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Student reactions vary to two-term President Obama

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The reaction on the UW-River Falls campus to President Barack Obama maintaining his position of Commander-in-Chief is mixed.

For one student, Obama’s victory over Mitt Romney, was a way out of a potentially worse situation.

“Well I normally vote Republican, but I actually wanted Obama to win in this case merely because four years from now we can vote for a Republican that’s not Romney; he rubbed me the wrong way,” said UWRF student Steven Aiken.

“The principles were pretty on as far as Republicans go, but it just came down to his character, who he was versus some of the other Republican candidates that I thought would be better. I just thought he wasn’t the right Republi-

can for this time.”

The feeling that Obama would win began early in the political game for Associate Political Science Professor Neil Kraus. After following different election polls, he was able to form some indicators of who would win.

“Some of the states’ results I was more surprised about, but not so much the presidential,” said Kraus.

A member of the College Democrats also predicted Obama’s win.

“I would have been really shocked [if he didn’t win]. I think just because of how many things were said by the Republican Party that were just ridiculous, like the 47 percent thing and all the things about rape,” said Emily Wilcoxson, a College Democrat on campus.

She admitted toward the beginning of the counting that, “it was really nerve

racking, but then once more and more states came in it was really exciting.”

Even with this win, a couple of UWRF students have increased their expectations of Obama.

“I guess he got handed kind of a crap show, so I’m glad he’s got another four years to see what he can do with it. I expect a lot of from him, which I think is deserving, and I guess I’m just not about changing horses in the middle of a stream,” said Jerome McNamara.

“I voted for Obama. I think he was the right choice. I think both of them had good ideas, but I just think four years isn’t long enough to make the change that we need for the size and scope of our government and economy-four years wasn’t enough,” said Joshua Gunderson.

These expectations are that he continues pursuing the is-

sues he finds important.

“I think healthcare needs to be tweaked pretty hardcore still. Other than that, I’d like to see some jobs created, that was the one thing that Romney would do if he was elected. I’m going to graduate relatively soon - again. I had a hard time finding a job the first time, so we’ll see what happens I guess,” said McNamara.

Wilcoxson said she thinks that Obama will be looking at women’s rights, birth control, gay rights and energy independence with a green energy focus now that he has renewed his office position.

Kraus made a note that while he did not want to call Obama’s next moves, he thought a few things would stand out in the next four years government wide.

“Well, I think the main

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Republicans look to future

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The results from the elections are in and President Barack Obama has defeated Governor Mitt Romney and has been re-elected to serve another four years.

While this may seem like a huge loss to Republicans, the College Republicans are looking toward the future and are excited about the conditions at the state level.

Many races were extremely close in this election, including the presidential race. While Obama did win with 303 electoral votes compared to Romney’s 206, the popular vote was much closer. Obama received 50 percent of the popular vote and Romney 48 percent, according to the Associated Press.

“For how close the popular vote is, there is an amazing gap in the electoral college,” said UW-River Falls student Daniel Peterson.

Peterson said that he believes neither of the candidates for president were really that good, but that it is really interesting how close the popular vote turned out.

Wisconsin went for Obama, and Democrat Tammy Baldwin won the U.S. Senate race in Wisconsin as well. This may portray this state as a democratic state, however the State Senate and Assembly are both controlled by Republicans and Governor Scott Walker is a Republican as well.

UWRF Associate Professor of Political Science Neil Kraus said that even though people may have voted for Obama, it does not mean that they voted for all the Democrats at the state and local level as well, and that may be the case in Wisconsin.

“People are really looking more and more at the issues. They could have voted

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Day of reflection, Veterans Day, honored throughout week’s events

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Veterans Day is Nov. 11 and throughout the week there will be scheduled events to celebrate the dedication of the veterans throughout the community.

“It’s a time of reflection,” said Nicole Lillis, manager of the veteran’s program. “It’s a time to honor those alive and dead whom have served our country.”

Lillis is a veteran herself, along with other members of her family. She said that she is very proud to have served her country. Lillis said that she enjoys working with Veteran Services because it allows her to assist other veterans with their schooling and other support they may need.

The Veteran Services office is located in 220 South Hall and always welcomes veterans with an open door and encouragement.

Veterans are free to come in and talk with other vets as well as take advantage of the services they offer.

A specialized therapist sign-up for healthcare is available for veterans every week.

“It’s good to know that there is a place on campus for support,” said Maxwell Popp, a veteran of the United States Army and student on campus. “We are non-traditional students so it can be difficult some times.”

For Popp and fellow Army veteran, Heather Schroeder, Veterans Day gives them an opportunity to reflect on their time in the military as well as remember those they served with, and with friends who are currently serving.

“Veterans Day is more of a cele-

bration of what we have done,” said Popp. “It’s not as somber as Memorial Day.”

The vets agreed that although they still make sure to set aside time for remembrance of the fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, they also use it to celebrate their time in the military by sharing their experiences.

Along with Veteran Services, there is also a Veterans Club on campus, which Lillis is the advisor for.

“They do a lot of work for Habitat for Humanity and just try and get veterans involved on campus,” said Lillis. “It’s not just for vets on campus, but also for their families as well.”

At 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, there will be a Veterans Day program in front of North Hall, where Student Senate Vice President and Army veteran Matthew Hobbs will speak.

From 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, there will be Breakfast with the Chancellor for Chancellor Dean Van Galen to speak with student veterans and their families.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in front of the University Center the Veterans Center van will be providing information to the public about veterans



Sarah Plank/Student Voice
Members of the ROTC, pictured above in morning exercise, will participate in Veterans Day events.

and assisting with healthcare set-up for veterans.

There will be an equine program held for vets on 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15.

UWRF veterans will meet with UW-Eau Claire veterans at Trinity Equestrian Center to learn about the equine program they have for vets.

Along with this list of events, Lillis explained that there would also be American Flags placed in the UC Mall as well.

Popp and Schroeder agreed that these planned events help bring attention to veterans and allow them to reach out to campus and the community.

Schroeder stated that it could be difficult as a veteran at UW-River Falls due to the age difference among peers in the classroom and also because of the location on UWRF.

“For me, it’s where we are located in the nation,” said Schroeder.

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Review board designed to re-evaluate security needs

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A UW-River Falls student reported her car being vandalized after parking in the UWRF O-Lot on-campus, according to a police report. Before making the call to the University Police (UP) Department, Kori Lypert had taken her vehicle to two different dealerships to be looked at after it had not been running properly, only to find that approximately five gallons of water had been poured in the gas tank.

