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Brick by brick, workers unbuild Ames



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The Ames Teacher Education building isn't ending its 42-year tenure on the UW-River Falls campus with a bang.

Instead of just knocking down the building with a wrecking ball, the building is slowly being taken apart. This process is called deconstruction, campus planner Dale Braun said.

In August, all of the movable equipment was taken out of the building and sold. This includes things like the hardware off the doors, lockers, and fire extinguishers, facilities engineer Jim Murphy said.

Currently, Northwoods Environmental Construction, out of northern Michigan, is removing asbestos from the building. Asbestos was part of the floor tiles, the pipe coverings and the waterproofing material on the outside of the building.

The asbestos was not a danger to anyone who was in the building, Murphy said. It is only dangerous once it becomes airborne. "For asbestos to be hazardous it has to be crushed and crumbled in order for it to become airborne," Murphy said.

After the asbestos removal is complete, the removal of the roofing materials, the windows,

the lights and the bricks will begin, Murphy said.

All of that material is going to be recycled because it cannot be disposed of in a landfill.

"If they didn't remove the asbestos, that all would have gone to a landfill for hazardous materials," Murphy said. "That's expensive."

Plus, all the hazardous materials would have had to be removed anyway, so the extra time taken is worth it to recycle the building components.

"That has to be done no matter what," Murphy said.

In the deconstruction process, some of the components of Ames are being salvaged to be used in the new student union, which will stand in place of Ames.

Among items being saved are the stone benches, the limestone framing around the windows and the metal brackets that held up the canopies over the doors, Braun said.

An artist from Mineral Point, Wis., has been selected to use these components in a work of art that will adorn the new student center, Braun said.

The deconstruction process should be finished by Dec. 1. Once all the building materials

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The Ames Teacher Education building is being demolished in a process called deconstruction, which prevents asbestos from becoming airborne. The new Student Union will be built where Ames now stands.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Grounds maintenance gets lost in budget shuffle

Building projects, budget cuts leave grounds crew dry

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

When future visitors come to UW-River Falls, they will see more buildings and less landscaping.

UW-RF is in the process of finishing South Fork Suites and building a new student center. Despite this, the groundskeeping budget of \$202,368 will not be increased to allow for more staffing or supplies.

Mary Halada, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, blames the \$1.5 million budget cut in the 2003-2005 biennium.

"It's a tradeoff of old space and new space and hopefully it will not have a bad effect on campus," Halada said.

Halada said UW-RF is trying to make groundskeeping less labor intensive; there are no longer spring and summer flowerbeds.

"Continually, I think the grounds staff has made those adjustments," Halada said.

Despite budget cuts, Halada said there will be no landscaping staff cuts.

"Our staffing levels are pretty status quo right now," Halada said.

Campus planner Dale Braun has his own take on budget allocations in regards to landscaping.

"If money is put into landscaping,



Photo by Sarah Geston

New buildings around campus mean more landscaping projects for groundskeepers, which could be a problem since budget concerns have put grounds maintenance funds in a holding pattern.

something else doesn't get done - as simple as that," Braun said. "So a balance has to be achieved in all decisions. So far I think we've hit the right balance for the right reasons," Braun said.

Braun said landscaping is usually one

of the first things to be cut from the budget because it is easier to add later, as opposed to building space or mechanical systems. Items such as sidewalks, lighting and benches will be kept to a minimum so that UW-RF can see how

students access new buildings.

Braun credits UW-RF's faculty and programs, not its beauty, for keeping students on campus.

Manny Kenny, grounds maintenance supervisor, said that with the current budget and increased workload, if more workers can't be hired then expectations on campus looks must be lowered.

Fertilizer has not been used on campus lawns in more than three years, Kenney said. Because of safety reasons, ice melt, salt and sand use during the winter months has not been cut back.

Kenney said he has noticed a difference in landscape aesthetics at UW-RF. There are no new plantings except through donations, though plants or trees are occasionally replaced.

"We'd love to be doing more, but because of the budget we can't be," Kenney said. "It boils down to setting priorities."

Although no employees have been let go, there has been no growth in the department despite added buildings and increased enrollment.

Groundskeeper Bruce Granberg blames the state budget for the current condition of the grounds department.

"With the Wisconsin state budget being very tight, our machinery and equipment is very old," Granberg said.

The only recent equipment replacements have been lawn mowers and a

truck.

Granberg also has thoughts on employee wages and benefits.

The state should focus on other ways to save money rather than keeping employee wages at current rates, Granberg said.

"The actual benefits of this job are disappearing fast," Granberg said.

Dave Rustad has been a groundskeeper at UW-RF for 15 years. He has become frustrated with the lack of employees in the department.

"They keep adding and adding adding streets and sidewalks and never support us with extra help," Rustad said.

UW-RF is one of the smallest grounds departments, with one of the larger UW campuses, Rustad

said.

The grounds department provides a valuable service by creating an environment that is pleasant and attracts students, Rustad said. The campus appearance will go down if flower beds are cut back; people may not notice right away, but after awhile they will, Rustad said.

"It's the little things that make a big impact."

Rustad is optimistic there will not be any job cuts in the grounds department.

"I don't think they could lay off any more people and still run campus," Rustad said.

Student Union clears hurdle

Regents OK budget proposal

Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

Get your hard hats ready; construction of the new Student Union appears to be back on track. A \$4.5 million budget increase for the UW-River Falls Student Union construction project was approved when members of the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents met Oct. 8 and 9 at the UW Superior campus for their monthly meeting.

The on again, off again nature of the construction project has been the result of many ailments. The most recent malady is that the original construction bids for the Student Union came in about \$4 million over the proposed \$34 million budget according to Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander.

"The reason the bids came in over budget is that all of a sudden concrete and steel prices have gone sky high," Nylander

said. "But that's been true for a number of projects in the state."

The budget for the Student Union is based almost entirely on student fees. When students originally approved for an increase in student fees to pay for the construction, a cap was placed upon how much student fees would go up Nylander said.

"One of the good things about this is when the students originally voted on this particular project they gave us a range for which student fees could go up between \$175 to \$225 per year for this new facility," Nylander said. "This increase will not exceed the \$225 cap that the students agreed to a few years ago. That is good news."

Guy Gottschalk, vice chair of the Physical Planning and Funding Committee that handled the budget increase said the increase was needed because re-bidding would be counterproductive.

"Since we are in a volatile building climate, bidders might further hedge their bids and thus further increase the project costs," Gottschalk said.

Nylander echoed those senti-

ments.

"We do not want to go out and re-bid again," Nylander said. "If we went out and re-bid again it could literally cost millions more. We just don't want that to happen."

Included in the budget increase that was approved was a request for waiver of a fee of \$176,000 to be paid to the Division of State Facilities (DSF) which was also approved by the regents.

UW System director of communications and University relations Doug Bradley said the DSF gets roughly a 4 percent cut of all building fees in order to fund management of the building projects. In this case, however, DSF has wrapped up much of their work and the regents felt the extra fee could be better used for construction costs.

Nylander agreed with that idea. "Since they have done all their work, but because the bid came in higher, we're asking them to waive that fee," Nylander said.

With the Regents approving the budget increase, the next step is for the budget to be approved by the Wisconsin State Building Commission.

NOW HIRING



Photo by Sarah Geston

The Career Fair, which was held Oct. 20 at Karges Center, provided a place for students to meet professionals, network and look for job opportunities.

LOCAL

Homecoming Alumni Events Freddy's Tailgate

Join other alumni, friends and parents under the pavilion for a brat and beer near the concession stand at Ramer Field. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. and run through halftime of the football game on Oct. 23.

Homecoming Concert

UW-RF Jazz Ensemble is paying tribute to Count Basie at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of Kleinpell Fine Arts on Oct. 23. Tickets available at the door, a \$5 donation is requested. For more information contact the music department at 425-3183

Alumni Concert

The program will feature UW-RF Chamber Singers, Alumni Choir, UW-RF Concert Choir, Combined Choirs and Symphony Band. The concert will be held on Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of Kleinpell Fine Arts. Tickets available at the door, a \$5 donation is requested. For more information contact the music department at 425-3183

Hunt/Knowles Groundbreaking

Oct. 23 at 10 a.m.- Knowles Center Lobby
The Hunt/Knowles Athletic Center addition will include two new locker rooms with 50 lockers each, a whirlpool room, a training workroom, an expanded laundry room and office space. Completion of the project is expected by Summer 2005.

Iron-Jawed Angels

Parker Hall will be showing the movie "Iron-Jawed Angels" which is a historically accurate film about several women and their fight for women's voting rights. Provost Ginny Coombs will be speaking about the importance of women voting as well. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27 and is open to everyone. This will take place in the basement of Parker Hall.

Dance Marathon

Save the date to help raise money for Gillette Children's Hospital. This years' event will take place on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Last year, \$12,000 was raised, the goal for this year is \$15,000. Contact Jeremy Kalal from UW-RF Smiles for Kids. He can be reached at jeremy.w.kalal@uwrf.edu

Chancellor Search and Screen Meeting

On Oct. 26, from 7 to 9 a.m., the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee will approve meeting minutes from the 10/12/04 meeting; they will also discuss process for evaluating applicants. The meeting will be held in Kleinpell Fine Arts Building, Room 140. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

REGIONAL

UW-Eau Claire expands program

UW-Eau Claire is the only school in the UW System, and one of the few in the nation, that has a program with emphasis in behavioral studies that prepares students to pursue national certification.

The program pairs psychology students with children with severe autism and their families to now offer in-home services to work with the children.

The University also offers an on-campus program that provides therapy for the children. After a child is diagnosed with autism, the family can apply for funding from the state and also from federal grants to help pay for in-home care.

Students in this program have the opportunity to help autistic children learn social skills and classroom skills to prepare them for mainstream kindergarten.

Research shows that children that receive intensive intervention on behavior will make most gains, socially and educationally, if they receive 30 hours of care a week before age 5.

New wildlife refuge created in Minnesota

On Oct. 26, The Nature Conservancy will donate approximately 2000 acres of the largest prairie and wetland reconstruction project in North America to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This area will become the first piece of the Glacial Ridge refuge. Glacial Ridge is located about 10 miles east of Crookston, Minn., home of University of Minnesota- Crookston.

Glacial Ridge, when fully restored, will provide more habitat area for dozens of waterfowl and upland bird species, like the sand hill crane and the greater prairie chicken, as well as mammals, like moose and gray wolves and insects like butterflies. Endangered plants like the western prairie fringed orchid will have more room to grow and stay preserved.

The area will not only serve as a refuge, but will also be used for a place for students studying restoration and conservation. With the close proximity to campus, students could potentially do research in the morning and head to classes in the afternoon.

The refuge is also open for recreational activities like hiking, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

NATIONAL

Students in Chicago reside in skyscraper

The doors of the 18-floor University Center opened its doors this fall to 1,700 students from three different schools. DePaul University, Roosevelt University and Columbia College students live in the nation's largest joint student residence hall in the United States. This \$100 million building nearly encompasses an entire city block.

University Center features multi-media rooms, laundry facilities, an exercise room, classrooms, conference rooms, study lounges and a half-acre roof garden. Student living areas are in the four-bedroom quad apartments and quad semi-suites style.

Also in the works is having the ground floor house several retail shops. Two contracts have already been signed with 7-Eleven and Books in the City, a local bookstore.

The city block the Center is located on is prime location for all three campuses and is in the heart of downtown Chicago.

New survey says grads can be picky

A survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) concerning salaries of new college graduates, says students won't have to worry about not receiving enough money for the work they will be doing after graduation.

Diploma holders with bachelor degrees have no need to worry because salaries are up across the board with engineers coming in on top. Chemical engineers start at an average of \$52,819 followed closely by computer engineers at \$51,572.

Graduates in accounting and economics have a starting salary range of \$41,000; business administration is nearing with \$38,188.

Liberal arts majors need not worry, though; the average salaries continue to creep upwards and now stand at an average of \$30,152. Of that, political science majors saw the biggest increase (of 3.9 percent) at \$32,999.

These salaries may seem high or low, depending on the view of certain individuals, but some career services centers recommend not trying to negotiate salaries.

It is important for graduates to prove their skills and what they can bring to the job, where they want to work geographically and how they would compare to other potential candidates.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 15 issue of the Student Voice, the story titled "South Fork Suites near completion, seniors preferred," left the last quote unfinished. It should have read "A group of four friends can live together instead of two groups of two," Moon said.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate tries to rescind previous motion

Rachel Gaynor
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The Student Senate, at its Oct. 19 meeting, voted unanimously to indefinitely table a motion that would have rescinded a motion passed on Oct. 5 had it been passed. The motion passed on Oct. 5 took "a strong stance against HR 163," which was a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that called for all American men and women ages 18-25 to perform military or civilian service.

On Oct. 5, the House of Representatives, without the knowledge of the Student Senate, defeated HR 163 "with a

nearly unanimous vote: 2 yeas and 402 nays," according to the Student Senate minutes from Oct. 19. Senator Louis Muench moved to not forward the motion passed on Oct. 5 to senators, congressmen and candidates because it "would be inappropriate since HR 163 is no longer an active bill."

