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Partygoers find themselves in a pickle

Police raid reputed party house, more than 40 suspects arrested

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A popular party house, known as "the pickle," usually kept a red light illuminated on the back of the house during parties. However, red lights were not limited to the back of the house early Sept. 30 when police cars with flashing lights broke up the house party at 642 S. Main St.

Parties were common when the house was occupied by renters, but property owner Stephen Schwalbach said the house has been vacant for about a month.

The former residents of the house had many well-known parties which college students attended. Party throwers distributed fliers on Tuesday night to dorm residents advertising the "Last Party at the Pickle Ever."

According to the police report, an anonymous tip about the party was received by River Falls Police Department at 12:03 a.m.; Officer Alta Painter was the first to arrive on the scene.

Officers from the RFPD were assisted by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and UW-River Falls Public Safety officers with issuing more than 45 citations for underage drinking and

trespassing.

"At this point in time the best thing to say is that it is still under investigation," River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said. "There are still reports that aren't done."

Officers and partygoers were not the only people at the scene.

Even Schwalbach wasn't the first to realize that something was happening at his property.

"I just got a call that said there was a house party," Schwalbach said.

About 10 curious neighbors and passersby were witnesses to the crime scene.

Police escorted suspects, one or two at a time, to one of the many awaiting squad cars for transportation to the River Falls Police Station. Although police officers took the situation seriously, suspects were seen waving, talking on cell phones and joking around.

"It's good entertainment," said witness, Ian Young, junior. "I wish they would do it every Thursday, it is something for us to do."

Although no official numbers have been released, witness, Michelle Dodge estimated over 100 people inside.



Law enforcement officials load empty kegs into the trunk of a squad car after emptying their contents onto the street. Officers from several Pierce County law enforcement agencies assisted.

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LEAF ME ALONE



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Freshman Amanda Albert enjoys the changing of seasons as she sits alone at a picnic table outside the Fine Arts Building. Some of the trees on campus are changing colors and dropping leaves. Fall officially began on Sept. 22.

Bids on budget, Knowles addition project underway

Underground water, electric work started this week

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The beginning construction phase on the 14,300 square foot addition to Hunt Arena and Knowles Center began last week and is expected to be completed by June 2005.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada said this project is moving much more quickly than most building projects on campus do.

The reason everything is moving so quickly is because the campus wants construction finished in time for the Kansas City Chiefs' arrival next July, Halada said.

The Chiefs' contract for another summer training camp with UW-River Falls was up last year and the team was considering other sites. The addition of improved facilities helped persuade the team to stay here in River Falls.

"This was a whole different track than we're used to," Halada said. "We've had a health and human performance project in the works for years. A small part of it was an addition to Hunt and Knowles."

UW-RF Senior Facilities Manager Tim Thum said he hopes the contracts for construction will be signed this week, depending on Gov. Jim Doyle's schedule. The governor will sign the contracts, allowing the actual building construction to begin.

"It's a little unusual to get contracts signed this quickly, but there's been extra effort down in Madison to push it," Thum said.

The underground utility work started this week. "There will be a little bit of a disruption for the pedestrian traffic but hopefully that'll be worth it,

the end result," Thum said.

The addition will include two new locker rooms with 50 lockers each, a whirlpool room, a training workroom and office space. The existing training room will be converted into a laundry room, which will connect to the new addition. The existing laundry room, which is too small for the amount of laundry going through it, will be converted into offices, Halada said.

Halada said she sent pictures of the utility construction to the Chiefs.

"I want them to see how quickly we move," Halada said.

The new addition will not only benefit the Chiefs' training camp but UW-RF athletics as well.

John O' Grady, UW-RF head football coach, is thrilled with the plans for a new addition.

"It's outstanding for our football team and hockey teams," he said. "For the first time in our history we're going to have a locker room large enough to handle our numbers."

The new locker rooms will be large enough for team meetings, Halada said. They will also ease the inconvenience of UW-RF teams removing their equipment from the existing locker rooms when a visiting team comes and needs the space.

"All the teams that originate out of Knowles, they're going to benefit significantly by having larger, more adequate facilities," Thum said.

The new addition, as well as Knowles, will be air-conditioned, Halada said.

The \$2.5 million project is being paid for from two funds. A little less than \$2 million is coming from the general support borrowing fund from the

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Faculty salaries likely to stay low

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Another year of tight state budgets coupled with an ever-growing national deficit will leave UW-River Falls professors on the bottom of the state's collegiate faculty salary totem pole yet again.

As the UW-RF administration works on its budget for the 2005-07 biennium, it is reviewing 2003-04 statistics that indicate its professors will again be the lowest-paid among their peers. Peer institutions include all comprehensive universities in the UW System, excluding UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee, which are doctoral universities and are therefore typically on a higher pay scale. Including UW-RF, there are 11 comprehensive universities in the UW System.

According to the UW System Board of Regents Business and

Finance Committee, full professors at UW-RF made an average of \$62,400 in 2003-04, which places them 6.45 percent below professors at peer institutions. Associate professors averaged \$54,200, leaving them .55 percent below their peers. Assistant professors' average wage of \$47,400 places them .2 percent below their peers.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada said the University's low faculty salary rates are nothing new.

"Years ago, money was so tight that we were hiring people as inexpensively as possible," Halada said.

She said it's incredibly hard to catch up.

"If we could apply a 3 percent annual increase for '05-'06 and '06-'07, that would put us with our peers," Halada said.

But UW-RF would also need

especially attractive pay plans or compensation increases because all its peer institutions move ahead as well. There were no pay plans for 2003-04 because of the budget crunch.

Since the trend was established years ago, the low rate of pay at UW-RF has become a well-known fact. The reasons why and possible solutions remain elusive, however.

"It's a very difficult question that I cannot answer," said Brad Mogen, a faculty representative to the UW System Compensation Committee. "Market forces are just one factor."

Mogen said system-wide salary compression affects UW-RF as well. New faculty members are often offered competitive wages to attract them to this campus. Should they accept, they may be hired at salaries that are considerably higher than some current

professors who've been here for years.

"There's a duality of problems involved," said Tom Weiss, chair of the faculty salary committee.

Weiss named the state's budget the main culprit.

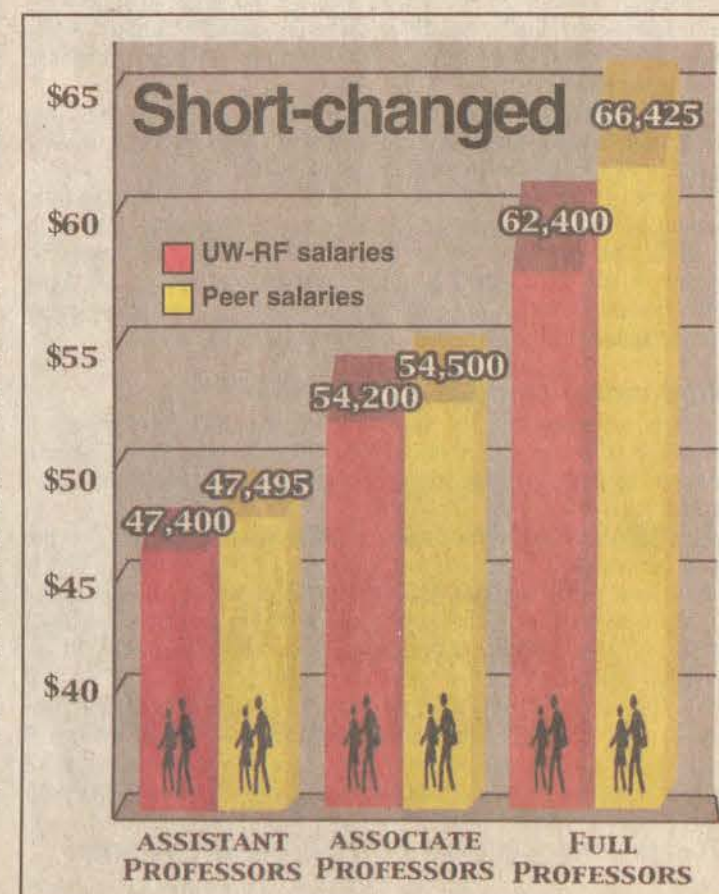
"When the state is in an economic crisis, employees don't get as much in raises as others [outside the state system] do," Weiss said.

Because UW-RF is a public institution, its faculty consists of state employees. Therefore, the state legislature, which determines the annual budget, ultimately decides how much each state employee earns, including professors.

"The lack of autonomy from the state creates part of the problem," Weiss said.

Leslie Bleskachek, an academic staff representative to the UW

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LOCAL

Student Senate elections

Student Senate is a place to lobby to legislators and invite them to campus, and to fight for the rights of students and their opinions to be heard by government officials as well as university administrators. This student-run organization is preparing for its elections on Oct. 5 and 6. For more information stop by the Student Center.

Teaching in Japan

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) promotes internationalization and language diversity at a basic level in education. JET is inviting all interested people to participate by teaching language and culture to Japanese youth. People from all over the world participate in this program. Being in Japan and becoming completely involved in that culture provides a reciprocal learning opportunity for participants. An application for this program opportunity is available at the Embassy of Japan Web site: www.us.emb-japan.go.jp. Applications are accepted through December.

Student teacher professional development day

Education majors who seek assistance with preparing their application materials, to obtain skills in interviewing by simulation with real administrators, as well as workshop experience for newly graduated or hired teachers can go to the Rodli Commons on Friday, Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is hosted by Career Services and no sign-up is required.

Study abroad fair

Students wishing to spend time studying in another country but needing more information can attend a fair being held on Thursday, Oct. 7 in the Student Center. About 450 UW-River Falls students participate a year in international programs, a wide variety of programs are available through the study abroad program. For more information contact the Office of International Programs at 105 Chalmer Davee Library, 425-4891.

Diversity Speaker

Lawyer and former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Gregory Gray, as part of a new voter program at UW-RF to get young voters more involved in elections. On Monday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Gray will be speaking in the Regents Room of the Student Center. The nation as a whole is strongly encouraging young people to exercise their right to vote and information on how to register is available at www.uwrf.edu/newvoter/

REGION

President Bush in Racine

Last Friday, Sept. 25, President Bush visited Racine, Wisconsin. An estimated 3,000 people were present at the campaign stop. This is not the first of its kind event to be held in Racine this election season. Ralph Nader, independent presidential candidate, and Democratic running mate John Edwards both visited the politically undecided city.

Security for the chief executive was provided by the United States Secret Service, the Racine Police department, Racine Fire department, and Racine County Sheriff's department on Friday. The cost for proper security was attempted to be alleviated by officers staying an extra hour or so. At the event only two arrests were made after some participants began fighting.

This city seems to have an inherent trait of picking winners. In the last six elections Racine has voted in favor of the winner, the only exception being Michael Dukakis over George Bush in 1988.

The city comprises almost half of the county's population and has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the state of Wisconsin. Like many other urban areas it has common problems such as crime and the aging of schools. Because of this nation political attention and coverage has been drawn to Racine. For this reason CNN has chosen to feature it in a "Paula Zahn Now" episode that will be filmed in early October.

UW-Eau Claire forms two new colleges

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has shut down its College of Professional Studies. In its place they have decided to divide it into two new colleges, the College of Education and Human Sciences and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, which is how they used to be run before the current chancellor, Donald Mash took over and it was changed.

This change means that no longer will nursing students and education majors be in the same college. The main reason for this change is a structural change that will allow more exposure to the separate colleges. More exposure will promote more for prospective students to be attracted there and also to the community.

Students are not seeing drastic and immediate changes in what is predicted to be a seamless transition, but later will see a better cohesiveness in professors and staff.

When Mash began his tenure The College of Professional Studies was formed and disagreement was voiced even then, up until it was changed back to how it was before.

Patricia Christopherson, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences feels that the transition is going very well and has been effective so far.

NATION

Professor requires students to vote

In Madison, N.J., professor Merrill Skaggs is now requiring her students to vote in the upcoming election. She has taught American literature for about four decades at Drew University in New Jersey.