Lypert reported this incident, but no action was able to be done on this crime for a few reasons. One being that UP had no evidence proving who had done it.

UP has formed a committee made of students and faulty members to reevaluate safety on the UWRF campus to try to see how safe students feel on campus, and how to create a safer campus experience. This committee will be looking at parking lots and the emergency blue lights located on campus specifically. One of the reasons that Lypert’s vandalism case has no suspects is because the crime was not on videotape.

“If you have your personal vehicles in the parking lot, you don’t want to go out the next day and see that somebody’s broken into it, or somebody’s hit the car and taken off,” said Trende.

The cameras, which the department are considering installing in the parking lots, would have a wide-angle view and would be synchronized to make it easier to go look back at video tapes.

UWRF student Patrick Barnick thinks that while sometimes cameras are seen as a “violation of privacy” in more public areas, they could help prevent crime in parking lots.

“People are more apt to not do anything on camera,” said Barnick.

Even with new videotapes, Trende describes this as “relative” because it is all “individually based.”

Trende said that the committee will also discussing the emergency blue lights and if they should be replaced. Some of the blue lights are around 10-years-old, when their anticipated life expectancy is five to seven years.

A UW-Stevens Point student, Blaxton Bucklew, was chaperoning on the UWRF campus and said that he was also thinking of transferring to UWRF. Bucklew’s experiences on UWRF versus UWSP are different in terms of security, despite the schools being in the same UW System.

“I don’t see the same services around like I do at Stevens Point, but it’s also a smaller community but I feel safer because it is a smaller community. I have seen the local authorities a couple times,” said Bucklew.

With that said, he has seen more cameras on the UWRF campus in residence halls, classroom buildings and in the University Center.

“That is a good thing because when things go down and we can’t figure out who it is, it’s because we don’t have any documentation of who did it,” said Bucklew.

He also said that he noticed more of a police presence on campus at UWSP, along with more emergency stations.

“They pass by in their SUV’s once in a while. I feel safe, there’s no threats that I’ve felt,” said Barnick.

The committee will be discussing what they want to see happen on the UWRF campus in terms of security, but after that they need to put together prices and figure out if the prices will be affordable, said Trende.



Billy Thao/ Student Voice
This broken emergency blue light is one example of a security lapse on campus.

Monday, Nov. 12	Tuesday, Nov. 13	Wednesday, Nov.14	Thursday, Nov.15
Veterans Day program at 11 a.m., front lawn of North Hall.	Breakfast with the Chancellor from 8:30-10 a.m. UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen will meet with veteran students and family members over breakfast.	The Veterans Center van will be in front of the University Center to provide information about veterans to the general public as well as assisting with veteran healthcare set-up.	Veterans will be going to the Trinity Equestrian Center to learn about the Equine program for veterans and meet with UW-Eau Claire veterans.

News briefs

Agriculture business members meet at UW-River Falls, tour regional agriculture businesses

Members of the American Association of State Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources (AASCARR) gathered at UW-River Falls on Oct. 8-10 for their annual meeting. AASCARR membership is comprised of the non-land grant colleges of agriculture which account for 45 percent of the baccalaureate degrees awarded each year in the agriculture, food and renewable resource related majors in the 13 states represented by AASCARR, as well as nearly 20 percent of those degrees nationally. Wisconsin members of AASCARR include UWRF and UW-Platteville.

A component of each annual meeting includes a tour of regional area agribusinesses. While in western Wisconsin the group toured Sailer’s Meats in Elmwood, Eau Galle Cheese in Durand and Danzinger Vineyards in Alma, while ending the day with a tour of the UWRF Mann Valley Farm. The business meetings incorporated a group lunch with Patti Lardie, Manager for Government Sales Case IH North America and other representatives of Case IH, visiting UWRF about the ongoing partnership that provides campus with equipment and technology. Long-time agricultural broadcaster Orion Samuelson was back at UWRF in honor of the Centennial of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) and also joined the group for lunch.

At the election of new officers during the annual meeting, Dale Gallenberg, Dean of CAFES, was chosen as president-elect for 2012-13 and will move on to serve as president in 2013-14. Gallenberg will continue as chair of AASCARR’s Legislative Committee this year as well as the organization’s representative to the Academic Programs Committee on Organization and Policy (ACOP) under the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU).

The meeting concluded with a discussion and vote on a name change for AASCARR. To better align its name with other collaborating organizations, and to maintain its fundamen-



Dale Gallenberg
Taken from Campus Directory

grants program.

mental mission and vision, the group voted to change its name to the Non-land-grant Agricultural and Renewable Resources Universities (NARRU). The primary focus of the group in 2012-13 will be to secure funding for the Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture capacity building



Provided by University Communications

Members of CAFES toured regional agribusinesses as part of annual meeting.

Wyman Series at UW-River Falls presents Mu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming

Mu Daiko Taiko Drumming is the next Wyman Series event set at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, in the Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The event is free and open to the public.

Mu Performing Arts produces international performances born of arts, equality and justice, from the heart of the Asian American experience. Mu Daiko drumming ensemble performs a variety of traditional and contemporary works, ranging from traditional taiko repertoire to original pieces composed by its members. The group strives to stretch the boundaries of the art form, contributing to the innovation of American taiko.

Prior to the performance, a taiko drumming workshop will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in the University Center. To register, visit the Information Desk in the UC. Cost is \$5 per participant.

Visit Mu Performing Arts’ website at <http://www.muperformingarts.org/>

Upcoming Wyman Series events include:

- 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2013, in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center, Carnaval Brasileiro! (Brazilian Carnival)
- 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 2013, in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center, “How Do We Define American?” by Jose Vargas

For more information or accommodations, call 715-425-4444 or visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/StudentLife/ActivitiesAndEvents/WymanSeries.cfm>.

Concerts to present music type diversity

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The UWRF music department is holding several music concerts during the month of November. The date range of the concerts is Nov. 3 to Nov. 29.

The concerts have a variety of genres such as jazz, symphony and choir. The first of the concerts was a jazz ensemble concert held on Nov. 3. The concerts are open to the general community of River Falls and UWRF students.

The price of admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students.

There will be three concerts held at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11. The concerts held at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. will be in the William Abbot Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The 3 p.m. concert is held off-campus. The concert, called St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra Concert “Fall Colors,” will be held at the Boutwells Landing in Oak Park Heights near Stillwater, Minn.

There will also be concerts held between Nov. 13 and Nov. 29 at William Abbot Concert Hall. These concerts include the UWRF Brass Ensemble and Trombone Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13.

The Cory Westgard Senior Recital is at 3 p.m. on Nov. 17 and the Music Student Convocation is at 3 p.m. on Nov. 15. All concerts are free and open to the public.