Senator Joe Eggers said that it was too late because Senator Nick Cluppert had already sent out the letters and "we should just wipe our hands clean of HR 163."

Eggers then motioned to table the motion indefinitely and was seconded by Senator Jeremiah Zitzow.

In other Senate news:

•Two of the four new senators, Georgia Wagner and Lindsey Burdick were present at the meeting. The other two senators, Landon Overby and Michael Bailey, are expected to be at the next meeting.

•Senator Joe Eggers, and the New Voters Project are looking for people to help with Get Out the Vote Phone Banking. There are times available for Friday, Oct. 29- Monday, Nov. 1. If you are interested, please talk to him for times.

•There is a United Council General Assembly Oct. 22 to 23 that President Matthew Scheulke and Senator Adam Koski will be

attending.

•Leadership Development and Programming Board meetings are Wednesdays at 4:30 in the Wisconsin Room of the Student Center.

•Zitzow attended the Academic Policy and Programs University Committee meeting and reported that the General Education requirements and exceptions are being accessed. Also, an option for an international programs major is being discussed.

•The New Voters Project registered 833 students to vote this year on campus through labeling, posters, buttons, T-shirts and word of mouth.

Jon Majak
Staff Writer

Love triangles, mistaken identities and crossing dress are just a few things audiences can expect when UW-River Falls' theater opens its 2004-2005 season with a production of William Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night beginning Oct. 21.

"We're not so different now than we were 450 years ago," UW-RF theater professpr and the play's director Meg Swanson said. "[The characters] are human. It's a play that shows us all aspects of love, both funny and serious."

The process of getting the play from script to stage started before the end of last semester.

According to Swanson, the decision of doing Twelfth Night came about because of the retirement of English professor Bernie Brohaugh. Brohaugh, who had taught both Shakespeare and contemporary drama courses while working here, had a particular desire to play a particularly rapscallion character from Twelfth Night.

"Bernie Brohaugh always wanted to do Sir Toby Belcher," Swanson said.

Belcher is one of Brohaugh's favorite drama personalities.

"I like the role," Brohaugh said. "It's my alter ego. Got the world by its tail."

With the play decided and one role cast, Swanson held meetings with the production staff during the summer. When the school year started, Swanson held auditions opened to both students and faculty.

"Shakespeare is a lot about language," Swanson said. "We looked for people that are good with language."

After three days of auditioning, 20 actors were cast and rehearsals started promptly the first week of the semester and carried on for the next six. The actors meet six nights a week to memorize their lines, go over costumes and try to understand what they are saying.

"I was really nervous about the language," cast member Michael McKay said, who was cast as Feste the Fool.

Cast member Joe Aherns, who was cast as the Puritanical Malvolio, agrees.

"It was like learning a totally different language," Aherns said. "It's been an absolute blast."

With words like thee, thy, hath, and nay

abounding in the play, it has been an adjustment for the cast to make.

"It's been a long process," Kimberly Cieslewicz said, who was cast as the witty Maria.

While it may have been a difficult experience at times, the cast has come to a consensus about what it has meant to them.

"It's been an incredible learning experience," Theresa Flaherty said, who's cast in the complicated role of Viola and who at one point disguises herself as a man named Cesario. "It's difficult but once you know what you're saying it's much easier."

Swanson said she has seen her cast grow over the course of the rehearsals.

"One of the exciting things are the misunderstandings," Swanson said. "They've grabbed the language with conviction."

Though cast members are getting a grasp of the language, there is always room for further understanding.

"I learn a new thing every time," cast member Stephanie Briggs said, who was cast as Lady Olivia. "I'm really happy how it's all going."

The difficulty of the language has made the group tighter as a whole, Swanson said.

"They've bonded real quickly and learn from each other," Swanson said. "I have a good cast."

Though Shakespeare's text is highly respected among the production, Swanson said it is not being treated as sacred.

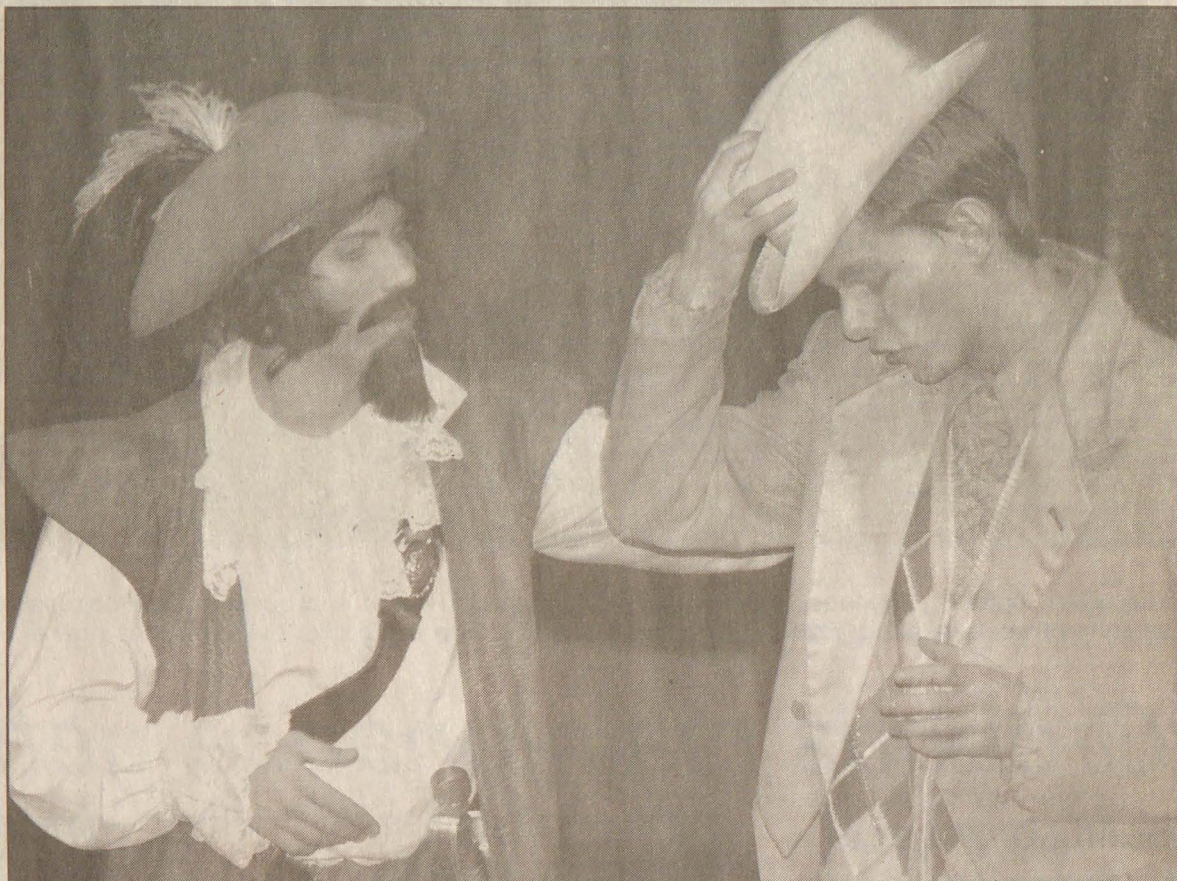


Photo by Sarah Gestson

Twelfth Night, a Shakespeare comedy, runs Oct. 21 to 23 and Oct. 28 to 30. Students and staff auditioned in the beginning of the school year to take part in the play. The comedy of errors will hopefully give students a breather from the heated political debates going on.

"It's like it's any script," Swanson said. "We've made cuts; There is no particular period and the set isn't fussy."

According to music director Marissa Olson, the play will be using period music and they have found music true to Shakespeare's time period.

While the music may be from Shakespeare's time, some of the choices for costuming have been updated for some of the characters with characters adorned in retro ruffled-shirts and sweater vests while others are in more traditional Shakespearean costumes.

"We're making it accessible," Swanson said.

While the actors work on their scenes, there is another group of people working behind scenes to make sure everything looks and sounds correct.

"It's a lot of collaboration," stage manager Iris O'Brien said. "Ten of us are involved in the show constantly. Lighting, setting, costume crews ... And I get to keep them together and straight."

Shakespeare wrote more political plays like Julius Caesar or one of the history plays like Henry the Fifth that the theater could have put on during this heated political year but instead chose this comedy of errors.

"It provides a breather," Swanson said.

Twelfth Night runs the weekends of Oct. 21 to 23 and Oct. 28 to 30.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

sumption. Brian C. Drake was fined \$288 for failure to prevent illegal consumption.

Oct. 8

Brian D. Plante, Natacia N. Howard and Brady M. Zelen were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at 406 Grimm Hall.

Andrew M. Thompson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 331 Grimm Hall.

Frederick G. Bowen was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 402 Grimm Hall.

Nicholas L. Schmalz was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 204 Stratton Hall.

Toni J. Canfield reported the theft of a VCR, valued at \$100, from the EV room in the Library.

Oct. 9

Michael W. Yocom was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 434 McMillan Hall.

Oct. 10

Amanda K. Krier reported the theft of a green girls mountain bike, valued at \$80, from Johnson Hall.

Oct. 13

Sheng-Ying Peng reported the theft of a blue 18-speed bicycle, valued at \$100, from 62 E.

Cascade.

Nina L. Kraemer reported the theft of a cell phone, valued at \$90, from 140 Union St.

Oct. 14

Zachary E. Howlett reported an ID violation at Dick's Plus liquor store. The suspect fled before police arrived at the scene.

Meagan V. Mecklenburg reported harassment, including stalking incidents at 551 Spruce St. and an attack on a campus trail.

Oct. 15

Tamara R. Strusz collided with three legally-parked vehicles on Main St. while attempting to learn to drive a standard transmission. Damaged vehicles belonged to Robert R. Torrez, Steven M. Ryan, and Amy M. Jurgens. Strusz was cited for driving without a valid license.

Ryan J. Gilbertson reported damage to his car window, valued at \$50, at 132 W. Johnson St. Gilbertson and other witnesses claim small rocks were thrown at the vehicle while it was in motion. There are no suspects.

Oct. 17

Kia Amundson was fined \$736 for operating with prohibited

alcohol content, \$705 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and \$89.60 for inattentive driving. According to police reports, Amundson backed into Amanda M. Wesson, knocking her to the ground. Joshua R. Kovars was fined \$226 for property damage and ordered to pay restitution after he used his elbow to break a window, valued at \$250, on Amundson's vehicle.

Bryan Harmelink sideswiped a legally-parked vehicle owned by Micheal Foley while backing out of a parking space at the North Hall parking lot. Foley's vehicle sustained damage along the length of the driver's side.

Ruth Talford reported \$70, in ones and fives, missing from the cash register at Char's Grill in the Student Center.

Oct. 18

Rachel M. Bartel reported the theft of a black/silver 21-speed mountain bike, valued at \$230, at Prucha Hall.

Eric S. McIlquham was fined \$491 for third-offense underage consumption and Stacey A. Holt was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

STEPS FOR SAFETY



Photo by Micheal Foley

Student Senators, campus administrators and concerned students trekked through the most traveled parts of campus to note safe and unsafe areas in regards to sidewalk conditions, campus accessibility, lighting and blue light call boxes. The walk took place on Oct. 20 starting at 8:45 p.m.

Flu shots not offered to UW-RF students, options available

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

Normally, many students would be preparing to get their flu vaccines on campus. This year, however, due to a shortage the vaccine will not be offered.

The shortage occurred because the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency in the United Kingdom has suspended Chiron Company's license to manufacture the Fluvirin vaccine for three months, making it unavailable for the 2004-2005 flu season.

This means approximately only half, (54 million) of the anticipated available vaccines will be distributed in the United States. Because of the shortage, only those who are considered to be at high risk will be able to be vaccinated.

"The clinic is going by CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines as far as only giving it to high risk people," said Student Health Nurse

Linda Vigars. "Only students at high risk will be able to receive a flu shot at the River Falls Medical Clinic."

If you fall into any of these groups, it is recommended by the CDC that you be vaccinated:

- People ages 65 and older
- Children ages 6 months to 23 months
- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic lung or heart disorders including heart disease and asthma
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes), kidney diseases, blood disorders (such as sickle cell anemia) or weakened immune systems, including persons with HIV/AIDS

• Children and teenagers, 6 months to 18 years of age, who take aspirin daily

• Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities

• Household members and out-

of-home caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months

• Healthcare workers who provide direct, hands-on care to patients

The vaccine will not be available at the Oct. 27 or Nov. 17 immunization clinics on campus.

"This isn't going to change. This is going to stay the same because they are not going to pull flu vaccine out of a hat," said director of Student Health Services Alice Reilly-Myklebust. "Both Pierce and St. Croix County Public Health (as well as the River Falls Medical Clinic) have vaccine available, but again, only to those at high-risk."

