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Chiefs return questionable

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UW-River Falls has been lucky for the past 13 years.

Ramer Field has been home to the summer training camp for the Kansas City Chiefs, currently ranked 7-0, but UW-RF's luck might change.

"For the first time, the Chiefs are considering other summer training sites," said Mary Halada, assistant to the vice chancellor of budget and administration. "About two years ago, other schools showed interest and proposed the idea. The Chiefs want to compare their options."

This week Halada wrote a proposal asking the Chiefs to come back again. The proposal won't look like the eight to 10 others. Halada won't need to provide maps or layouts of the facilities.

"They know this campus and the area," Halada said.

The Chiefs are asking for a few things in return for everything they bring. The biggest issue is renovation to Knowles Center. The Chiefs would like the building to be air conditioned as well as a larger training room, locker room and strength and conditioning rooms.

With the budget cuts, money needed to comply with the changes is tight.

"Sometimes you spend money to make money," Halada said.

Halada met last week with the governor to discuss the issue.

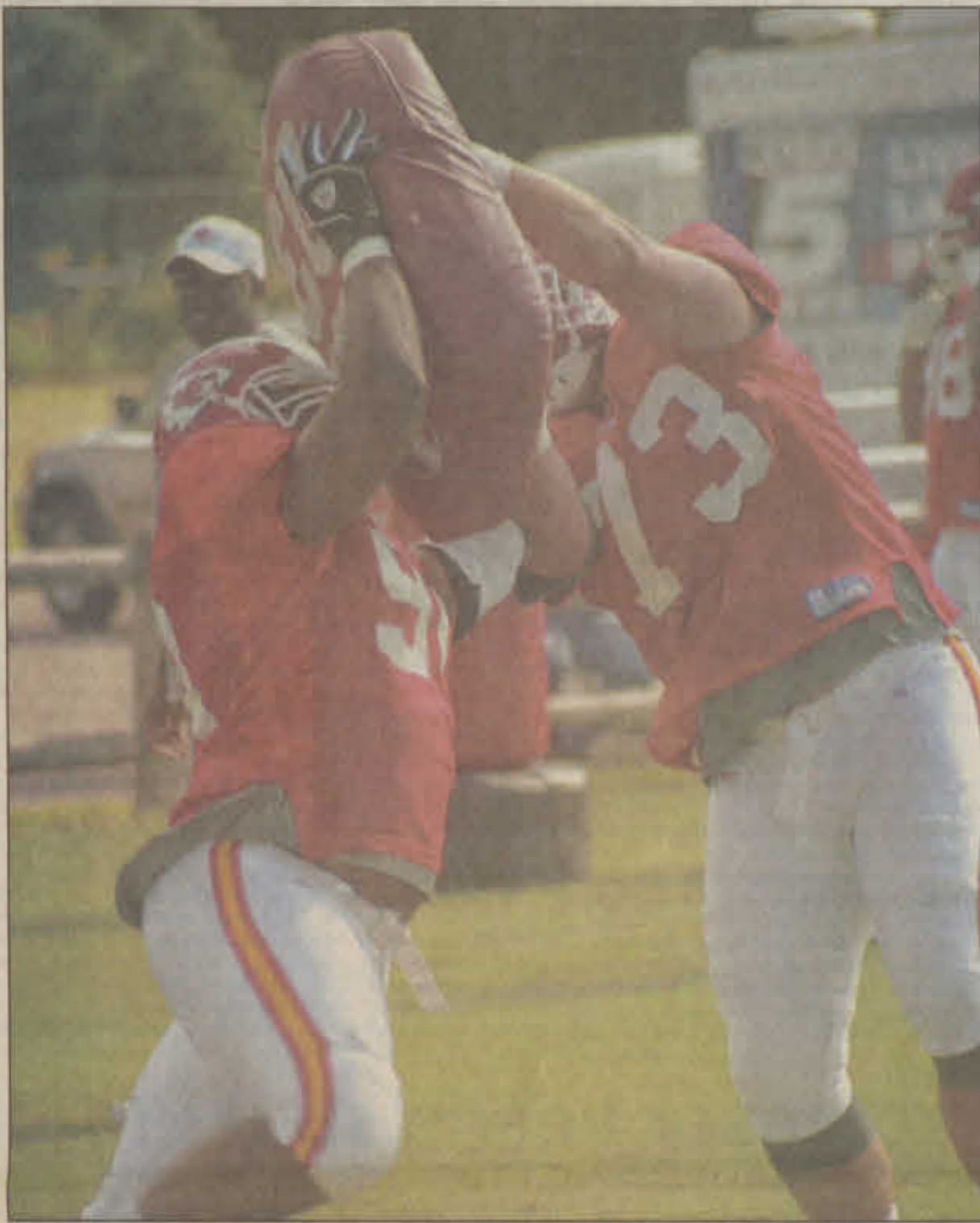
"The governor was very receptive to our request. He suggested we pursue to the Board of Regents, the building commission and the Legislature," Halada said. "We need approval from all three, then the Legislature will allocate funds."

Halada said the governor can justify allocating funds because of the economic development it brings.

"The economic impact to the area is probably the number one reason we do this," Halada said.

The three largest attraction days last summer were family fun night and two Vikings scrimmages. Student interns interviewed people and collected data to show there is a \$1.7 million dollar impact in those three days alone. This money is from hotels, restaurants and other local business. If the money does one roll over back into the area, there is an estimated \$3.4 million dollar impact.

"Having the Chiefs here is vital to a lot of businesses in the summer,"



The Chiefs have made Ramer Field their home for the past 13 years. But if UW-RF doesn't find money to meet the Chiefs' requests, the team could be looking for a new place to train.

Photo by Kyle Weaver

said Mark Kinders, public affairs director.

Not only do the fans bring in revenue for the area, the Chiefs spend about \$400,000 for services on campus and for supplies they need when they get here, including vehicles, dry cleaning, phones, etc. Not to mention the money they spend around the area at businesses and

restaurants.

Along with the Chiefs come a slew of media—about 150 people.

The media visibility given to this town and campus is the "kind of advertising we can't buy," Halada said.

Name recognition is key.

"The words River Falls and UW-RF are repeated billions of times on

every major media outlet," Kinders said. "Media makes us visible, which draws more people to town."

Although money and media are very important to the campus and area, students are also affected by the Chiefs. Forty students are hired for summer camps, and 10 to 12 stu-

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Rost injured in motorcycle crash

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William Rost, 53, and his wife Karin Rost, 43, were both injured Oct. 19 in a motorcycle accident that occurred between Stockholm and Maiden Rock, Wis.

Rost, UW-River Falls assistant chancellor for the Office of University Advancement, was still recovering from his injuries Thursday in intensive care at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. Karin, an alumna of UW-RF, was wearing a helmet. Rost was not.

After being treated for several fractured ribs and bruised lungs, Karin was released Monday from the hospital.

UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker received information from Karin this week about Rost's condition. Karin said Rost "suffered moderate brain injuries, a fractured skull, broken bones around his eyes and possible broken vertebrae."

As of Thursday, Karin said Rost was walking and talking and improving on a daily basis.

According to a press release from the Pepin County Sheriff's Department, the couple was traveling on Hwy. 35 on a 2003 Harley Davidson when Rost lost control and tipped the motorcycle on its side after applying the brakes. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

The Rosts were taken by ambulance to Fairview Hospital in Red Wing, Minn. They were then airlifted to St. Mary's.

Dan McGinty, director for development in alumni relations, will assume responsibility of the University Advancement Office until Rost makes a full recovery.

McGinty said he and the rest of the staff are optimistic and have been dealing with the situation one day at a time.

He added that the reality of the situation is still hard to handle.

"I think everyone is kind of in a state of shock," McGinty said. "It's hard to believe something like this



Bill Rost

could happen so close to home. It's had a bit of a numbing effect on the office."

Rost, president of the UW-RF Foundation, works with alumni relations and advancement services. McGinty

said he will be taking on those extra responsibilities. Other staff members have also been doing double duty to keep the office running smoothly.

Steve Olsen will chair the Marketing and Communications Committee, Kevin Bertelsen will be responsible for the publication of UW-RF's Annual Report and the next issue of Falcon Features and Mark Kinders will assist with visits to alumni and friends of the university.

McGinty said a

day hasn't gone by when they haven't spoken about Rost. He said it's important to keep each other informed.

Despite the staff's optimism, McGinty said Rost's presence is already missed around the office.

"Bill's got a fantastic personality and that makes it easy to work here," McGinty said. "He's sorely missed already."

Lydecker encouraged the campus community to keep the Rosts in their prayers and to remain hopeful.

"I trust that they will soon re-gain their health and strength and be ready to resume their many activities," Lydecker said. "Two people who love life so much deserve to live it fully."

Rost has been with the Office of University Advancement since July of 2001.

Students or staff who would like to learn more about Rost's condition can contact the University Advancement Office at 425-3505. Send cards and letters to:

Bill Rost
1497 Golfview Dr.
River Falls, WI 54022

United Council looks to raise fee

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Sports Editor

As students stand around campus vending machines and fish change out of their pockets for a soda or snack, they may not be aware of what that same 65 cents can do for student life as a whole.

The United Council (UC), the statewide student association, is asking students to shell out an additional 65 cents per semester on top of the \$1.35 they already pay as a mandatory refundable fee (MRF). The UW-River Falls Student Senate will vote on the issue at its Nov. 4 meeting.

The MRF is a fee students pay to the UC as part of their tuition and fees. Within 45 days after the beginning of the semester, the UC will refund a student's fee upon request.

UC President Jeff Pertl said approximately 140,000 pay the MRF and only between five and 15 ask for their money back per semester.

With 140,000 students paying \$1.35, UC takes in about \$189,000 per semester. The MRF increase would up that amount to \$280,000 per semester.

Matthew McFeeley, United Council organizing and communications director, and Vicki Bomben, United Council executive director, visited UW-RF on Oct. 21 and told Senate why they want to raise the MRF to \$2.