Her colleagues accused her of promoting a totalitarian environment with this plan and that voting on the basis of coerciveness is inappropriate behavior.

Skaggs responded with the idea that a classroom is different than a form of government and students have the opportunity and ability to leave the class if they chose to.

She was told that it would be illegal to force someone to vote because it violates their right to civil liberties and privacy. Also, international students would not be able to vote, students who wish not to vote because of personal principles would be penalized in the final grades, and finally voting is not able to be monitored because it is a private matter.

Skaggs framed the idea by telling her students that not only are they responsible to study the ideas that form culture but also to have a hand in the American cultural forces as well.

To avoid legal issues Skaggs has implemented an experimental learning clause in her syllabus. She requires anyone over 18 to go to the polls and enter the booth. There they have the choice as to whether or not they will fill out a ballot and cast a vote. Students have responded both negatively and positively to the compulsory voting requirement.

File-sharing campus

When campaigning for president of the Student Senate of University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill last year Matt Calabria promised he would try and bring free music file sharing to the campus and available for the Tar Heelers.

That promise is in the process of being carried through for the spring semester. A plan to bring a few file-sharing domains to the campus will run a trial period and after deciding which one works best the University will choose one and it will be available to music loving students. After a time period a payment method will be enforced, but likely at a lower rate than normal.

This plan however creates a few problems; because of certain limitations, this feature would not be available to students living off campus. Calabria is unsure of how the technical problems will all iron out. Some include bandwidth expansion, and compatibility with accessories such as the iPod.

Many students are looking forward to this campaign promise.

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Four motions were on the agenda for the Senate meeting. Two motions passed without much discussion. The other two, however, raised questions and prompted much discussion. One of these motions failed, one passed. The first motion on the agenda, made by Adam Koski and seconded by Matt Schuelke, was about the Ethics Committee membership. According to the Student Senate Web site, the Ethics Committee is responsible for: meeting when there is a question involving the bylaws, election processes and/or other student government documents; meeting on any major questions posed by any student on a student government issue; making educated decisions about controversies and questions that exist in student government documents and actions. The motion proposed to change the dynamics of the committee by having its members be the Ethics Chair, two other Student Senators and four students at-large.

The committee should be open to hear appeals from students. It is important to have students interested and involved, Koski said.

The motion failed because some senators

felt that the motion was not limited enough for purposes such as voting.

The second motion that raised debate was the motion that was introduced last week and decided on this week. The main concept of this motion, made by Koski and seconded by Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services chair, was meant to change the membership of the Finance Committee to have three, not four senators and the Legislative Issues Committee to four, not three students.

The major discussion about this motion was between Cluppert and Joe Eggers, legislative issues chair. Eggers said he did not really not the help right now because there are enough students at-large helping out.

We should "sit back and see which committee needs this," Eggers said.

Cluppert shared his concern with past legislative issues committees being overwhelmed.

"Even if this committee never fills up to its full potential, at least the potential is there," Cluppert said.

The discussion ended in the senators passing the motion on the table.

The next motion, made by student Troy Talford and seconded by Cluppert, was to

allocate \$500 towards the New Voter's Project's effort for promotion.

"This money is awesome; it can do a lot," Eggers said. "We have done a lot without money, I can't imagine what we could do with it."

This money was passed unanimously and will come from the shared governance account.

The final motion, made by Shared Governance Chair, Jonathan Gavin and seconded by Cluppert concerned the committee appointments for the 2004-05 academic year.

In other Senate news:

•United Council President Stephanie Hilton and Organizing and Communications Director Brian Tanner visited campus this week. United Council is a statewide organization that represents students at the state level and System level. At the beginning of the meeting, Hilton and Tanner addressed the Senate and the audience about upcoming events and happenings System wide.

•Family Day is coming up on Oct. 16. Involvement Coordinator Miriam Huffman needs volunteers to help throughout the day. If anyone is interested, they can contact her at the Leadership Center 425-4911 ext. 138.

Some classes start without enough textbooks

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When students started thinking about going back to school for the fall semester, Virgil Monroe, manager of Textbook Services, had been working all summer to ensure that all 40,000 books to be issued were ready to go.

Despite efforts to monitor enrollment, Monroe realized there would be a shortage on Aug. 27, the Friday before classes started. That day, several class sections were opened to accommodate the sizeable incoming freshman class.

Although 10,000 books had already been ordered during the summer, more were rush ordered to UW-River Falls.

"It's a really busy time; we work all summer," Monroe said.

Most of the textbooks that needed to be ordered were for freshman-level classes such as Geology 101, Speech 101 and Psychology 101, Monroe said.

Although a temporary shortage occurred, Monroe said about 90 percent were taken care of within the first week of class.

The biggest shortage was in Geology 101, where 80 books had to be ordered. About 70 students registered for the class Aug. 27 when it was re-opened. Geology professor Ian

Williams said he had only one student who approached him with a problem getting a textbook. Later that day, Williams was notified that additional textbooks were available.

Sixty-four books were ordered for Psychology 101. Psychology professor Travis Tubre was not even aware of the shortage and had no student complaints because the shortage was so promptly taken care of.

Students who could not get a book were asked to enter their name, phone number and e-mail addresses into a computer system. When the book arrived, students were called.

The temporary shortage did not affect the textbook budget for the 2004-2005 school year. The budget is currently \$600,000, Monroe said. Books for the fall semester cost \$250,000, which



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Some students had difficulty getting their books. Eighty books had to be ordered for Geology 101.

Monroe believes is right on target.

The rental fee for books, which is added into tuition, is currently \$59 per student per semester, which Monroe foresees possibly rising within the next year because of possible changes in general education requirements. Still, Monroe said it is too early

to tell for sure.

Monroe's attention has now turned toward returned books from dropped classes. Fewer students than last year have dropped classes.

As far as shortage in the spring, Monroe does not foresee a major problem because of fewer late registrations.

Students pay for medical services

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Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Student Health Services in 24 East Hathorn Hall provides access to medical services for all registered students on campus.

Student Health Services works with the River Falls Medical Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Health Services to provide basic services.

Two new services have been added to the list this year as well. Students can now receive mononucleosis testing, or monospots and urinalysis, used to test for urinary tract infections.

Director of Student Health Services Alice Reilly-Myklebust wants students to make one thing clear, however.

"Student Health Services is not health insurance; students still need to have health insurance. It covers some basic services at the clinic and at Pierce County Reproductive Health but it's not health insurance."

The new services were added after Student Health Services, along with the Student Health Advisory Committee tracked services students use and saw the need for these particular services.

"Monospots and urinalysis were added by provider and it's a service that students utilize a fair amount; the doctors at the clinic

saw the need for that," Myklebust said.

The newest services, as well as all others still offered at the River Falls Medical Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Health, are paid for with segregated fees as part of students' tuition.

"We watch the budget from year to year and approve each year again, by the Student Health Advisory Committee," Myklebust said. "We try to do it gradually, add a service from time to time."

Students who have full-coverage health insurance are encouraged to use their insurance to help save Student Health Services money. This is why they need to bring health insurance information with them when they have an appointment. This way, Student Health Services can add new services for students who may need them.

If students need health insurance coverage, the UW System offers a student health insurance policy they can pick up.

The health services are offered to students are definitely a good thing for students to know about and take advantage of if needed, especially if they are too far from home to visit their regular doctors, student Sara E. Long said.

Students can call Student Health Services and talk to Myklebust about symptoms and if they need to be seen by a physician, go to either River Falls Medical Clinic or Pierce

County Reproductive Health.

"If you think you might need to be seen, you call ahead for an appointment (at both River Falls Medical Clinic, as well as Pierce County Reproductive Health) to help decrease waiting time, and that's for everybody in this community, not just students," Myklebust said. "Tell them you are a student, bring your student ID card, bring your health insurance information with you."

Keep in mind only certain services are covered under Student Health Services. A student can find out what is or is not covered by calling Student Health Services or when they make their appointment to be seen.

The River Falls Medical Clinic, located at 1687 East Division Street, is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. If students need care after hours or on Sundays, they should contact the River Falls Medical Clinic Emergency Room.

Pierce County Reproductive Health Services is located at 210 North Lewis Street in the Ingram Center. Students should call 425-8003 for hours to schedule appointments.

"Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week there is somewhere a student can call to find out if they need to come in," Myklebust said.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Sept. 23

William S. Ellis and Tracey Kapitz collided in an auto accident on Main St. at Moundview Ave. Ellis rear-ended Kapitz. Both vehicles sustained damages.

Manny Kenney collided with Dain Zimmer in an auto-bicycle accident on Cascade Ave. at Third St. Zimmer was ejected from his bicycle and sustained injuries. Kenney was not injured. Zimmer was fined \$64.80 for sudden bicycle movement into traffic.

Michael J. Kramschuster was fined \$77.20 for possession of an open container at 100 Maple.

Sept. 24

Thomas J. Yungbauer, David J. O'Malley and Katie A. Lindquist were each fined \$164 for underage consumption at 1078 North Main St. #2.

Angela Hanson reported a hit and run accident that damaged her legally-parked vehicle at 113 North Main St.

Daniel W. Vinzant was fined \$243 for

underage consumption at Crabtree Hall and \$367 for possession of marijuana at 850 Cascade Ave.

Sept. 25

Eric S. McIlquham was fined \$274 for disorderly conduct at 332 McMillan Hall.

Alex J. Ellerton, Brian D. Jorgenson and Samyel A. Miller were each fined \$243 for underage consumption outside the Davee Library.

Anthony M. Fox was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 432 Crabtree Hall.

Sept. 26

Barton E. Pforr was cited for operating while suspended.

Sept. 27

Jennifer Bajdan collided with a road sign on Highway 35 at Whitetail Boulevard after her steering wheel malfunctioned. Bajdan sustained no injuries. Her vehicle sustained damages and was towed from the accident scene.

Jesse R. Goebel was cited for speeding.

Nylander addresses goals, fund raids, tuition

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Front Page Editor

Tuition has increased almost \$1,000 over the last two years. What can you do as interim chancellor to help with this?

"Tuition isn't determined on a campus level. It is determined by the board of regents as well as the government and the legislature has a role in determining tuition levels."

Are tuition levels dictated by how much money the UW System gets from the state?

"It is a bit more complicated than that. The tuition that you all pay goes directly to a state account. It does not stay on this campus. The money the university gets comes from the state. The two aren't necessarily connected. There is a relationship between the two, but some people believe that if we raise tuition the university will get more money. This last year tuition has increased; the university has not received more money. Actually, we have had a huge budget cut."

"Even though there might be some aid available, we're finding that a larger proportion of a family's income is spent on tuition and that makes it much much harder for those students to come to college. That really concerns all of us and I am especially concerned about that because I do not think that college should be just for those who are financially well off. I think that is wrong."

UW System budget to cover a shortfall in its budget projections. What are your thoughts and concerns?

"Well, when the state has a major deficit probably everyone has to participate in helping to solve the state problem. But I felt that the university system has to participate a lot more than a lot of other state agencies. In fact, the UW System lost 600 positions; that means through retirement, that position was not replaced, or a person left, that position was not replaced, so as a system we gave up 600 positions. Corrections gained 600 positions in this last budget. To me the priority was not being put in the proper place. To me, that disparity, I was very upset by that."

"When we educate students they end up getting good jobs, usually higher paying jobs, which means they pay more in taxes, so to cut higher education we're hurting the state economy in the long run. It doesn't make any sense to me at all."

"It is just good economic sense that if you want a healthy economy and healthy state you need a well-educated work force. To cut higher education is extremely nearsighted."

River Falls has a large amount of students from this region, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Is there anything we are doing as a university to draw stu-



Photo by Rachel Gaynor

Virgil Nylander answers questions dealing with everything from tuition to the search for the new chancellor.

dents from outside the region?

"While in-state tuition is affordable, out-state tuition in Wisconsin is a bit higher than in other states. And in general we are starting to find that out-of-state tuition is starting to drive out-of-state students away from Wisconsin."

River Falls has never been an institution which has had huge draw of out of state students. Madison, on the other hand, has been one where it draws from all over the country because of the reputation of that flagship campus. They're starting to notice an impact themselves. People just aren't able to afford out-of-state tuition."

