there’s pretty much a saturation of the two campaigns for presidential election,” said the Republican source. “It seems like a lot but it’s probably the right amount to show how important this election is.”

Plunkett agreed that the advertising shows how important the election is: “The amount of advertising is a reflection of the importance and impact of these elections.

could either push voters away or draw them in.

“Some of them are not going to vote and some have already made up their minds,” said Kraus about those who choose to tune out the advertising.

Kraus predicts Obama will win Wisconsin.

However, he admits that he has been incorrect with his predictions before and the race to win Wisconsin will be

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In fact we can expect a very high turnout among students and younger voters - advertising has helped to make sure everyone knows about the elections.”

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very close.

“If Romney wins Wisconsin, my sense is that Obama could be in trouble nationally,” said Kraus. “Whether or not the work both campaigns put into this state will pay off, we’ll know next week.”

College political groups active in community



Alicia Carlson/ Student Voice

College Democrats Lauren Evans (left) and Matt Stauner (right) were in the lower level of the University Center to promote and educate students about voting.



Ashley Goettl/ Student Voice

College Republicans (left to right) Alexander Carr, Stephen Middlemiss, Luke Affolter and Wes O'Brien helped collect non-perishable goods for hurricane relief at a Republican event.

UWRF political groups agree on encouraging students to vote

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The College Republicans and the College Democrats are putting forth their best efforts to encourage all students on campus to vote.

Avery Hildebrand of the College Democrats said the College Democrats are “getting out the vote.”

His role is to get people to vote both in the local elections, as well as in the presidential election. Some of the things this group has done to encourage people to vote include stuffing mailers and making phone calls. Even though the College Democrats is strictly campus related, Hildebrand personally goes around to people in the community as well.

In regards to speakers, Hildebrand said that the group has not had any speakers in previous years, but on Tuesday Oct. 30 and Wednesday

Oct. 31, Diane Odeen, the Democrats’ candidate for state assembly, was on campus, hoping to introduce herself to students.

The organization’s main goals are just to make people aware and to get the word out.

“It’s all about awareness,” said Hildebrand.

He also said that it is just as important to make students aware of local elections because those do not always get a lot of press.

The group also did a “Week of Action,” which is a push for early voting.

Members also have debate watch parties. Hildebrand also added that this is the perfect place for people to feel the impact of elections.

Hannah Carlson, the vice chair of the College Republicans, and Hildebrand believe that voting is something everyone needs to do.

The College Republicans

have hosted their share of events as well. The National Rifle Association came to speak about the Second Amendment, and a group known as The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) spoke about First Amendment rights. Carlson says that Pro Life Wisconsin is also coming to speak, although she was unsure of the exact date. Last week, they also had a “Commit to Mitt” event to encourage early voting.

This group has also had guest speakers speak on campus such as Bay Buchanan, the United States Treasurer under President Ronald Reagan, and talk show host Jason Lewis. Carlson also mentioned that she has had the chance to meet Sheila Harsdorf and Rick Santorum. She said that this makes being part of the College Republicans a great way to network.

Other ways the group’s

members are “getting out the vote,” include making phone calls at the Hudson Victory Center, door knocking, hosting debate parties in the Kinnickinnic Theatre in the University Center and promoting the Student Senate in regards to registering students to vote, as well as ROTC, who is providing vans on Election Day to go to polling locations.

“We are hoping that it sparks interest,” said Carlson as to why they are hosting so many events.

However, student Amber Johnson was not aware of any of the events being put on by either group. “This is the first time I’ve heard about it,” said Johnson. She also said that she did not see any advertising. Student Jen Fairbanks felt the same way, although she said that she would have attended if she had heard of anything.

Election: Stances also made by third parties

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Stein is running for president as the Green Party’s nominee.

Stein has run against Romney before in the 2002 Massachusetts gubernatorial race and received 4 percent of the vote.

Stein has radically different views on education than the other candidates.

She believes that education should be free for everyone from kindergarten to college.