Bomben said the fee needs to be raised because health care and travel costs are up for everyone. Rent in the UC office building has also increased significantly.

While costs are expanding, so is the organization.

"We have added two new staff positions and the \$1.35 fee doesn't sustain the organization where it is at now," McFeeley said.

Right now UW System students get several things for their \$1.35. Nine staff members work for the UC to provide a lobbying voice for its students on issues affecting them.

One recent victory for the UC came during the summer of 2002. The organization lobbied a bill that is now a law stating that whenever tuition is increased by a certain percentage, financial aid must increase to match it, McFeeley said.

An additional student regent has been added to the Board of Regents and segregated fees have been protect-

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Lower legal limit: More student citations possible

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It's 2 a.m. and the bars have just closed. You didn't have much to drink and you're 21 years old, so you decide to drive home.

Next thing you know, you get pulled over and slapped with a \$705 ticket for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI).

The state of Wisconsin lowered its Blood Alcohol Content limit Sept. 30 from .10 to .08. As a result, more OWI tickets might be issued and UW-River Falls students might see devastating effects.

"This town is aggressively known for giving OWIs," said Cindy McKahan, deputy clerk at the River Falls Municipal Court.

While OWI citations are a high priority for the River Falls Police Department, Chief of Police Roger Leque would consider their approach as assertive.

"We know that alcohol abuse affects the lives of many people through injury and death," Leque said. "But the lower BAC limit doesn't affect how we as a police department do business."

Though River Falls hasn't directly seen the effects of the change in the OWI limit because it is relatively new, McKahan and Clerk of Court Lori Gutting know the city will be hit soon.

"The reason why we're concerned for students is because this is a commuter university," McKahan said.

If any out of state license holder receives an OWI ticket in Wisconsin, they cannot drive in Wisconsin for six to nine months, depending on the BAC. McKahan said this can be devastating to Minnesota residents who commute or attend UW-RF because they must leave their vehicle at the border and get a ride to campus.

"Your life becomes very restricted after getting this ticket," McKahan said.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

In an effort to curb drunken driving incidents, the UW-RF Honors club staged a mock accident Sept. 24. With a new .08 Blood Alcohol Content limit, OWI citations might be on the rise meaning students could be faced with an assortment of headaches.

Wisconsin residents and license holders have the opportunity to apply for an occupational license that restricts driving privileges to specific hours per week and specific times. Minnesota residents do not have this option.

Driving restrictions aren't the only burden that comes with the ticket.

The lowest OWI ticket fee is \$705. Prices increase if the BAC is higher.

With a .25 or higher BAC, the maximum license revocation of nine months is issued and the fee is \$767. The fine and length of suspension both increase with each OWI ticket.

Ticket prices aren't the only thing that will sky rocket.

In most states, insurance rates for convicted drunken drivers increase 500 percent to 1,000 percent above premiums

paid before the conviction, according to the Drunk Driving Defense Website founded by attorney William C. Head.

If the recipient of an OWI ticket is under 21, auto insurance premiums may be tripled or non-renewed for their parents, according to the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance in Madison, Wis.

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BRIEFS

Turkey Trot

The fifth annual turkey trot, a 5k run/1 mile walk, will be held Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. Race day registration is \$15. For more information, contact Edmund Johnson at 821-7844.

Women's Conference

There will be a Women's Leadership conference Nov. 21-23 at UW-Stevens Point. Men are welcome also. All UW-RF students may attend for free, which covers travel, hotel and food costs. Students can sign up in the Student Senate office, or by contacting Barbara Lind at 425-3530.

Musicians Wanted

The Employee Development Committee is looking for musicians, vocal or instrumental to perform at the annual Christmas Luncheon for Classified Employees Dec. 13, noon to 1 p.m. at Bud's Lanes. Interested students should contact Sue Watters at 425-3572.

Assessment Fair 2003

Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons there will be a venue for sharing ideas, successes and difficulties with departmental and classroom assessment. The fair will also promote effective assessment practices in order to inform curriculum development and benefits student learning.

Holiday Concert

The UW-River Falls Holiday Concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra, Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus and Chamber Singers will take place in the William Abbott Concert Hall of KFA Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. There is no charge but tickets are required. Tickets will be available to the general public from Nov. 2-14 and from Dec. 1-5.

Regalia Pricing

Students are required to wear proper regalia to graduation which

includes a black gown, mortarboard and a tassel the color of their academic college. This regalia can be purchased at the University Bookstore for the following prices starting no later than Dec. 1. Cap, gown and tassel: \$25.50. Cap only is \$5.25. Tassels are \$4.50. Announcements will be available for \$1 each.

SquirrelMail

Web-based email has fully migrated from TWIG to SquirrelMail, except groups. Twig will no longer be available on Nov. 7.

J-Term Registration

Registration for J-Term 2004 is now open. Classes begin Dec. 29, 2003, and end Jan. 23, 2004. For more information, contact the Outreach and Graduate Studies Office at 425-3256.

Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society River Falls' Relay for Life meeting will be Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the River Falls High School Media Center. To RSVP call Dave at 1-887-423-9122 x28.

Final Notice SURSCA

The Society for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities (SURSCA) will be hosting the annual Evening of SURSCA on Nov. 12, 7-9 p.m., in the River Room of Rodli Commons. It will focus on showcases in the wide range of research, scholarly and creative activities conducted throughout the year. This is the final call for submissions and first call for SURSCA materials including: posters, artwork or other creative materials.

Presentation

There will be a presentation by Chris Ahmuty, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Nov. 3 at 7:15 p.m. in room 200 of the Agriculture-Science Building.

STUDENT SENATE

Students evaluate United Council

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Chief Copy Editor

At Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting, a motion to hold a referendum on whether or not UW-River Falls should continue its participation in the United Council (UC) passed by a margin of 15-2.

Even before the motion was formally addressed, former Senate Vice President Andy Parrish voiced his support from the audience during the meeting's open forum.

"The United Council is going the wrong way," Parrish said. "A campus like us needs to pull out to show them that they're taking stands on the wrong issues."

Once the motion was made, Senator Kathryn Kneissel concurred with Parrish's statements.

"They're [UC members] wasting our time with Columbus Day stuff, when we've got budget cuts and tuition increases to worry about," Kneissel said.

At the General Assembly the UC held two weeks ago at UW-RF, a resolution was passed that supported changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day because of new revelations that Christopher Columbus might not have been as harmonious with the Native Americans as once thought-not to mention the argument that other people (including Native Americans) obviously discovered the American continent before Columbus.

Senator Nick Cluppert said UW-Stout withdrew from the UC three years ago, and it claims to have much better relations with its state representatives since then. Stout also claims state representatives now contact them two or three times a year just to get updates on their conditions, Cluppert said. UW-Superior is also holding a referendum on the UC question, Cluppert said, stemming from strong anti-UC sentiment.

Another catalyst leading to the referendum was the upcoming vote whether or not to increase the Mandatory Refundable Fee (MRF) from \$1.35 to \$2 that every student pays to the UC.

Not everyone supported the motion, though.

Senator Barb Lind said UC has proven very helpful to her and others she knows, and she uses their resources for various projects.

"They've always been nice to me," Lind said.

But Lind had a hard time finding other senators who would back her up.

Cluppert said students attending Hathorn Hall's hall council meeting were overwhelmingly against raising the UC's MRF.

Senators Joe Eggers and Leon Gbee both said many students they talked to at hall council meetings didn't know what the MRF is.

In other Senate related news:

—Senator Cluppert said Senate might have struck a compromise with faculty regarding open-ended questions on teacher evaluations. Under the proposal, Senate would draft a set of open-ended questions for students to answer regarding their professors, but the results would only be available for the professors to review. Cluppert said Faculty Senate President David Trechter found the initial proposal promising.

—President Matthew Schuelke said there is a Legacy bill that many UW campuses are considering. The Legacy bill is a pilot program that would reduce a student's tuition by 25 percent if that student's parents had previously received instruction at that same institution.

"Hence the term 'Legacy,'" Schuelke said.

The Student Senate will meet again next week Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Kate Camplin
Staff Writer

Larger classes, fewer teachers, limited selection and outdated technology seems to be the future of higher education.

The budget cuts to the UW System this year exceed the total cuts made over the past 10 years, said Marshall Toman, chair of the English department.

At UW-River Falls, it is often the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) that feels the budget crunch the most. It is the largest college on campus employing the most faculty members with students from all four colleges in its classes.

"There will be a crunch in the classrooms. The impact on new freshman will be major," said Gorden Hedahl, dean of the CAS. "In the next couple of years the CAS may be down 20 teachers."

The CAS not only has the duty of educating students within its school, but those of the entire University.

Students at UW-RF take up to 85 percent of their courses in the CAS regardless of their major Hedahl said.

If the budget-cutting trend continues, the list of classes students choose from might dwindle. Students minoring in philosophy are going to be taught by a professor coming out of retirement to work as an adjunct professor in order for them to complete the program requirements.

The entire budget cut process is a confusing number game. Traveling from department to department, the numbers feel daunting.

Philosophy is down to one faculty member. The English department needed 11 full-time faculty members this fall and instead acquired 16 part-time teachers. The art department has not had a permanent painting instructor in five years. Marketing communications, one of the largest majors on campus, has only one full-time faculty member.

And the list of vacancies goes on.

If a department is lucky enough to be full, it may only be a matter of time until they find themselves short staffed.

"Every year we have about four or five retirements," Hedahl said.

These vacancies immediately become part of the hiring freeze creating more work for current professors.

If vacancies can be filled, the CAS will hire at the assistant professor level.

"This is a major loss in terms of instruction to students and in terms of participating in other activities with students," Hedahl said. "Semester



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Art major Jil Stahosky is creating a glass-blown project. Areas of the College of Arts and Sciences like the art studio may begin to feel the impact of the budget cuts as faculty numbers in the college drop.

to semester teachers don't get involved on campus."