River Falls Police/UWRF Police Department

Oct. 24

- Rachel Lee McNeill was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.
- Brynn Elizabeth Hanson was cited \$263.50 for underage consumption at Parker Hall.

Oct. 29

- A purse was reported stolen from the University Center.

Oct. 30

- Joshua Michael Schuster was cited \$389.50 for a second offense underage consumption at Parker Hall.

Oct. 31

- Holly Ann Lindboe was cited \$263.50 for operating a vehicle off a roadway at the Blue Stem Pathway.

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

2012 annual Culture Fest



Alicia Carlson/Student Voice

Nkauj la Nraug Oo was one of many groups to perform at this year’s culture fest. The Hmong group consisted of males and females and showcased acrobatic moves as part of their performance.

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UW-River Falls Block and Bridle Club receives Best in Midwest title at annual Midwest Showdown

The UW-River Falls Block and Bridle Club traveled south to UW-Platteville on Friday, Oct. 26, to compete to become the Best in the Midwest for the second year in a row.



Provided by UWRF Block and Bridle Club

John Nelson placed first in swine and was named Best of the Midwest Showman at this years annual Showdown livestock contest.

In 2011, the club hosted the first annual Showdown livestock contest and won the event over North Dakota State University and UWP. This year, UWRF team members competed against NDSU, UWP, the University of Minnesota and Kirkwood Community College.



Provided by UWRF Block and Bridle Club

UWRF Block and Bridle team members from left to right: Jenny Ziemer, Jill Larson, Matt Colle and John Nelson.

Team members from River Falls included John Nelson, placing first in swine, Jill Larson, placing fourth in sheep, Jenny Ziemer, placing third in dairy and Matt Colle, placing second in beef.

Team members competed against five individuals from the contending universities and were placed based on their showing ability in their respective specie. The winner from each specie then competed in a round robin contest, showing each species. UWRF was tied with U of M going into the round robin. Nelson won the round robin overall, being named the Best of the Midwest Showman and was the tie breaker for the team. UWRF Block and Bridle is once again the Best in the Midwest.



Provided by UWRF Block and Bridle Club

UWRF won Best in the Midwest at the annual Showdown.

UW-River Falls hosts information session for prospective MBA students

The College of Business and Economics at UW-River Falls will host an information session for those considering whether a master’s degree in business administration will help them further their career goals.

Learn more about the part-time, evening MBA, talk to MBA Director George Dierberger and meet other prospective MBAs at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15, at the UWRF Hudson Center, 2501 Hanley Road, Hudson.

The UWRF MBA program draws individuals with a variety of professions and backgrounds. It is especially appropriate for:

- Those who want to position themselves to advance professionally, without interrupting their careers
- Career changers seeking new opportunities in business or the nonprofit or government sectors
- Individuals who recognize the advantage of an MBA to be more effective in their careers

All MBA classes are held at the Hudson Center located in Hudson. The UWRF MBA program is one of only three in the Twin Cities area accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

To R.S.V.P., call 715-425-3335 or email mbacbe@uwrf.edu.

Campus renovations extend to Hagestad Hall classroom

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College campuses all around the nation go through renovation and building projects. For the most part, students on the campus know about the project, or at least have some idea of what will be going on.

UW-River Falls is in the planning stages of improving a once large classroom. Brandy’s Active Learning Center is not currently in use on the UWRF campus, however it will be very useful once it is in place again.

Dale Braun, the campus planner, leads a group of professors and professional staff to improve learning and teaching on the entire UWRF campus.

“What kind of keeps me going here in the profession is enhancing student learning outcomes. We toured the University of Minnesota campus and with what we have found from their learning center has given us the ideas that we need to build on and improve for our planning process,” said Braun.

Braun says that an active learning center is the wave of the future for teaching and learning.

“All the documentation shows that using active learn-

ing classrooms is the way to go,” said Braun.

The current location of Brandy’s is located in the basement of Hagestad Hall, where it has not been used in any of the past five academic years. When the University Center was built and Student Life and Dining Services were removed from Hagestad, the 108-seat classroom, named after Daniel Brandenstein, saw no more students. Brandenstein is a UWRF alumnus and NASA astronaut.

The doors have been closed for some time, which keeps the location almost a secret to students. Anna Peissig, a fourth-year UWRF student, had never even heard of Brandy’s when asked about it.

A hidden door down the hall from Textbook Services, foot traffic is almost obsolete from the entire area.

“I thought that it was a vacant hallway. I have explored the campus many times, but never have I known about a classroom or center down there,” said Peissig.

The Brandy’s Active Learning Center is the first official learning center on the UWRF campus.

Michael Stifter, director of Facilities Management, noted

that this is a direction that the campus wants to head to for all departments and buildings.

“We want to make it what we will think is a nice high-tech classroom, and this one more so devoted to the sciences,” said Stifter

Moving forward, the UWRF campus would like to create a newer learning center for each building and possibly each department in the future.

“It will also serve more as a model for one that we can potentially see in Wyman Education Building, South Hall and other buildings going forth, including Agricultural Sciences, etc.,” added Stifter.

The Active Learning Center is one of two current projects on the UWRF campus which are both funded by the UW System, along with the North Hall Auditorium Renovation Project.

Braun leads a campus planning team, pitching ideas to a board of representatives for the system to get funding for special projects.

These two projects have received 20 percent of the \$10 million that are available to all UW System schools each year.

River Falls received a large portion of the \$10 million

last year, which proves to the work that Braun does for the campus.

“We pitch ideas to the board, and with what we give them for a plan. We have gotten a large portion of the pot,” said Braun.

He added that the \$10 million is dispersed based on the quality of a project for each campus.

Many of the UW schools would like to split the money evenly amongst all UW schools.

“With the quality of projects and in-depth proposals that we push through, we have been fortunate to get a large portion of the \$10 million. That is credit to our team making great proposals, and we take pride in that,” said Braun.

He said he feels that the way they divide money based on each project is fair to UWRF because, “we present great ideas, and that UWRF will continue to do so.”

As planning continues on the project, this coming spring is set to start the renovation and construction. Expectations are for Brandy’s to re-open in January 2014. However, Stifter said that if all goes well, it could be ready for use as early as next fall.

Cascade finally open to vehicles



Megan Rodriguez/ Student Voice
Cascade opens to the public for the first time since the construction project began last spring in March.

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After months of construction, Cascade Avenue is finally re-opened.

The redesigned street is now accessible to all once again.

Director of Public Works and River Falls City Engineer Reid Wronski said that the project has finished about a month ahead of schedule.