“Provide tuition - free education from kindergarten through college, thus eliminating the student debt crisis,” said Stein via her website, jillstein.org.

She also believes that all student debt and loans should be forgiven.

On the economy, Stein supports cutting the budget for the military as well as private health insurance companies. Unlike Johnson, Stein believes that Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security should remain the same.

Stein also plans to eliminate large private banks and replace them with government run banks. She believes these institutions will help the people rather than the banks helping themselves.

Goode served 24 years in the Virginia State Senate and followed that by representing Virginia in the House of Representatives for 12 more years. Goode will be running as the nominee for the Consti-

tution Party.

Much like Johnson, Goode believes that the education system should be in the hands of the states and schools instead of the federal government.

According to his website, goodeforpresident2012.com, Goode believes that both “No Child Left Behind” as well as the Dept. of Education should be abolished.

However, there is not much information on Goode’s stance towards higher education.

Goode also supports changing the tax system of the United States.

“I support and have voted to terminate the current IRS Code at a date determined in the future so it can be replaced with something simpler and fairer,” said Goode via goodeforpresident2012.com.

He also claims he would support the Fair Tax, but only if the Income Tax and Death Tax were abolished.

He also believes that nearly all government programs should be cut down in order to reduce the national debt.

Johnson, Stein and Goode will not appear on every state’s ballot in the country. However, they are all on over 40 of the state’s ballots and could accumulate enough electoral votes to win the presidency.

All three candidates will be on both the Wisconsin and Minnesota ballot.

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Politics don’t stop after Election Day, stay involved

Election Day is finally upon us. However, just because the political ads on TV, the Internet and our political emails stop doesn’t mean that politics stop as well. After the elections are over Democrats and Republicans will still be fighting over what laws and policies should be passed or not passed. Politics will not come to a screeching halt on Nov. 7.

The election will be over, but that doesn’t mean that every person has to stop paying attention to politics. Millions of people across the country, including college students, have increased their political awareness during this election cycle.

However, it is more than likely that come Nov. 7 the majority of these same people won’t pay attention to politics until the next presidential election in 2016.

There is no reason why this should be the case. Keep track of what is happening in the political world. If the candidate you supported gets elected then follow up on them. Make sure that they are doing what they said and, if not, send them a letter. Let them know that you, as a voter, are not happy.

There are plenty of other ways to stay involved as well. If the election has woken you up to the state of politics in the country then join a political group such as the College Democrats or College Republicans.

It may seem obvious, but still very important, but keep up on the current political news. Know what is happening both domestically and internationally.

It may be surprise some people to know that politics happens 24/7 and it’s actually possible to keep up with the major things happening.

Speaking of getting information, there are many ways one can do that. One is by consuming TV and print news. However, as most people know, a fair majority of the news outlets are slightly biased towards either the left or the right.

The challenge here is to at least pay some attention to the news outlets that do not support your views. That way you can be informed on both sides of an issue.

Politics don’t just end when this election season is over. Politics continue on and it is up to you to keep up with what our government is doing. Heck, don’t just keep up with it, get involved. Join organizations and/or contact your representatives and have your voice heard.

Remember, politics will still affect you, so don’t stop caring just because this election cycle is over.

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David Recine/Student Voice

Letter to the editor

Resistance toward free speech on UW-River Falls campus

On Oct. 25, I joined Will Creeley, director of legal and public advocacy for the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) and UW-Madison political science Professor Donald Downs to speak at a free speech forum at UW-River Falls. The event was well attended. Afterwards, audience discussion was so lively, we went well past the two hours scheduled for the forum. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm of members of the University community on a topic so vital to the University’s mission.

I was disturbed, however, to learn of resistance by UWRF faculty to this forum on free speech. I learned that a student who helped organize the event had been interrogated by a professor who was against the event. This professor also “reported” the student’s activities to other professors and asked students in his classes to find out who

funded it.