FluMist, a live intranasal influenza vaccine, (as opposed to the inactivated Fluvirin vaccine), is an alternative option for those not eligible for the Fluvirin vaccine. However, the FluMist vaccine is not currently available in the immediate area. For more information, contact your health care provider.

Unexpected required course adds stress to students' lives

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

This fall students entering educational psychology: elementary education (TED 211) found out they needed to take another course concurrently in order to complete all the requirements for TED 211.

The additional course requirement for TED 211 is neither listed on the academic plan for elementary education majors, nor in the catalog's course description.

Students were told they must take Teacher Education - Technology Integration Portfolio (TED 289) or attend portfolio open houses once a week offered by the Technology Leadership Cadre (TLC), said Laura Webb, a student in the class.

The syllabus for TED 211 states: "Students will be expected to attend technology sessions outside of class to begin their electronic portfolios."

Webb was upset that she had an additional class to take this fall on such short notice. It has been a frustrating journey so far, as Webb is unable to attend either of the two class choices.

TED 289 is a two-credit course not listed in the catalog, but can be found on the master schedule. The class is offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 - 7 p.m.

The portfolio open houses, led by TLC students and not for credit, are offered on Tuesdays from 4-5:15 p.m.

Because Webb has school-aged children she can't attend evening courses. Webb said it is not only non-traditional students who are having a hard time fitting in the class. Webb said she knows of a traditional-aged student who lives on campus who cannot make the evening classes due to soccer practice.

Mary Manke, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) said the COEPS dean's office will be putting the course forward for approval as a standard course soon and looking into more diverse times for TED 289 next year.

Manke said she can appreciate how difficult scheduling can be

for non-traditional students. However, Adviser Michael Martin e-mails elementary education students about additional requirements and students should meet with him regularly to stay informed.

Webb began trying to find help by contacting Michael Martin on Sept. 17. In an e-mail response Martin did not directly answer her question asking if TED 289 or the portfolio open houses are required for TED 211, but strongly encouraged her to do the additional coursework. Martin also referred her to the TLC for assistance because she could not go to the classes.

Her first contact with the TLC referred her to the portfolio open houses, which frustrated Webb because she had already said she could not go to them.

After clarifying this point she was instructed to fill out an individual request for help form on the TLC's Web site. She did so and specified what times she could meet for individual help. She received another e-mail offering help during a time she had said she was unavailable.

"It's like nobody's paying attention to what I put on the form," Webb said.

Several e-mails and 35 days after she started her quest for help, Webb still does not have the means to meet the requirement for TED 211.

Student TLC leader Kelly Wojcik said it does take some time to resolve issues like Webb's, but it will get resolved. At the next weekly meeting, Webb will be referred to someone who can work with her schedule. Wojcik is quick to point out that group workshops take priority over individual help as the most efficient way to use the allotted 20 TLC positions, limited by funding.

Wojcik was surprised to learn that the TED 289 or portfolio open house requirement is not in the catalog as being required or listed on the elementary education major academic plan on the UW-River Falls Web site.

"If it's not required, it should be," Wojcik said. "I think it's the responsibility of the professors

and the dean's office to let students know."

Wojcik shares some of Webb's frustration. Everyone tells the students to come to the TLC, Wojcik said.

Referring to the new electronic portfolio requirements and consequent workload for TLC Wojcik said, "That was the biggest shocker."

Nonetheless, Wojcik enthusiastically advocates learning about the electronic portfolio as soon as possible.

"All the classes I've had use that portfolio," Wojcik said.

Rachel Carlson, a student in TED 211 and TED 289, agrees.

"If you take it right away, it's easier," Carlson said.

Carlson said she and many other students are working on their classroom management papers that need to go into the electronic portfolio right now, and using the portfolio helps you remember what you have done. "They really work with you," Carlson said about Crowe and Miller.

The big push for electronic portfolio classes is because portfolios are a new requirement for graduation and certification for teaching effective Sept. 1, 2004, per the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

DPI does not require the portfolio to be electronic, but UW-RF does.

"Technology use is one of our major goals as a college," Manke said.

Manke stresses the importance of technology use and encourages students to use the TLC Web site for reference to the electronic portfolios. Wojcik also refers students to the Web site for a calendar of topics for the open houses and for finding the individual help request form.

Webb is hoping to have a response on her request for help soon because her first electronic portfolio assignment is due Nov. 9 in TED 211. Webb also said the spring semester schedule is looking the same as the fall schedule with all the electronic portfolio classes being offered in the evening, during the same time frame again.

UW-RF symposium sheds light on food safety awareness

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Everyone needs to be concerned about his or her food. There is the threat of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) - more commonly known as mad cow disease. There is also the threat of salmonella in ice cream, eggs and other food products.

There are so many food hazards that threaten humans' health that a person could have good reason to be scared to eat, but UW-River Falls is helping people learn to deal with these problems.

UW-RF held the 24th annual Food Microbiology Symposium Oct. 17 to 20. The symposium covered current concepts in foodborne pathogens and rapid and automated methods in food microbiology.

Every year, about 100 people from about 12 countries and 15 states in the United States attend the symposium, said Purnendu Vasavada, animal and food science professor and director of the symposium.

Attendees of the symposium had the opportunity to listen to speakers from Purdue University, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Kraft Foods and many other universities and companies.

One of the speakers was Dave Park, president of Food-Defense, which "provides authoritative food safety and security consultation for the food industry."

He spoke on how to integrate food safety and food integrity in the industry by using Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) approaches.

He talked about detecting hazards as soon as possible. He said companies need to "find hazards upstream" so the company can "intercept hazards before they get to the consumers."

"The faster we can do things and the more specific we can be, the better off we are," Park said.

Besides the speakers, there were also workshops put on by companies from all over the world. The companies gave demonstrations of the newest tests and equipment available for the detection and characterization of various pathogens and toxins to help assess the quality and safety of foods.

The workshops are meant to give attendees the chance to learn the latest on what is happening and give them hands-on experience in the food microbiology field.

The reasons people from around the world attend the symposium vary, from the small town atmosphere of River Falls to the time of the symposium (most people are too busy in the summer, so an October symposium suits their schedule) and the mixture of attendees, companies and academic people who are at the symposium, Vasavada said.

"My favorite part of the symposium is the variety and the latest advances that we can witness and discuss in a small-town setting," Vasavada said.

The symposium was started to give UW-RF students a chance to interact with industry people from around the world. Now, the symposium gives people from around the world the opportunity to learn the latest technologies, Vasavada said.

Kari Maher graduated from UW-RF as a food science major. This year is the first year that she was able to attend the symposium and she represented Hasting Laboratories, a food testing company.

"I came to learn about new methods and testing capabilities," Maher said.

She will take what she learned at the symposium back to her company so the company can implement the new ideas in its facility.

UW-RF is known world-wide in the food microbiology area because of this symposium, Vasavada said.

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EDITORIAL

Voters Project reaches students, makes difference

More than 800 UW-River Falls students are registered to vote in a presidential election for the first time in their lives thanks to the tireless organized efforts of the New Voters Project (NVP) committee.

For the past five presidential elections, college-age voters have been turning out in smaller and smaller numbers. According to www.newvotersproject.org, only about 36 percent of people age 18-24 vote in national elections while older demographics reach about 70 percent participation.

If this trend continues the aged will continue to dominate political thought. Tax dollars could go disproportionately to Social Security and prescription drug costs, possibly leaving higher education for only well-to-do folks.

With the slogan, "Make them pay attention to us," the NVP is mobilizing young people to make speak to politicians with their ballots. Just by casting a vote, no matter for which candidate, sends a distinct message to politicians – we care and we're not going away.

The potential to make a significant difference is there. A statistic the NVP has been touting this fall is that all of Wisconsin's electoral votes went to Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election because he collected about 5,700 more votes than George W. Bush did. With about 5,800 eligible voters in the student body, UW-RF alone has the potential to tilt a race for one candidate or another. Young people in other key states can also make similar impacts.

This NVP committee, which will cease to exist after Nov. 2, has done more things to combat student apathy than any other group on campus in recent memory. They set a terrific example on how to localize a national event to fit this small campus community.

While many student organizations struggle out of the gate each fall, the NVP rushed to the front of the pack without hesitation. The day before school started, the NVP had a voter booth assembled outside the Leadership Center to get students to start thinking about the upcoming elections.

One of the reasons for the fast start was the crunched timetable of just 62 days between the first day of the term and Election Day. The group also got a huge shot in the arm from the national level, in the form of ready-made giveaway materials and promotional items. Of course the NVP designed and created a lot of its own materials as well, easily making it the most visible student-run activity on campus this fall.

Though the NVP benefited from national support, one thing the NVP provided on its own was the passion that drove the effort at UW-RF. No one could walk 50 feet in the Student Center without running into a poster, table or, more importantly, a person urging them to register to vote. The NVP took to the effort with such vigor that it reached far more than just the 833 people who stopped long enough to fill out a voter registration form.

The fact that they were there planted plenty of seeds in students' minds. Even if some didn't register, at least they are aware that other young people are counting on them to vote and make a difference. Just seeing a student wearing the bright red NVP T-shirts in class is enough to grab a young potential voter's curiosity.

Beyond just showing up and being visible, the NVP offered a wealth of knowledge. The NVP Web site (www.uwrf.edu/newvoter) features information on all the election-related events on campus, a voting how-to guide and links to political parties. The NVP even remembered the numerous student voters who happen to reside on the other side of the state border – an important detail for a campus that draws about half its students from a neighboring state.

To make the world pay attention to them, young people must follow up all the talk and hype with action. Talking about voting doesn't work by itself. Students must vote to make a difference.

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VIEWPOINTS

John Kerry tests his "Plan for America" on his fellow Democrats



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Military draft not necessary, congressman says

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on a recent vote in the House of Representatives on a bill to reinstate the draft. This was one of many important issues I heard from concerned students when I recently visited western Wisconsin college campuses.

In October of 2003, and again in September of this year, I had the opportunity to travel to Iraq and visit with the brave men and women of our Armed Services. I have never been more proud to be an American than when I saw

our soldiers performing their mission under difficult and dangerous conditions. America's all-volunteer armed forces has resulted in a "professional" military of the most highly trained, highly motivated soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in history. While I believe that issues such as the current deployment of our troops in 138 countries and the ability of our armed forces to meet recruitment goals are important and need to be examined, I agree with our military leadership that a manda-

tory draft is not necessary and our volunteer military is working well. October 5, 2004, the House voted 402-2 against this bill.

Please feel free to contact my office at 1-888-442-8040 with any thoughts or concerns or submit by email at: www.house.gov/kind/contact.sht ml. I also would encourage you to write me at the email address above to join my student advisory committee on higher education issues.

Congressman Ron Kind

Wealth not necessarily based on merit

How do you quantify "hard work"? Does the work of a poor man "count less" than that of a corporate CEO?

In school the "A's" are virtually infinite; everyone who deserves one gets one. Life doesn't operate on the same principles. If numerous candidates interview for a job, do all the qualified people get the position? No.

Sure, there may be other jobs out there, but suppose that job pays less, has fewer benefits or requires moving to another city. Not everyone can afford to make those sacrifices.

The reality is that there is always going to be a separation of class. Life is complicated and often unfair. The rich tend to stay rich, while the poor stay poor. However, to imply that all wealthy people are in that position simply because they "tried harder" is ignorant and insulting to those who have struggled to get by all their lives.

Duesenberg's column exemplifies a belief that is accepted not because it is logical, but simply because it serves to support the ideals he follows. Instead of finding a cylindrical peg for a round hole, he took a square one and sawed off the corners.

Secondly, Kerry never voted for a 50 cent increase on gas. I challenge anyone reading this to find a legitimate record of Kerry actually voting for such a plan.

I never cease to be disgusted with the mudslinging that goes on in political campaigns. But what I find more disturbing is the number of people I know will take such an argument at face value without any question as to its legitimacy. People remain willfully ignorant in this country and it only serves to hurt us as a whole.

I implore everyone out there to inform themselves, especially in this time when so much is at risk.

Jacob Jonker
Student

GUEST COLUMN

Presidential miscues make soundbites tough to digest

The election is less than two weeks away. If this is news to you, chances are you're not reading this column and I prefer it that way.

However, to those of you who do realize that voting is a fundamental right, nay, responsibility for freedom loving democracy and find yourself torn between Bush and Kerry, I'd like to give you some post debate fodder to chew on while you're standing in line to choose between Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dumb.

During the final presidential debate on Oct. 13, Bush claimed that, contrary to Kerry's assertion, he never said he was "not that concerned" about Osama Bin Laden. Bush attacked Kerry saying, "Gosh, I don't think I ever said I'm not worried about Osama bin Laden. That's kind of one of those exaggerations."



n't concerned about Bin Laden, he later lied about it. Want more?

During the debate last Wednesday, when asked about the flu vaccine shortage, Bush said the problem was that "we relied upon a company out of England." That isn't true. Chiron Corp., the company whose vaccine plant was contaminated and led to this mess, is a California company that outsourced its operations to a factory in England.