Many of the adjunct professors are new to UW-RF and any free time that they have is devoted to adjusting to the University's environment, not advising student organizations.

Eight of the 16 new part-time instructors hired by the English department were not at UW-RF last year.

"With this sort of turnover, we can't expect the same level of commitment from the part-time faculty as the full-time faculty, but they are cheaper," said Marshall Toman, chair of the English department.

In addition to faculty vacancies and classroom size, the CAS feels the crunch in other valuable areas of higher education.

"We don't have money in our budget at all for student organizations or for student travels," Hedahl said. "It is tight enough that we are watching duplicating costs."

Most equipment used in the college is part of a campus wide replacement program, but even this cycle has been increased from four years to five.

While the economy has been down in the past few years, cuts in higher education have been happening in Wisconsin for the past 10 years. Many faculty members agree that more than just economics plays a role.

"The state has certainly shifted their priorities," Hedahl said. "They are decreasing money for higher education while increasing spending on prisons and corrections. I think this is misplaced."

Hedahl sees investing money in higher education as an investment in crime prevention.

Higher education has become a target when state governments need more money.

Hedahl has described the process as a double-edged sword, saying that the University cares about the students and makes every decision with them in mind. Legislature sees these cuts, and enrollment on the rise and the students not being affected and says "see, you didn't need it any way" Hedahl said.

"Somehow it is not being understood that you can't cut the budget and not affect students," Hedahl said.

Professor heads south for the winter

Derek McMurchie
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Sociology Professor Tricia Davis has always wanted to travel, but time and money have always been a problem.

A few months ago, however, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Gorden Hedahl recommended Davis apply through the Rotary International Organization for Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE).

The GSE sounded like the answer to Davis' problem. The GSE was developed to encourage international understanding and to develop good will between countries and regions of the world, according to the Rotary International web site.

Through the program, groups are being sent to Turkey and Central America this year. Each group will consist of four people and a group leader.

Davis applied for the exchange and was chosen to be part of the group that is being sent to Central America.

"The application process was a lot like applying for a job," Davis said. "The only requirements were that you had to be between the ages of 25 and 40, and you could not be a descendent of anyone who was a part of the Rotary."

Davis will be visiting Belize, Honduras and Guatemala from Feb. 15 until March 15. Along with the other three people chosen for the trip, she will teach her profession to the natives of each country.

"I will be giving presentations to the different groups while I am there about my field," Davis said. "I have to speak the language of each country. Since Belize is the only country of the three that speak English, I have been teaching myself Spanish by using little flash cards."

Davis will be staying with host families. Her three fellow travelers will be split up as well, also staying with host families. Travel costs are assumed by the Rotary, and club members in the host countries provide housing, food and transportation.

Economic summit fuses business, education

Mike Longaacker
Staff Writer

At the fourth annual Wisconsin Economic Summit held in Milwaukee on Monday and Tuesday, Gov. Jim Doyle's administration solidified its stance on the strength of the UW System's economic contribution to the state.

"I admire the work that was done at the University to get through this difficult time," Doyle said, noting that Wisconsin recently ranked fifth nationally in per capita budget cuts. "We're going to continue to make sure the University is at the center of what we're doing in Wisconsin."

Lieutenant Gov. Barbara Lawton addressed summit attendees Monday night saying, "The number of degrees granted by post-secondary schools runs parallel to economic success."

"This is no time to cap enrollment. This is no time to speak of privatization," she said. "We must preserve the independence of our university."

The event, which was attended by nearly 800 business leaders, educators, students and government officials, was billed as an opportunity to create a set of realistic goals for Wisconsin's long-term economic success and vitality.

Toby Markovich, president of the UW System Board of Regents, agreed that the UW System is crucial to the state's economy.

"Without a strong economy, we cannot sustain one of the strongest public university systems in

the country," Markovich said.

Attendees gathered at a host of workshops Monday, which Wisconsin Technology Council president Tom Still called "remarkably well-attended."

Workshop attendees debated issues ranging from women in corporate leadership to liberal arts education in the workplace.

During the course of the event, much attention was focused on how to get Wisconsin's slumping economy on the right track.

Cisco Systems chairman and UW-Madison graduate John Morgridge offered words for the state during his keynote speech Tuesday.

"The engine of growth in this new economy is fueled by an educated workforce and is the key to innovation," Morgridge said.

He suggested increased technology infrastructure, the utilization of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation and advanced industry clusters as potential solutions in order to gain the estimated \$300 million of venture capital he said the state will need to gain an economic foothold.

A panel of economists and civic leaders offered a different approach, however. The panel first presented a no-holds-barred look at the state's economic woes, noting how Wisconsin has fallen behind its neighboring states-particularly Minnesota.

"That's what I keep hearing: If we were only as good as Minnesota," said panelist and president of NorthStar Economics, David Ward.

Doyle called the panel's statistics "sobering."

During their presentation on regional economic growth strategy, the panel suggested that the state look to building partnerships through regional clusters.

By carving Wisconsin into regional clusters-rather than industry clusters-the panel said the state would be able to utilize regional specialization and build regional commissions that could foster economic growth.

A rift seemed to develop in the audience following remarks criticizing the panel's proposal.

"We wouldn't like to get into ideological warfare with industry clusters on one side and regional clusters on the other," Ward said.

UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker said she could see both sides of the argument, but sided with the regional approach.

"Interplay between industry and regional is real and can occur between both," Lydecker said. "The regional approach is going to be more viable than thinking of individual clusters which don't draw people in the same way."

Of progress made in terms of advancing western Wisconsin's visibility in the state, Lydecker said headway had been made.

"Some things are solidifying today," she said. "It's slower than some of us would have liked, but that's life."

Lawton said that for greater economic development to take place in the St. Croix Valley, it must happen "organically."



PUBLIC SAFETY

Magazine peddler issued citation

Anne Cloeter
Staff Writer

Tuesday night an RA in Crabtree Hall called Public Safety to inform them that a male was selling magazine subscriptions in the residence hall. When an officer arrived, Nicholas P. Andrewjeski, 20, said he was employed by Atlantic Circulation Inc. and needed to sell magazines to win a contest for a trip to Rome. He was then issued a citation for selling, peddling and soliciting.

An RA in Parker Hall saw Brandon J. Verbracken, 19, having a hard time walking and being held up by two other people Thursday night. He felt Verbracken was highly intoxicated and called Public Safety. Verbracken was uncooperative and gave several different names to the officer when he arrived, and he was then issued a \$243 citation for underage consumption.

Anthony D. Dorner, 19, was given a \$350 citation for attempting to buy alcohol Thursday night at

Dick's Plus. When the employee questioned his ID, Dorner left the alcohol and quickly drove away. The employee wrote down the license plate number and still had the ID, so an RFPD officer called and met with Dorner. He admitted to using his brother's ID without his knowledge.

Friday, Christian B. Ray was found sick in a bathroom in Hathorn Hall. After going to his room, an officer arrived and issued Ray a \$243 underage consumption ticket.

Early Sunday morning, a RFPD officer saw a vehicle driving the wrong way on Spring Street, a one way street. After he pulled the vehicle over, the officer noticed a strong smell of intoxicants when he was talking to the driver. The driver said he wasn't from the area and didn't know the street was a one way. He said he hadn't been drinking. The officer then gave a Breathalyzer to the other passengers. Madeline A. Green, 19, and Christopher R. Pluff, 18, both received a \$164 underage consumption citation.

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Even more devastating to students is the fact that an OWI stays on a personal record for 10 years.

"This ticket hangs with you for a while," Gutting said.

If a student has an important job interview and the company does a background check, Gutting said they will see the OWI citation and a red flag will go up.

"It's a vicious circle of expenses," McKahan said. "Your life becomes very restricted."

McKahan and Gutting feel students are unaware of the long-lasting effects an OWI will have on them, especially now that the BAC limit is lower and more tickets could be issued.

Though students may not know all of the negative effects that follow an OWI citation, many do feel the lowering of the BAC limit is an encouraging move.

"Anything that's going to save a life or help prevent injury is a positive thing for the state," said marketing communications major Nick

Carstensen, 23. "Now that they lowered the limit, I'm going to worry a little more about how much I drink."

Sociology major Stephanie Dura agreed.

"With this new limit, more people will hopefully be getting a designated driver," Dura said.

Though many view the new limit as positive, many realize there are people who can handle alcohol better than others, and may be able to safely drive with a .08 BAC.

"It takes away from the people who casually drink and are trying to be safe drivers," said Aaron Retzlaff, 21, broad area agriculture major. "But it's always a good thing to keep more drunk drivers off the road."

The Municipal Court office stresses they are there to work with students in understanding what to do after receiving an OWI citation. McKahan and Gutting know there is now a greater possibility of being ticketed and want to be proactive about it.

"Please stop down and talk to us," McKahan said. "We don't bite."

Selling UW-RF to potential students: CAFES recruiting yields big results



File Photo

Every year in late October College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences students travel to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. to promote the University to more than 50,000 high school students from around the country.

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Staff Writer

LOUISVILLE—Everyone is trying to sell something at the 76th annual National FFA Convention. Hungry visitors find comfort from vendors with ice cream, sno-cones, caramel apples, pretzels and Papa John's pizza.

Clothing vendors in the shopping mall hawk hats, souvenir t-shirts and knick-knacks of all shapes, sizes and species. The career show boasts a wide variety of items on display to promote their companies. From race cars to tractors to wienermobiles, the career show wants FFA members to plan their future.

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dent internships are offered. "Chiefs provide a whole range of opportunities they (students) would have never had any other way," Kinders said.

The football field has also benefited from having the Chiefs here. The team pays to take care of the fields from May 1 until the last day of practice. They send a groundskeeper that hires two students to care for the fields. They also pay to irrigate the fields; the revenue from the concession stands built the pavilion and the gazebo. Along with the campus, the athletic department, the Chiefs helped to pay for the new sound system.

"Chiefs are an NFL franchise, they have chosen to come here for years. It says a lot about the campus and the community," Kinders said. "All of the elements would be difficult to replace."