Fortunately, UWRF faculty efforts to chill this forum on free speech failed. Ironically, on the same day of the FIRE event at UWRF, The New York Times published an editorial by FIRE president Greg Lukianoff titled “Feigning Free Speech on Campus.” I encourage you to read Lukianoff’s editorial and make your judgment about FIRE. See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/25/opinion/feigning-free-speech-on-campus.html>

Lukianoff writes, “Colleges and universities are supposed to be bastions of unbridled inquiry and expression, but they probably do as much to repress free speech as any other institution in young people’s lives.”

UWRF faculty’s hostility to this event confirms Lukianoff’s charges. After all, what could be more hostile to free speech than trying to chill an event on free speech?

If FIRE’s ideas are worthy of pub-

lication in The New York Times, why shouldn’t they be worthy of a hearing by the UWRF community? Shame on UWRF faculty who would try to chill this event. If the faculty wants to challenge the ideas of FIRE and other advocates of free speech, they should come to the events and do so in person, but they shouldn’t try to deprive the campus community of the opportunity to listen, engage in debate and judge for themselves.

The event was videotaped and a DVD copy is being placed at the Chalmer Davee Library. I encourage you to view the event and come to your own conclusions.

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Leo Alberti

Sexism limits women in the political arena

Morgan Stippel

Columnist

Sexism is defined as prejudice, stereotyping, or discrimination, typically against women, on the basis of sex. My professor showed my class a video designed to reflect the role sexism plays in the political arena.

As a political science major I was excited to see what information I could absorb from this video.

However, after only a few minutes, my excitement quickly turned to anger and frustration.

It was beyond offensive to see the derogatory manner in which male figures attacked female politicians in the U.S. government.

The most disturbing part about these verbal assaults is that these men didn’t see anything inappropriate about what they were saying, thus suggesting that these sexist assertions are widely accepted in today’s society.

It is clear by looking at the demographics of members in the U.S. government that our country is dominated by Caucasian males. However, throughout the past decade or so,

there have been many notable women who have emerged as political leaders. In the last election cycle, there were two female candidates who really shook things up.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton was in a tight race with Barack Obama to capture the Democratic nomination for president. In addition, John McCain selected Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate in an attempt to appeal to the female population.

Throughout the primary season, Clinton tried to strike the perfect balance between being a strong, independent woman while still coming across as “ladylike.”

However, despite her best efforts, she received severe backlash.

On his radio talk show, Rush Limbaugh said, “Will Americans want to watch a woman get older before their eyes on a daily basis? And that woman, by the way, is not going to want to look like she’s getting older because it’ll impact poll numbers, it’ll impact perceptions.”

This quote is a perfect example of how women are treated far differently than men in the political realm.

Instead of criticizing Clinton for her positions on specific public policies, as he would have done to a Democratic male candidate who was running, Limbaugh objectified her by focusing solely on her physical appearance.

His words suggested that the only possible way for her to receive enough support to win the bid would be to make herself more physically appealing to the American public.

Palin took on a different approach. She tried to be more “traditional” by presenting herself as a homemaker.

Even though she was trying to fulfill the gender role that society created for women, she was still the target of numerous criticisms.

When speaking about Palin, television personality Donny Deutsch said, “We want to have her over for dinner. I trust her. I want her watching my kids. I want her laying next to me in bed. That’s the way people vote.”

This quote touches on a number of stereo-

types that are typically ascribed to women: we are supposed to cook dinner, be caregivers and serve the sexual needs of men.

In addition to these blatant references, Deutsch asserts that these stereotypes are the reason why people choose to vote for or against a female candidate.

While societally constructed gender roles and stereotypes contribute to this problem, the driving force behind this issue is the struggle for power.

Males are afraid to concede these positions of power to women, even if they are more qualified, because white men have controlled this country since the beginning of time.

Sexism in politics reflects the common belief that women are incapable of successfully filling leadership roles in our government.

As a woman who aspires to run for public office in the future, it is nothing short of insulting that instead of being assessed by my qualifications, I will be judged on the basis of how “hot” I look.