What are your goals for the university during this transition year?

"Well, the campus is very healthy. The last figures I saw were 5,996 total enrollments which I think is an all-time record. That is good that we're able to educate more students. The problem is that we have reduced staff positions and that is a problem for our full-time faculty. Most of the workload falls on the full-time faculty and makes it difficult. So we are in good shape. One of my goals is to make sure when the new chancellor comes in, we're in as good a shape as we currently are, if not better."

"I also want to make sure that a number of these building projects keep moving along."

"In my opening address to the faculty and staff I mentioned that we can't sit still for this year we are in transition."

There are a number of questions that as a campus we have to address. How big do we want to become? For years we've told the outside world we wanted to be a campus of about 6,000 students. That was before we started to see Minnesota pouring into Wisconsin. That has put additional pressure on this campus to provide educational services to everyone. We need to talk as a campus, at all levels, about how large we want to become. A new chancellor coming would like to know that information."

The search and screen committee is in the process of looking for a permanent chancellor. What qualities are going to be important for the next chancellor at this university?

"I think everybody wants somebody that can walk on water. {Laugh} but one has to be realistic. The role of chancellor has really changed a lot in the last 20 years or so. In the past, campuses would look for someone who was more of an academic and that probably isn't as critical now as it was in the past. The role of chancellor has changed. Now the chancellor must work with the legislature, and has to raise funds. They are an individual who interacts more with the outside community. That will continue to be very important."

"On this campus, you need a chancellor who is very open, very approachable. Someone who is fair, will listen to all sides before making decisions and someone who is interested in the campus as a whole and not someone who is going to be promoting themselves."

Dorms increase security in wake of WCCO report

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Photo Editor

In a city that is quickly developing into a suburb of the eastern Twin Cities, security and safety are growing issues. Students living in UW-River Falls residence halls this year have become the first students to use a new card access system aimed at improving campus security.

The installation of the new card system comes after the airing of a WCCO I-Team report that featured an undercover reporter gaining access to UW-RF residence halls by following residents through the doors.

"We felt this was a very important thing to get done," director of Residence Life Lawrence Testa said.

The original plan, decided on by Residential Living three years ago, called for all residence halls

to be installed with the system in correlation with the opening of the South Fork Suites.

However, Testa said the airing of the I-Team report last winter sped up the process.

The card system lets residents access the building from any outside door, so halls can keep doors locked 24 hours a day.

The system also has a safety alarm built in that sounds if the door gets propped open for more than 15 seconds.

"I see it as one of the biggest pluses," Testa said.

However, the system still has a few bugs.

"The manufacturer had a software bug that didn't allow us to make changes," said Jason Winget, student services information technology manager.

Winget said the bug, which was able to make an entire building's system go offline, was identified Sept. 16.

"For the buildings that have not had issues it has served its general purpose to keep people out," Winget said. "The important thing to recognize is that the card system will not solve the problem WCCO presented."

The tailgating problem WCCO presented occurs when a non-resident follows a resident into the building, bypassing the security.

"If the students do not monitor themselves then we might as well not have the cards there," Testa said. "You should never let anybody in you don't know."

Testa said the security system is only going to be more secure if students pay attention to who is following them in.

"The security can only be there if students don't let other students tailgate," Testa said.

The card system is fully operational now, but it is still too soon to see many results. However,

Public Safety director Priscilla Stevens said no news is good news.

"I think that, in general, yes, security has been enhanced," Stevens said. "There is a heightened awareness of security issues."

Stevens, who has been an advocate for card access, said the world is changing.

Stevens said UW-RF is considered part of the east Metro area and because of that there are increased security matters.

"You can't deny those things," Stevens said. "I think that the access control was a responsible step to provide a safe environment to students."

The system, which takes the place of traditional keys, allows doors to be locked 24 hours a day while still providing access to students and faculty with their campus ID during the day.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Sophomores Jeff Parker and Lindsay Day use the new card-based security system at May Hall. The new security measures allow for 24 hour lockdown in the dorms.

Program aims to help first-year students party safely

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First-year students have many new challenges to deal with when they go to a college or a university. There are issues with their majors, goals or simply how to spend their time on the weekends.

UW-River Falls' new program, First Year Students Transition series (FYRST), could help guide first-year students into university life and also lay the groundwork for their lives after UW-RF.

With the freedom of being away from home, first-year students can fall into some pitfalls like drugs and alcohol.

According to UW-RF Public Safety statistics, there were 165 arrests in residence halls on liquor law violations in 2002. Another 170 arrests on liquor law violations were made elsewhere on campus.

UW-RF, taking an idea from UW-Eau

Claire, according to marketing director of alcohol awareness for Student Health Laura Stone, put on its second annual "house party" on Sept. 20 to show first-year students the house party experience and help them make smart choices when it comes to drugs and alcohol.

"They can see they can make better choices," May Hall resident assistant Lindsay Day said.

RAs from all the residence halls either participated directly in the house party by acting out different scenarios or led first-year residents through the house party that went through both the basements of Parker and Crabtree Halls.

As the tour progressed, one encountered different scenarios relating to the house party experience.

There was a party room with RAs posing as partygoers and drinking "beer," actually root beer. There was another

room set up to show a "he said/she said" video documenting the differing accounts of a date rape.

After this, May Hall manager Troy Talford and Prucha Hall manager Diane Zassenhaus held a brief talk.

"Be accountable for each other," Talford said.

"Our main goal is to party safely," Stone said.

While real house parties can be seen as a detour on the way to success, UW-RF's FYRST program is helping first-year students by giving them a guide to move from college to the working world.

On Sept. 27, FYRST had Fox 9 field reporter Leslie Jones talk to first-year students as a part of the program "Ultimate Road Trip: Campus 2 Career."

Jones told the audience that recruiters are looking for well-rounded students. She stressed that first-year students start

their college careers with good GPAs and advised students to ask their professors for help if they are struggling.

"They're not going to flunk everybody," Jones said. "Professors want to teach you."

Jones emphasized in her hour-long talk all of the prospects for students after college if they take advantage of the services available to them now.

"College is a once in a lifetime opportunity to literally change your world," Jones said.

On Oct. 4, the FYRST series will have a program called "What's Your True Color" about leadership assessment in the basement of residence halls. On Oct. 11, FISH! Philosophy, an organization that promotes team building, will be at Brandy's at 7 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

Students need well-paid faculty

While the cost of education in Wisconsin is rising, the quality of education appears to be falling. Students are paying more in tuition dollars for less than the best college experience.

In the 2003-05 biennial budget, students in the UW System essentially paid \$150 million more for the \$100 million less in the services they received, according to statistics from United Council.

These services include the number of faculty at each campus and the ability to recruit top-notch faculty for future generations. Wisconsin State Legislature passed a budget that included a system-wide \$250 million base budget cut, \$150 million tuition increase, \$26.5 million raid on UW System auxiliaries and eliminated 650 faculty/staff positions.

Faculty at UW-River Falls are among the lowest paid compared to professors at peer institutions. UW-RF's faculty, as a whole, does at least as much work as faculty at other campuses and get paid less for it.

Considering many professors also balance adviser duties for extra-curricular groups and student organizations, that's spreading an already overworked lot thin.

Department shortfalls and the fact that UW-RF cannot afford to hire more faculty to cover open positions places a heavy burden on the existing faculty's shoulders.

In the end, this hurts students' educational experience as much as it hurts the faculty members' checking accounts.

It affects the number of classes offered, when they are offered or whether the classes are just cut completely because there just isn't anyone to teach them. It is rare to find a student who actually graduated in four years. It is more common to find students that took four and a half years or even five years to complete.

This number could potentially rise even higher if faculty are continually cut and positions are not refilled.

The goals of the legislature for 2005-07 need to be clear and fit students' needs. The state needs to fund 100 percent of financial aid with state GPR dollars (not tuition dollars), cap tuition increases, restore auxiliary funds and replace some faculty we have lost.

Students need to spend less time worrying about piddly issues and start dealing with issues that need support. Students need to lobby for what they believe in - and that should be a better quality education.

Knowles project won't help common UW-RF students

UW-River Falls administrators, state and local officials and certain millionaires in the Kansas City area are celebrating the beginning of the Knowles/Hunt addition project. Meanwhile students at UW-RF await acceptable bids for a new student union and dairy learning center.

Even though many Falcon athletic programs will get a much-needed facility upgrade, the real benefactors of the addition are professional football players - the Kansas City Chiefs. Administrators offered an upgrade to the Knowles/Hunt complex to lure them back.

In less time than it took to get any other current project to jump through the state and UW System hoops, this one has gone from conception to construction. It seems like the government chose to magically push this item through while other building projects benefiting more students were put on the back burner.

Of course, the Chiefs' presence does its share of positive things for the University, city and state. They pump money into the city economy, and state budget. They put this small college town on the map every August. Ramer Field would probably be in sad shape if they quit preparing it for camp. They also bring exciting internship opportunities to students here.

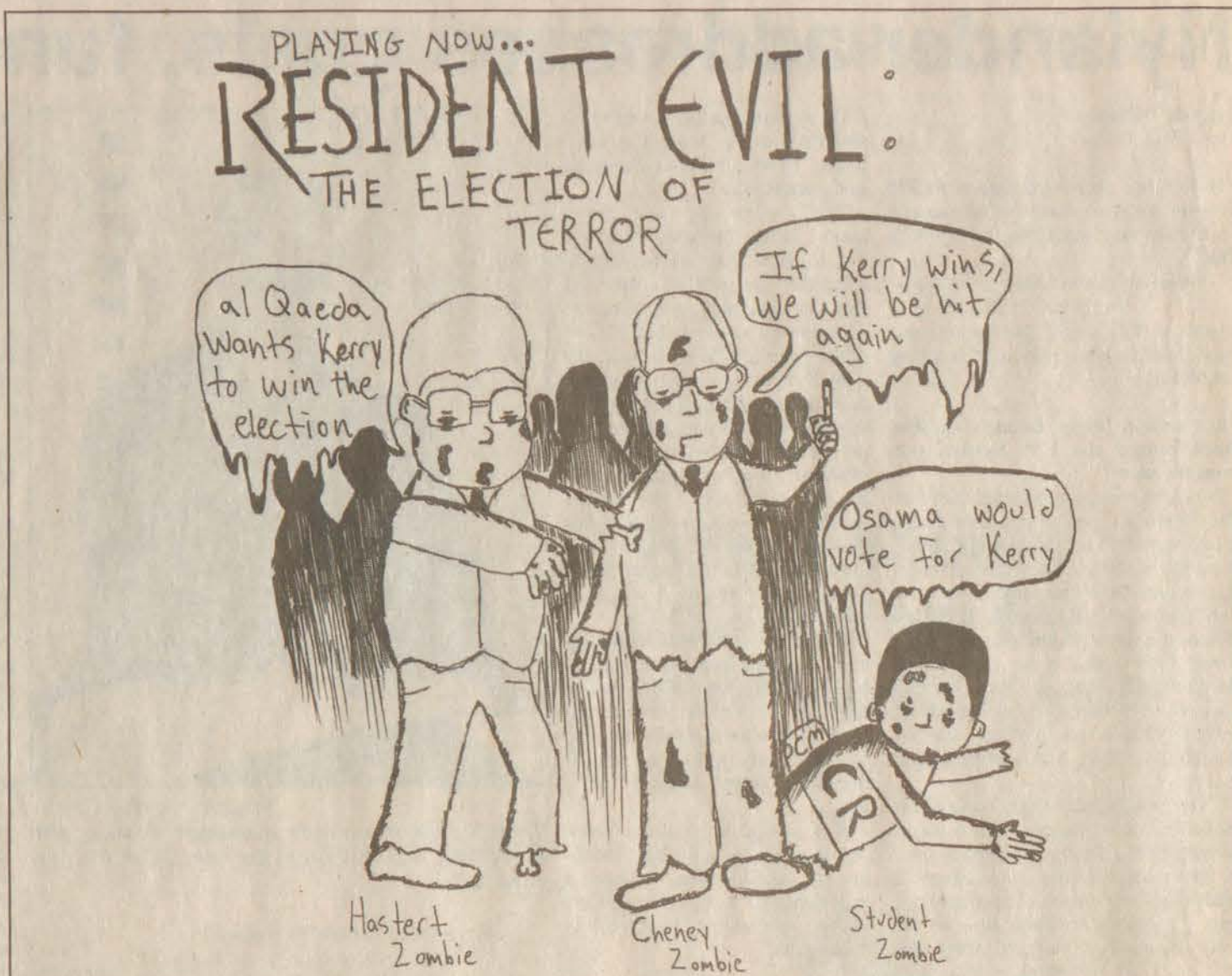
Other than a handful of athletes, most students would rather see the student union or dairy learning center pushed through that quickly.