The proposal was to be sent out earlier this week and now the waiting game begins.

This is where UW-River Falls comes in.

For many years, UW-RF has staffed a booth at the National FFA Convention, pitching the University to 50,000 blue-jacketed high school students.

"This is the biggest collection of high school students interested in agriculture," said Matt Reinders, a senior majoring in agricultural education. "What better place to recruit for CAFES?"

Reinders, along with Josh Duley, Jason Hovell and Becca Reitzel, are representing the University at the National FFA Convention this week, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1. In addition to working the booth, they will partici-

pate in a number of contests for members of Alpha Tau Alpha.

Interest in UW-RF is so strong that last year Hovell said the group ran out of brochures. Information on the dairy science, food science and meat science programs are hot commodities.

"It's a good place to meet potential students face-to-face," Duley said.

Tim Buttles, a professor of agriculture education, accompanied the students to Louisville.

"This is probably our one chance for national exposure," Buttles said. UW-RF also recruits at the Wisconsin FFA Convention in June.

Wisconsin brings one of the largest delegations to the national conven-

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ed partially because of UC's efforts, McFeeley said.

UC also holds eight general assemblies and two annual conferences throughout the school year to give students at every university a chance to be heard and vote on the UC's position on different issues.

UC staff members also research issues for students and publish fact sheets and manuals to help student senates learn more about important issues.

"We do the research you don't have time to do, just like we do the lobbying at Madison because you can't drive there all the time," McFeeley told Senate.

"The increase is worthwhile for all you get out of it," Women's Initiatives Director Barb Lind said. "It's still only going to be \$2 per semester and its completely refundable. Since the last increase, they have done more lobbying and a lot more research for us. They need this money to keep the organization running."

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Nick Cluppert isn't sure increasing the MRF is the best thing the UC can do for its students.

"I feel there are other ways they can cut back," Cluppert said. "Maybe they could restructure to not have as many (general assemblies). They could forward the information they want senators to know without so many travel costs."

He said the research UC does on issues for student senates is something senates can and should do themselves. Some of the research doesn't apply to the way UW-RF students feel about the same issues.

"River Falls may have a different vision on policies than Eau Claire or Madison," Cluppert said. "We should do our own research."

Cluppert also wants to take a closer look at the UC in general. At Senate's Oct. 28 meeting he presented a resolution to hold a special referendum on campus to pull UW-RF out of UC. The resolution passed by a 15-2 vote with only Lind and Sen. Leon Gbee voting against it. According to the resolution, the entire student body will vote whether to remain a member campus of UC or not. The referendum will take place no earlier than Nov. 12, but no later than Nov. 29.

Former Senate Vice President Andy Parrish attended the meeting to voice his support for the resolution and said he will be campaigning heavily to pull out the school out of UC.

"Having a statewide student organization isn't a bad thing, but the UC needs a wake up call," Parrish said. "They do a really good job supporting groups that are under-represented, but they don't represent mainstream college students."

Parrish said he believes many items the UC supports are a waste of time and resources. He pointed to UC supporting the changing of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day and pushing for gender-neutral restrooms on UW System campuses as proof that UC is not representing most students.

Parrish said money from students could be put to much better use if it stayed in River Falls.

"If you take \$1.35 and multiply it by two semesters, and multiply it by the number of students per year, it wouldn't take too many years to raise enough money to build a parking ramp on campus," Parrish said. Parrish isn't the only student against UC.

Lara Lesar said she went to a gen-

tion, approximately 3,000 to 4,000 students from Wisconsin of the 50,000 at the convention. With 16,000 FFA members in Wisconsin, UW-RF can reach about 25 percent of them at one event.

Recruiting efforts have certainly paid off for CAFES. This year the college brought in 339 new freshmen, up from 200 last year.

CAFES Interim Dean Stephen Ridley gives a lot of credit to the faculty for stepping up the recruiting process and "going out of their way" to sway potential students to UW-RF by personally contacting recruits.

"I really have to compliment our faculty for going the extra mile," Ridley said.

Though successful recruiting is important in keeping student numbers up, retention is also vital. Overall, the University retains 75 percent of its students from year to year. In CAFES that number is 78 percent.

"It's one thing to get students here," Ridley said. "It's another to keep them here."

An extensive advising program has helped keep potential drop-outs in school. This program targets students who are struggling and counsels them in time management and study skills.

"We don't wait for students to come in," Ridley said. "The idea is to reach out."

Students with poor grades at midterms are referred to the program. They set up a weekly appointment with an advisor to work on their academic skills and discuss problems in classes.

Though the program is for all students, it targets freshmen more than others. Students suspended from the University are required to participate as well.

The program has seen positive results. In 2002, 200 students dropped from CAFES. In 2003 there were 157 drops.

er assembly last year because she was interested about UC and wanted to learn more about it, but she left wondering why the organization was wasting its time and money.

"A lot of time was spent debating whether drag queens had the right to vote at GAs," Lesar said. "We should have been talking about getting lower tuition or getting more money into the UW System budget from the state so we don't lose professors and class sizes don't get bigger."

Senate will vote whether or not to support the MRF increase on Nov. 4, but it will only be one step in the process before the fee can be raised next fall.

The first steps were taken in August when the UC proposed three different increase amounts at a general assembly. A two-thirds majority passed the 65 cent increase. The issue now has to pass a two-thirds majority of UW System student senates.

"All 12 of the senates that have voted on the increase have passed it as of Oct. 26," Pertl said.

"Once two-thirds of the senates pass the proposal, the final vote must be made at a general assembly during the same semester. The vote for this increase will take place at a general assembly at the Rock County campus Dec. 5-6."

At the Oct. 21 meeting, Senate President Matthew Schuelke urged the senators to seek student input before voting.

At the Oct. 28 meeting, he told the senators to educate the students and he laid down referendum campaigning guidelines for senators.

"We need to put a brochure together with both the yeas and nays," Schuelke said. "Senate should remain neutral on this topic and if you are going to do any campaigning, it needs to be done on your own time and not in Senate's name."

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Well-informed students should make UC decision

In what should prove to be a lively and robust issue on campus in coming weeks, the UW-River Falls Student Senate voted 15 to 2 this week to hold a student referendum on whether or not to remove the campus from participation in the United Council (UC).

UC, which is a non-profit and supposedly non-partisan political organization funded by participating UW System students, represents 24 campuses and more than 140,000 students, according to the UC website. UC gets its funding through a \$1.35 per semester Mandatory Refundable Fee (MRF) charged to each student who is on a UC member campus.

The Senate should be praised and congratulated for their willingness to consider such an idea. They're absolutely right to be angry about resolutions to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. In light of the strenuous levels of budget-cutting the UW System is currently dealing with, the Columbus Day vote makes it clear that UC's focus and aims are missing something. And it's clear that something needs to be done.

On its face, pulling out of UC might seem like a good decision. In fact, it seems like a damn great one. But it is a decision that should under no circumstances be taken lightly. Before students decide, they should really make an effort to inform themselves. It should be a decision made based on facts, not campaign efforts. As Senate President Matthew Schuelke wisely stressed at the meeting, senators should be taking a neutral stance on the issue, focusing on informing, not influencing.

Students need to know their options with this issue. They need to know the repercussions of either decision. Sure, voting to remove UW-RF from association with UC might save us hordes of money that we could spend in our own ways, but what will the long-term effects of disassociation have on UW-RF's political influence at the state level? Some would argue very little. But even a little loss to such a relatively small campus such as UW-RF could be devastating, which arguably has very little political influence to begin with.

On the flip side of the issue is the economist's perspective: Are we getting our money's worth out of UC? As Senator Katie Kneissel put it, UC is "wasting our time with Columbus Day stuff." Students are paying UC to represent their interests. While opposing Columbus Day might be important to a select few, who really cares if our campus is politically correct if there isn't enough money to pay faculty, maintain facilities and otherwise foster the UW System's primary goal: education.