As long as the American people continue to turn a blind eye to this blatant discrimination, women will always be viewed as second-class citizens who only have the ability to be onlookers.

Life to return to normal after campaign season

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

While the election is a crucial event for the entire country, it is also a joyful time for everyone. The annoying political attack ads will be gone, and yards will not be littered with obnoxious signs telling you how you must vote.

Debates will no longer be on television, which can be a good thing, because the amount of times they go off topic is about how often I blink. In a way Election Day is a breath of fresh air, knowing that life will go back to the normal, less fashion in only a few short days.

Elections actually began as far back as ancient Greece and Rome. Some of the first elections throughout the medieval period were to elect the Holy Roman Emperor and the Pope.

Around 920 A.D., Tamil Nadu, India, used a fairly interesting way to run elections and elect members for the village assembly. They used palm leaves, which had the names of the candidates on them. The leaves were put into a mud pot to be counted. They referred to this system as the “Kudavolai” system.

Ancient Arabs also used similar methods to conduct their elections and elect their caliph. What we know as the typical

modern day election did not emerge until the 17th Century. That was when areas of North American and Europe adopted the idea of “representative government.”

When modern day elections first took place, many people were mainly concerned with the issue of suffrage or equal rights. This remained a major issue throughout the history of elections. The most common type of suffrage fought for in many countries concerned minority groups.

In North American and Europe, men were the dominant culture group when it came to any election. Many countries today still recognize men as the dominant group during an election.

With the exception of Switzerland, all western European countries and North American countries recognized universal male suffrage by 1920. However, it was then that they also considered women’s suffrage.

That was the year that women gained more rights, starting with the right to vote in the United States. Suffrage is still an issue in many countries, as people try to make it legal for people to vote, such as convicted felons, foreigners or eco-

nomically disadvantaged individuals. Suffrage only applies to a specific country.

An issue regarding right now, especially for Minnesota residents, is the amendment on gay marriage. The ballot asks whether marriage should be between a man and a woman. To vote “yes” means one is against gay marriage and to vote “no” means one is for gay marriage.

The entirety of Canada recognizes gay marriage as legal, while only a few states in the United States recognize it as legal. Whether you are for or against it, it is still important to do your research to find out the pros and cons of both sides.

The same can be said for both President Barack Obama and former Governor Mitt Romney. Sure, your parents have opinions that have for years been forced down your throat. But that does not mean they are not biased.

Doing research on each of the candidates is essential in finding out which one can best lead our country. Biased opinions, made up facts and attack ads are everywhere, but doing enough research can really say a lot about each candidate’s ideas and plans.

STUDENT VOICES

Who do you plan on voting for in the presidential election and why?

Compiled by Sarah Plank

Brian Huybrecht senior



“I am not voting.”

Jenny Buberl senior



“[I’m] not sure. I haven’t looked into the candidates.”

Emily Forthun senior



“I’m not sure. I agree with some of the women’s rights issues that Obama is pressing.”

Lisa Zeller junior



“[I’m] not sure yet. [There are] still issues that I need answers to.”

Jessica Zielinski senior



“[I’m] not sure yet. I am still looking at a variety of issues to decide on.”

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Women’s hockey picked to win NCHA

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High expectations have been placed on the UW-River Falls women’s hockey team for this season by both themselves and outsiders. The Falcons were picked to win the 11-team Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) in the NCHA coaches’ poll. They also received six of a possible 11 first-place votes.

Last year, the Falcons finished first in both the NCHA regular season and the NCHA playoff tournament, the O’Brien Cup.

The team has also been ranked No. 6 in the nation by United States College Hockey Online. Head coach Joe Cranston said that his team does not get caught up in all of the hype.

“We deal with it every day. We don’t come out and play like we expect to win, we play like underdogs,” said Cranston.

However, he did say that the team has set lofty goals for themselves going into the season.

“Always just work hard, outwork our opponents day in and day out. If we manage to do that, our goals are to win our league and have a chance to play in the NCAA tournament five years in a row.”

Working hard was one of the factors that senior defender Amanda Ryder said would be critical to the team’s success this year.