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VIEWPOINTS



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Radio host compromised station's standards

WRFW would like to correct a few misconceptions printed in the Student Voice last week. First of all, it is important to clarify that WRFW management did not change its policy. The 5 p.m. hour was originally intended to be public affairs and news information shows.

The past few years our original policy had gone off track. Prior to this year's programming, we conducted a meeting with the hosts of our public affairs shows. We said during the 5 p.m. hour we wanted to produce shows that would function as a resource for our listeners. All show hosts agreed and signed a contract, stating they understood what was expected of them. Duesenberg did not conduct the kind of show that he had agreed to.

Out of 91 hours of local programming each week, WRFW dedicates only five hours to public affairs programming. These hours give students, whether they are majoring in journalism or another communications related field, the opportunity to work on a show that will further their education and give them hands-on experience.

WRFW would also like to clarify to Duesenberg, as we did in our initial meeting with him prior to his show, that our programming decision had nothing to do with personal political beliefs. We are not offering opinion shows to any specific political group.

With the important upcoming election, WRFW prides itself in providing the public with news and information shows that are a resource to our listeners. WRFW does not just serve the University, but the people of seven counties in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

We regret that Duesenberg failed to follow the rules that he agreed to. WRFW believes it is important to provide opportunities for students to gain experience in broadcasting.

We have high standards for our programming. When those standards were compromised, we had no choice but to relieve Duesenberg.

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Vets' benefits lost decades ago

I would like to respond to Brian Hogenson's recent article regarding President Bush and his policies regarding veterans and dependent children/families.

Hogenson's column was so caustic towards our president that it was hard to follow this story of great discovery. I would like to know more detail and learn the true context. I really do appreciate Hogenson's position to support us veterans but we don't need his style of support. In 1977, Congress voted to change the GI bill that eliminated a tremendous amount of benefits for those that served. In its place they passed and signed into law the Montgomery Bill which was only an empty shell compared and still is. The pay at this period was excessively low compared to other sectors - even then many military families were on food stamps.

The VA medical system was also in a massive state of neglect by the government.

However, I know of no veteran then or now who has been turned down when they required medical care by the VA. And, knowing the expensive nature of prescription drugs, I would gladly, as a vet, pay an enrollment fee of \$250 for an inexpensive co-pay. When was the last time Hogenson paid for a health care premium and understood the complexities of it? In other words, there is no free lunch. In his desire to learn, he will see who was in control of Congress and the presidency in 1977 and who gutted the military and intelligence institutional budgets that still affect us today.

My point is, if Hogenson's message is accurate, equally so, other administrations and Congress' can be just as ruthless when it comes to veterans issues. I think you know what's right.

Ted Schneider
Student

No conspiracy behind radio station firing

And it starts; the College Republicans via their ringleader Jake Duesenberg have already begun to bash the liberals. With Duesenberg and his comrades, it is not about the right and left viewpoints but the right and wrong ones. For Duesenberg, everything is political. Duesenberg states that everything here is liberal taught by liberal professors. Duesenberg is forced to read liberal newspapers. I refuse to believe that one of America's most scholarly newspapers written, The New York Times, leans to the left. I think that's a bit of a stretch and that's more of Duesenberg's opinion than fact.

So everything is political. That is why Duesenberg lost his radio show. If both sides of the story were heard equally, we would know that Duesenberg lost his show because he failed to follow station policy. According to WRFW policy, all opinions and viewpoints must be allotted equal air time and expressed equally citing facts and sources. Duesenberg violated this policy, plain and simple. There is nothing political about it.

As a fellow WRFW DJ, I know that we are all informed of this policy during training. We are told, "One strike and you're out." I could have just as easily lost my show for swearing as Duesenberg did for a bigger policy violation. This was not some mass conspiracy to stifle conservative viewpoints but a method of compliance with the policy.

For someone so good at making sure his freedoms are not forgotten or stifled, Duesenberg is quick to stomp on the same freedoms and laws afforded to all people. As long as Duesenberg's freedom of speech and expression rings loud and clear, the world would know the "right" (proper) way to live. If that's the case, then Duesenberg should run for president and he can solve all society's problems. Case in point, let's keep political opinions separate from the facts.

Jennifer Rogers-Schultz
Student

Liberals' goals misrepresented; two-sided debate favored

The beginning of school. Time to see old friends and read all of Jake Duesenberg's liberal hate talk.

The only thing he can write about is how the liberals are destroying society. Liberals pride themselves on improving the environment, preaching acceptance for all people equally and peace - not war. How are these morals and ideas destroying society?

And what is his first article about? If you said his ability to hold a job, you are wrong. It's about how only liberals can speak freely. He got fired because he could not follow WRFW's policy. I went to the station and they showed me the policy. He got fired for incompetence, not because of some elaborate liberal conspiracy.

Jake also states that during this time of election, people need to hear everyone's voices. And that's right - everyone should have a voice. Jake broke this rule by expressing his highly conservative opinion - not facts - without even citing his sources. The public needs to hear both sides, not just Jake's partisan politics.

It would really be nice if Jake and other people like him would not attack other people or opinions. I don't see the democrats of this campus work to rile up people and attack people and groups the way our College Republicans do.

Lastly, even if you were not able to vote, I'm sure that you all remember our last democratic president. Did you know that he and his democratic policies made him not only the best president we have ever had at fighting terrorism, but better than any republican president we have ever had? He also had a \$40 billion surplus.

Just something to think about Nov. 2.

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Conservatives have many bogus arguments against equal marriage rights for homosexuals. Whether they're out of fear, ignorance or just plain old bigotry, we don't know.

Conservatives say that allowing homosexuals to marry would damage the sanctity of marriage. You mean like Newt Gingrich's affairs? Like Rush Limbaugh's three divorces? How does two people wanting to make a lifelong commitment to each other damage the sanctity of marriage?

Homosexuals can't procreate, so they shouldn't be allowed to marry. Tell that to the couple down the street who is having trouble with fertility. I'm sure they're all ears.

Homosexual marriages are immoral. Says who,

the Bible? If you want to live the Christian lifestyle or disagree with homosexual marriages, that's fine. And that decision should be respected but there's this thing in America called freedom of religion; not everyone shares Christian views.

Marriage rights aren't gay issues; they're civil rights issues. You can call it a marriage, you can call it a civil union but homosexual couples deserve the same rights and protections heterosexual couples have enjoyed for so many decades.

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Marriage: def. "The legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife." This should not be an issue up for debate. The major debate started illegally by a judge from Massachusetts who mistook his judicial role for advocating and promoting his causes.

Many would call marriage in its current state "discrimination against homosexuals." But look at it like this: Straight males possess no rights that gay men can't share equally. Both can marry a woman. Just because gays may

be more likely to choose to be intimate with another male does not make it discrimination.

Business in America has gone out of its way to accommodate those with an alternate lifestyle. Hospitals no longer require marriage for visitation rights, people have the right to write their own power of attorney, insurance plans cover significant others and many chapels across the nation will give a traditional ceremony to those who want one.

Defense of traditional marriage does not equal anti-homosexuality. We feel it is not our place to judge others based on their sexual orientation. Our president stands behind this position. Vote for Bush-Cheney.

TWO SIDES OF Gay Marriage

River Falls music scene left unseen

Rock 'n' roll is dead.

At least it is in River Falls.

Go look for yourself. Tour any of the Main Street taverns on a busy night and come tell me how many live bands you found.

Giving credit where it's due, I'll get the fact that 13 Skrewz regularly plays the Corner Saloon out of the way right now. Good for you guys. Keep it up.

But seriously, folks. Is that it?

This is a garden-variety small college town and all we have to show for it is one regular band. Pathetic.

I'm not naïve enough to think this town could become the next Austin, Texas, but there's got to be more than this. If the most raucous musical experience I get on Main Street comes from a 50 Cent CD booming out of some guy's rusted-out Chevy Blazer, something's got to change.

River Falls - like many college towns - turns into a drunk-fest on Thursday nights straight through Saturday. But unlike River Falls, most college towns give their sudsed-up students more to do than make a four-hour ritualistic tour of four, maybe five bars.

MIKE LONGAECKER

And for the students who haven't reached the age-21 milestone, there's even less to do. If the police blotter is any indication, most residence hall students spend the better part of their weekends trying to mask the smell of alcohol from overzealous RAs.

At any rate, it's little surprise so many students take the most obvious option - driving home every Friday.

Now imagine one of your friends from class told you her band was playing somewhere. No, not in her hometown or in some obscure place in the Twin Cities but right here in River Falls.

You're going.

Imagine your buddy in Hathorn mentioned that he was putting on a hip-hop show for a couple hours at a bar on Main Street.

You're there. Hell, I'm there - even if the band sucks.

Right now there are hundreds upon hundreds of students hailing from rural - and urban - areas that have no concept of what live music is

apart from their high school marching band.

They haven't yet steadied their glasses as the bass drum rattles their table. They haven't recoiled as the microphone wails its deafening feedback. They haven't watched in amazement as a bar full of people dance to the sick guitar licks from the quiet guy down the hall. They haven't given the lead singer a high-five

as he reaches for his beer.

They haven't rocked. And the best part about it is you don't even need booze for it. Just a place.

To me, it looks like almost all the ingredients are present. The city has the bars. The University produces a strong and talented group of students from the music department. People want to rock.

All that's left is a captive audience.

Bar owners in River Falls should set aside a few hours a week for young bands to take a crack at playing live music. Put up some flyers. See who's out

there. Besides, getting a reputation as a good place to catch bad music is a whole lot better than serving good drinks in a town where rock is dead.

"If the most raucous musical experience I get on Main Street comes from a 50 Cent CD booming out of some guy's rusted-out Chevy Blazer, something's got to change."

Bush administration's policies lead to strip-mining of women's rights

I love women. My mother's a woman. My grandmother's a woman. My first crush was a woman. I think you get the point. It's because of my love for women that I feel the need to expose Bush for what he is: The president of the He-Man Women Haters Club.

The meetings of the He-Man Women Haters Club take place in the White House, where the average male cabinet member makes an average of \$76,624 per year and the average woman makes only \$59,917.

Bush feels that male lawmakers, most of whom don't know a uterus from a clitoris, are more qualified to make decisions about women's bodies and reproductive rights than a woman. One of Bush's first acts as president was to reinstate the global gag rule. This policy prohibits any organization receiving population funds from the U.S.

Agency for International Development from using those or other funds to promote or provide abortion. This gag rule has led to closed clinics, cuts in health care staff and dwindling medical supplies, leaving women and their families without access to vital healthcare services.

BRIAN HOGENSON

Bush's 2002 budget cut the Maternal and Child Health Block Grants that provide healthcare to women before, during and after pregnancy. Bush also supports the policy that prohibits military women serving abroad and their dependents from obtaining safe medical abortions at military hospitals even if they pay with personal funds. As a result of this policy, servicewomen must travel long distances for an abortion or have an abortion locally, which is extremely dangerous in some countries, especially the

Middle East.

During Bush's first term we've witnessed the end of the Equal Pay initiative, funding cuts for programs designed to promote gender equality, cuts to emergency shelters that protect women from violence and the administration's efforts to weaken Title IX.

This country needs a president who will stand up for equal women's rights. We need a president who loves women, but not in the usual way that politicians love women.

I'm Brian Hogenson, and I approve this message.