Wronski said that Cascade Avenue has received a complete makeover.

The water lines, the pavement, storm sewer lines and the sewer lines were all replaced.

The configuration of the road was changed entirely as well.

Wronski said that the main thing that needed to be fixed was the infrastructure. The old road was 77-years-old.

He said that a lot of people were involved who said that the road should not go back to how it was.

In order to get the best results, three separate meetings were held in order to formulate a concept plan.

These meetings were all held on the UW-River Falls campus to ensure that students could be involved in the planning process, too.

There were emails sent out, Facebook notices and notices on the River Falls City’s website to ensure that people would attend the meetings. There were also tables set up on the campus mall where students could share their thoughts.

“We thought it was important to have people in the process,” said Wronski.

Overall, Wronski also said that he believes that the fin-

ished project is a good compromise between students, faculty, pedestrians, etc.

Wronski said one problem came with the lights.

The streetlights that were ordered were not the ones that were put into place, so the streetlights up now are only temporary.

High quality ones will be installed in the future.

The road is now more functional, safer and smaller since it went from 56 to 38 feet.

“It’s hard to put a finger on a downside,” said Wronski.

One possible downside could be the loss of free parking, but Wronski added that there actually is more parking available.

He said that pedestrian safety and aesthetics should not come second to free parking.

The project has been evolving since about 2007 or 2008 and there is more planned. Next year, there is a follow up project in place to work with the Federal Highway Administration and the state to add activated flashers to pedestrian crosswalks. These additions will continue to enhance safety.

Wronski said he greatly appreciates the cooperation and the patience of residents.

He understands that construction is an inconvenience and the University and everyone involved was great.

“Hopefully the vast majority of people think it’s a net benefit to the University.”

Humanities Professor Jennifer Brantley agreed. She believes the redesigned road will benefit River Falls and “anything that will slow people down and make students safer is positive.”

Reflection: Veterans receive service, benefits

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“There isn’t a base near by so it’s hard to connect with people.”

However, Schroeder went on to explain that having the Veteran Services Office and Veterans Club on campus gives her and other veterans

somewhere to turn to for support.

“Veterans come into the office and talk about their day, it doesn’t have to be military related even,” said Schroeder. Not only are Popp and Schroeder veterans themselves, but they also work for the Veterans Service Office and find it satisfying to be able to help

fellow veterans.

“I’m helping them with their benefits, I’m helping them be successful with their lives,” said Schroeder. “They’ve earned it.”

UWRF will have 30 veterans graduating in May and the Veterans Service Office get more veterans coming into the office ever semester.

Race: State, local victories increase Republican morale

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Obama as president and then chose Republicans for state and local races. It really isn’t straight ticket voting and party identification is not as strong.”

Kraus said that he was surprised by the victory of Baldwin as he thought Tommy Thompson was going to win. He believes that many other people may be surprised with the results as well.

UWRF student Amanda Jacobson is not surprised with the results; she is angry about them.

“I’m very unhappy with the results. I don’t even want to talk about it.”

Hannah Carlson, vice chair

of the College Republicans knows that the result of the presidential election are frustrating and sad for the club, just like it is for Jacobson, and perhaps many other students in general. There is hope at the state level, however, and Carlson said that the College Republicans will embrace those victories.

“Obama won, but really he just scraped by and I believe there were a lot of social issues that people were passionate about and that had an impact on the vote,” said Carlson. “Now we are just looking forward to the 2016 elections and doing all that we can to help our senators and representatives at the state level.”

The local victories of Re-

publican Sheila Harsdorf in Senate District 10 and Republican Dean Knudson in Assembly District 30 are something that the College Republicans are very pleased with. Carlson said that they will definitely support them and do what they can to help.

Kraus explained that even though Obama has been re-elected and the U.S. Senate is controlled by the Democrats, the House of Representatives is controlled by the Republicans.

He said that this is something that could be a problem for the president hoping to get approval on policies and that there is room for cooperation but that just might not happen.

UWRF student Patrick

Jones said he believes that things need to change but unless there is some unification he does not think we can make too many positive changes. He said that people are always going to disagree.

“I guess that’s part of living in America though. It’s that right to disagree with someone else because you can.”

Despite the results, Carlson said that she is proud of the College Republicans and everything they did leading up to the election.

“It was a long process filled with phone calls, door knocking and side walk chalking, but we really pulled together and ultimately I’m just very pleased with the effort that was shown.”

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Two-Term: Obama voters look to him for change

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thing for not just the president but the Congress is to deal with tax cuts that are set to expire at the end of the year and the debt sealing

because they both have to be dealt with by the end of the calendar year,” said Kraus. “Beyond that, these questions about the budget deficit are going to be dominating the next year or so and how things go.”

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EDITORIALS

UW-River Falls should adopt smoke-free policy

On average, 443,000 Americans die of smoking related deaths each year, including 49,400 from secondhand smoke, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Aside from the health concerns, inhaling unwanted secondhand smoke is a nuisance to those traversing the sidewalks of UW-River Falls. Walking through unwanted cigarette smoke can put a damper on anyone’s day.

Last spring a survey at UWRF showed that 64.4 percent of students would support a tobacco-free campus.

The discussion to become a smoke-free, or tobacco-free campus has begun anew this year.

Around Nov. 16 the Chancellor’s Task Force on a Campus Tobacco Policy will bring forward a recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

We at the Student Voice are proposing that UWRF become a smoke-free campus and hope the task force’s recommendation follows. We at the Student Voice support a smoke-free campus, but not a tobacco-free campus.

Tobacco, most specifically chew, is widely used on campus and, for the most part, doesn’t disrupt anyone other than the person chewing tobacco.

What sets cigarette smoking apart from other tobacco use is secondhand smoke. No one likes walking through a cloud of smoke on their way to class. Even worse is walking behind a person and have a plume of smoke come wafting into your face.

Despite the fact that we do not believe that tobacco should be banned on campus doesn’t mean that we commend the use of tobacco. Much like smoking, using tobacco also means taking a serious health risk. However, since it does not effect, from a health standpoint, people other than the one using the tobacco we see no reason to endorse it being banned.

A common argument against banning smoking on campus is that it is legal and that it is a person’s right to smoke in public. There is no such right written in state or national laws, and there is certainly no right to harm another person.

As of now there is only one four year campus in the UW System that is tobacco-free, and that is UW-Stout.

Why not take a huge step and make UWRF the second school to go smoke free? Whether you agree or not, now is the time to make your voice heard.