My favorite Bush nugget that I got out of the debate was when he suggested we try to get flu vaccines from Canada to help with our shortage.

DERRICK WILLIAMS

That is a good suggestion, but Bush doesn't allow prescription drugs from Canada. He made that abundantly clear 25 minutes before hand when he stated, "prescription drugs from Canada might not be safe."

He calls Kerry a flip flopper and a liar. He is just as prone to such maladies as the next politician. I just can't trust a president who openly admits he hasn't made a mistake while he has been in office. Everyone makes mistakes.

Though I don't like the incumbent, the bottom line is this: Vote your conscience. And just go vote.

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The most disastrous aspect of the Bush presidency has been a foreign policy that has left us with fewer allies and with little respect or credibility with the world community.

You could spend days debating the various points as they regard to intelligence, amount of troops, etc. But where the Bush foreign policy—and foreign policy in general in recent years—has been lacking is diplomacy and putting ourselves in the shoes of others.

If Bush wants to campaign on the war in Iraq, making us safer from terrorists, then that's what he needs to be judged on. The war in Iraq has created more terrorists.

The Arab world sees us invade a country that

posed no threat to us and sees this as a Christian war against Islam. After toppling Saddam, we didn't guard the water and power infrastructures. Instead, we guarded the oil fields. That sends a message of empire, not of liberation. We need to find the root causes of terrorism, not just say, "they hate our freedoms."

The world's not black and white. Regardless of who is elected, we need to rid ourselves of this black and white foreign policy.

TWO SIDES OF Foreign policy

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

As a world leader, America is in the position that it cannot waver from its fundamental foreign policy principles. What kind of example are we sending to other countries if we do not follow through with our actions, such as the war in Iraq and Afghanistan or the growing weapons problems in Iran and North Korea?

We need to send a message to the terrorists and the rest of the world that we will not stand for attacks on American soil or our interests abroad.

That is why President Bush successfully chose to take the war to the terrorist's backyard, which drew the ire of countless nations worldwide. Not only is this a strong defensive maneuver for America, but is also a great thwart to terrorism for our devout Israeli, Saudi and Kuwaiti allies. For example, the suicide bombings in the Middle East have gone down 30 percent since the ousting of Saddam. If that isn't proof this administration has an excellent foreign policy in place, then what is? For years countries have tried to contain the violence in the Middle East, and for once, someone (Bush) actually made it work. This is the mindset the world's most influential leader must have, re-elect President Bush.

Antiquated two-party system keeps Americans in master-slave mindset

What exactly are you voting for? Most of us already know the "who," but are we really sending a message when we vote? In most cases, the answer is an emphatic "No!" Instead, we are giving our stake in the country to men who care about us only when the cause is marketable to the general voting public.

The youth of America are damned, and we have ourselves to blame. We've married ourselves to the corpses of ideologies that should be buried with the passing of our parents' generation. Instead of looking to ourselves, we head to the cemetery of convention. We dance with these skeletons, forsaking our own reason, for paths that lead

nowhere.

Man, the greatest, most sublime animal, has proven himself capable of monstrous things.

The 20th century witnessed the most reprehensible behavior in recorded history, and in numerical terms, the worst ever. Yet, this misery that was called down upon by the most progressive and forward-looking governments on earth, Germany and Russia. Fascism and Communism

were and are systems where the states retained an overwhelming share of power, and where that power was turned against its own citizens. Hitler and Stalin, like our leaders, knew that free speech and firearms were the ingredients of revolution and were quick to seize control of

them in the "public's interest."

"What about elections?" you may ask, "After all, we still choose our leaders." Yet what kind of a choice is it we face? The powerful organization of our two factions force anyone wishing to affect a change to join them. Once in such a group, advancement is achieved through ability and success, but conformity is not an option. The men and women of the Republican and Democratic parties are our masters. Most of us non-members exist only to provide the sweat and blood that turn the wheels of their terrible machines. Make no mistake however. We are enslaving ourselves.

We live a life prescribed by masters who constantly make decisions for us. We are confined to their education, their ideas and their gods. It is an abominable thing, this supposed

choice; we have given up our lives, our souls and for what? Comfort. In a true marketplace of ideas the hearts of men are hard-won, but when confronted with the threat of violence, men readily obey. And we do obey.

We see the government as the answer to all our problems, and we sign this devil's pact with the sacrifice of our intellect to an illusion. I have no doubt that most young people sincerely want to do good, but if this good can only be achieved through force or force of law, can we say we believe in freedom? The pitfall here is in the attempt to do the "right thing." If as a people we concentrated on protecting ourselves from real threats to our lives, liberties and pursuits of happiness, then all the terrorists, dictators, Democrats, and Republicans in the world would not stand a chance.

Don't shift blame to football team for lame Homecoming

Every university and high school in the nation celebrates a special day or even weekend, usually in the fall, to commemorate alumni and invite them back for a visit. However, as our Homecoming is upon us, the excitement isn't. I'm sure there will be several pages next week dedicated to the events no one went to and the game no one watched, but reading about it just doesn't conjure up any Falcon pride.

It's easy to point the finger of blame at the football team, regularly the centerpiece of any Homecoming celebration. But we play in a tough conference with some of the top teams in Div. III football. I understand the last couple years have been rough and for the most part, lacking any resemblance of a program. I know all the guys on the team try their hardest and after reading Nels Thoreson's column last week, even I am going to try to make a couple games.

In other words, there is no excuse that a season on the rocks should result in a poorly celebrated Homecoming. There has to be another reason for an obvious lack of school support and morale. I hit on something in my last column that I think directly relates. With no one staying here on the weekends, the students never gain a sense of camaraderie. We never have had a chance to incite a

feeling of fellowship with the University and our sports programs.

Another point to be made about Homecoming is that nearly all the activities seem to be aimed at clubs, organizations and residence halls and lack alcohol availability. While I think this is great because every student should try to find the time to be part of something on campus, we also need to pay attention to the students who don't feel the need to join a group. I understand the University is trying to get people involved, but obviously student groups are already a participating portion of the student body.

This past weekend, UW-Stout had its Homecoming, and I know quite a few people who made the 40-minute trip east. I heard good times were had by all but I highly doubt many people will make the trek to River Falls. I find it hard to believe on a campus full of suitcase students, that — once graduated — will return to party at the bars and houses they practically ignored during their tenure here.

I implore all of you to invite your friends to come down because there is no better excuse for kegs and eggs than Homecoming

Stay in town this weekend and let's turn around this downward trend of the last several years. Also, if you have a basement in your house, I hope to hear you are throwing a kegger on Saturday night 'cause I got five on it.



MIKE SONN

Kerry's past reveals deep hypocrasies

Complaints have been raised this campaign season about the Vietnam War era. The country is divided on whether or not this issue is relevant in choosing a Commander-In-Chief. Some argue that it distracts the American public from the issues important in today's world. Others believe it displays a basis for our interpretation of who is fit for command.

In order to prove his effectiveness as a wartime leader, John Kerry deems it necessary to glorify his duty as the commander of a swift boat in Vietnam. Almost every speech he gives, he praises his service to the U.S. Navy. Furthermore, Kerry posts pictures of his fellow crew members on his Web site, and makes special appearances with Vietnam veterans who support his campaign.

However, there are a lot of important things about Kerry's service that are kept from the American people.

In August, Kerry called for the resignation of Donald Rumsfeld due to the events at Abu Ghraib. He believed the command was to blame for the few soldiers who took prisoners' clothes off and engaged in erotic behavior.

True hypocrisy is birthed by this mandate from Kerry. In 1971, Kerry gave testimony in front of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and appeared on several television programs professing that he "committed the same kind of atrocities as thousands of other soldiers." In other words, Kerry condemns the atrocities of Abu Ghraib and declares those leaders unfit for command.

The Democrats believe Kerry's service is honorable and shows great leadership. On the flipside, they have done everything in their power to discredit President Bush's record in the Air National Guard while praising a former violator of the Geneva Convention. Democratic National Convention chairman Terry McAuliffe actually travels the country

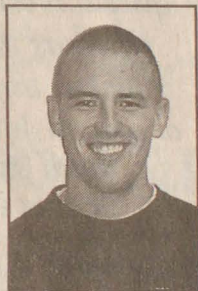
stating Bush never served in this country's military. Al Gore, on behalf of MoveOn.org, vilifies the president's time in service by asserting that he was absent without leave (AWOL). Some believe Kerry served honorably because unlike Bush, he was simply in Vietnam.

This concept is very hurtful to the thousands of soldiers currently serving in the National Guard and Reserves. Using this notion, the Abu Ghraib soldiers were honorable because unlike the home-stationed Guard units, they were at least over in Iraq.

Kerry degraded the war effort during the Vietnam era as well. He joined the protesting ranks of Jane Fonda, met with our enemies in Paris, accused soldiers (that he never witnessed) of committing war crimes and authored a book with an upside down American flag painted on the cover.

There is no leadership in John Kerry. By his own definition, he did not serve honorably in Vietnam and he is being dishonorable to the tremendous progress our courageous men and women in Iraq have made.

Support our troops. Support our president. And God bless America.



JAKE DUESENBERG

High gasoline prices put economy on slippery slope

American motorists are understandably angry and frustrated by the sharp rise in gasoline prices during the last few weeks. The national average price for a gallon of self-service unleaded regular gas is \$1.89. In 2003, a gallon of gas sold for \$1.38, and it sold for less than a dollar in 1999.

With a barrel of oil selling for \$55, the reason for the increase in gasoline prices is clear.

"OPEC has cut production and even though that organization produces only 40 percent of the world's output, the aggregate supply of oil had declined," according to a report by the John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs.

Economics 101 dictates that

when government sets a price below that established by the market, the quantity demanded at the set price will exceed the quantity supplied, resulting in a shortage. That was the precise effect of the price controls on gasoline during the two "energy crises" of the 1970s.

Historically, long lines at the gas pumps were caused by 'gas rationing' by politicians, not by higher

prices, but we may eventually see long lines again. Except this time, we will have rationing and higher prices due to scarcity, not price control.

Economics 101 also tells us

that consumers should be reducing their demand in response to high prices to balance the markets. But we are still filling up at the pumps. Apparently, we cannot function without our automobiles.

Saudi Arabia has said that it is not running out of oil and can keep producing. Well, what a surprise! The Saudis say this because we keep buying — paying the price that they demand because we think we need oil. This is scary because I don't think that anyone can really determine how much oil is left.

As the world population continues to grow, the demand for oil will increase. I believe we will substantially exhaust our oil resources. There won't be enough to meet our demands and we'll eventually need to find alternative energy sources.

If the cost of crude oil continues to rise, so will the price of gasoline. This trend will have adverse effects on our economy.

- Filling up our gas tanks can quickly eat into our monthly budgets. The turkey may get cold at grandmother's house this Thanksgiving, and some Christmas stockings may stay unfilled.

- Food prices will increase as the cost of transporting goods and services increases. These increases will be passed on to the consumers.

- There will be less new home-construction because building materials will be prohibitively expensive.

- The forecast is calling for a

major cold snap to hit the Midwest by the middle of next week, and winter is just beginning. This will be particularly hard for consumers who heat their homes with oil or natural gas. They may pay \$500 more to stay warm, according to the Energy Department.

- The job market will be affected as we see less hiring and fewer jobs because companies' increasing energy costs will eat into their profits, and they may have to downsize.

The fact of the matter is we have become too dependent on oil. It is time to channel our anger about high energy costs into efforts to find alternative sources of energy, and develop a

As the world population continues to grow, the demand for oil will increase

plan to conserve energy in our daily lives and become more efficient.

- More mass transportation might help. It would not only reduce consumption, but also the need for additional roads and bridges.

- Americans should walk or ride bicycles more. We would have cleaner air and get plenty of exercise.

- Development of solar energy should be encouraged. If the government wants to subsidize something, it could pay for development of solar energy systems for large-scale use.

Instead of getting angry and discouraged we should consider making a plan to reduce the amount of energy we use every day and start educating ourselves about alternative sources of energy.



PATRICIA BRUHN

What issue will impact you in the upcoming election?



Lindsay Colbeth, junior
"The war is unique to this election. I'm voting for Kerry because he has a better plan for getting us out of Iraq."



Johnathan Pluth, freshman
"Abortion and using adult stem cells instead of embryos in research."



Missy Powell, senior
"Money for education. I have school to pay for. I need the support."



Dave Robelia, junior
"The environment. The current environment plans are inadequate."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Falcons lose to UW-Whitewater 42-3 in home opener

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

UW-Whitewater (6-1, 3-1) felt more at home than the UW-River Falls football team (1-5, 1-2) in Falcon home opener Oct. 16. The Warhawks warmed up quickly in the cold temperatures, scoring on their first two possessions of the game and returning a blocked punt for a touchdown to go up 21-0 by the end of the first quarter. UW-Whitewater had a 28-3 lead at halftime and held the Falcons to 60 total yards in the second half to secure the 42-3 win.