"We need a president who loves women, but not in the usual way that politicians love women."

U.S. needs to see double standard in applying 'terrorist' label

Terror, according to Merriam-Webster, is violence (as bombing) committed by groups in order to intimidate a population or government into granting their demands. Terrorism, also according to Merriam-Webster, is the systematic use of terror, especially as a means of coercion.

On the frightful day, of Sept. 11, 2001, four planes used as bombs were flown into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and into a field in Pennsylvania. No one could even fathom this happening. The loss of innocent lives was devastating. A country was shocked, intimidated and scared.

No one would fly. People stocked up on essentials in preparation for something worse.

The people of the United

NELS THORESON

States, for the first time since Pearl

Harbor, learned the feeling of being attacked on their own land.

Our country, rightfully so, labeled the men who hijacked

the planes as terrorists. The fight was then on. Our administration pledged a war on terror. If you were a bad guy anywhere in the world, you'd better have been ready. They also contrived a system for labeling an axis of evil. If you don't do what we do, act like we do and listen to what we have to say, you too, better be ready.

If one takes a step back to analyze the situation one begins to see double standards. Our country uses the term terrorist for describing the men who hijacked the planes on Sept. 11, 2001, but then what do we call

ourselves when we launch 20 cruise missiles into a residential area to start the war with Iraq in an attempt to kill Saddam Hussein? Civilians were killed, but he was not.

Who is to say what is right and what is wrong? There is always a line, but you'll always have groups on either side. This isn't looking at an issue as conservative or liberal, it's looking at our country as a whole. It seems like our country always feels the need to get into the business of everyone else in the world. This has resulted in not only the world being separated, but our own country being separated as well. There is a constant battle

in our country as it is; we are hardly united, but more so divided on all the issues.

This division leads me to believe that it is the unwillingness of the people of this nation to respect and accept views other than their own. Every day it can be seen, even on a smaller scale like the classrooms on campus. The degree of closed-mindedness is unbelievable. Some students in the young age range of 18 to 22 already have their beliefs and views set in stone with very little formal education on matters they think they know everything about.

It is also shown in the federal government. The two political

parties in our country squabble about every little detail or comment and it's especially worse now that it's an election year.

It is not until our country begins the process of understanding and respecting different aspects of other countries, as well as our own, that we will even come close to solving any problems, globally or domestically.

Our country also needs to be careful with word choice and its demands. I hope that other countries don't label us with the word "terror," join up and seek the removal of our head of state. Who is to say what is right and what is wrong?



sarily vote for him for that, but at the very least acknowledge that he sticks to his guns.

When support for the Iraq war slipped he stayed true to his beliefs that the war was justified. Now support for the war is booming. With a growing national debt, outsourcing jobs and corporate fraud Bush

A.J. OSCARSON

reduced taxes: for everyone. Liberal pundits claimed fiscal irresponsibility and worried that the economy was going to be driven into the ground. Thanks to the advantages afforded by hindsight, we can see that the economy has had the biggest bounce in nearly 20 years.

Still, in the face of all this criticism, Bush never wavered. You can disagree with him, but at least you know where he stands.

Because he takes a hard stance, does things his way and makes no apology for that, his critics have called him a cowboy - yeah, like that's bad. People love cowboys. Have you ever seen an old western? Bad guys run and hide when the cowboy comes to town. That is what I want. I want Saddam (well...he can't anymore. What was the name of the cowboy that brought him to justice again?), Bin Laden and Kim Jong Il to flee. They know that Bush says what he means and means what he says. If Bush says, "Hey, don't mess with us or we are going to take you down," he means it. After all the positions Kerry has taken on Iraq can he really garner that same respect?

I am sorry; Kerry seems like a good guy. But come on. You have to pick a view and stick with it. I don't care if it is the opposite of mine, but at least take a stand. We can sit around and wait until Kerry decides to saddle in or we can vote for a guy who decided to cowboy up a long time ago. Let him cowboy up for four more.

What do you think about the nightlife in River Falls?



Brett Kroska, Junior

"I'm not much a part of it. I usually like to go to the movie theatre in town"



Holly McMellis, Freshman

"It's not too hoppin'. It's fun because I have friends here, but it gets boring because it's the same stuff every night."



Tyler Canopy, Sophomore

"It's a relaxed atmosphere - everyone getting along, getting wasted. It's a good time."



Kelly Hildebrandt, Sophomore

"On the weekend it's all right; it's the only thing to do. I personally like Zero."

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Soccer kicks around UW-Superior in 14-0 win

Falcons set records in high-scoring game

Andy Sinykin
Sports Information

The Falcon soccer team dominated the game Sept. 28 against UW-Superior. The team used their homefield advantage to defeat UW-Superior 14-0, scoring 12 first half goals. The team rounded up 14 goals setting a soccer team record for the Falcons, for the most goals in a game. The team managed to have 46 shots on goal, compared to the one that UW-Superior had during the entire game. Among the many stats that the team aquired against UW-Superior, Ashley Peterson and Sarah Carlson each tied a record for goals in a game with 4. Carlson also broke the record for assists in a game with 6. The previous record was 4 by several players. Carlson also contributed to ten of the twelve first half goals, scoring four times and assisting on six. Peterson also scored four goals in the first half and assisted on two, including one of Amy Jensen's two goals.

Julie Shuldheisz also scored, assisted by Tracy Olson. Emily Rodgers scored as well, assisted by Carlson and Julie Sperstad also assisted one of Carlson's goals. In the second half the Falcons added two more goals, scored by Amy Piersak and Meghan Pedersen. Andrea Dudley made one save and improved her win total to three. The soccer team also played at Bethel Sept. 23, where Ashley Peterson scored two second half goals. Peterson's total lead the UW-River Falls soccer team to a 4-0 victory. The Falcons took the lead early in the first half when Amy Jensen scored on an assist from Sarah Carlson at 24:00. Jensen repaid the favor and assisted Carlson 10 minutes later to give the Falcons a 2-0 halftime lead. Peterson's goals came at 55:00 on an assist from Emily Rodgers and at 64:00, with Gina Hawkins recording the assist. The Falcons had 12 shots and limited Bethel to six. Falcon goalie Hannah Tvedt had three saves. The Falcons now have a record of 7-1-1 and 1-1-1 in the WIAC. On Friday the Falcons host UMMorris. The game kicks off at 3:30 p.m.

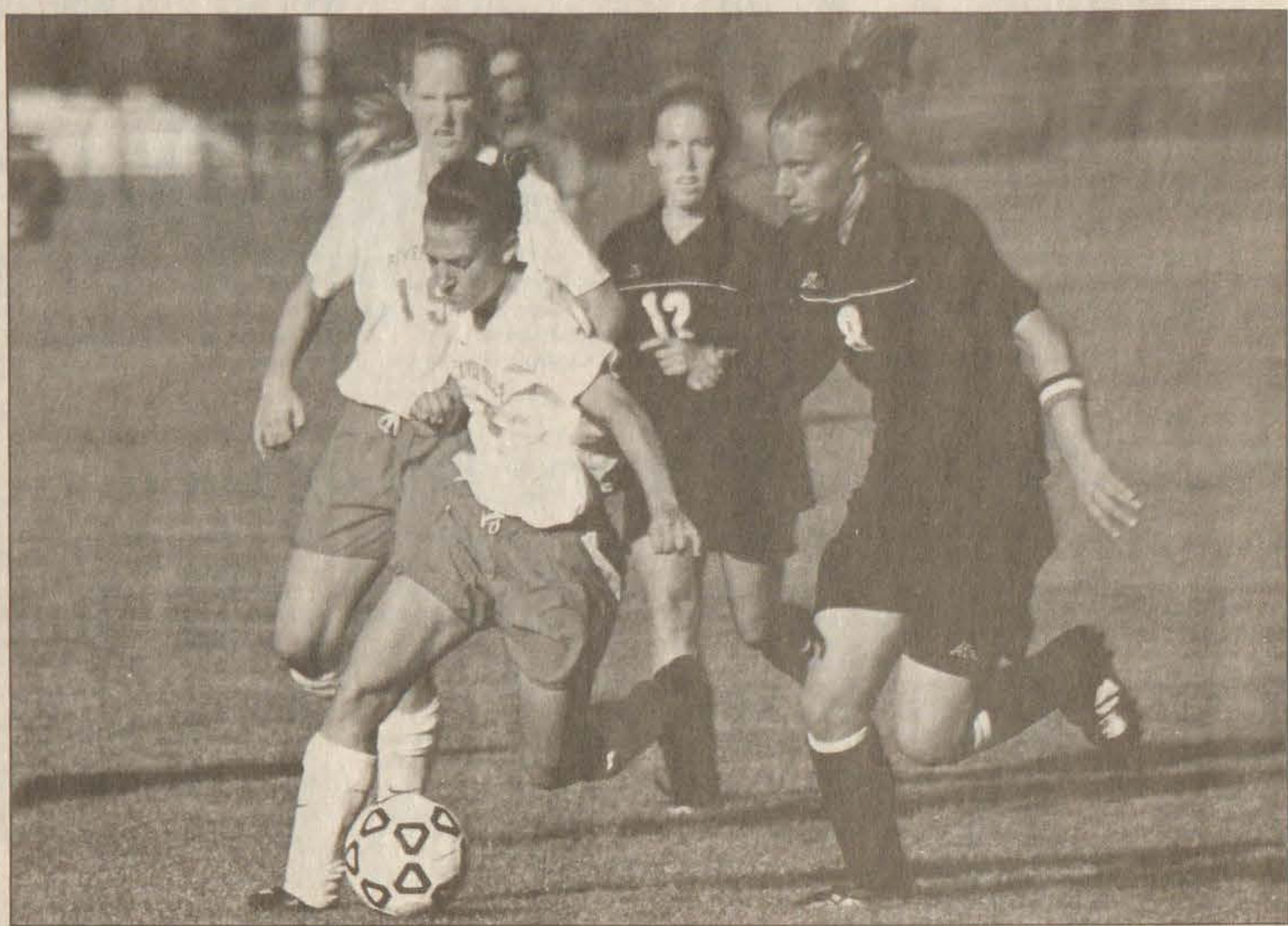


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Falcon forward Sarah Carlson dribbles the ball around a UW-Superior defender. Carlson alone scored four goals and contributed to 10 of the Falcons 14 in the shutout. The team scored 12 of their goals in the first half.

Falcon Golf finishes fourth of 18 at weekend invite

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls golf team had a busy weekend. The Falcons started Friday at the Brighton Dale Links Golf Course in Kansasville, Wis., for the Carthage Invitational. They placed fourth of 12 teams with a final score of 347. They finished behind UW-Eau Claire, which took third, with a score of 344. Illinois College scored 342, putting them in second place and Illinois Wesleyan finished in first place with 339. Ellen Berndt led the Falcons shooting an 82, which put her in a tie for fifth place. Casey Ambers was next for the Falcons in 12th place and a round of 85, while Jenna Gutzwiller tied for the 20th position, shooting an 89. "Our team continued fine play (at the Carthage Invite)," Falcon head coach Jeff Berkhof said. "We are looking to stay consistent and be the top scorers in each tournament we play." Next, the team went to Prairie Woods Golf Course in Avalon, Wis., for the UW-Whitewater Fall Invite. The team was in fifth place after the first day of the tournament with a score of 348. Illinois College was one stroke ahead with a score of 347 and UW-Eau Claire came in next with 330 strokes. Next in line was UW-Oshkosh in second place, their score was 326, and Illinois Wesleyan was in first place with a score of 322.