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England pub culture differs in many ways from American bars



Emma Wagner
Columnist

England is known for its pub culture, and in a lot of ways that is good. Going to the pub provides a socially healthy experience. There is a significant difference in how time at the pub is perceived between English people and Americans. There is a significant difference in pub culture between England and America.

In English pub culture, going to the pub is a social event whereas in America a person may go to the pub alone. People going to the pub alone shows that American pub culture is not particularly friendly. For English people, it is part of their culture and it is a positive activity, whereas for Americans it is different.

It has been said that English people are more socially healthy as a result of going to the pub, whereas American people might be more isolated and not as healthy possibly because of a lack of

social interaction.

Going to a pub might have a negative association with Americans. It might not mean going to the pub with friends, but going alone for a drink.

American people also sit at a bar, but they might come to a bar alone, or with, “Billy, no mates” as it is known in England, and might not know the bartender.

American bars themselves reflect the isolation of Americans when they go out for a drink. Examples of isolation are things such as dim lighting, no carpet or furniture and a bar having just alcoholic beverages and soda, but no food. A dive in America often may not have much light, whereas pubs in England are well-lit. A well-lit pub makes the place feel warmer and welcoming.

Also, in England, a person can go to the pub for dinner. If American pubs were brightly-lit and served better food, they could feel friendly and more like someone’s home. Rugs and chairs in pubs can also make them feel like

someone’s home.

Some people in England might routinely go down the pub on a Sunday. It could be thought of as therapeutic. The bartender may be thought of as a counselor in some ways. A person sits at a bar and might know the barman or barmaid so they tell them about what is going on in their life.

England has a social and friendly pub and drinking culture such as going to a well-lit pub with friends and possibly getting to know bartenders.

This can make going to a bar for a drink, a more lively and social experience. Making American bars more like English pubs such as supplying furniture, bright lighting, and food being served can create a social atmosphere. This can help make American pub culture more positive.

Emma is a senior majoring in psychology at UW-River Falls. She attended meetings on her Individualized Education Programs and appreciates the issues regarding students' desires to have a balance of focus on their educational strengths and weaknesses and wanting to be treated like students in general education classrooms.



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~Leah Schweich~

Two-party system prevents accurate representation

Morgan Stippel

Columnist

When I went to the polls, I knew I was going to have a difficult decision to make. I am a Minnesota resident and I knew how I was voting on both of the constitutional amendments, but I had no idea which presidential candidate I would be voting for. Both Barack Obama and Mitt Romney have policies I firmly agree with, but they also support policies I am strongly opposed to.

My dilemma made me wonder: how many other Americans had a similar problem on Election Day? The two-party system that exists in our country today makes it difficult for American citizens to be accurately represented by politicians.

Although there are two main political parties that exist in our country today, the reality is that the vast majority of Americans do not affiliate with a political party. Roughly half of the population classifies themselves as being politically moderate, meaning that they do not completely identify with either group.

Democrats and Republicans are similar in a number of ways, but they also have small differences that make it difficult to fully commit to either side.

The Democratic Party generally supports more government involvement on economic issues and less government involvement on social issues. For example, Democrats fully support social programs such as welfare, Medicare, Medic-

aid, unemployment benefits, etc. because they feel as if the government should help citizens who are in difficult financial positions.

Democrats do not feel as if it is the government’s place to make laws regarding social issues, such as stating that women cannot get abortions or that LGBTQ couples can not get married. In addition, the Democratic Party tends to be in favor of reform as opposed to keeping traditional practices in place.

The Republican Party generally supports less government involvement on economic issues and more government involvement on social issues. Republicans do not feel as if it is the government’s duty to financially support American citizens through social programs. They tend to believe in the idea of “picking oneself up by the bootstraps” and working hard to earn whatever one gets.

In addition, Republicans want the government to step in on social issues in an effort to preserve the values of our nation. They would support laws that protected traditional institutions such as family and marriage. The Republican Party aims to maintain traditional values and practices.

While it helps to know what these two political parties believe and value, it does little to no good if a person does not fit into either of these categories.

If a person supports less government involvement on both economic and social issues, these beliefs would align with those of a Libertarian. On the other hand, if a person supports more government involvement on both social and economic issues, these beliefs would align with the Authoritarian perspective.

The two-party system attempts to simplify something that is extremely complex. There is no possible way for the vast spectrum of political issues and beliefs to be compressed into two clear, succinct categories. With the countless issues that exist in our society today, there is no such thing as black and white. The political beliefs of Americans are extremely diverse and until this fact is addressed, there will be no way for our citizens to be accurately represented by their government.

When the ballot only includes one Democratic candidate, one Republican candidate and third party candidates that have virtually no chance of winning, it makes it impossible for nearly half of the citizens in our country to select a candidate who will represent their interests and beliefs.

The two-party system is an element of American politics that needs to be changed if the government is ever going to truly represent its citizens.

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What is your reaction to the outcome of the election?

Compiled by Alicia Carlson

Max Dalton senior

“I wasn’t surprised by how close it was, but the different outcomes of things did surprise me.”

Michael Wickland junior

“I’m not surprised.”

Calie Short senior

“I think that President Obama will serve our country well for the next four years.”

William Johnson sophomore

“I wasn’t really surprised, but I wasn’t too strong on either candidate.”

Asuka Ushijima junior

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Falcons rebuilding with one starter back

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Coming off of a 20-win season and a NCAA tournament appearance, the UW-River Falls men’s basketball team has similarly high expectations for the upcoming season.

They have these expectations even with a new look team this season, which returns one starter from a year ago.

Last year, the Falcons won the WIAC tournament after finishing in a tie for second in the WIAC regular season.

They capped the WIAC tournament run with a win over eventual Division III national champion UW-Whitewater.

Head coach Jeff Berkhof said that expectations for the team remain constant from year to year.

“Every year we think we can contend for a WIAC championship, regular season or tournament. That is the main goal,” said Berkhof.

Senior forward Ollie White is excited about this year’s team.

“I’m looking forward to this season and am excited with the potential we have on this year’s team,” said the Minnetrista, Minn. native

White is coming off of a WIAC honorable mention season.

He is also the only one of last season’s top four scorers and only returning starter on the team this year.

The other four starters graduated.

Berkhof said that it will take a

team effort to replace that scoring.

“It’s a combination of returning players who need to step forward and get it done, and we also have an influx of transfers and freshmen that need to add their contributions as well,” said Berkhof.

Berkhof said that he does not have a set starting lineup right now. He said that this team has a lot of flexibility to match up with different types of opponents which will result in different starting line-ups from game to game.