"I'm very disappointed in the outcome and getting the punt blocked," UW-RF head coach John O'Grady said. "It really contributed to a very early lead that this week we were just unable to overcome."

In the second half the Whitewater defense only let River Falls cross midfield once, and the Falcons only got as far as the Whitewater 45-yard-line. The UW-RF offense had five out of six drives go for four plays or less in the second half.

Going into the game you knew both teams were going to run the ball, it was just a matter of who had more success. It proved to be Whitewater, as it used seven less carries to out gain the Falcons 332 to 258 on the ground. The Warhawks rushing attack was led by WIAC rushing leader Colin Burns. The sophomore gained 152 yards on 24 carries and had one touchdown. Burns' backfield mate, Keiya Square, had three touchdowns, all in the first half, to go with 33 yards on

eight rushes. Square led the Warhawks in receiving with two catches for 37 yards. Sophomore quarterback Justin Jacobs was 5-9 for 78 yards and a touchdown. Whitewater was 5-6 in red zone scoring opportunities.

The UW-RF offense couldn't get it going consistently all game long against the WIAC's top-rated rush defense. The UW-RF offense was 2-13 on third downs and 1-3 on fourth downs.

"We're just not playing very well right now, the offense is very unproductive and special teams, which was a strength early, is very disappointing," O'Grady said. Punter Jovin Kroll had six attempts with an average of 27.5 yards a punt. The Falcon offense coughed the ball up four times, losing two. Senior John Peterlik led the Falcons with 132 yards on 18 carries. Freshman fullback Nathan Anderson snapped his two-game 100-yard rushing streak, only gaining 56 yards on 17 attempts. Anderson also coughed the ball up twice. Sophomore quarterback Andy Kolstad ran the ball 17 times for 41 yards. Kolstad also completed 2-3 passes for zero net yards. Freshman Dave Affeldt saw time under center as usual but didn't make any significant impact, running the ball five times for 11 yards and didn't throw a pass. Both Affeldt and Kolstad put the ball on the ground once.

The Falcons hope to rebound 1 p.m. Saturday at Ramer Field at their Homecoming game versus UW-Stout (3-2, 1-2). The Blue Devils come off of a 23-7 Homecoming loss to UW-Stevens Point (3-3, 1-2).



Photo by Micheal Foley
John Peterlik runs around the Warhawk's during the Oct. 16 loss to UW-Whitewater. Despite 258 rushing yards for the Falcons, the Warhawks dominated the 42-3 match.

Falcons earn second season loss in 4-1 decision at UW-Stout



Photo by Micheal Foley
Amy Jensen takes aim in the game against UW-Platteville Oct. 19. The team earned a win by defeating UW-Platteville 1-0.

Andrew Sinykin
Sports Information

The Falcon soccer team lost for just the second time this year, 4-1, Tuesday evening at UW-Stout. With the win Stout jumps ahead of UW-River Falls in the WIAC standings. Stout is now in second place and the Falcons in third. UW-Stevens Point is in first place.

Stout led 3-1 at halftime and scored the only goal in the second half. The Blue Devils scored just 1:36 into the contest when Shannon Hermes scored her 11th goal of the year. Carrie Schrank made it a 2-0 game at 18:34 with her 11th goal of the year.

Stout went ahead 3-0 at 20:44 when Michelle Lizotte scored her 11th goal of the season.

The Falcons got back to within 3-1 at 22:38 when Amy Jensen scored her seven goal of the season with an assist to Julie Sperstad.

Stout scored the final goal of the match early in the second half, at 45:54, off a goal by Kelly Stolarczyk.

The Falcons finished with 15 shots, including 10 in the second half.

Stout, now 12-1-1 overall and 5-1-0 in the WIAC, had 14 shots.

Falcon goalie Andrea Dudley made seven saves. Stout goalie Melissa Ballweg stopped 12 shots.

After last weekend the UW-River Falls soccer team controls its own destiny. UW-RF played host to UW-Platteville and UW-La Crosse, sending them both away with losses.

On Oct. 15 the Falcons played Platteville at Ramer Field. Sarah Carlson scored the only goal of the game to give the Falcons a 1-0 win.

Carlson scored from the left side of the 18-foot line with a left footed touch shot into the right corner. The goal was assisted by Ashley Peterson and Amy Jensen.

On Oct. 16, La Crosse visited with a 4-2 conference record and a big win the night before at WIAC-leading UW-Stout.

The scoring didn't take place until the 61st minute when Mandy Rue scored for La Crosse to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. The Falcons began to put on the pressure.

At 78:10 Carlson scored her

10th goal of the season on an assist from Ashley Peterson to tie the game at 1-1. Both teams were held scoreless until overtime.

In the first overtime session at 101:53, Ashley Peterson scored off a loose ball in the box to give the Falcons the 2-1 overtime victory.

The goal was also Peterson's 10th of the season. Hannah Tvedt had two saves on Friday and five saves on Saturday on her way to her fifth and sixth wins of the season.

The come back against La Crosse was the Falcons' second come-from-behind overtime victory this year and the second year in a row the Falcons beat La Crosse in overtime.

"A lesser team would question themselves, whereas this team pushes through to accomplish the task," head coach Sean McKuras said.

The Falcons, now 11-2-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the WIAC, play their final WIAC match of the year on Saturday at first place Stevens Point starting at 2 p.m.

"A lesser team would question themselves, whereas this team pushes through to accomplish the task."
Sean Mcuras
Soccer coach

Volleyball team earns 3-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire

Team earns first-round playoff home game with win

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The 15th ranked UW-River Falls volleyball team took care of UW-Eau Claire in the Wednesday night match to clinch a first round home game in the WIAC conference tournament.

The Falcons dropped the first game, but bounced back to sweep the next three and won the match, 23-30, 30-27, 30-24, 30-22.

The Falcons finished off their WIAC conference schedule 5-3, in a tie for fourth place.

The Falcons got great performances all around, but were led by senior right-side hitter Nina Petersen with 14 kills, 17 digs, and three aces. Sophomore outside hitter Katie Thompson also had a good match with 11 kills, 13 digs, and four aces. Senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch contributed 11 kills and 10 digs, while libero Lindsey Mace chipped in with 13 digs. The Blugolds were led by Molly Menard with 9 kills and 12 digs.

On Oct. 16, the Falcons traveled to Stevens Point for a match with the Pointers. UW-Stevens Point, is a team in the lower half on the WIAC, but the Falcons knew that they could not look past them.

The team got out to a fast start and never let up, disposing Stevens Point in an easy win, 30-23, 30-21, 30-19.

The Falcons dominated the game at the defensive

end with 71 digs as a team, including 23 from Kiesch, and 12 service aces.

Thompson led the team on the offensive end with 17 kills.

The Falcons will play in the UW-Whitewater Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons will get to play against some quality competition at the Invitational, including No. 12 Central College and No. 19 Elmhurst.

The Falcons will also hold their own tournament during the Halloween weekend which will include conference foes Stout and Eau Claire.

"The next couple of weekends will be good warm-ups for the conference tourney," Ford said. "We will get a good test against some nationally-ranked competition."

Last year the team was 25-3 at this point in the season. This season the team is sitting at a 19-7 record.

Six WIAC teams are ranked in this week's poll. Whitewater, No. 10; Platteville, No. 11; La Crosse, No. 13; UW-RF, No. 15; Stout, No. 17; and Oshkosh, No. 22.

The Falcons will take on Elmhurst and Edgewood Oct. 22, and on Saturday, they will play Wartburg and Central.

All of the teams the Falcons will play are ranked, except Edgewood, so it will be a warm up for the upcoming conference tournament.

"The next couple of weekends will be good warm-ups for the conference tourney,"
Patti Ford
Volleyball coach

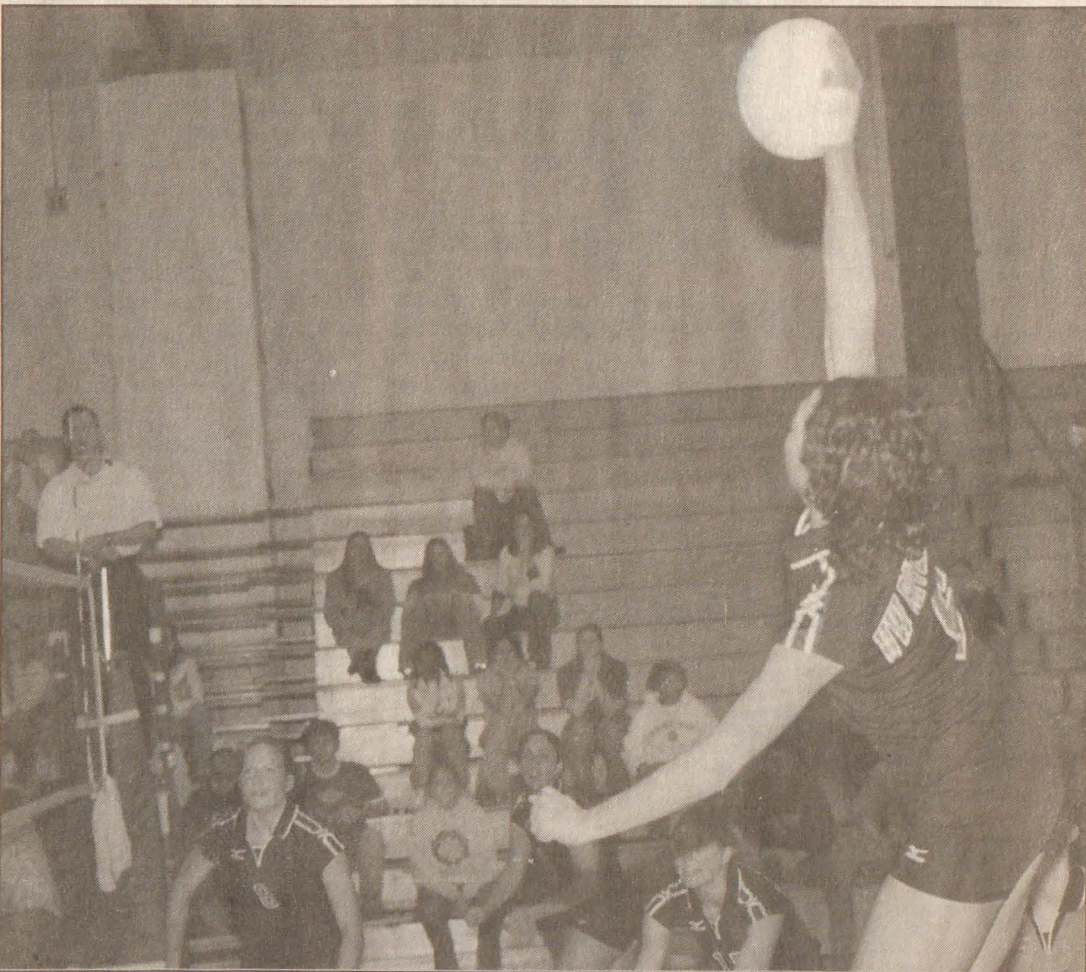


Photo by Micheal Foley
Sophomore outside hitter Katie Thompson delivers a spike in the direction of UW-Eau Claire Oct. 20 at Karges Center.

SCOREBOARD

Football
WIAC Standings

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

Oct. 16 results
UW-Whitewater..... 21 7 14 0 - 42
UW-River Falls..... 0 3 0 0 - 3

1st Quarter
10:32 WW - Keiya Square 1 yd run (Michael Chaulk kick), 9-80 4:28, WW 7 RF 0
07:38 WW - Keiya Square 3 yd run (Michael Chaulk kick), 3-21 0:15, WW 14 - RF 0
06:37 WW - Derek Brown 36 yd blocked punt return (Michael Chaulk kick), WW 21 - RF 0

2nd Quarter
09:55 RF - S. Bodurski 32 yd field goal, 11-76 4:51, WW 21 - RF 3
00:43 WW - Keiya Square 1 yd run (Michael Chaulk kick), 8-73 2:56, WW 28 - RF 3

3rd Quarter
10:39 WW - Colin Burns 2 yd run (Michael Chaulk kick), 6-28 2:22, WW 35 - RF 3
02:14 WW - Lance Douglas 20 yd pass from Justin Jacobs (Michael Chaulk kick), 4-54 1:38, WW 42 - RF 3

	RF	UWW
First Downs	16	19
Rushing	60-258	53-332
Passing	0	86
Total Offense	63-258	64-418
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	7-62	5-33
Possession	31:07	28:53

Individual leaders
Rushing
RF - Peterlik 18-132; Anderson 17-56; Kolstad 17-41; Wolff 2-18; Affeldt 5-11; Farmer 1-0.
Passing

Kolstad 2-3-0-0.
Receiving
RF- Peterlik 2-0.
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
Hampton 8-5; Farmer 4-1; Dornier 3-2; Gray 3-2; Gillett 2-3; Hanson 2-2; Johnson 3-0; Meyer 3-0; Neumann 3-0; Jordan 2-1; Retzlaff 2-1; Hoegh 1-1; Agrimson 0-2; Nesvig 1-0; Cassellius 1-0; Holdahl 1-0; Haughian 1-0.