Berndt and Gabrielle VanDyk tied for the 14th position with 85 strokes. Ambers came in next for the Falcons, she placed 23rd and had a score of 88. Kara Coughlin shot a 90, which gave her 34th place for the first round of play. The Falcons ended their second day of play two strokes better than the day before, helping the team finish the tournament in fourth place with a two-day total of 694. UW-Oshkosh fell one spot with a score of 659, putting them in third place. Illinois Wesleyan came in next with a score of 657 and UW-Eau Claire took first place after shooting a 645. Berndt was the top Falcon finisher tied for 15th position. She shot consistent 85s giving her a 170 stroke finish. "She (Berndt) had three good days of golf and she definitely proved that she is a top player in the WIAC," Berkhof said. VanDyk was next in line with an 18th-place finish, shooting an 85-86. Ambers shot an 88-91 putting her in 30th place and Gutzwiller finished the tournament in 34th after shooting much better the second day with a 97-84. "We had three outstanding days down south," Berkhof said. "Finishing fourth of 18 teams shows that we played with confidence and we look forward to the last couple of weeks of the season." For their next match the team travels to Fond du Lac, Wis., for the UW-Oshkosh Invitational Saturday and Sunday.

Volleyball team finishes second at UW-Eau Claire Memorial Tournament

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls volleyball team ended with a second place finish at the UW-Eau Claire Lisa Siegenthaler Memorial Tournament last weekend. The Falcons went 3-1 at the tournament with their only loss coming against UW-Eau Claire in the final. On Wednesday the Falcons took a trip to Menomonie to take on UW-Stout. The veteran Blue Devil team took care of the Falcons in three straight games. The Falcons got off to a bad start against the Blue Devils, and although the last two games were close, they never really recovered. Stout won the match by the score of 30-23, 31-29, 30-26. They were led in the match by senior right side hitter Nina Peterson with 13 kills and 11 digs and by freshman libero Lindsey Mace with 18 digs. UW-RF had no real answer for the exceptional defense that Stout brought to the table. The Blue Devils combined for three solo blocks, 21 block assists and 77

digs. "It was a great performance by Stout, but I think we let them get to us," head coach Patti Ford said. "They are a veteran team and a very skilled defensive team." The Falcons then went on to compete in the UW-Eau Claire Invite during the weekend. They opened up on Friday night with a match against Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. UW-RF quickly jumped out to a two games to none lead, but Coe took it all the way to the fifth game before the Falcons won 30-21, 30-25, 28-30, 25-30, 15-9. The Falcons were led by sophomore outside hitter Katie Thompson with 20 kills and by sophomore setter Kat Krtnick with 64 assists and 18 digs. The Falcons then played Edgewood immediately after their first match and won easily, 30-20, 30-13, 30-13. Edgewood did not quite have the players to match the Falcons, so Ford used the opportunity to get some of her younger players some experience. The Falcons were once again led by Thompson with 12 kills and 17 digs but also got a nice performance from Mace, who had 16 digs and four service aces. Saturday morning the Falcons faced off against conference foe UW-Stevens Point to see who would advance to the championship game. The Falcons came out fast and never let the Pointers into the match, winning in three straight games 30-27, 30-24, 30-22. River Falls was led by Krtnick, with 19 digs and 30 assists, while sophomore middle hitter Andrea Geehan added four service aces and five blocks. The two undefeated teams in pool play, UW-RF and UW-Eau Claire, advanced to play in the championship game. After taking two of first three games, the Falcons continued their problem of not being able to close out opponents and lost the final two games. Geehan had 23 kills and Krtnick added 23 digs and 59 assists. Becca Carstensen led the Blugolds with 22 kills, while

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Football falls short to Pacific Lutheran 28-24

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team completed the non-conference portion of its schedule with a 28-24 loss at Pacific Lutheran. The loss puts the Falcons at 0-3. For the second game this season the Falcons scored first, this time on a 22-yard run by fullback Nathan Anderson. Linebacker Nate Gray picked off Pacific Lutheran quarterback Dusty Macauley at the Lutes' 23-yard-line to set up the touchdown. It was the first interception for River Falls this season. Pacific Lutheran scored on two consecutive drives to take a 14-7 lead. UW-RF running back John

Peterlik ran a touchdown in from three yards out to cap off a nine-play, 68-yard drive to tie the game at 14. Pacific Lutheran took a 21-14 lead by blocking a 38-yard field goal attempt by Spasimir Bodurski and returning it for a touchdown. The Lutes cornerback Andy Hamilton recovered the blocked kick and lateraled to linebacker Alex Jefferies who ran 55 yards for the score with 12 seconds left in the half. On the third play of the second half Peterlik ran 73 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 21. Pacific Lutheran regained the lead with a three-yard touchdown run by receiver Mark McCall. River Falls got within four with a 27-yard field goal by Bodurski. With 8:17 left in the game the Falcons were stopped on fourth-and-two at the Pacific Lutheran 13-yard-line. From there the Lutes controlled the clock, allowing River Falls only one more possession that resulted in a punt. "Our kids competed really hard," Falcon head coach John O'Grady said. "I think we re-established some confidence and I think that's really important." The Falcons ran for 295 yards on 56 attempts, out-gaining Pacific Lutheran who ran for 176 yards on 47 carries. The Lutes out-passed UW-RF 122 to 63. UW-RF only put the ball in the air six times while Pacific Lutheran had 26 pass attempts. Both teams fumbled twice but River Falls lost both and Pacific Lutheran retained both. The Lutes had two turnovers, thanks to a couple of interceptions thrown by McCauley. Time of possession was 32:40 to

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Young runners finish strong together at Griak Invite

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The UW-River Falls cross country teams were consistent with their improvement this season at the Griak Invitational held Saturday at the University of Minnesota campus. The midseason meet consisted of many teams from high school to Div. III schools. Leading the Falcon men was Zach Vircks placing 33rd overall (26:32), followed by Bobby Hanson, who placed 130th overall (28:03). Amanda Kozycky led the Falcon women, placing 63rd overall (25:16), with Maria Michaud right on her heels placing 75th overall (25:24). Incoming freshman Andy Reckard improved 42 seconds over last week at (29:53).

Both teams showed improvement over last year, as well as last week. Vircks improved 3:00 over last week. Ben Kirmse had a 1:51 improvement over last year (28:18) and Chris Wenig ran 1:11 faster than last year (28:58). Cary Cardinal also improved his time by more than a minute from last year (28:58). For the women, Laura Murphy ran 1:15 faster than last week (26:22), Lindsey Tessier ran 1:11 faster (25:55) and Katie Frazer improved by 1:07 over last week (27:13). "We held back Amanda to help other runners, and help keep the pack together," Falcon head coach Don Glover said. Glover was content about both teams' progress. "I'm happy with the guys. The women's team is pretty young but doing well," Glover said.

Tennis team defeats Hamline

Jenna J. Campbell
Sports Information

The Falcons opened their week with a win on the road against Hamline 7-2 Sept. 28. The Falcons won five of the six singles matches and two of the three doubles matches. The team went 3-1 last week including a big WIAC win against UW-Stout. The Falcons skunked Stout 9-0 Friday afternoon. In singles play the Falcons won in consecutive straight sets. No. 4 singles Jen Kersten and No. 5 singles Becky Breise defeated their opponents 6-0, 6-0. The Falcons No. 1 doubles team of Megan Knobloch and Leah Baron won 8-0. The Falcons opened their week against Bethel with a 7-2 victory. In singles play the Falcons won five of six matches and two of three doubles matches. The Falcons' only loss this week was a 9-0 defeat against St. Scholastica. In singles play, the Falcons' No. 1 Megan Knobloch, No.2 Leah Baron

and No. 4 Becky Breise played very competitively bringing their matches to third set super tiebreakers that did not go the Falcons' way. The Falcons defeated Ripon on Saturday, 7-2. In singles play UW-RF won five of six matches, and two of three doubles matches. No. 5 singles player Becky Breise got her second straight win of 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 doubles team Becky Breise and Sarah VandenHoek defeated Ripon 8-0. The Falcons overall record is 7-2. "As a team we can soundly defeat average teams, beat good teams and be very competitive against excellent teams," head coach Lee Lueck said. "We now need to take that extra step and beat an elite team. If these ladies continue to work and improve (barring injury), like they did the first half, we will be a team to reckon with." The Falcons will go to Stevens Point for their third WIAC match on Oct. 1, the Falcons play at 3:30 p.m.



Photo by Eric Ebert
In its last game the football team fell short of a victory against Pacific Lutheran in a 28-24 loss. The Falcons are still in search of the team's first win, and look to accomplish that against Eau Claire Oct. 2.

SCOREBOARD

Football
WIAC Standings

Oshkosh (0-0)	3-0
Whitewater (0-0)	3-0
Eau Claire (0-0)	2-0
Platteville (0-0)	2-0
Stout (0-0)	1-0
La Crosse (0-0)	1-1
Stevens Point (0-0)	1-1
River Falls (0-0)	0-2

Sept. 25 results

UW-River Falls..... 7 7 7 3 - 24
Pacific Lutheran.... 14 7 7 0 - 28

1st Quarter

13:32 RF - Nathan Anderson 22 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 2-23 0:39, RF 7 - PLU 0

09:06 PLU - Simpson, Ryan 1 yd run (Hodel, Chris kick), 10-64 4:26, RF 7 - PLU 7

05:35 PLU - McCall, Mark 3 yd run (Hodel, Chris kick), 7-28 3:18, RF 7 - PLU 14

2nd Quarter

12:07 RF - John Peterlik 3 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 9-68 3:42, RF 14 - PLU 14

00:12 PLU - Jefferies, Alex 55 yd missed FG return (Hodel, Chris kick), RF 14 - PLU 21

3rd Quarter

14:10 RF - John Peterlik 73 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 2-78 0:43, RF 21 - PLU 21

02:13 PLU - McCall, Mark 3 yd run (Hodel, Chris kick), 11-65 4:31, RF 21 - PLU 28

4th Quarter

4th 14:04 RF - S. Bodurski 27 yd field goal, 10-60 3:09, RF 24 - PLU 28

	RF	PLU
First Downs	17	18
Rushing	56-295	47-176
Passing	63	122
Total Offense	62-358	73-298
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-0
Interceptions	2	0
Penalties	5-40	8-71
Possession	27:20	32:40

Individual leaders

Rushing
RF - Peterlik 16-140; Wolff 7-52; Ward 14-51; Anderson 2-23; Kolstad 9-22; DeBruin 6-11

Passing
RF- Kolstad 4-6-0-63

Receiving
RF- Wolff 2-30; Strinmoen 1-21; Peterlik 1-12

Tackling (Solo-Assist)
Agrimson 10-4; Nesvig 7-0; Gray 4-2; Buker 1-5; Retzlaff 3-2; Hampton 2-3; Johnson 2-2; Jordan 2-2; Cassilius 2-2; Farmer 0-3; Arcand 2-0; Domer 1-1; Meyer 1-1; Fjerstad 1-0; Graham 1-0; Witt 1-0; Neumann 1-0; Jon Haughian 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

	W-L
Eau Claire (3-1)	14-3
Platteville (3-1)	12-1
Whitewater (2-1)	17-2
Stout (3-1)	11-2
River Falls (1-2)	13-4
La Crosse (1-2)	11-3
Stevens Point (1-2)	13-5

Oshkosh (0-1)
Superior (0-3)

12-5
4-11

Sept. 24 and 25 Results
Eau Claire Invite
Team Place: 2nd

UW-River Falls...33 30 30 28 9 - 2
UW-Eau Claire...35 25 22 30 15 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Barbie Soine	0-0-1-3-0
Melissa Jude	7-0-2-19-3
Logan Kiesch	2-0-0-12-0
Katie Thompson	21-0-1-7-2
Gina Anderson	5-2-0-0-5
Kat Krtnick	1-66-2-14-0
Andrea Geehan	23-0-1-3-2
Lindsay Mace	0-0-1-17-0
Nina Petersen	20-4-1-16-5
Ashley Mosneg	0-0-0-0-1

UW-Stevens Point...27 24 24 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 30 30 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Melissa Jude	0-0-0-1-0
Logan Kiesch	8-0-0-12-1
Katie Thompson	17-0-1-10-1
Gina Anderson	5-0-0-1-3
Kat Krtnick	1-30-1-19-1
Andrea Geehan	3-0-4-2-5
Lindsay Mace	0-0-1-10-0
Nina Petersen	4-4-2-16-4
Kiah Sagami	0-0-0-0-0