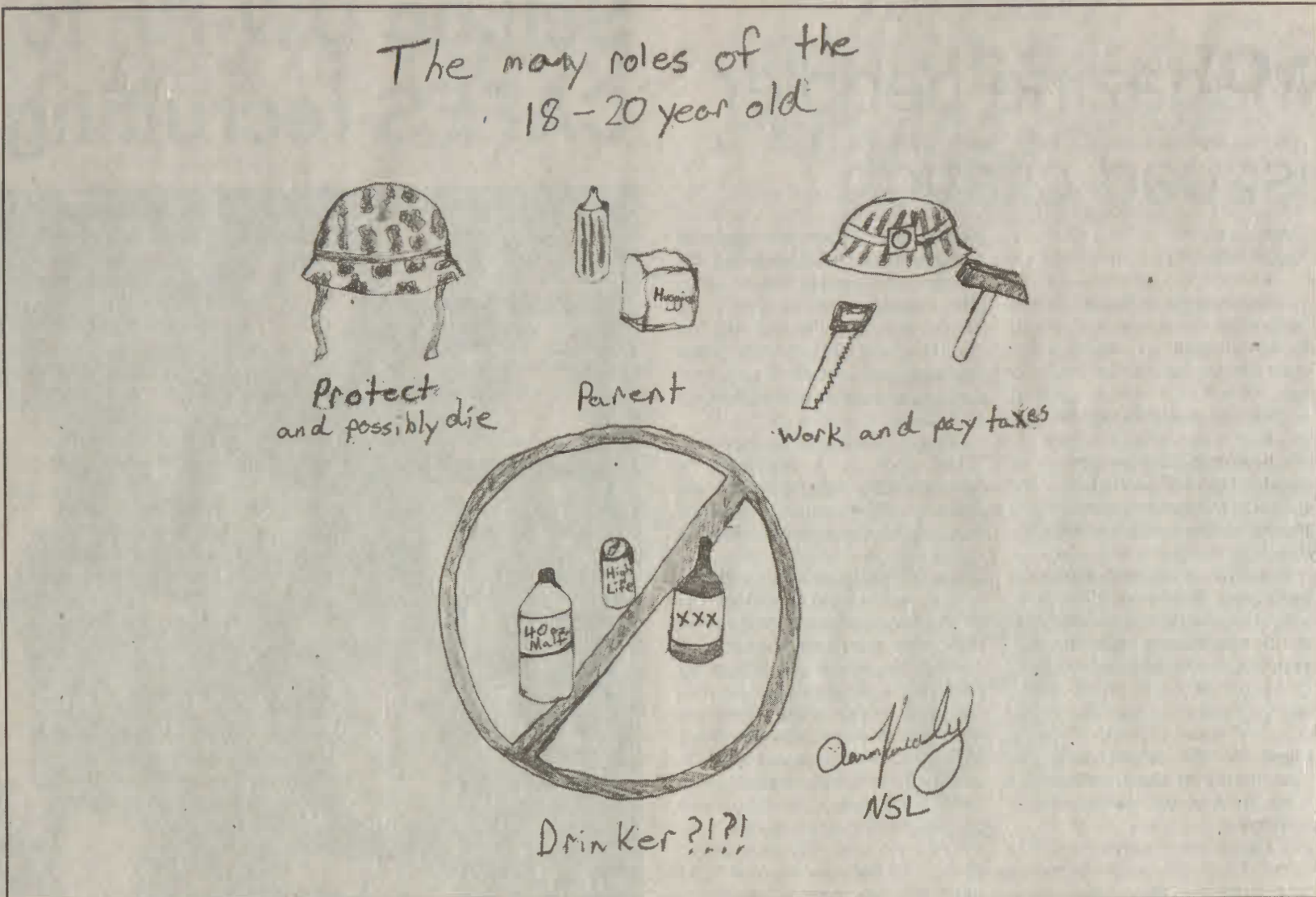
But students also need to know that the only options aren't either live with UC or get out entirely. If the referendum to disassociate doesn't pass, students can individually remove themselves by writing and asking UC for their \$1.35 back. If the whole campus doesn't opt to disassociate, but a significant minority of its individual students do, UC will be forced to take notice when it suddenly has to write out hundreds of \$1.35 checks.

Another problem stemming from the referendum is that, knowing voter apathy on the UW-RF campus, there is great potential for the votes of a radical, unrepresentative few to decide where a lot of student funding ends up. It is therefore our opinion that the Senate should, if possible, consider a minimum voter turnout before deciding anything, to ensure that the correct decision is made for everyone, not just student voters who are easily rallied within a week or two.

Whatever the referendum's outcome, the discussion of our collective values can only help us. In the long run, openly considering what we really want from our student government will only improve what we get from them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UC funds wasted on Columbus Day

This past Tuesday the student senate did a good thing by letting students decide if they want to pull out of United Council, also known as UC. I believe that United Council has lost its focus on the students and is now focused on political correctness. Last weekend on this campus UC passed a resolution supporting the change of Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day.

This was a waste of time and the \$17,000 that our campus pays out of student fees every year. If you would like to hear more about this I will be interviewing the President of United Council Monday at 5:00 p.m. on pure radio 88.7FM on my show "The World According to Me." This is an important decision that we need to make. We face a lot of problems on this campus like parking tuition hikes and the group that is supposed to represent us is more concerned with changing the name of "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous Peoples Day" than your needs.

Andy Parrish, student

Media workshop offers insight

Last Saturday a Campus Media Management Workshop was held in Rodli Commons. I thought it would be prudent to share some newfound knowledge and insight about the media on this campus.

First off, props are in order to those individuals who pulled this particular event together. Apparently this program was a long time coming, and luckily it finally consolidated at a time when we had a chance to partake in it.

The presented information was practical in many different facets because it was useful not only to media individuals on this campus but to anyone else who might have attended.

Many topics were discussed, including leadership styles and their useful times, management approaches and their practicality, and just a general glimpse into the media channels.

As a business administration major who writes into the Voice once in a while, I have little experience in the media short of how to turn on a television, pick up a newspaper or tune the radio. Any opportunity to peer into the media on this campus is a welcome one.

The parallels drawn by this workshop are astounding.

Students just like you run the media groups on this campus and

they struggle with many of the same problems student groups do all the time. Recruitment, retention and quality output are always at the forefront of groups' minds. The ability to pass information on and build leaders for the next year to maintain these goals are important not only to the media groups or student organizations, but also to your very own Student Senate. The fundamentals and mechanics of the organization need to be learned by the new people and this sometimes takes a bit of time before a group can take off and succeed at what it set out to do.

Even though these parallels may be obvious to you, it is generally the most obvious things that need to be pointed out and I thought I would take this opportunity to do just that.

Student Senate is on campus to represent students in opinion, thought and action. We work for you and we are always open to critique, comments and questions.

Matthew J. Schuelke, Senate president

GSA defends everyone's rights

"Through peer support, leadership development and training, the Gay/Straight Alliance Network supports young people in starting, strengthening and sustaining GSAs to:

1. Create safe environments in schools for students to support each other and learn about homophobia and other oppressors
2. Educate the school community about homophobia, gender identity and sexual orientation issues
3. Fight discrimination, harassment and violence in schools."

The above paragraph is an excerpt from the Gay/Straight Alliance Network's mission statement. According to UW-River Falls' Gay-Straight Alliance website, National Coming Out Day is meant to encourage people to be honest about their sexual orientation in order to have the positive dialogue needed to erase bigotry, misunderstandings and stereotypes.

In Jake Duesenberg's letter to the editor a few weeks ago, he disapproved of GSA putting up posters, chalking sidewalks and passing out literature promoting homosexuality because it tried to create the message that homosexuality is a person.

After experiencing the same Coming Out Day posters, literature and sidewalk markings, I came to a different conclusion.

GSA was trying to fulfill the mission statement of the GSA Network

and the purpose of National Coming Out Day: To educate others and create awareness. The group was not trying to turn homosexuality into a person, but to show that a homosexual is a person and as such deserves the same security and civil rights as heterosexuals.

Duesenberg went on to question the ability of our nation to effectively function and uphold laws condemning crimes like murder or theft without Christian influence. A little research shows that Christianity is not the only religion that deals with morality. Judaism incorporates the same Ten Commandments as Christianity, and Islam advocates works of humanity while denouncing murder, larceny and other acts considered crimes by our society. Furthermore, equating religion with morality is inaccurate—religious people have been known to break our "Christian-influenced" laws. Just look at the Catholic church pedophilia scandal of 2002. Likewise, all atheists are not criminals, nor do they lack a sense of right and wrong.

One thing I do agree on is that we should continue to practice the values that have made this country great—like freedom of speech and religion. People may not approve of or agree with everything that is written on the sidewalk, but we all have the right to express ourselves and we all have the right to look up while walking.

Heather Bryan, student

Coming out week is for everyone

This is in response to the letter written by Jake Duesenberg in the Oct. 17 issue of the Student Voice. I would like to speak up as a member of GSA. Duesenberg has been repeatedly targeting GSA throughout the year with false accusations of our purpose. We are the Gay/STRAIGHT Alliance. Our name and our events do not promote sexual acts of any kind. Sexuality goes beyond the bedroom and if an individual is so closed-minded that he or she cannot see past the word sex, then maybe GSA is not the one to target. If we were promoting sex then the "S" in GSA would stand for sex, but this is not the case.

The events of Coming Out Week were to encourage those of all sexual orientations to be proud of their sexuality and who they are. We recognized victims of hate crimes while reminding those still closeted that there are both gay and straight individuals who are here for them to talk to when they are ready or feel the need to express themselves

to people who understand what it's like to be in the closet or have friends or family who are. We are not trying to convert people or any other twisted idea people may come up with to down-grade GSA and our reasons for existing on campus. There were much worse libelous statements written on the sidewalks that hurt several women of our campus community.

GSA did not intend for the straight pride chalkings to be washed away because we support homosexuality just as much as homosexuality. We believe in equal rights for all and we have the right to voice our opinion, as does any other group on campus. After some of the straight pride slogans were washed away, I did use that sidewalk space to chalk for GSA. This was not in the intent to ruin other statements but to use up sidewalk space that was there. Jake Duesenberg has complained about the counter statements to his chalkings but it was obvious that he was well prepared for what we planned to chalk. Adam and Eve or man plus woman equals family are just as accepted by GSA as Adam and Steve or woman plus woman equals family. We didn't promote anti-straight chalkings. Instead we encouraged slogans accepting of all sexualities that they targeted. I do not intend to change people's opinions of homosexuality with this letter but to make people aware of our group's and my own personal intentions. I would like to apologize to the College Republicans for their association with this controversy. In the future, individuals may want to think about who they associate themselves with when making statements that could represent their group.

In closing, I would like to ask those reading this to think about their daily lives: showering, class, eating, lunch, dinner, watching TV, working in a professional place, sleeping, etc., and to know that there are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight alliances doing those exact same things in

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Correction:

In last week's Voice, the word "not" was mistakenly omitted from the second-to-last sentence of a letter submitted by Meghan A. Ellwanger. The corrected sentence should read "...I would fear those who have the good fortune of not glowing in the dark come mid-January."

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Some say all sex talk is taboo

In the past few weeks, Jake Duesenberg has repeatedly brought up the point that sex and everything about sex belongs in the bedroom.

Though many, myself included, may not completely understand the logic behind such a belief, sex as a taboo is in no way a new concept for me. To illustrate, let me bring to you this special feature: Sex at the Quade house. Cue the banjo.

Growing up in a rural community and in a conservative family, I was reared believing sex wasn't an acceptable topic for discussion. Maybe some things are better found out on one's own. Through my grade school years and subsequent "girlfriends" (if such a thing is really possible in elementary school), my parents didn't seem to give a fleeting thought on giving their first born son an idea about what was behind his attraction to girls.