“We have depth, inexperienced depth, but we can play quite a few

“We control what we can control and learn from the successes of last year’s seniors.”

guys,” said Berkhof.

“We do have the capability to go big or small. We can play in different ways with different personnel.”

There were a few specific spots that the head coach said he could mix and match players.

When asked what the team can do to fill the shoes of last year’s seniors, White said the team can only concern themselves with what it can do.

“We control what we can control and learn from the successes of last year’s seniors while we try to keep the program moving in the right di-

rection,” said White.

He went on to identify a few keys to success this year: “Unity, focus and understanding is what needs to be done to win games.”

Those keys will be important with so many new players seeing action this season.

It will not be an easy road to an NCAA tournament bid for any WIAC team this year. Berkhof said that the WIAC is one of the top two or three conferences in the country.

“Everybody says it is. A team from our conference has won two out of the last three national titles,” said the head coach.

UW-Stevens Point won the title in 2010 and UWW won it last year.

Those two teams, in addition to UWRF, grabbed NCAA tournament bids last year.

UWW and UWSP are both predicted to finish first and second in the WIAC this season, followed by UW-La Crosse and then UWRF.

The Falcons begin their season with an exhibition game at Concordia-St. Paul Nov. 9. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the Karges Center.



Megan Rodriguez/Student Voice
The Falcons men’s basketball team practices a rebounding drill at Karges.

Falcon athletes of the week

Five named to WIAC volleyball teams

Five Falcon volleyball players were named to the 2012 All-WIAC teams. Erin Green and Mackenzie Suda were both named to the first team. Jean Theis received honorable mention and Courtney Preiner was named to the All-Defensive team. Kayla Slaikeu was named to the All-Sportsmanship team. This was Green’s third year being named to the first team and Preiner’s second on the All-Defensive. Green, Suda and Preiner are all seniors. The Falcons finished 22-12 overall this season with a 5-3 WIAC record which placed them fourth in the conference standings.

Sean Roadhouse - Men’s hockey

Senior captain Sean Roadhouse helped the Falcons win two non-conference games last weekend. Roadhouse scored the game-winning goal in the team’s 2-1 win at Bethel. He scored at 4:29 of the third period. In a 4-2 win at Hamline he scored the game’s first goal at 10:41 of the first period. He also picked up an assist on the team’s fourth goal at 3:39 of the third period.



Sean Roadhouse

Abby Dvorak - Diving

Abby Dvorak had four strong dives on the one-meter board in the team’s two meets last weekend. Dvorak scored 101.7 points in the five-event competition and 153.4 points in the six-event portion. Against Lawrence and Ripon she scored 113.75 points in the five-event and 155.95 in the six-event competitions.



Abby Dvorak

Katie Batters - Women’s hockey

The leading scorer from a year ago, Katie Batters helped the Falcons open the season with two wins over Adrian College at Hunt Arena. Batters scored twice in Friday’s 4-3 win. She scored a power-play goal at 9:36 of the first period to give UWRF a 1-0 lead. She scored what proved to be the game-winning goal at 8:53 of the third period. In the teams 4-2 win she scored a short-handed goal at 5:03 of the second period to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead at the time. Batters was also named NCHA player of the week.



Katie Batters

David Zaske - Swimming

David Zaske had several strong swims for the Falcons in the team’s meets. Zaske had a great swim as part of the Falcon 400 medley relay team in the meet against Macalester. He swam a 1:00.84 breaststroke split which is about a second off of the school record. He won the 200 meter breaststroke with a time of 2:19.82.



David Zaske

Upcoming Events		WIAC football standings 1. UW-Oshkosh 6-0 2. UW-Platteville 4-2 3. UW-Whitewater 4-2 4. UW-La Crosse 3-3 5. UW-Eau Claire 3-3 6. UW-River Falls 2-4 7. UW-Stout 1-5 8. UW-Stevens Point 1-5 There is one week of regular season football left in the WIAC. A win over UW-Eau Claire would put the Falcons in fifth place overall on the season.
Football		
1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at UW-Eau Claire for the final game of the season The Falcons’ overall record is 2-7 and they are 2-4 in WIAC play.	Cross Country 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at UW-Oshkosh for the men’s NCAA Midwest Regional meet. 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at UW-Oshkosh for the women’s NCAA Midwest Regional meet.	
Men’s Hockey	Women’s Hockey	Information from UWRF Sports Information
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov. 9-10, at St. Norbert College The Falcons’ overall record is 4-0 on the early season and they are ranked No. 9 nationally.	4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov 10, at UW-Eau Claire The team is 2-0 early in the season and ranked No. 6 in the nation.	
Swimming and Diving		
The men’s team is coming off wins over Macalester College and over both Ripon College and Lawrence University. The women lost to Macalester but also got the victory over Ripon and Lawrence.		

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‘Focus’ offers students taste of real world

Nicole
Hovatter

Columnist

Students involved with Focus on U are hoping to raise the show’s awareness on campus. The show, which is created and produced by UW-River Falls students, brings about several unique opportunities and experiences for viewers and those who are involved in the organization. Ben Perez, who has been involved with Focus on U for five semesters, chose to get involved to pursue his career aspirations of being a director or writer for a television show. He believes that there was no better way to

pursue his interests than to become involved with Focus on U since he has had a great time being involved with the organization. Perez is looking forward to the season finale of the show, which will occur from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 in the Falcon’s Nest at the University Center. He is also excited about the new equipment the show is implementing. “The new equipment will improve the quality of our show by a long shot,” said Perez. Hallie Raisanen, executive producer of Focus on U, initially chose to become involved in order to fulfill requirements for her digital film and television major, but has found that her involvement has lead to much greater opportunities than just fulfilling a requirement that she needed to graduate. Raisanen’s favorite part of being involved with Focus on U is filming the final

productions for each show. “When mistakes are live, you have to work with things as they come. This is the real deal,” said Raisanen. Perez and Raisanen are presented with challenges since most of the new members are inexperienced, as most of the experienced members graduated last year. However, Raisanen is excited to see what the new group has to offer. “This year we have fresh blood and new ideas,” said Raisanen. Students who choose to get involved with Focus on U have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience behind the scenes and in front of the camera. The students have the opportunity to write for the show, act, operate television equipment and edit video. “While the equipment is a bit low key

and low budget, it is the same thing as the professional television industry, just with different equipment,” said Perez. Perez encourages students to watch the show to become more connected with campus. He explained that the show features a wide variety of campus interests, including organization, athletics and social events which students can learn more about by watching the show. He also thinks that it is important for UWRF students to view the work of their fellow students. “The show deserves to be watched,” said Perez. Raisanen also encourages viewers to like the “Focus on U” Facebook page and provide feedback so that the show can better represent campus. The show airs every day at 9 a.m., 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. on channel 19.