“We just have to make sure that we’re working hard on and off the ice,” said Ryder. She also mentioned team chemistry as an important issue. “One of things to focus on is just to try to get everybody on the same page,” said Ryder. “I don’t think that will be that big of a

factor, we’ve always had good team chemistry in the past.”

The Falcons will be breaking in new starting goalies this year after Melissa Deardorff started the majority of games in the net last year in her senior season.

Junior Ashley Kuechle started nine games last season making her the most experienced goalie on the roster. The other two goalies on the team are both freshmen.

Cranston said he is not afraid to start freshmen in the net.

“We have in the past. Almost every year we’ve had a freshman in the rotation playing,” said Cranston. “My best two goalies will probably split every weekend.” The past three years UWRF has ended its season the same way: with a loss to Gustavus Adolphus in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Cranston, now in his 14th season as UWRF head coach, said that the team has moved on from the postseason loss.

“We just put it out of sight. Our season ended the past three years the same way,” said Cranston. “Gustavus is a good team, not too many teams beat them. It’s not a reflection on our program that we didn’t beat them.”

The Falcons have made the NCAA tournament and won at least 20 games each of the past four years.

Ryder said that she hopes for more of the same this year.



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice
The UWRF women’s hockey team practicing shots on net before opening weekend vs. Adrian.

“We don’t come out and play like we expect to win, we play like underdogs.”

Red Out

All fans are encouraged by the Marketing Communications Club to wear red to the hockey games in support of the Falcons.

Falcon sports at a glance



George Malliaras

George Malliaras


The defenseman helped the Falcons on both ends of the rink as the Falcons opened its season with two wins last weekend at Hunt Arena. Malliaras had three assists in the team’s 8-1 win over Finlandia. He had assists on the team’s first two goals. He also had assists on the team’s final three goals in a 4-1 win over Marian.



Sarah Koch

Sarah Koch

The senior swimmer led the Falcons with the only individual first place in the Luther College meet. She took first in the 100 IM with a time of 1:10.70. She also took fourth place in the 100 meter butterfly.




Jessop Keene

Jessop Keene

The sophomore runner was the top Falcon finisher at the WIAC Championships held Oct. 27 at UW-Platteville.


He finished with a time of 25:48 and placing 24th overall.



Carlin Bunting

Carlin Bunting

Bunting, a midfielder for the Falcons played well in two games last week. She had assists in both Falcon goals in the team’s 2-0 win at St. Mary’s. She also had one of the team’s nine shots in a game at UW-Whitewater. At UW-Oshkosh she had the lone goal to help the Falcons win the WIAC first round game 1-0.



Nick Zimmerman

Nick Zimmerman

A freshman cornerback for the Falcons, Zimmerman was one of the team’s defensive leaders in a 24-14 win at UW-Stout. He led the Falcons with six solo and eight total tackles. He recorded one sack for a loss of six yards and had another tackle for a loss of one yard. He led the Falcons with three pass break ups and also had the game’s only interception. Zimmerman was also named WIAC Defensive Player of the Week.



Courtney Preiner

Courtney Preiner

The libero helped the Falcons win one of two WIAC road matches last weekend. In a win over UW-Oshkosh she led the Falcons in digs. She had 11 digs at UW-Whitewater and 30 in the match at Oshkosh. She also had two kills, two assists and one ace in the two matches.

Upcoming Events

Football

The Falcons will host UW-La Crosse Saturday, Nov. 3 at Ramer Field with kickoff set for 1 p.m.

Swimming

Both men’s and women’s swimming have home meets this weekend. Friday they host Macalester College set at 6 p.m. and Saturday they host Ripon College and Lawrence University set at 1 p.m.

Men’s hockey


The Falcons are on the road this weekend. Friday night they go to Bethel University and Saturday night at Hamline University. The puck is set to drop at 7 p.m. both nights.