Volleyball
WIAC Standings

Whitewater(7-1)	25-3
Stout (6-2)	19-4
Platteville (5-3)	23-4
La Crosse (5-3)	19-5
River Falls (5-3)	19-7
Eau Claire (4-4)	17-8
Oshkosh (3-5)	18-9
Stevens Point (1-7)	16-11
Superior (0-8)	8-17

Oct. 20 Results
UW-RF.....23 30 30 30 - 3
EauClaire...30 27 24 22 - 1

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Kiesch 11-3-0-10-2
K Thompson 11-11-2-13-4
Gustafson 0-0-0-1-0
Anderson 6-1-1-2-5
Ktrnick 2-0-39-9-0
Geehan 7-5-1-5-5
Mace 0-0-0-13-0
Petersen 14-4-4-17-3

Oct. 16 Results
UW-River Falls..... 30 30 30 - 3
UW-Stevens Point.... 23 21 19 - 0

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Kiesch 5-1-4-23-0
K Thompson 17-2-0-6-0
Anderson 2-1-0-3-2
Ktrnick 7-38-3-15-1
Geehan 8-3-4-2-3
Mace 0-0-0-14-0
Petersen 13-4-0-8-2
Vandenberg 1-0-0-0-0

Soccer
WIAC Standings

Stevens Point (6-1)	11-4-1
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Stout (5-1)
River Falls (4-2-1)
Oshkosh (4-1-1)
La Crosse (4-3)
Whitewater (3-4-1)
Eau Claire (2-4-1)
Platteville (1-6)
Superior (0-7-0)

Oct. 19 results
UW-River Falls..... 1 0 - 1
UW-Stout..... 3 1 - 4

1st half
1:36 STOUT Hermes (11) (Seawell/Dora)
18:34 STOUT Schrank (7) (Schultz/ Lizotte)
20:44 STOUT Lizotte (11) (Schrank)
22:38 RF Jensen (7) (Sperstad)
45:54 STOUT Stolarczyk (14) (Dora)

Oct. 16 results
UW-La Crosse..... 0 1 0 - 1
UW-River Falls..... 0 1 1 - 2

2nd half
60:12 LC Rue (10) (Fudzinski)
78:10 RF Carlson (10) (Peterson)
OT
101:53 RF Peterson (10) (unassisted)

Oct. 15 results
UW-Platteville..... 0 0 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 1 0 - 1

1st half
21:16 RF Carlson (9) (Peterson/Jensen)

Tennis

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

Oct. 16 results
La Crosse 9, River Falls 0
No. 1 - Angie Riedel (LC) defeated Megan Knobloch (RF), 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 - Erin Schmelzer (LC) defeated Leah Baron (RF), 6-3, 6-0
No. 3 - Julie Tellefsen (LC) defeated Amber Weissinger (RF), 6-0, 6-1
No. 4 - Louie Dubinski (LC) defeated Jen Kersten (RF), 7-5, 6-4
No. 5 - Shannon Mikulecky (LC) defeat- ed Becky Briese (RF), 6-3, 6-2
No. 6 - Erin Fekete (LC) defeated Sarah VandenHoek (RF), 6-0, 6-4

Doubles
No. 1 - Riedel-Schmelzer (LC) defeated Knobloch-Baron (RF), 8-0
No. 2 - Tellefsen-Dubinski (LC) defeat- ed Briese-VandenHoek (RF), 8-0
No. 3 - Mikulecky-Fekete (LC) defeated Weissinger-Kersten (RF), 8-6

Cross Country

Oct. 16 results
Winona Invitational
Men
Team Place: 1st of 4
Individual results:
1. Zach Vircks, 27:02
2. Ben Kirmse, 27:03
5. Kevin McDonough, 27:55
6. Jason Quarford, 27:58
7. Zach Moe, 28:01

Women
Team Place: 1st of 4
individual Results:
1. Amanda Kozicky, 19:42
7. Maria Michaud, 20:37
8. Sara Rudesill, 20:44
9. Gina Schindel, 20:51
11. Erica Berrisford, 21:00

Swimming

Oct. 16 results
Coed Relays (at Eau Claire)

Falcon top 5 finishers
(Place, Name, Event - Time)
4. UW-RF 'A', mixed 400 back - 4:07.65
5. UW-RF 'A', mixed 100 free - 45.61
4. UW-RF 'A', mixed 400 fly - 4:18.40
5. UW-RF 'A', mixed 400 medley - 3:51.50
4. UW-RF 'A', mixed 200 free - 1:41.19
5. UW-RF 'A', mixed 400 free - 3:46.65

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men Hockey



UW-RF

MSOE

7:05 p.m. Tuesday
at Hunt Arena

The Falcons start their 2004-2005 season on Tuesday at Hunt arena against MSOE at 7:05 p.m. The Falcons finished last season at 21-6-4 as WIAC champions and second in the NCHA. Last year the Falcons beat MSOE 5-0 and 4-1.

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, Oct. 22

Tennis at WIAC Meet (at Madison)
Volleyball at Whitewater Invitational, TBD

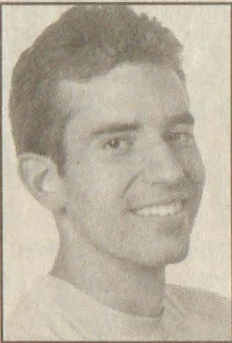
Saturday, Oct. 23

Football vs Stout, 1 p.m.
Tennis at WIAC Meet (at Madison)
Soccer at Stevens Point, 2 p.m.
Volleyball at Whitewater Invitational, TBD

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Men's Hockey vs. MSOE, 7:05

TOP PERFORMERS



Ben Kirmse
Cross Country



Ashley Peterson
Soccer

Kirmse ran his best time of the year and placed second in the 8,000-meter at the Winona Invitational held Saturday. The Falcons won the meet with 21 points. Kirmse ran a 27:03 and finished just one second out of first place.

Peterson had the assist on the game-winning goal against Platteville on Friday and scored the game-winning goal in overtime on Saturday. It was her 10th goal of the season. Peterson is second on the team in points with 26.

Tennis drops two matches to WIAC foes

Jenna J. Campbell
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls tennis team had an upsetting 0-2 week. The Falcons played against the two toughest teams in the WIAC - UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse. The Falcons earned only one point in the two matches. The Falcons began their week against UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 13. The final score for the match was 1-8. In singles play, the Falcons won one out of six matches. The one point for the Falcons came from No. 4 singles

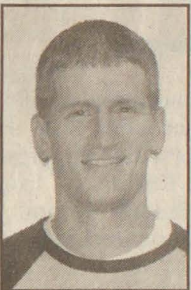
Jen Kersten with a score of 6-2, 6-3. No. 2 singles player, Leah Baron had a very close match that ended in a third set tiebreaker, with a final score of 6-3, 4-6, 7-6, (8-6). In doubles play, the Falcons were swept. No. 1 doubles Megan Knobloch and Leah Baron had a very competitive match but were defeated with a score of 8-5. No. 3 doubles Amber Weissinger and Kersten also played a very close match with a final score of 8-6. On Oct. 16 the Falcons played host to UW-La Crosse. The Falcons were swept across the

board. In singles play, No. 4 singles Kersten played very competitively but lost by a score of 5-7, 4-6. In doubles play, No. 3 doubles team of Weissinger and Kersten lost a very close match, 8-6. "We knew from the beginning that our last two matches, Eau Claire and La Crosse, were going to be our toughest. The advantage of this is that we were able to prepare, but the disadvantage was that it brought us down mentally, having two bad losses at the end of the season. We now have to pick

ourselves up and get emotionally ready for the WIAC tournament this coming weekend," Falcon head coach Lee Lueck said. The Falcons will travel to Madison to play in the WIAC tournament. The doubles play will begin Saturday at noon. Singles play will be Sunday morning starting at 8. "Our goal is to maintain our status from last season, which is fourth in the WIAC," Lueck said.

Bambino Curse lifted, nothing to do

With the victory over the New York Yankees, Boston will finally get to experience the joy of the World Series. The curse is great. That's great, now comes the World Series, but what am I going to do? I mean the American League match up is over and so is my TV life since I don't expect the National League to compete too strongly against Boston. For the past five nights, I've had the joy of watching the two dominating teams square off, ending with a fabulous comeback by the Red Sox, but now there's nothing to watch. Yeah, we've got the football thing going this time of year, but that's mainly the weekend,



COREY
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excluding Madden's three hours of fame Monday nights. If you're like me, then the World Series of Poker reruns are taking their toll and I've had it up to my head with reality TV. If you are looking to get some of your over-piling homework finished, now's the time to do it. It's time to dig out your syllabus and look at it, cause those papers you've completely forgotten about are going to need more than the old night before treatment. Whoa, sorry guys I blacked out there... I meant to say you should go to some of the sports, election events and experience the nightlife that you've been neglecting for the past week. Do you really want to spend your nights watching the Choppers crew make Leno's bike

again? Your friends who you only see at campus events are starting to break away and you're no longer the leader of the pack. In fact, you're their main topic of conversation, being the one who's too lazy to get out and support your Falcons. If you aren't out now, do you think the cold weather that's about to approach is an incentive to go out? Call up your crew, and meet up with them at a UW-RF event. Yeah the Homecoming game isn't the most entertaining game, but it's at least a reason to get wasted and have kegs and eggs for breakfast. So try to make the best of the next few weeks, because even though TV and school have got you down, just remember you are over half way for this semester. Crap, I should probably think about getting started on some of those semester long projects.

RUGGIN' UP THE COMPETITION



Photo by Micheal Foley

The River Falls men's rugby team, the Fighting Cocks, prepare to face off against their competition this last weekend. The team is formed as an organized club, and competes against other teams from around the region.

Runners finish strong at Winona Invitational

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls cross country teams both won Winona Invitational team titles Oct. 16. The women finished with 35 points to beat three other teams while the men scored 21 points to beat three other squads. Amanda Kozicky dominated the competition by winning the women's 5,000-meter race in a time of 19:42. She finished 17 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Zach Vircks also had a big run, winning the men's 8,000-meter race in 27:02. Falcon Ben Kirmse was a close second place, just one second behind Vircks.



Amanda
Kozicky

See them run

Head coach Don Glover set up a spectator friendly course for when UW-River Falls holds the WIAC conference meet on Oct. 30.

Foreign professors add spice to UW-RF

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

Bringing with them their accents, cultures and abilities to reach a multicultural student body, foreign faculty members are an integral and growing part of the UW-River Falls students' education.

There are about 20 foreign faculty members at the UW-RF teaching a wide range of subjects. This diversity affords both students and professors an opportunity to get multicultural perspectives that enhance the learning experience.

History major Erin Snaza said that professor Kiril Patkov has breathed life into History of the Middle Ages.

"You can tell he has a different perspective," Snaza said. "He makes it very challenging and brings another aspect of cultural difference to class. And he said we would get used to his accent in a month."

The diversity foreign professors bring to their classes helps foreign students adjust to the new environment.

"I feel more comfortable with foreign instructors because of the diversity," College of Business and Economics (CBE) computer science major Toua Moua said. Moua, who is Hmong, said "I don't feel like I am out of place."

Although adjusting to diversity can sometimes be challenging for students and professors, they say it is worth the effort.

It's all about getting used to an unfamiliar situation, said economics professor Pascal Ngoboka, who is from Uganda and has taught at UW-RF for 15 years.

"Many of my students are from small Midwestern towns," Ngoboka said. "It's a scary experience for the students. But you can't always stay in your comfort zone if you want to end up in a different place."

Because Ngoboka is black and speaks with an accent students probably have never heard, their initial reaction to him is one of uncertainty. However, once they realize he is dedicated to teaching and wants to make a difference in their lives they develop a "good rapport."

Ngoboka's dedication to teaching goes beyond the classroom. Every summer he takes students to Uganda to research topics of their choice concerning economics, politics, business, agriculture and technology.

"This experience gives students a different dimension and perspective that they can apply to their studies," Ngoboka said.

Like Ngoboka, other foreign faculty members bring experiences they have from teaching in other countries.

Hired in September, Russian-born Vladimir Pavlov has taught in Russia and England and said he enjoys teaching in the United States.

"I have accumulated the better teaching practices from other teaching institutions around the world," Pavlov said. "The students get the benefit of my experiences."

Japanese students make up almost half of the 57 international students at the University. Of the 5,973 students at the University, 5.88 percent are non-white.

Although UW-RF is making progress increasing its diversity, some say it isn't happening fast enough.

"Over time, diversity in the student body has changed, but it has been slow," Ngoboka said. "And there needs to be more diversity."

Ngoboka said students will adapt more easily to the diversity in the workforce if there is diversity at school.

The workforce "mirrors what America looks like," Ngoboka said.