Edgewood..... 20 13 13 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 30 30 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Jude	4-0-1-6-0
Mosneg	0-0-0-6-0
Thompson	12-1-0-17-0
Anderson	0-0-0-0-0
Krtnick	1-35-1-6-0
M. Thompson	1-0-2-2-0
Geehan	12-0-1-4-3
Mace	0-0-4-16-0
Petersen	7-2-1-4-1
Sagami	3-0-0-0-0
Kiesch	1-1-0-2-0

Coe College.....21 25 30 30 9 - 2
UW-River Falls...30 30 28 25 15 - 3

Mosneg	0-0-0-10-0
Soine	0-0-0-5-0
Jude	1-1-0-2-0
Thompson	20-0-1-15-1
Anderson	14-0-0-4-7
Krtnick	0-64-1-18-1
M. Thompson	0-0-1-0-1
Geehan	14-0-2-6-4
Mace	0-0-0-19-0
Petersen	15-0-2-17-8
Kiesch	5-0-0-11-2

Soccer

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 28 Results

UW-Superior..... 0 0 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 12 2 - 14

1st Half

1:59 RF	Carlson (5)	(Peterson)
7:41 RF	Peterson (4)	(Carlson)
9:11 RF	Peterson (5)	(Carlson)
11:16 RF	Jensen (5)	(Peterson Carlson)
12:53 RF	Peterson (6)	(Carlson)
17:31 RF	Jensen (6)	(Carlson)
19:38 RF	Shuldheisz (2)	(Olson)
25:43 RF	Peterson (7)	(unassisted)
36:18 RF	Carlson (6)	(unassisted)
36:57 RF	Carlson (7)	(Sperstad)
38:48 RF	Rodgers (5)	(Carlson)
44:01 RF	Carlson (8)	(unassisted)

2nd Half

60:20 RF	Piersak (1)	(unassisted)
72:08 RF	Pedersen (1)	(unassisted)

Sept. 23 Results

Bethal 0 0 - 0
River Falls 2 2 - 4

1st half

24:00 RF	Jensen	(Carlson)
35:00 RF	Carlson	(Jensen)

2nd half

55:00 RF	Peterson	(Rodgers)
64:00 RF	Peterson	(Hawkins)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 29 results

River Falls 7, Hamline 2

Singles

No. 1: Kristen Bothun (H) defeated Megan Knobloch (RF), 2-6, 6-3, (10-8)

No. 2: Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Lauri Munoz (H), 6-3, 6-3

No. 3: Jen Kersten (RF) defeated Jena Maki (H), 6-1, 6-3

No. 4: Becky Briesse (RF) defeated Trina Ellis (H), 6-1, 6-0

No. 5: Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Andrea Ellertson (H), 6-1, 6-3

No. 6: Maite Oyarbide (RF) defeated Lacy Schumann (H), 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1: Knobloch-Maurer (RF) defeated Maki-Ellertson (H), 8-3

No. 2: Bothun-Ellis (H) defeated Weissinger-Kersten (RF), 8-3

No. 3: Briesse-VandenHoek (RF) defeated Munoz-Winter (H), 8-1

Sept. 25 results

River Falls 7, Ripon 2

Singles

No. 1: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Etta Hilligoss (R), 6-3, 6-3

No. 2: Leah Baron (RF) defeated Jamie Lichon (R), 6-1, 6-3

No. 3: Natalie Schnick (R) defeated Amber Weissinger (RF), 6-3, 6-1

No. 4: Jen Kersten (RF) defeated Lisa Verjongs (R), 6-2, 6-1

No. 5: Becky Briesse (RF) defeated Natalie Rincon (R), 6-0, 6-0

No. 6: Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Kara Wagner (R), 6-0, 6-1

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Doubles

No. 1: Hilligoss-Lichon (R) defeated Knobloch-Maurer (RF), 9-7, (7-0)

No. 2: Briesse-VandenHoek (RF) defeated Schnick-Rincon (R), 8-0

No. 3: Weissinger-Kersten (RF) defeated Wagner-Engbrinn (R), 8-3

Sept. 24 results

River Falls 9, Stout 0

Singles

No. 1: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Jenna Bettmann (S), 6-0, 6-1

No. 2: Leah Baron (RF) defeated Dina Rodin (S), 6-2, 6-1

No. 3: Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Nicole Hayck (S), 7-5, 6-2

No. 4: Jen Kersten (RF) defeated Ashley Potter (S), 6-0, 6-0

No. 5: Becky Briesse (RF) defeated Marie Pingry (S), 6-0, 6-0

No. 6: Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Elizabeth Hanson (S), 6-4, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: Knobloch-Baron (RF) defeated Bettman-Hanson (S), 8-0

No. 2: Briesse-VandenHoek (RF) defeated Hayck-Pingry (S), 8-4

No. 3: Weissinger-Kersten (RF) defeated Rodin-Hiner (S), 8-4

Golf

Sept. 25 and 26 results

Whitewater Invite

Team Place: 4th of 18

Individual Scores:

UW-RF Avg 91.6- 91.16 - 184.5

15-Berndt	85-85 - 170
18-VanDyk	85-86 - 171
30-Ambers	88-91 - 179
Gutzwiller	97-84 - 181
Coughlin	90-95 - 185
Englund	105-116 - 221

Sept. 24th results

Carthage Invite

Team Place: 4th of 12

Individual Scores:

UW-RF Avg 93.5

5-Berndt	82
12-Ambers	85
12-Gutzwiller	89
VanDyk	91
Coughlin	98
Englund	116

Cross Country

Sept. 25 results

Griak Invite

Men

Team place: 21st of 40

Individual results

33. Zach Vircks, 26:32

130. Bobby Hanson, 28:03

152. Ben Kirmse, 28:18

175. Kevin McDonough, 28:30

209. Matt Olson, 28:56

Women

Team place: 13th of 24

Individual results

63. Amanda Kozicky, 25:16

75. Maria Michaud, 25:24

85. Sara Rudesill, 25:30

114. Lindsey Tessier, 25:55

116. Angie Kveene, 25:56

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Soccer



UW-RF

UW- Eau Claire

4 p.m Tuesday
at Ramer Field

VARSIITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Oct. 1

Soccer vs. UM-Morris, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Oshkosh, 7 p.m.

Cross Country at Midwest Long-Short Course Invite, 4 p.m.

Tennis at Stevens Point, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Volleyball at Whitewater, noon

Golf at Oshkosh Invitational, TBD

Football at Eau Claire, 1 p.m.

Tennis at Oshkosh, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Golf at Oshkosh Invitational, TBD

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Soccer vs. Eau Claire, 4 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Bobby Hanson
Cross Country



Sarah Carlson
Soccer

Hanson, a sophomore, had a strong run for the Falcons at the Griak Invitational held Sept. 25. He ran the 8,000-meter course in 28:03. Hanson finished second for the Falcons with a 46-second improvement over his last year's time. He also improved his last weeks run by 1:25 at St Olaf. Hanson looks to improve his time at the Midwest Long Short Course Invite on Oct. 1.

Carlson scored 4 goals and had 6 assists on Tuesday night to help the Falcons defeat Superior 14-0. Carlson broke the school record in assists during a game, which was previously set at four. Carlson, along with her teammate Ashley Peterson tied a school record of four goals in one game. Carlson currently leads the Falcons with 8 goals and she also leads the team in assists with 12.

River Falls mayor loses cheese in friendly wager

Nick Koecheler

Staff Writer

It's not everyday you hear about a sports bet between the mayors of two towns.

"You hear about it every now and then." River Falls Mayor Don Richards said.

It was the first time the UW-River Falls football team played the Pacific Lutheran Lutes, Richards e-mailed the mayor of Tacoma seeing if he would partake in a friendly wager.

"When I heard we were playing Tacoma, I thought I'd see what happens."

So Richards e-mailed the mayor of Tacoma. And waited. The Tacoma mayor replied and the bet was on.

The bet:

Richards bet five pounds of cheese that the Falcons would beat Pacific Lutheran on Sept. 25. Tacoma Mayor Bill Baarsma bet five pounds of salmon the Lutes would beat the Falcons.

Richards and the team traveled to Tacoma on Sept. 23.

The game was a close one and the Falcons played well, but lost 28-24.

On Monday, Richards went to the Falcon Food Store and purchased five pounds of cheddar cheese curds and had them shipped to Tacoma.

Richards chose to send the five pounds of cheese curds to Baarsma because the Tacoman mayor has never eaten cheese curds before.

Baardsma's alma-mater, Puget Sound, beat the Falcons in a

close basketball game last year, so when Richards e-mailed him about the football game he was up for it.

Baarsma, who owns a seafood store, gave the fish to the winning team. He came to the football game with a 17-pound fish packed in ice. Richards wasn't sure how he would have transported the fish home on the plane.

"It (the fish) was dripping at the game," Richards said.

Both River Falls and Tacoma exist in counties with the same name, Pierce County.

Maybe the mayors of both Pierce County cities will wage another bet next year when the two teams face off against each other again.

FOOTBALL
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27:20 in favor of Pacific Lutheran. The Falcons converted three of 13 third-down opportunities while the Lutes were eight of 17. On fourth down UW-RF was 1-2 and Pacific Lutheran was 0-2.

Peterlik ran for 146 yards on 16 carries with two touchdowns to lead the Falcon rushing attack. UW-RF quarterback Andy Kolstad completed 4-6 passes for 63 yards and no touchdowns. Running back Jeremy Wolff led UW-RF in receiving with two catches for 30 yards.

Linebacker Ryan Agrimson, who filled in for injured linebacker Ben Gillett, led the Falcons with 12 total tackles - 10 were solo. Gray had five tackles to go along with his interception.

"Our defense gave up one or two extended drives that resulted in touchdowns and that was it, so that was very positive," O'Grady said.

Safety Matt Farmer had an interception to go with a pass deflection and three tackles.

McCauley went 10-26 for 122 yards with no

touchdowns and two interceptions. Running back Matt Steiner carried the ball 23 times for 122 yards to lead the Lutes on the ground. Wideout Mark McCall had two touchdowns to go with four carries for 36 yards. Receiver Chase Reed led the Lutes with three receptions for

CBE international accreditation moves forward

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

College of Business and Economics (CBE) faculty can see the light at the end of the tunnel. However, the next 18 months will be crucial as it moves forward in completing the long and arduous process of becoming an internationally accredited institution.

Although, "the efforts toward accreditation require effort and much of our free time," said Dawn Hukai, business and administration professor. "We're doing the work to achieve the goals stated in our mission anyway, so by earning the accreditation we are formalizing our efforts."

CBE began the process six years ago. Faculty and students

work tirelessly to meet the stringent standards and guidelines set by the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). CBE is in its fifth year of candidacy for this accreditation and in its sixth year of preparation.

"The accreditation program is a professional baseline used by other colleges and businesses to measure academic quality of business programs offered to students," CBE Dean Barbara Nemecek said. "It is a prestigious recognition for the college which will attract undergraduate and graduate students interested in attending an accredited school."

The current focus of the CBE is a mock review of the self-study report it has been preparing for the past five years.

The mock review team, three deans from other accredited colleges, has been invited to the campus Sept. 29 through Oct. 1 to evaluate a rough draft of the report prepared by CBE faculty. The review team critiques the report and gives feedback about the areas that need improvement.

The study is CBE's own evaluation of its current status in the candidacy process. It reports what it has achieved thus far in terms of the guidelines and standards set by AACSB for teaching, research and curricula development. It has gone through rigorous peer review throughout its preparation.

"We elected to go through with the mock review of the self-evaluation, self-study report to better prepare us for the real review," Nemecek said.

AACSB officials will be on campus in August 2005 to review the report. An accreditation decision will be announced in April 2006.

The goals of AACSB international accreditation is to ensure business schools manage resources well, advance business and management knowledge, provide high-caliber teaching and curricula, cultivate meaningful interaction between students and faculty, and produce graduates who have achieved specific learning goals.

"This program provides continuous improvement in teaching

and programs offered by CBE and keeps the college abreast of what is happening in the business community," economics professor Hamid Tabesh said.

Throughout the process, the faculty is required to research and publish papers in their respective fields. In doing so, they have to create a balance between teaching classes and the work required by the accreditation program.