Designer collaborations make fashion affordable



Amanda
White
Columnist

I’ve loved the fashion industry since I was young. I don’t even know where this love came from because my parents shop exclusively at Levi’s, Eddie Bauer and Columbia. Not exactly “fashion forward.” I can’t remember when I became aware of the glamorous world of fashion, but I’ve paid attention to designers for years. The only problem with being a fashion junkie is the price. I don’t know about

you, but I can’t just drop hundreds of dollars on one shirt or bracelet. I could probably save up for a while and purchase something that costs that much, but I would feel guilty about it. As a college student, I could spend that money on any number of things, namely tuition or rent. Therefore I bypass a lot of fashion. I tell myself I can wait for a few years until I’m graduated and fully employed, but in reality, I know I still won’t be able to afford labels like Prada or Dior. However, some designers decide to make their clothes available to everyone and develop one of my favorite things: collaboration with a

mass-market store. Target and H&M have the biggest collaborations, but other stores like Kohl’s are beginning to introduce designer collaborations. One well-known collaboration was Missoni for Target, which was released in the fall of 2011. Missoni is an Italian brand famous for colorful, busy, prints on knitwear. I was so excited for this collaboration, which featured over 400 pieces, including a cruiser bike. The day the Missoni collection went on sale, Target’s website crashed from traffic, and pieces were bought out all across the nation. Missoni for Target was certainly not Target’s first foray into designer collaborations.

Past collaborations include Jason Wu, Jean Paul Gaultier, William Rast and Zac Posen. These collaborations included pieces ranging in prices. A skirt might be \$35, a pair of gloves \$20 and a faux leather jacket \$120. While still steep, these prices are much more wallet-friendly than the “real deal.” Some examples? A Jason Wu tweed dress retails for \$1,495 at Neiman Marcus. I bought my first car for less than that Jason Wu dress. I drove it for two years. A Jean Paul Gaultier silk blouse retails for \$995. That kind of fashion is definitely not going to happen for me. Target isn’t the only store with designer collaborations. H&M has scored some big fashion names, including

Versace, Lanvin and Karl Lagerfeld, who is the legendary creative director of Chanel. Kohl’s has even jumped into the mix with its Holiday Collection.” This collection features pieces from 24 American fashion designers including Oscar de la Renta, Diane von Furstenberg and Marc Jacobs. Expect these pieces to sell out quickly. I know I’ll be lined up at door before the store opens. I think these collaborations are amazing. They bring high fashion to people like me; I read at least three fashion magazines cover to cover every month. I read fashion blogs every day and I follow fashion editors on Twitter, yet I can’t buy everything I see. To be able to say I own a piece that was designed by someone whose work I truly admire is awesome.

The only problem with being a fashion junkie is the price.

Part-time jobs, classes difficult for some students to balance

Tyler
Smith

Columnist

Guess what? I’m going to talk about the elections. Briefly. I hope you all voted. This election, more than anything, was about jobs. I hate jobs. That’s not to say I’m lazy (I am), but I just hate manual labor. See, I told you I would be brief about the elections: already done. There’s a majority of students that I take classes with that have multiple part-time or full-time jobs, along with a full 12 credits of coursework. Frankly, I don’t know how they do it.

They are incredibly determined people. Heck, I find it hard to even manually write this weekly column and submit it on time. Example: I forgot to submit last week’s article by the deadline. For much of last Friday, I traversed the University grounds wondering why I had been censored from the newspaper. I actually believed some nagging complainer had finally whined enough to get me kicked off the paper. I’m pretty sure that some people would have liked the column I had written: it had to do with Halloween and scaring my grandmother so bad her dentures would fall out. The article had also discussed the possibilities of handing out laxative candies to random trick-or-treaters,

but I determined it wouldn’t be right for me to give another job to a sleep-deprived parent (they don’t deserve that kind of punishment). I tried holding down a part-time job while taking a full semester’s worth of credits. I ended up spending a whole year in the hospital. It was fun. The hospital wasn’t all that bad. The best part of being there was receiving sponge baths by nurses. Sponge baths are good; nurses are better. Even the nurses, I suspect, dislike their jobs at times. I know if I was a nurse and I had a patient that enjoyed getting sponge baths, I would despise my job on occasion. This past summer I worked for a telemarketing company which sold overpriced

vacuum cleaners to the richie-rich people. Thankfully, I only worked there three days. The vacuums cost a total of \$2,000. I don’t know about you, but I would never spend \$2,000 on a vacuum cleaner. The hospital wasn’t all that bad. The best part of being there was receiving sponge baths by nurses.

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hated every moment of it. As I’ve said, almost every call was a hang-up. However, there is one call that stands out over all the rest. I made the call from the ‘O’ section of the River Falls phone directory. A gritty voice answered the phone, “Yeah, who is this?” I gave the spiel, “Hi sir, I’m from the “Overpriced-Piece of Crap Vacuum Dealer,” in Hudson, and our company is advertising in your area. We send a representative to your home and give a free shampooing to any carpet in your home.” “I have wood flooring,” said the grumpy man. “Well sir, we would be willing to do a piece of furniture.” “There’s plastic over my furniture.” “Sir, is there anything that we could shampoo for you?

We’d be more than willing to come out and shampoo anything that you had in mind.” What came next, I’m still not completely sure if the man was serious or fed-up with my salesmanship, he said to me, “Well, I’m pretty hairy. Could you come and shampoo my body?” I hung up. This week, I really want to give a shout-out to all those people fed-up with their jobs. I would also like to take this opportunity to apologize if I called you while I worked as a telemarketer this summer. Anyone who can persevere through the agony of a full-time/part-time job is super-man/woman to me. More power to them. I could go for some Fig Newton’s.

Rachel Responds: Conquering the green-eyed monster named jealousy



Rachel
Woodman
Columnist

“She said she daydreams about killing you.” That’s what my high school classmate said to me after Photography II let out. Someone had daydreamed about killing me. Now who would want to end the life of a loud-mouthed, vivacious, red-head? The girlfriend of my good guy friend. Jealousy is a powerful emotion and the topic of this week’s column. Men and women suffer from jealous feelings often because they are afraid to lose someone, or are envious of someone else. Some jealousy is healthy, but mishandling jealousy can cause even the soundest of relationships to fail.