This idea became especially apparent after one episode where my very young brother asked my mother "What are testicles?" My mom laughed out loud and blurted "I don't have them. Ask your dad." The buck had been passed to my father, and the air in our living room filled with a suffocating awk-

wardness. Wanting to quickly end the uneasiness, my father blurted out a crass and obnoxious reply, "They're your balls." That was the end of the discussion.

That whole exchange put future sex questions on ice. From then on, I think my brother and I knew to keep questions to ourselves that



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might in any way have to do with sex. In fact, that one exchange put a chilling effect on a lot of questions in general because how is a child to know a word has sexual implication unless one can find it in a dictionary or ask an adult?

You might think when my brother and I got older that our folks started talking to us about sex, but that would be incorrect. To this day, my parents' house is still haunted by the "phantom TV remote." For those of you not familiar with the "phantom TV remote," it's a situation where any time sexual content (or even heavy kissing) graces the

television screen, the remote in one of my parents' hands suddenly goes haywire and starts flipping through channels and menus. Coincidence? You be the judge. In any case, it would always take about five minutes to get back to whatever we were watching, and whatever heated exchange had been taking place was now over.

Maybe my parents thought I'd learn about sexuality at their Catholic church. They enrolled me, against my will, in catechism, and I had to take a morality class. Of course "morality" in Catholicism means sex education. Though my lack of Catholic faith doomed me to learn little from their teachings, fate would have it that I lost any last glimmer of hope to learn more about sex from these people: my aunt and uncle were teaching the morality class.

If a person doesn't feel comfortable talking to their parents about sex, they sure as hell won't want to talk to their close adult relatives about it either.

This concludes the "Sex at the Quade house" feature. Stop the banjo music. I bring it up to shed light on one way that more conservative sects of society choose to

"properly discuss" sex.

Jake Duesenberg and Chris Rogers might or might not be familiar with this sort of upbringing, but they should realize there are a growing number-dare I say, a majority-of people who have, since the 60s, ditched Puritan mentalities and now openly discuss sex without blushing, so they would do well to try to accept the inevitable. I am not exempt from this, and upon considering my upbringing, it's no wonder it took me a few years in college to open up to such a foreign concept.

But people, such as GSA members, also have the responsibility to realize there are a significant number of Americans who believe sexuality should be left in the bedroom. GSA's message is only "open-minded" if it accepts traditional, Christian sexuality along with its own beliefs.

Just as not everyone is Christian, not everyone is non-Christian. If both sides would step back long enough to admit their way is not absolute, then no one would be getting so worked up about chalk on the sidewalk. Let the happy banjo music play on.

Abortion still a life changing decision

Congress recently passed a bill banning partial birth abortion. Though the law will likely be challenged in court, it was a significant boost for the pro-life movement.

Though I don't consider myself an activist, I do have strong feelings on abortion. I am proud to say I am pro-life. For me, the decision between pro-life and pro-choice didn't come easy. It has taken years to evolve into my current thinking.

For example, I'm all about the woman's right to choose what happens to her body. That's why I could never fault anyone for choosing plastic surgery or otherwise altering her physical appearance. I also can't even fault anyone for tanning, though they are increasing their chances of cancer. If she chooses to shorten her life, that's her decision. I'm happy to live a long, pale-skinned life.

At one point, I thought that it was okay that other women had abortions. I would never consider having one myself because I would regret doing something that cruel to my unborn child. Now I believe that aborting a pregnancy is horrible as a general practice, not just as a personal feeling.

With abortion, it is not just the woman's life at stake. There is also her unborn child's, the father's and everyone who touches her everyday life. Although she may be most affected, she should not make the decision solely based on her. Others must be considered and consulted for guidance.

When does life begin? To me, life begins at conception. The egg and sperm meet, DNA is split and reformed into a unique organism. This is life at its earliest stages. If there is a unique set of genes, the life is no longer just the mother's.

When a woman chooses to abort her baby, it is ending life. It is intentional and premeditated, all the makings of first-degree homicide. Abortion spills innocent blood. It destroys the defenseless.

Are there any situations where abortion is necessary? I don't think so. Most abortions are not performed on teenagers. They are rarely because of rape or incest.

They are not performed on poor, unwed mothers.

Why do most abortions occur? Selfishness and stupidity. More than 70 percent of abortions are performed on women over the age of 20. Just over 50 percent of abortions are performed on single women who have no other children.

Abortions happen because women have sex without considering the consequences. Accidents can happen even when using multiple forms of birth control. In a committed relationship, a couple should discuss the possibility of pregnancy and have a contingency plan. If they are prepared for it, the rash decision for abortion wouldn't be made.

Although rape and incest are



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truly tragic, I don't think abortion should be the first consideration if pregnancy occurs. Why compound the situation with the tragedy of death?

Instead of using abortion as a get-out-of-jail free card, maybe we should look at other options.

How much money is spent in the world every year on fertility treatments for couples who want a baby? Maybe some of that money would be better spent giving homes to unwanted children. I have many friends who were adopted. It makes me sick to think they could have died before they even took their first breath.

Let's spend more time with young adults talking about sex and the consequences: pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Instead of hiding and pretending sex doesn't happen among the younger demographic, let's face up to it. We need to get them talking about the bad stuff about sex instead of the glorified locker room version.

And most importantly, let's stop pushing young women who feel like they have no options into abortion clinics. We need to be more understanding and accepting instead of judging. Many women impulsively decide to get abortions because they are scared. Instead of scorn, let's give these women the support and compassion they need to make the moral decision: giving their babies a chance to live.

Small towns aren't always safe towns; crime also happens in River Falls

Just the other night an atrocious event occurred on the streets of North Minneapolis: Another cab driver was shot. Luckily this time the man did not die but instead remains in critical condition.

This driver is the third to be shot on the streets of Minneapolis since July.

What exactly makes these drivers such a target? Is it money?

Red & White Taxi company manager Pat White, told the Pioneer Press that drivers normally carry no more than \$20.

So robbing a taxi driver for money seems like a useless act.

Since the shootings in July and August, Red & White has installed surveillance cameras in 90 percent of its cabs.



Luckily the last shooting was caught on tape, though police are not yet sure whether they will be able to identify the assailant from the tape.

TIFFANY SHELMAN

I am flabbergasted that this type of thing continues to happen so close to home. If we aren't able to identify why people are choosing cabbies as targets, the next target may be in River Falls. I would not wish this upon anyone, but sometimes small-town ignorance gets in the way of life.

The idea that things like that don't happen in River Falls is wrong. Many things happen in River Falls that people don't want to admit to themselves: drugs, teen pregnancy, underage drinking, guns, suicide, threats and robberies. Just because River Falls is a small

town, everyone thinks they have eyes and ears everywhere, but they don't. River Falls is like every other town in the United States, except people here wear blinders and deny, deny, deny.

In order to fix problems, people must admit they have one. If the Minneapolis police continued denying the fact that cabbies are being shot they would never be able to stop it.

The same thing goes for the city and citizens of River Falls. If people continue to live in a bubble

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where River Falls has no crime and no social problems, it will only escalate and will soon be out of control.

In my opinion, River Falls is on the fast track to being out of control. As a college student, I am in the middle of many these problems, not always by choice, and I can tell you first-hand they are happening. And don't get the swift idea that UW-River Falls is creating the problem because it isn't starting at the college level - it needs to be studied and addressed at the youngest level and followed until adulthood.

Stopping these problems before they start is the way to fix them, but first people must recognize that there are issues at hand.

I urge people of River Falls, citizens, students, teachers and law enforcement to take the blinders off, recognize there is a problem and start the process of fixing it.

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their daily lives. Sexual orientation doesn't mean sex is the only thing in someone's life. We all have a sexual orientation, so be proud of who you are and let others be proud of who they are. We all the same civil rights including living a normal daily life. Don't convict someone before you get to know them. I invite Jake Duesenberg to get to know my friends so that he can hopefully see past this drama and get to know some great people.

Gayle Poepping, student

More sidewalk and chalk talk

In the never-ending battle between the Gay/Straight Alliance and Jake Duesenberg, several points have caught my attention that cry out for a closer look.

We all know the story of nefarious sidewalk chalkings, the outrage of various groups and the pain and suffering of the rest of the campus community for having to deal with it. I'm sorry I'm dragging it out, but I can't let it go any longer.

First off, last week homosexuality was defined, but no one mentioned heterosexuality for comparison. Homosexuality is defined by American Heritage dictionary as "sexual orientation to persons of the same sex," and "sexual activity with another of the same sex."

Heterosexuality is defined as "sexual orientation to persons of the opposite sex," and "sexual activity with another of the opposite sex."

We see right off that the only difference is really whether the partners are same sex or opposite sex. Let's face it; we all know sexuality is more than sexual activity itself. Anyone with half a sexual

chromosome knows that human sexuality comprises many aspects. It's a wide range of emotions, displays, teachings and explorations. It includes sex, but it's more than just sex. Next time we go throwing definitions around, let's make sure the whole definition is written down.

I believe GSA is doing good work here on campus. If GSA saves one gay college student from slitting his or her wrists one night by providing a support group, then they've proven their worth here on campus. On the other hand, maybe a better way to get the word out about GSA, instead of chalkings, is talk to the people. Talk to your parents, your friends, your dorm buddies, and let them decide if they want to accept your organization at face value or not. It's an alternative to shoving it in their face and under their feet. But your message of tolerance is a good one.

And Jake Duesenberg, I'm pretty sure Christ taught love and acceptance. I can't remember anywhere in the Bible where he hid behind holier-than-thou rhetoric. If God is really up there with his clipboard taking points away for things deemed "unacceptable" by society, you're in the negative numbers for being a narrow-minded jerk.

Luckily for you, I don't believe in Hell. Let's face it, the Bible may be a great thing to you, but plenty of people don't believe in it. That's their choice. Whether we pray to God or Allah, meditate with Buddha, dance around the fire and sing to our goddesses and gods, praise Mother Earth or don't believe at all, understand that we need not follow every religious doctrine put forth on Earth. Follow the beliefs of your religion, and allow others to do the same, regardless of what religion it may be. Along these lines, who's to say America would be a complete disaster if we lost those "Christian codes?" Maybe America would be a greater country then ever before if we developed new codes that either encompassed all religions or removed the Christian taint from law.