"Equilibrium between teaching and researching and writing these papers must be achieved," computer science professor Ahmad Abuhejleh said. "If the

paper is being presented at a conference, it may take a few months, but it takes about a year to publish the paper in a professional journal."

The workload of the process has not affected teaching. If anything, it has enhanced knowledge of up-to-date technology, Abuhejleh said.

"It also gets students involved in research," he said.

The goals of AACSB international accreditation are similar to those of CBE; however, CBE tailors its accreditation program to students and the region it serves.

"This is a continuous process of self improvement and assessment which does not end with the accreditation," Nemecek said. "There is a sense of achievement in reaching this level of quality."

State cuts impact UW-RF

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

The state reduced the 2003-2005 UW System's operating budget by \$250 million and allowed the system to offset \$150 million through tuition increases. That left UW System campuses to cut \$100 million from their budgets - the largest single cut in the UW System's 30-year history, according to a report from University Relations for the UW System.

The UW System's budget cut equals 38 percent of the cuts in state spending, while the UW System makes up less than nine percent of the state government, according to the report.

The budget cuts have a direct effect on faculty and ultimately students at UW-River Falls, in hiring faculty, supporting faculty's needs, increasing classroom sizes and lengthening the amount of time in a day that professors are spending in the classrooms said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Virginia Coombs.

Salary isn't necessarily the issue, she said, but other compensation issues such as moving

expenses and start-up costs have been factors that have caused candidates to not choose UW-RF for employment. Start-up costs include items such as research equipment and facilities.

"TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) is a hot field and we discovered there is a lot of competition," Coombs said.

Two applicants for positions at UW-RF requested expensive databases for start-up costs and the university could not provide them, Coombs said. The two applicants went to larger facilities, out of state.

Nonetheless, Coombs and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Gordon Hedahl said the university is getting good applicants.

Hedahl said interviewing is a "two-way street" and some candidates are "more flexible than others" and are willing to use links to UW-Madison or to the University of Minnesota for research, when the resources are not directly located at UW-RF.

"We do have a very good person who accepted the position," Hedahl said.

There is a Recruitment and Retention fund that can be used

for such expenses. The fund, however, is set up for one-time expenses, not for recurring expenses such as updating and maintaining databases.

"I don't think it's fair that we haven't been able to provide support. The library is extremely cooperative, but they have had several (budget) cuts also," Hedahl said.

Expenses aren't the only issue.

"Salaries are an issue. They're problematic, particularly when considering areas we don't have control over," Hedahl said, referring to rising housing costs in the area and the effect on currently employed faculty at UW-RF who have received a one to two percent raise over the last two to three years.

Larger classroom sizes are another concern.

"The Fire Marshall gets upset if we play too loose with the rules," Coombs said about the crowded classrooms.

Next fall UW-RF will be searching for 19 entry-level professors and will again have to deal with budget constraints.

The problem is getting the legislature, who sets the budget for the UW System, to understand how we run the university, Coombs said.

"We're not in it for profit; we're here to educate," Coombs said.

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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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System Compensation Committee, agrees. She said UW-RF has gone from a state-funded to a state-supported University and that it may eventually just be state-located.

"The state is controlling us, but it's not really supporting us anymore," Bleskachek said. "I don't know that anybody has an easy answer on how to make it stop."

Bleskachek feels the quality of education at UW-RF will suffer if faculty salaries remain at the current levels.

"We feel like we're up against a wall," Bleskachek said. "We have to maintain quality and accessibility but they're on opposite ends of the teeter-totter."

The University's educational quality is jeopardized, she said, when it can't offer competitive wages and therefore can't bring in more qualified faculty.

UW System President Kevin Reilly agrees.

"Our success depends on our students having access to the

best teachers and practitioners and that takes nationally-competitive compensation packages," Reilly said in an address to the Board of Regents.

The administration knows that pay plans are essential, Halada said, but due to the budget crisis it's increasingly difficult to offer competitive packages.

Mogen said the faculty understands and that most members come onto this campus with their eyes wide open.

"Nobody that I've ever talked to got into this field to get rich," Mogen said. "We debate this, but it could be worse. We have a pretty good life at UW-RF."

That doesn't make budget woes any easier to deal with, however.

"It could get worse if the state doesn't step up to the plate and continues to balance the budget on the backs of students and state employees," Mogen said.

Whether faculty will again bear some of the next biennium's budget burdens remains to be seen.

UW-RF administrators hope the biennial budget, which includes compensation issues, will be resolved in the spring.

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state. About \$600,000 is coming from program revenue cash, which is a combination of Chiefs' revenues, revenues from Hunt Arena and segregated student fees.

Ross & Associates Ltd. of River Falls won the bid for the building construction. Thum said the building will be similar in style to Knowles Center, with a flat roof.

Simon Electric of New Richmond won the bid for the electrical work. Certified Inc. of Altoona will complete the building's heating system.

The plan was approved by Doyle last year when a delegation, including staff and students, from UW-RF traveled to Madison to lobby for the renovation.

An official ground-breaking ceremony for the Knowles addition will be held before the homecoming football game at 10 a.m. on Oct. 23.

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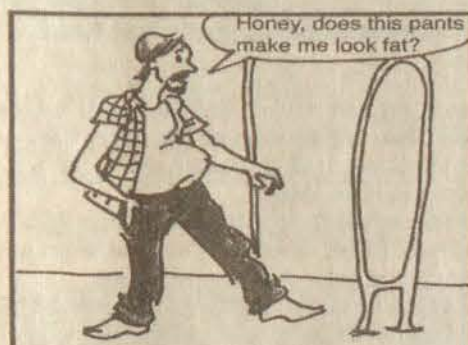
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Comic strips of the week

By: Neng-Yang



ON BEAT

Retro original

This week I am exploring a new album from a band that released its first album the year I was born and broke up by the time I was seven years old. Needless to say, I didn't really know much about this band until recently when I began hearing about how much they had inspired some of my favorite artists, including Beck and Uncle Tupelo.



BRYAN HARMELINK

What intrigued me even more was the fact that they have also inspired bands that I don't like, including the Dave Matthews Band and Leftover Salmon. I know, I know, it's hard to believe that someone doesn't like Dave Matthews.

When I heard that Camper Van Beethoven was coming out with a new album after a 15-year hiatus, I was extremely curious to hear what they had to offer. Camper Van Beethoven's new album, called "New Roman Times," on Pitch-A-Tent records is very difficult to peg to one specific genre. The album is a schizophrenic collection of music styles from around the world. The album

brings to mind Pink Floyd, the Beatles, Beck, the Flaming Lips, Wilco, Son Volt, Cracker, Jimi Hendrix, Phish, Santana, Guided By Voices and even a little bit of traditional Mexican, Jamaican and Ukrainian music.

"New Roman Times" is a rock opera that tells the fictional story of a Texas juvenile delinquent who joins an elite army and the simultaneous outbreak of civil war in California.

Camper Van Beethoven's lyricist, David Lowery, twilights as the lead singer of Cracker, is famous for writing cryptic lyrics that are purposely nonsensical. The album is a critique on society, but the lyrics are so bizarre it's hard to get the message.

The album's first single "51-7" has been receiving a lot of play on local alternative commercial radio stations. "51-7" is a perfect example of why Camper Van Beethoven is destined to have a revival among music buffs. It is a ridiculously

catchy pop song that would fit perfectly on a Guided By Voices or Elvis Costello album.

There are several "jam" tracks on the album that have no vocals. The five-minute musical blitz of "White Fluffy Clouds,"

is a thunderous explosion of guitars, samples, drums and violins that would fit a battle scene perfectly. I normally don't like jam music, but the instrumental tracks that CVB lays out throughout the album provide a welcome change of pace.

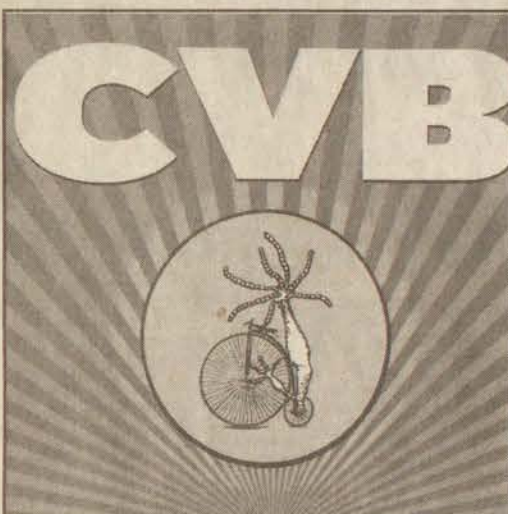
The most humorous track on the album is "Militia Song." It's

a hoe-down style song about a hateful militia man who is a graduate of Berkeley and now has "got me a little ol' shack in the woods, gonna mail me out some explosive goods."

The rest of the album is entertaining to say the least. It's easy to understand why Camper Van Beethoven has inspired

such a large variety of artists. Their music is crisp, clean and exciting. Camper Van Beethoven's music defies all genres and, unlike most mainstream music, can honestly be labeled as "original."

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Chinese cheeseheads



A Tibetan women uses hand-made equipment to make cheese from yak milk.

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Imagine leaving the comfort of home, the conveniences of American life and traveling to a foreign country where the language is unknown. Some places don't have running water and some people only have one set of clothes. This is exactly what three UW-River Falls students did last June.

Josh Boisen, Joe Bollman and Charlie Henn traveled to China with Rane May, UW-RF animal and food science professor and Brett May, Viterbo University student.

Even with some of the conveniences of home left behind the group stayed focused on its purpose, which was "to teach nomad people how to make cheese," Henn said.

"The goal is to eventually provide an income for nomadic Tibetans," May said. "The nomadic Tibetans are a very rural, very poor people."



Submitted by Rane May
UW-River Falls students, faculty pose with local Tibetans showing their first block of cheese they produced on trip to China.

The idea of the trip came when Wong How Man, 1976 UW-RF graduate, came to the campus to receive the distinguished alumnus award and was given a cheese box made in the UW-RF dairy plant.

When Wong tasted the cheese he just fell in love with it, May said. He then met with May and started making plans to have a cheese factory built in China.

Former Chancellor Ann Lydecker was involved with the planning of the trip to China early on. Brent Greene, Ann and Bill Lydecker and Rane May went to China in September 2003 as a scouting trip that set in motion the plan to take students to China the following year.

Lydecker was interested in "developing connections for student involvement," May said. "Ann was really excited about the project. She really had an interest in making UW-River Falls international."

After Lydecker's death, May decided to go to China to keep Lydecker's vision going.

When the group arrived in Shangri-La, China, all it had to work with were four walls, a floor and a ceiling. They took the bare building and helped the local people set up a training center/cheese factory to show other local people how to make cheese.

When the group left China the cheese factory was up and running. May said, however, that the Tibetans were working to upgrade the milk quality before they continued to make cheese. She hoped that they would continue to make cheese.

Although May took the students to build a cheese factory, she hoped they would gain much more from the experience.

"I hope that they gained an appreciation for another culture and way of life," May said. "I hope they gained an appreciation of what they have in the United States and an understanding of what human nature is all about."

The students did have a chance to experience a different culture but what really seemed to remain with the students was the Chinese people.

Henn's favorite part was getting to know the people and culture of China.

"There was a big gap in language, but we still talked," Henn said. "We had whole conversations without talking."

Students seemed to gain experience by being immersed in the culture and living the day-to-day life of the Chinese people.

"I learned a lot more in three weeks than I could have read in any book," Bollman said. "There is no better way to learn about a culture than to go there."

The trip to China ranked as one of the highlights of the students' college careers.

"Probably the most interesting thing I will ever do," Bollman said.

Henn felt the trip was more than interesting.

"It's one of the best things I have done in my college career," Henn said.

Students gained an appreciation for other cultures and had a unique experience that was a "chance of a lifetime," Henn said.

After gaining an appreciation for the Chinese culture, students are more open to the idea of going back to China.

"Before I went there, I would have never had a reason to go to China. Now I would go back in a heartbeat," Bollman said.

TOP TEN MISPERCEPTIONS AT UW-RF

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