This gives CBE an opportunity to choose from a diverse pool of applicants.

"There is a large diverse population in the business-related doctorate degree programs in the United States," Nemecek said. "Over 50 percent of these students are from diverse backgrounds."

Although diversity in faculty and the student body is an important goal and UW-RF encourages the hiring of diverse teachers, there is no hiring quota.

The most qualified candidate gets hired. If the candidate is foreign, the University applies and pays for his or her visa.

Jennifer Ninneman, human resource manager for faculty and staff, said although she has not encountered any significant problems, the terrorist attacks on 9/11 has made the process of getting visas long and paperwork intensive.

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Erin Snaza
History major

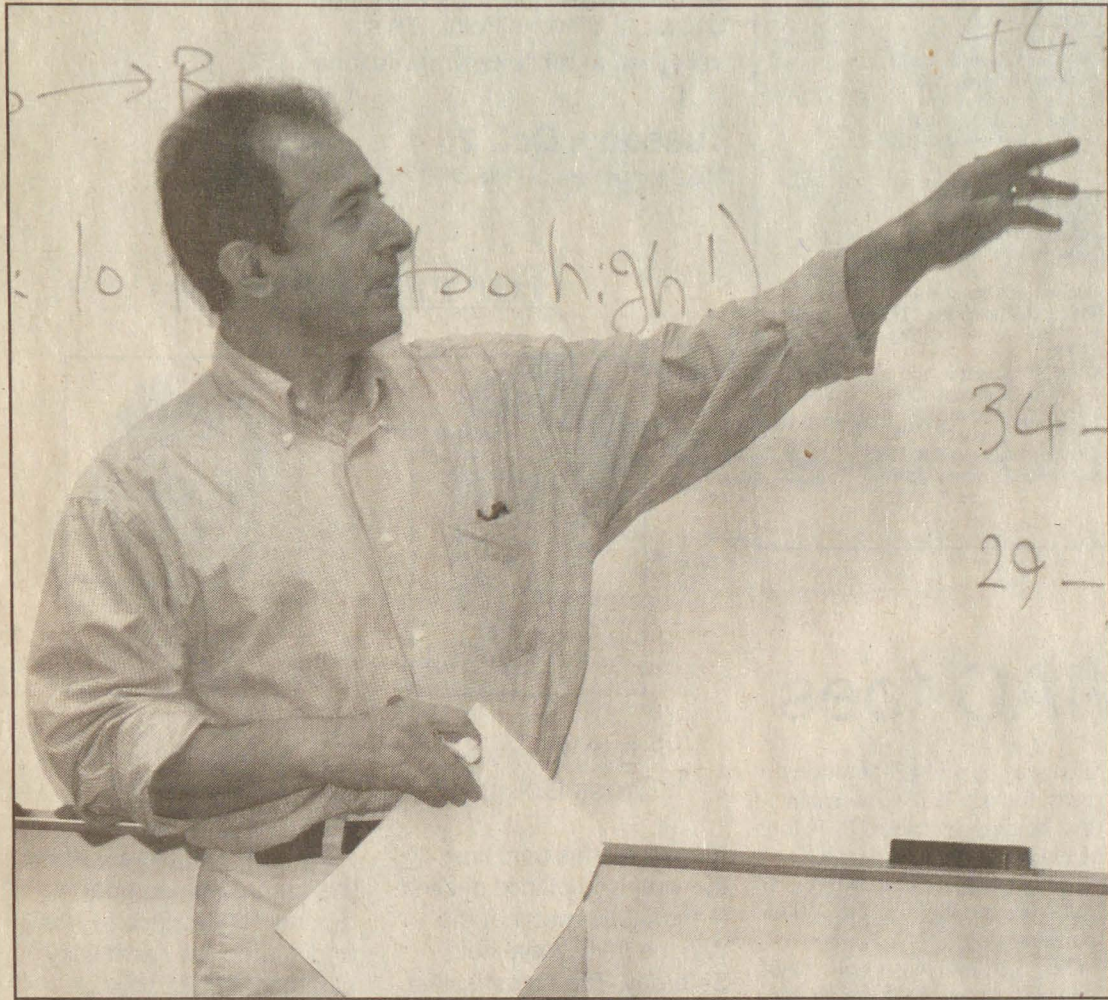


Photo by Eric Ebert

Economics professor Hamid Tabesh, from Iran, has taught at UW-RF for 17 years. He says the numbers of foreign faculty have increased substantially during his time here.

History major Becky Kallinen agrees.

"They have experience and first-hand knowledge of their countries that contributes a lot to class," Kallinen said.

Furthermore, the experience and diversity foreign faculty members bring to the University are important aspects in attracting foreign students to UW-RF.

English professor David Furniss believes the hiring of "diverse faculty will attract more diverse students."

The more diverse the University becomes, the more support foreign students get. This makes recruiting these students easier, said Katie Kreibich, international student advisor.

"International student attendance at the University has doubled in the last four years even though it is harder for them to get student visas since the 9/11 terrorist attack," Kreibich said.

"We hire about one or two foreign professors each year and we are already gearing up for the 2005-06 term."

Jennifer Ninneman
Human resource manager for faculty and staff

Hamid Tabesh, who is from Iran and has taught economics at UW-RF for 17 years, said the number of foreign faculty and students in CBE has increased substantially during his years at the University. However, he agrees the process is slow.

Tabesh and Ngoboka teach in CBE which is one of the most diversified colleges on campus. Eight of its 21 faculty members are foreign. They hail from Iran, Uganda, China, India and Jordan.

Because the United States is a destination for foreign students who want to study business-related disciplines, this is not unusual said Barbara Nemecek, CBE Dean. After graduation many of them end up obtaining permanent visa status so they can work in the United States.

What took two months before now takes nine months," Ninneman said. "It could take years."

The University can apply for a work visa through a more expeditious premium process but it costs \$1,000 more than the \$375 for the lengthier process.

Ninneman said the premium process is not utilized unless absolutely necessary.

"We carefully plan and manage the process in order to avoid additional costs to the University," Ninneman said.

This process has not deterred the University from recruiting and hiring foreign professors to meet its diversity goals, Ninneman said.

"We hire about one or two foreign professors each year," Ninneman said. "And we are already gearing up for the 2005-06 term."

AMES from Page 1

are removed the structure will be knocked down, either with a backhoe or a wrecking ball, Murphy said.

"Then we'll end up with a big hole in the ground," Murphy said.

History

Ames was constructed in 1962 and was named after Jesse H. Ames, who served as the president of the University from 1917-1946. Before becoming president, he was a teacher in the

State Normal School and a part-time football coach.

UW-RF was formerly known as the State Normal School, which is a college where teachers are trained.

According to the history of UW-RF Web site, Ames was born in 1875 in New England, but moved to west-central Wisconsin with his parents where he attended a one-room school.

He graduated from the Normal School at Stevens Point. Before going to the Normal School at River Falls he taught at a rural school and served as principal at several Wisconsin schools.

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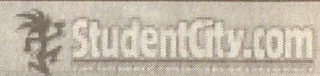
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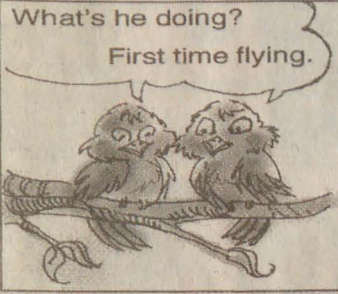
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Comic Strips of the week

BY: Neng Yang

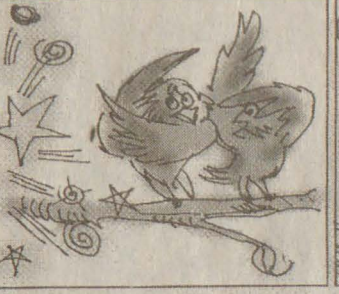
What's he doing?
First time flying.



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Better luck next time!

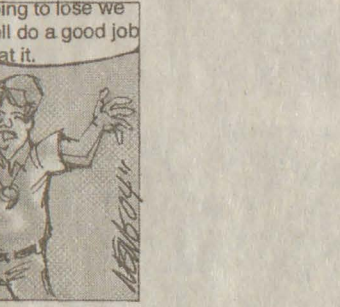




It doesn't seem like we're going to win this season.



If we're going to lose we might as well do a good job at it.



You ready to put the neck on?



Yeah.



Where should I put the neck?



There.



There? Where?



HOT! HOT! HOT!



Please don't touch the glass when hot!



Flick Picks

‘Super Size Me’ busts, turns the gut

Fat people beware.

“Super Size Me,” documentary filmmaker Morgan Spurlock’s critical look at the fast-food industry, might make you cringe. As someone who falls into the “overweight” category, I was definitely rethinking my eating habits by the time the credits rolled.

The best thing about the laugh-and-vomit-inspiring “Super Size Me” is that it’s like good writing: It doesn’t tell you why McDonald’s food is bad for you, it shows you – down to the very last calorie.

After considering the legitimacy of recent lawsuits brought on by people claiming McDonald’s was responsible for their obesity, Spurlock figured he’d see exactly how frivolous their claims were.

Spurlock’s mission – which is the basis of the film – was to eat three meals a day at McDonald’s for 30 straight days. The other rules: He had to eat every item off the Golden Arches’ menu at least once and had to comply if a clerk asked him to “super size” his meal. While the idea disgusted his Vegan chef girlfriend, the three doctors Spurlock consulted gave him the green light. He was free to get his fat on.

Interwoven throughout the film are a number of vignettes about nutrition and fast food marketing that both strengthen and weaken the film. Though interesting (and disturbing), the barrage of factoids becomes an avalanche of health info that bogs the movie down in spots. Spurlock frequently tries to wow us by detailing how McDonald’s exploits the children’s market. Duh. What pearl of wisdom are you going to drop next – that politicians lie? Before long, you just want to go back to seeing him getting fatter. And fatter he becomes.

Spurlock – who began the production at 6 feet 2 inches tall, 185 pounds – tacks on a whopping 24 pounds during the experiment. But that’s not the real shocker.

The drama starts when his doctors nearly fall out of their chairs after his health starts to take a very real turn for the worse.

Attributing it to his McDonald’s diet, Spurlock begins suffering from headaches, heart palpitations and manic cravings – among other things



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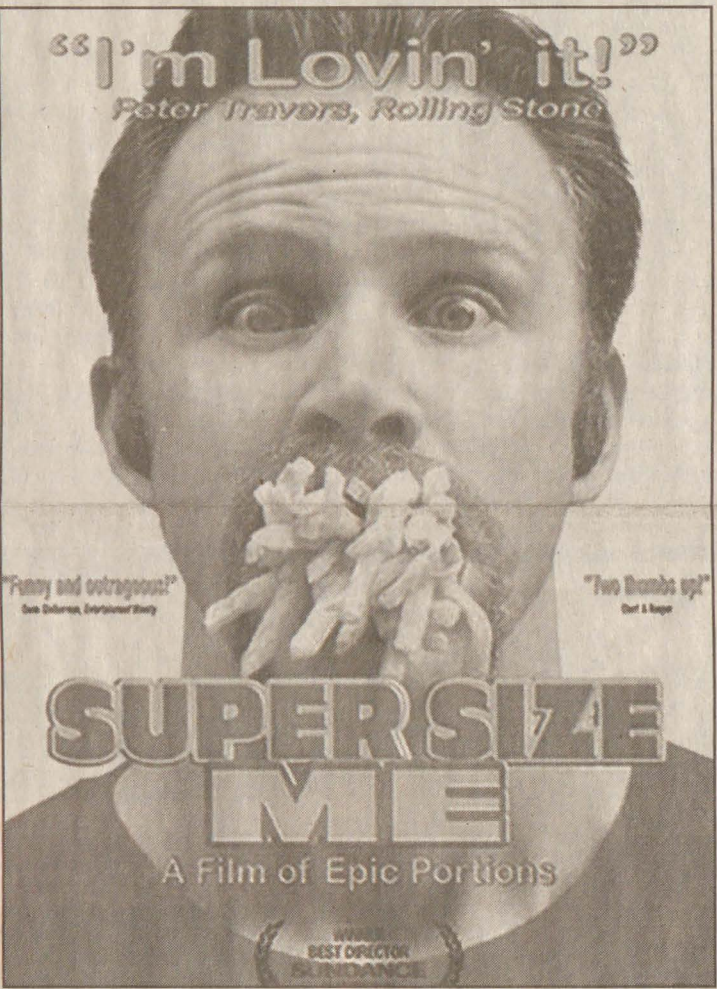


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Thanks to this movie, I know I’ll weigh my options more heavily every time I crave a double quarter-pounder. And a Coke. And fries. And...well, you get the picture.

If you were among the many who were on autopilot during your requisite health and fitness class, I suggest you brush up with this entertaining and alarming film.

Bonus! Now that “Super Size Me” is out on DVD, be sure to access the “Smoking fries” feature on the “bonus” menu. It’ll make you wonder if McDonald’s even needs to use real bricks when they erect their building.