Katie Rydeen

The Falcons top runner over the past two years recently received the WIAC Women’s Cross Country Scholar Athlete award. Rydeen has sustained a 3.98 grade point average and every semester of her college career she has been on the Dean’s List.

In order to be nominated for the scholar-athlete award, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.50 grade point average. In addition, they must be in their last year of competition, or on schedule to graduate this academic year, and have competed for a minimum of two years.

In the WIAC championship meet Rydeen finished in fifth place. This tied for the best place finish in the WIAC meet by a Falcon ever.



Cross country NCAA regional ahead

Both men’s and women’s cross country teams will be traveling to UW-Oshkosh for the NCAA Midwest Regional meet. This is the qualifying meet for the National Championships held in Terre Haute, Ind.

The men’s team is coming off of a seventh place finish at the WIAC Championship.

The women’s team is coming off of a fifth place finish where all 12 women finished with career best times.

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Pierce County voter's guide

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board's guide to student residency for voting

What are the requirements for voting residency in Wisconsin?	Under Wisconsin Statutes, an individual must reside in an election ward for at least 28 consecutive days before the election and have no present intent to move. A person does not lose residency for voting purposes by leaving an established residence for temporary purposes with the intent to return to the residence.
What is the 28 consecutive day requirement?	The 28 consecutive day requirement does not mean that a voter must sleep at or remain at that location for 28 consecutive days before being eligible to vote there. For instance, a voter may move to a location on a weekend 30 days before an election with the intent to make it their voting residence, spend time travelling or at the previous residence on a temporary basis for part or all of the next 28 days and still vote from the new location. In that case the voter has established a physical presence at the new ward with the required intent to claim residency and the voter can vote from this address even if they are gone for temporary purposes. An example is a truck driver who is only home on the weekend continues to accrue days for the 28-day requirement throughout an entire month even though the individual may not be physically present at the home more than two consecutive days.
When do I need to prove my residency?	If you are registering to vote, you may need to provide documentation proving your residency. There are four ways to register to vote: by mail, in your municipal clerk's office, with a Special Registration Deputy or at the polls on Election Day. If you are a first time registrant in the State of Wisconsin the only time you do not need to provide a proof of residence document is if you are registering at your municipal clerk's office, or with a Special Registration Deputy more than 20 days before the election. All other times you need to provide a document proving your residence. If you are currently a registered voter in the State of Wisconsin, but have changed your name or address, you must re-register. For these voters, the only times you need to provide a document proving your residence is when registering in your municipal clerk's office less than 20 days before an election or at the polls on election day. A list of acceptable proof of registration documents can be found at: http://gab.wi.gov/node/2444 .
What should I do if my residency or eligibility is being questioned?	Student status is not a consideration in determining residence for the purpose of establishing voter residency. Also, the proof of residence document is not used to confirm that the 28 day residency requirement is met. The voter's sworn statement on the registration application should be taken at face value unless an inspector or challenger has direct evidence to the contrary. Wisconsin law places the burden on the person who challenges the voter's residency to provide evidence of their challenge. If there is a challenge to your registration or your eligibility to vote, the Chief Election Inspector at your polling place will conduct the challenge process. If you believe your right to vote is being incorrectly challenged you should first talk to the Chief Election Inspector. If you need further assistance, contact your municipal clerk's office and if necessary, the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.).
If I have resided at my campus address for 28 consecutive days, will live at my parents' home or elsewhere during the summer, and intend to return to a campus address, where may I vote?	Once a student has established residency at a campus address, the student may vote using the student's campus address until the student establishes a new voting residence. This is the case even if the student is temporarily away from campus and does not know their campus address for the following school year. If the student has previously registered to vote at a campus address, the student may not register to vote at a home or different address until re-establishing residency for 28 consecutive days prior to the election. Alternatively, a student may register to vote from a home address if the student has not yet registered to vote from a campus address. In that case the student's home address is considered the permanent address for voting purposes and the student is only temporarily away from that address during the school year.

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3. You have lived here for 28 consecutive days before this election with no present intent to move.
4. You are registered to vote or are registering on Election Day.

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