There may have been a time and place for such laws, but no longer. This country is made up of too many cultures for such laws now. You're shoving religion in our faces the same way GSA is pushing sexuality. Perhaps neither group is right.

My final thoughts on the matter: Keep church, state, and sexuality separate; the best part of America is the right to make decisions based on your thoughts and beliefs; and no matter how many times they tell you otherwise, the reason sidewalks are here, is so students don't have to trudge through mud to get to class.

Amy Schobert, student

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What do you think of the Chiefs demanding more from the University for them to return next year?



Christina Salmon, Senior

"If they are going to play somewhere they deserve good conditions. But I am saying that without knowing how it will affect us financially."



Cody O'Neill, Sophomore

"I don't feel bad for the Chiefs at all; they are winning and making millions of dollars. I don't see what makes them more important than a River Falls student."



Jenny Swendra, Senior

"We don't get anything better, and we go to school here for nine months. They should be stuck with what they have because we are."



Derek Bonser, Sophomore

"If they want to demand more they should just go somewhere else, because this school can't afford it. The school could try to go half and half with them to try and work it out."



Matt Kunes, Freshman

"Seeing that our football facilities are rated really low, we should probably upgrade them, make them a little nicer."

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Section B

Soccer team wins WIAC regular season crown for first time in school history

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls soccer team claimed its first-ever regular season WIAC championship with a UW-Stevens Point tie.

The Falcons did everything they needed to win the WIAC while UW-Stevens Point did the opposite. The Falcons claimed the regular season WIAC championship when Stevens Point failed to win its sixth conference game Wednesday in a scoreless tie against UW-Whitewater.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls," head coach Sean Mc Kuras said. "This is a fantastic feeling. This group has all the right ingredients to make it."

The tie gave the Pointers a 5-1-2 WIAC record. This is the first year Stevens Point

has failed to win the regular season championship since the conference began in 1992. In fact, the Pointers have only suffered two conference losses in those 12 years, including an overtime loss to UW-La Crosse earlier this season.

The Falcons topped UW-Stout Wednesday, 2-0 and UW-Whitewater Saturday, 4-1, in home matches. They came back on Sunday to win a 7-1 decision over Wisconsin Lutheran. Once they finished their weekend, they had to wait until Wednesday to find out they won the conference.

"It was really weird," Mc Kuras said. "We were done with all our games and we had to just wait and see how other games went."

UW-RF finished WIAC play with a 6-2 record. The Falcons, now 15-3 overall, will host Nebraska Wesleyan in the final regular

season match of the year on Sunday at Ramer Field. Action starts at 1 p.m. The 15 wins set a school record for victories in a season. The Falcons broke the record (13 wins) set last year.

The Falcons will compete in the four team WIAC playoffs on Nov. 7-8 at Ramer Field. On Saturday the Falcons face UW-Oshkosh at 11 a.m. on Nov. 7. The Pointers will face UW-LaCrosse at 2 p.m. The Eagles are the only WIAC team to ever beat UW-SP in the league's 12-year history.

Mc Kuras said fan support at the conference tournament would be a big help for the Falcons.

"We need you," Mc Kuras told the fans. "We want to build a real home field advantage. Our team is 12-1 on our home field and we have just a good chance as anyone else to win this tournament."

Sarah Carlson's two goals helped lead the Falcons to a 4-1 victory over Whitewater on Saturday at Ramer Field.

"The team came out strong in the beginning," River Falls Coach Sean McKuras said. "They took care of their early chances which changed the game."

Lisa McGuire scored her first goal of the season five minutes into the game off the assist from Molly McClanahan. Nearly 10 minutes later, Carlson scored her first goal on a header from Gina Hawkins. Jessie Olsen added the final goal in the first half for UW-RF as the Falcons took a com-

manding 3-0 lead into halftime.

Carlson added her second goal of the game and her team leading 13th of the season 15 minutes into the second half off the assist from Amy Jensen.

Whitewater (4-2-1 WIAC, 11-3-1 overall) got on the board when Lindsey Kohlbeck beat Falcon goalkeeper Apryl Jennrich with the shot at the 67 minute mark. It was the first time Jennrich had given up a goal in nearly 485 minutes of action, consisting of a span of 5 1/2 games.

Before Kohlbeck's goal, the last team to score on Jennrich was Eau Claire on Oct. 8.

Jensen and Olson scored goals, and Jennrich made six saves to help lead the Falcons to a 2-0 win over UW-Stout Wednesday afternoon at Ramer Field.

After a scoreless first half, the Falcons scored twice in the second half to get the win. Jensen scored her sixth goal of the year at 69:23 to put the Falcons ahead for good. UW-RF added an insurance goal at 77:13 when Olson scored on a penalty kick. It was Olson's first goal of the year. Jensen, Olson and McGuire each had three shots to lead the Falcons. Stout was led by Kelly Stolarczyk who had two shots.

Jennrich made six saves for the win. It was her ninth shutout of the season and 19th of her career. Stout goalie Melissa Ballweg stopped six shots.



Photo by Mike Foley

Falcon forward Katie Rooney fights a Bluedevel defender for the ball during the Oct. 17 match at Ramer Field. The Falcons beat UW-Stout and went 6-2 in WIAC play.

Ashley Peterson scored three goals, and the Falcons scored a season high seven in a 7-1 win over Wisconsin Lutheran Sunday afternoon at Ramer Field.

UW-RF held 6-0 at halftime. Peterson started the scoring at 3:20 with an assist to Carlson. Peterson scored again at 5:40 with Katie Rooney assisting. Carlson gave the Falcons a 3-0 lead at 7:52 with her 14th goal of the year. Peterson picked up the assist. Peterson scored her third of the game, and

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Photo by Mike Foley

Falcon goaltender Apryl Jennrich (right) talks strategy with her teammates during halftime of a recent match at Ramer Field. The senior has nine shutouts this season and 19 in her career.

Football team falls to Stout 21-13

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

A week after having its most productive outing of the season, the UW-River Falls football team was held to only 11 first downs and 211 yards rushing in a 21-13 loss at UW-Stout.

The Falcons (1-5, 1-3) were 0-4 on fourth down conversions in the game, three of which came inside the Blue Devils (4-3, 2-2) 30-yard line. Three times Falcon coach John O'Grady elected not to attempt a field goal.

"I just felt we needed touchdowns against that team," O'Grady said. "If we didn't make it, I felt the field position would be very beneficial to us."

One reason the Falcons were continually faced with third-and-long and fourth down situations was because the Blue Devil defense silenced halfback John Peterlik. The WIAC's leading rusher was held to just 52 yards on 12 carries.

"Every time we ran that quick toss that was so successful against

Platteville, they had three guys out there," O'Grady said. "We can only block two of them."

On the other side of the ball, Stout's Luke Bundgaard controlled the game from the Blue Devil backfield. In a game that featured the conference's three leading rushers, Bundgaard was the workhorse.

The Blue Devils fed Bundgaard the ball and he devoured yardage between the twenties, finishing with 209 yards on 42 carries.

With the Falcons trailing 21-13 with 11:14 to go in the game, the Blue Devils failed to convert a fake punt on fourth-and-five from their own 39-yard line giving the Falcons the ball and a chance to tie the game.

After picking up one first down,



Photo by Eric A. Page

Falcon quarterback Andy Kolstad pitches the ball to a UW-RF running back before being taken down by a Bluedevel.

The Falcons again faced a fourth down play. On fourth-and-five from the 19-yard line, Falcon quarterback Troy Foss was sacked for a 10-yard

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4th down and no confidence

O'Grady chose to sit Bergdahl when field goals would have won game

Adam Bergdahl paced the sidelines at Williams Stadium in Menomonie last Saturday like an expecting father on speed.

Bergdahl is the punter and place-kicker on the Falcon football team, duties he has juggled since last season.

His arms crossed, blowing periodically into his clasped hands, he was concentrating on the task at hand. No, he wasn't agonizing over a game-winning field goal; he was trying to stay warm.

It was cold. The wind was blowing. The sun would tease, but never take complete hold of the sky.

From his punting position this season, Bergdahl holds the second best average in the WIAC at 38.7 yards per kick and when given the opportunity he has shown he has field goal range of up to 40 yards.

It is puzzling to me then why Falcon coach John O'Grady opted not to give Bergdahl the opportunity to

attempt a field goal when two drives in the second quarter of the Falcons' 21-13 loss to UW-Stout stalled out inside the 20-yard line, or again in the fourth quarter inside the 30.

Bergdahl was already having his best game of the season, averaging 42.6 yards per punt. Why not give him the opportunity to have the best game of his career? At least then he, the player, is either the hero or the goat.

As a coach, O'Grady needs to put his players in a position to win the game and let them either succeed or fail. Saturday's recipe for failure was not in a lack of skill, effort, or even luck. It was simply a lack of confidence.

The Falcons trailed 14-7 at the half. Twice in the second quarter the Falcons faced a fourth down inside the Blue Devil 20 and went for it instead of kicking the field goal. A fourth-and-12 and a fourth-and-five; on both occasions O'Grady called a pass.

Remarkably enough both passes were completed but came up short of the first down, turning the ball over to the Blue Devils.

Watching Bergdahl kick at halftime through the same uprights he would have in the second quarter, I am confident he would have made the two field goals.

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Volleyball team takes sweet revenge on Central College

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

Senior outside hitter Krystle Brune set the school's career kills record at the Whitewater Invitational Oct. 24.

The Falcons got four wins during the weekend tournament to up their record to 29-3 overall and 7-1 in WIAC play.

On Oct. 24 and 25 the Falcons competed at the UW-Whitewater Invitational and faced four teams they have already seen this season, including 10th-ranked Central, which handed UW-RF its first loss this season at the Falcon Invitational Aug. 30 at Karges Center.