Should you rent it?
Yes. Take the four bucks you would’ve spent on a value meal and go rent it.

‘THRILLIN’ THE CROWD

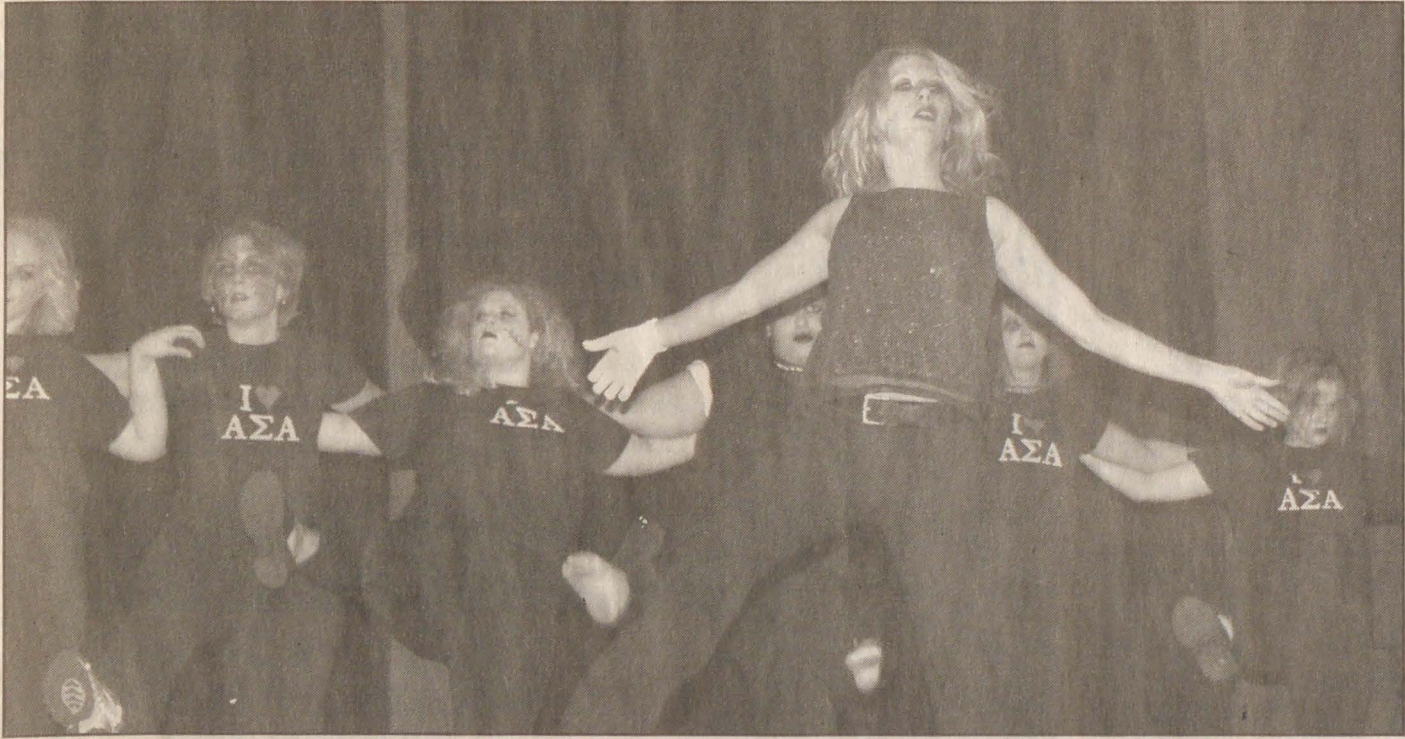


Photo by Eric Ebert

Alpha Sigma Alpha performs “Thriller” at the Lip Sync contest Wednesday night. Thirteen organizations competed but the results will not be announced until Friday at the closing of Homecoming week.

Out ‘n’ About

The Bridges Series presents:
Alvin Law



Where: North Hall Auditorium
When: Monday at 7 p.m.
Cost: Free for students, \$5 non-students
Born without arms and given up for adoption at two months by unable to cope parents, Law has defied enormous odds to live a full life. He overcame adversity but he is the first one to tell you that it really isn’t about him. It’s all about the incredible power of humanity and the difference that one person can make. It’s a message that just doesn’t resonate, but practically reverberates, as it moves and gets audiences everywhere up off their chairs. For more information visit the lavinagency.com or call the Leadership Center at 715-425-4911.

Thursday-Saturday

Where: Blanche Davis Theatre, 103 KFA.
When: Oct 21-23 and 28-30 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$7 Adult, \$4 Students
"Twelfth Night" follows the lives of Sebastian and Viola, twins shipwrecked and separated off the coast of Illyria, who both believe the other is dead. Viola disguises herself as a boy, becomes a page of Duke Orsinio and falls in love with him. The Duke is hopelessly in love with Olivia, but she is in the process of mourning her brother's death and becomes infatuated with Viola as she/he delivers messages for the Duke. When Sebastian shows up, Olivia confuses him with the Duke's page (Viola) and marries the astonished young man. In the midst of all of this romantic confusion, servants and family members provide comic relief with their pompous, pretentious and sometimes intoxicated behavior.

Monday

Community Lecture: Voting Matters: "Living and Voting in a Battle Ground State"
Where: Hudson Hospital
When: 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Cost: Free
A faculty panel will offer an overview of the Electoral College and voting procedures and an analysis of voting patterns and current political advertising. Highlights of campaign tactics used by the parties and candidate organizations are also provided.

Battle of the Bands applications due
Pick up an application for the Battle of the Bands in the Leadership Center. Completed applications and a demo CD are due to the Leadership Center front desk by October 25. The UW-RF entertainment committee will judge the applications and qualifying applicants will be asked to audition on Nov. 6. The official Battle of the Bands will be held on Nov. 20 in North Hall Auditorium.

Wednesday

"Name That Tune"
Where: Brandy's
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: Free
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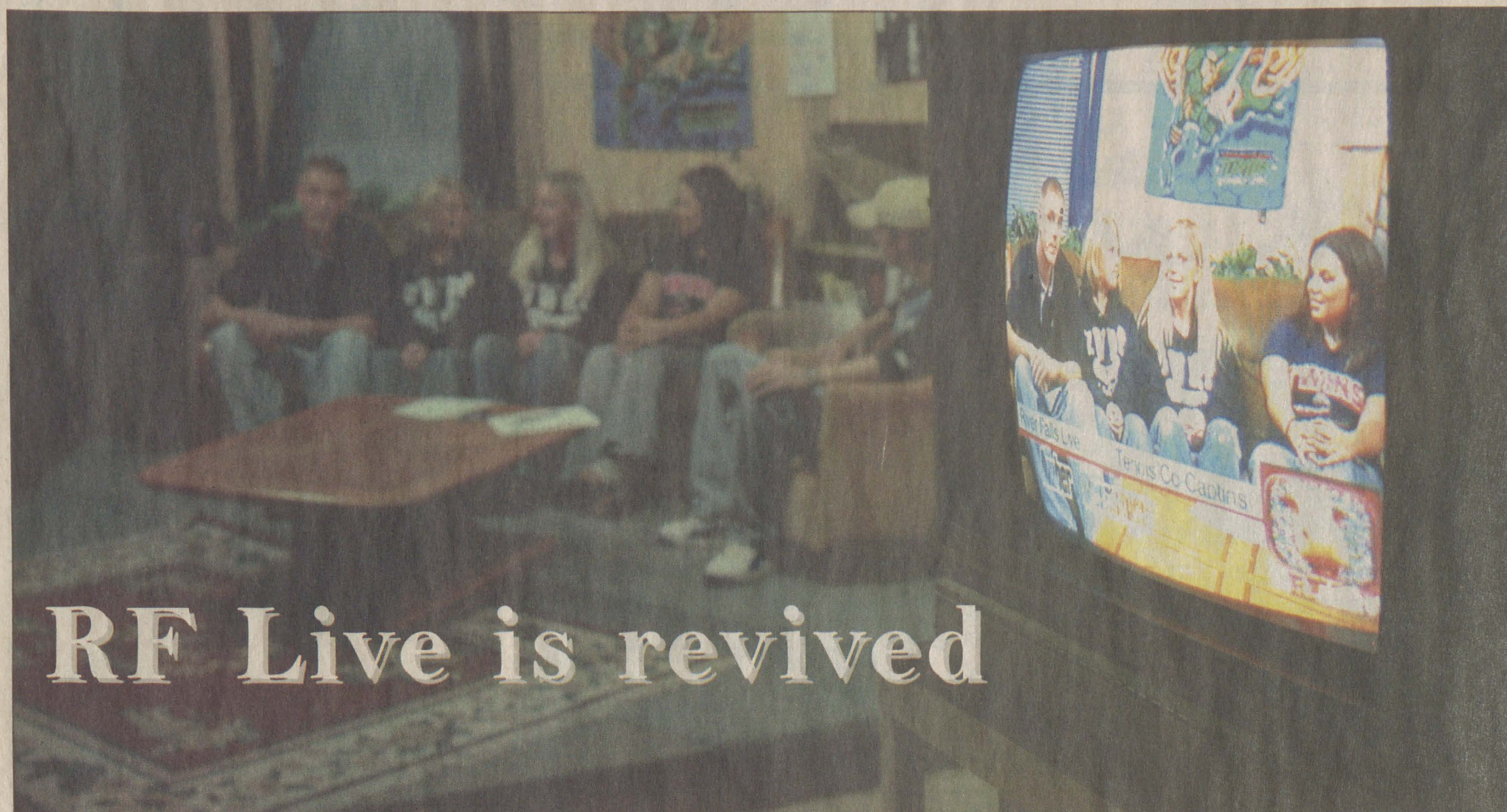


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Hosts Ed O'Keefe, Kristin Loney are back for another season of RF Live with new host Billy Halter. The show was cancelled after last semester but was brought back by popular demand. The hosts talk to two women tennis players on this season's first show.

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

Good news for all die-hard RF Live fans: after deciding to cancel the show at the end of last year, the crew changed its mind and brought it back to the airwaves.

The student-run campus variety show returned for its fourth semester on Oct. 6.

RF Live focuses on students, campus events and the River Falls community. Set up like a talk show, it features visitors, skits and musical guests during its hour-long broadcast.

"We can be informative and serious sometimes, but we like to do fun stuff too," said co-producer/co-host Kristin Loney.

Students from the campus news program Focus on U created the show two years ago to get more variety on the air.

"We wanted a show where we had more creative control," said co-producer/co-host Ed O'Keefe.

All the original RF Live cast members started on Focus on U.

Last year was going to be the end of RF Live

"Even at the beginning of the school year, Ed and I didn't think we were going to do the show."

Kristin Loney
co-producer/co-host

because most of the crew was graduating, including Nick Kesler, whom the group refers to as "the Godfather" because he got the show off the ground.

Without Kesler and the other founding members, the future of the show looked bleak.

"We felt like we had accomplished so much," said Kesler, who produced the show last year.

Loney said the crew wanted to end its last season on a high note.

"Even at the beginning of the school year, Ed and I didn't think we were going to do the show," Loney said.

Once school started, however, students and friends were asking Loney and O'Keefe what projects they were working on, when the show aired and what would be on the first episode.

The decision to return was made just weeks

before the first show.

"We both had fun so we thought we'd try to get people to do it," O'Keefe said.

O'Keefe and Loney put fliers up around campus and sent student e-mails to recruit new talent. Their efforts helped bring in about 15 new people. As of the first show there were about 20 cast and crew members.

"Godfather" Kesler, who is now a photojournalist for KSTP Channel 5 Eyewitness News, was on hand to help with the first episode. He said he's thrilled to see RF Live back on the air.

"I loved it," Kesler said. "It's just really nice to see that something we started outside of class is really taking off."

Kesler said the new members had an amazing attitude and were very eager to learn.

Camera operator Brock Anderson said he was happy to join.

"I've watched the show for a couple of years and just thought it would be fun to be a part of,"

Anderson said.

So did crew member Nicole Hogan.

"I loved watching last year," Hogan said. "It looked like a lot of fun and I wanted to be a part of the fun."

Jobs rotate each week so everyone gets a chance to learn and participate in whatever aspects they choose. The producers said they'll gladly accept help if anyone is still interested. Positions are open to any student regardless of area of study.

"We just try to keep

people interested and having fun," O'Keefe said.

The merriment takes place live 8 p.m. every Wednesday on Channel 19. Everyone is welcome to join the live studio audience each week in the TV studios of KFA (room 113). There's a chance to enter con-

tests and win prizes. Reruns are broadcast each weekday at noon, 8 p.m. and midnight. For more information, to get involved or to suggest show ideas, e-mail rflive@yahoo.com.

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TOP 5 MYTHS AT UW-RF

5. Everyone at UW-RF drinks.
4. Klempell Fine Arts was built backwards.
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2. Only farmers go to school here.
1. UW-RF students drink to get wasted.

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