Of course jealousy doesn’t just happen in romantic relationships, but this column focuses on this type. “Some women struggle with the intensely jealous husband. Some men will try to control their wives’ every move,” said Dr. Gail Saltz, a psychiatrist featured on MSNBC article “Jealousy: Is it the same for men and women?” Intense jealousy by either men or women can

Sometimes the jealousy isn’t about a person at all.

store clerk. This can lead to argument and insistence that their partner no longer talk to these people. These friends, co-workers or other people in their partner’s life are often innocent of such claims. The danger is all in the jealous person’s mind. They are desperate to keep their partner from straying. They are afraid of being abandoned. Sometimes this jealousy won’t even be of someone who is the same sex or even a person at all. Fred might be jealous of Sally’s Girl’s Night Out. Fred feels jealous that Sally spends time with her friends over him. Fred might try to keep her from going out, be angry about it or manipulate her view of her friends to get her to not like them anymore. Sometimes the jealousy isn’t about a person at all. Anita might be jealous of Bob’s job because Bob works all the time and she doesn’t get to see him very often. This might cause Anita to be upset and mistreat Bob.

In any situation, jealousy causes upset feelings and often can lead to controlling behaviors that will lead to a bad or ended relationship. So what causes someone to hate the good-for-nothing-two-bit tramp talking to her man? Or that piece-of-crap-evil male friend talking to his girl? Understanding why jealousy occurs is the key to controlling it, according to relationship-advice-for-all.com. In “How to Control Your Jealousy,” the nature of jealousy is frequently fear. A reasonable amount of fear is good. Treating someone well so that they don’t stray is a good thing. Treating someone poorly because you’re angry they may consider leaving is bad. Controlling your jealousy begins first with admitting you have a jealousy problem. Admitting you’re a jealous person isn’t admitting you have a problem. You must recognize that you need to handle yourself differently when you feel these feelings.

Secondly, verify if your fears or suspicions are real. Do this with an honest talk with your partner. Do it before you are upset and speak openly. Hiding your emotions will not help. Going through their things is atrocious. Accept their response if you feel that they may be lying you must consider that you may only think they are and that they are not. Trust them until proven otherwise. If they can’t be trusted then there is a larger problem. Thirdly, think about the situation and identify why you feel that way. Are you upset because your parents’ relationship ended poorly and this is reminiscent of that? Are you upset because she/he seems to be closer than you are with your partner? If you identify the root of the issue you can address it differently. Work to be closer with your partner to be closer. Remember that your relationship is comprised of two separate people and that both of you should

have lives outside of the relationship. Other friends, family, activities or hobbies is healthy and not a sign of a poor relationship. If your partner is compulsively flirtatious and does not respect your feelings then maybe the relationship isn’t for you. Sometimes your jealousy is warranted but she/he is just not right for you. Student Health and Counseling Services offers free counseling sessions for students if you feel you need relationship or other advice. Talking to your partner, your friends and your family is also helpful. Remember that the key to making your relationship work is communication. It is likely not plotting the death of every other member on campus, in the community or the world.

Send your questions, concerns, or quandaries to Rachel on her Facebook page “Rachel Responds” and follow her on Twitter.

Veterans Day not only important for veterans

Cristin Dempsey

Columnist

On Veterans Day we honor those who fought for our country all throughout history. While most people know that Veterans Day is celebrated on Nov. 11, the day World War I ended, there are many unknown facts and symbols surrounding the special day.

Originally called Armistice Day, this day is annually recognized by many people across the country. Many schools hold assemblies or

ceremonies and veterans themselves can enjoy several discounts for putting their life on the line for American freedom.

It is a day which provides the opportunity to appreciate all that our veterans have fought for, which are things many often take for granted.

The poppy is a symbol that represents Veterans Day because it covers battlefields in Europe. These battlefields are where soldiers lost their lives in WWI from countries such as Canada, Germany, France, Great Britain, United States, Italy and Japan.

WWI is one of the bloodiest wars in American history, so the poppies represent thousands upon thousands of

fallen soldiers.

Some people also believe the red color in the flowers represents the bloodshed on the battlefield.

Soldiers that survived the war would come home with several stories about the red poppies emerging on the barren landscape of the battlefield. The poppies were thought to represent the resting place of the fallen soldiers’ souls. They were thought to grow on the battlefields as a way to honor the fallen.

Along with poppies, the stars and stripes of the American flag are commonly thought of as a common symbol for Veterans Day.

A common ritual during

Veterans Day ceremonies is hoisting the American flag. Most assemblies and ceremonies usually last about an hour. It is common to have musical selections ready for the ceremony to commemorate the special event.

The soldiers and veterans are colored with their respective banners and flags, according to their military branch. This helps bring attention to the importance of this day and the importance of the people it honors, as many people think of it as an inspiring event.

Schools often showcase their creativity with poster contests and school wide Veterans Day magazines. The

ceremony is closed when the flag colors are retired.

Another common tradition for veterans and soldiers is the 21 gun salute. This ritual is commonly seen at burial services for soldiers, veterans and U.S. presidents.

A certain number of shots from a cannon or firearm are shot among a line of 21 members of the military. The number of shots is dependent on the importance or rank of the person it honors.

This custom comes from a naval tradition in which a warship would fire its cannons harmlessly out to sea.

The reason for this was to spend all of their ammunition to show that it was disarmed

and that they no longer had hostile intent.

Seven guns was a standard numbers of guns on a vessel, so Britain recognized seven guns as a national salute. The forts ashore would fire three shots to each one shot afloat with seven guns, which is where the 21 guns come from.

Veterans Day is perhaps the most honorable patriotic holiday. It is a good reminder for everyone to remember the sacrifices that soldiers make daily and have made throughout history.

It is good to take some time out of one’s day and think of all the sacrifices soldiers make just so Americans can be free. They are true heroes.

Voting takes place in the University Center



On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, District 2 of River Falls, voted in the Riverview Ballroom of the University Center on campus.

A total of 1,590 ballots were cast at the UC and a total of 5,203 were cast in the city of River Falls.

Voter turnout in Pierce County was down compared to the 2008 presidential election.

In 2008 the turnout was 22,026. This year it was 20,596.

In 2008 Barack Obama won Pierce County with 54 percent of the vote. This year Mitt Romney won the county with 50.4 percent of the vote.

Top left: Sylvia Zalusky clings to her dad’s legs as he votes in the District 2 polling location in the Riverview Ballroom at the University Center.

Top right: Brian Jurchisin votes electronically.

Left: Tyler Hylland takes advantage of same-day registration at the polls.

Bottom left: Maggie Peterson receives her “I Voted” sticker.

Bottom right: Melissa Nelson uses eSIS to show proof of residency while registering to vote.

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