On Friday, the Falcons defeated St. Olaf, 30-19, 21-30, 30-17, 30-26, and Lakeland, 28-30, 30-26, 30-26, 30-20.

Against St. Olaf, Brune quickly picked up enough kills to set a new career kills record and ended with 16 while Nina Petersen had 14. Melissa Tvrdik had seven total blocks and 11 kills in the match. Erin Oberholtzer had 39 assists and three service aces. Kristin Brandt also had three service aces. Logan Kiesch and Kat Krtnick shared most of the digging duties with 22 and 21 respectively.

"Krystle put up great numbers all weekend," Ford said. "She had four kills per game and her hitting percentages were way up. She's been a real steady performer for us all four years she's been here."

Against Lakeland, Petersen led the team in kills with 17. Brune had 15 kills and five block assists. Molly Schock hit four service aces and Jen Braun had 24 digs. Oberholtzer kept things moving with 43 assists.

On Saturday, the Falcons beat St. Norbert, 30-18, 30-23, 21-30, 30-19. Brune slammed 21 kills and blocked six. Kiesch had 16 kills and 17 digs. Tvrdik registered 14 kills and 11 total blocks. Oberholtzer dished out 47 assists and Schock and Braun tied Kiesch with 17 digs each.

In the final match of the weekend, the Falcons saw Central on the other side of the net. The last time the two

teams met, the Dutch won in five games with the final game going 16-14. This time was more of the same, but the Falcons won, 23-30, 13-30, 30-21, 30-21, 15-13.

"It was a great win for two reasons," Ford said. "First, it's a good win against a great program. Second, we won after being down two games to none. Now we know we can handle that type of situation."

Tvrdik and Brune led the team in kills with 16 and 15 respectively. Petersen and Kiesch had 13 each.

Kiesch also posted three service aces and 17 digs. Oberholtzer registered 56 assists and 16 digs. Braun led the team in digs with 28.

The Falcons will play in the Bob & Steve's BP Amoco Challenge Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Karges Center. On Friday they play Bethel at 4 p.m. and Platteville at 8 p.m. On Saturday they play Gordon at 10 a.m. and UW-Eau Claire at 2 p.m.

The Falcons begin conference tournament play Nov. 4 against UW-Superior at 7 p.m. at Karges Center.



Photo by Mike Foley

Middle hitter Melissa Tvrdik (19) and right side hitter Nina Petersen extend their arms over the net to block a kill attempt during the Oct. 17 match against UW-Stout.

Women's Hockey to play in shadow of Frozen Four banner



Falcons looking to live up to legacy left by last year's team

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team will be out for even more success than last year when the Falcons won the NCHA regular season and playoff titles and advanced to the NCAA Div. III Frozen Four.

The Falcons start their season this weekend against another of the top teams in the nation - UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons host the Pointers at Hunt Arena on Friday starting at 7:05 p.m. and again on Saturday for a 2:05 p.m. face off. In the annual NCHA Coaches Poll, the Pointers were the pick to win the 2004 conference title. UW-SP picked up 23 votes and the Falcons finished a close second with 22 votes. This early season match up could have deep meaning as the season progresses.

Seven players are back from last year's team that finished 20-6-4 overall and 12-1-3 in NCHA play. There are 11 new faces in the lineup and several of those players will play key roles for the Falcons in 2003-04.

The backbone of every hockey team is goaltending and the Falcons have a talented duo at that key position. Marlene Yaeger is the returning starter and she had a banner filled season last year. She was named a JOFA All-American West first team All-American. That came after she was named to the first All-NCHA team for the second straight year and was named the Co-Player of the Year in the NCHA. She finished with an 18-6-4 record with a 1.60 goals against average and a .930 saves percentage. She finished fourth in the nation in saves percentage and 10th in goals against average. She was the highest ranked player in both categories in the West region. Amber Lindner gives the Falcons another talented player in goal. She prepped at Moorhead, Minn., High School.

"Yaeger looks very good right now, and she is always up for the

Point games," Falcon coach Joe Cranston said. "Lindner has been injured, but is starting to come around. I think our two goalies play very different styles and will complement each other."

The Falcons are also a talented team on the blue line. "I think we probably have the best six defensemen in the country," boasted Cranston. The top two back are seniors Lindsay Carlson and Jodi Hensch. Both were named to the first All-NCHA team last year. Carlson was named to the JOFA All-American West first team for the second straight season. Carlson had eight goals and 18 points last year while Hensch finished with six goals and 18 points. Carlson's six power-play goals led the team, and she was the top power play goal scorer among defensemen in the nation.

"Last year Carlson and Hensch only played together on power plays, but this year they are a pair. They are an offensive threat anytime they are on the ice together," said Cranston.

Juniors Nicole Magnuson and Jenny Kern, both transfers from MSU-Mankato, join the Falcons. Kristen Hurley and Jenny Wallace, two freshmen, will also contribute. "Magnuson and Kern and Hurley and Wallace are the other two pairs, and they are looking very impressive as well," said Cranston.

"Our biggest strength is our goaltending and defense," said Cranston, who was named the NCHA Coach of the Year in 2003. "In the past we have been a very tough team defensively. This year we are trying to be a good defensive team, but at the same time we are going to try to create a little more offense than we have in the past. Another strength is that we have a lot of good shooters. Last year we only had about five good shooters, and this year we probably have 13."

At forward the Falcons return only three which could be a cause for concern as the season starts.

Back are two of the team's top

three scorers - Lou Paulson and Lindsay O'Keefe. Paulson was second in scoring last year with 10 goals and 24 points and O'Keefe was third with 11 goals and 21 points. Leah Baron also returns after scoring five goals and 15 points. Rachel Goodwin, who played defense for the Falcons each of the past three seasons, will be moved up front this year. She finished with three goals and five points from the blue line last year. Injuries, graduation and players not returning account for 51 of the team's 94 goals not back this year.

"With some major losses at this position, I don't know what to expect. I think we have some potential to be very good, but with only three forwards returning, we will have to count on our younger players to step up right away," said Cranston.

Among the new forwards are sophomore Kelly Doran and freshmen Molly Buehner, Amy Gilbertson, Allison Schaber, Kelly Hurley (twin sister of Kristen) and Emily Nierenhausen.

"I think our biggest weakness will be depth and maturity," said Cranston. "We are a very young team, and we will be playing against teams like Steven's Point who are returning 17 veterans."

The NCHA is recognized as an outstanding women's hockey conference. Every team has improved since the women started play in the 2000-01 season. UW-RF has played in the NCHA playoff championship game in every season and has won two playoff titles (2001, 2003). UW-SP won the regular season and playoff titles in 2002 and finished second to the Falcons last year.

"I don't think it is going to be a two team race this year," said Cranston. "I think that any team can beat any other team on any given day. Eau Claire and Superior have two very good recruiting classes coming in, and Point and Lake Forest will be much improved. As a league, I think we will be much stronger this season."

Photos by Mike Foley

(Right) Head coach Joe Cranston talks with a player during practice.

(Below) All-American Falcon goaltender Marlene Yaeger defends her goal from UW-RF forwards during practice.

(Left) The Falcons added a Frozen Four banner to the rafters of Hunt Arena last year with their best season in school history.



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LAKE FOREST

After setting a school record for victories and scoring, the Foresters lost just two players to graduation last May. Third-year head coach Susie Bellizzi saw her team receive votes in the national rankings last year and would like to climb into the top ten in 2003-04.

“Last season we were much deeper and more talented than the year before,” she explains. “Almost everyone is back and we’ve added even more talent, so there’s no reason we shouldn’t continue to improve this year.”

Senior All-Northern Collegiate Hockey Association goaltender Theresa Taylor has led the league in saves each of its three years of existence. She will once again be counted on as the team’s last line of defense. In front of her, sophomores Andrea Richmond and Catherine Norton lead a group of talented young defenders who are poised to reduce the number of shots Taylor and the other goalies have to face.

Offensively, Emily Blegen and Lil Caligiuri led the team in points as freshmen with 27 and 24, respectively. Caligiuri, who earned all-conference honors, tied the school record with 15 assists. Seven of the other eight players that recorded at least 10 points are back, including junior captain Lindsey Wild, a two-time all-conference forward and American Women’s Hockey Coaches Association Scholar All America recipient.

After a fourth-place NCHA finish in 2001-02, the Foresters moved up a spot to third last year. Five of the team’s eight league losses were by just one goal, so Bellizzi knows her team is not far from the top.

“We had a number of close losses last year,” she comments. “Playing in that atmosphere has helped us mature very quickly as a team, and we’ll win more close games in the future because of that experience.”

Another way Bellizzi expects to improve her team is by taking on tougher opponents, which is why the squad will play at Middlebury College, Williams College, and Plattsburgh State University in early January. The three additions to the schedule will give Lake Forest 11 contests against five of the top eight teams in last season’s final national poll. Taking on a higher level of competition will give the Foresters an opportunity to join those teams in the 2003-04 rankings.



Sports Information NCHA

UW-Stevens Point has been picked to win the 2004 NCHA Championship in the annual Coaches poll.

UW-SP, which placed second last year in the final regular season standings, picked up three first place votes and finished with 23 points. The Pointers finished 20-5-2 overall last year and played in the NCHA playoff championship game for the second year in a row. Brian Idalski, who was named the NCHA Coach of the Year in 2002, leads the Pointers.

Last year’s NCHA regular season champion, UW-River Falls, was picked to finish second. The Falcons received two first place votes and finished with 22 points. UW-RF finished 20-6-4 overall last year and won the playoff championship. The Falcons also earned a berth in the NCAA Div. III championships. The Falcons are coached

by Joe Cranston, who was named the NCHA Coach of the Year in 2003.

UW-Superior was picked by the league coaches to finish third. The Yellowjackets received 13 votes. UW-S finished in fourth place in last year’s NCHA standings and were 8-18-1 overall. Dan Laughlin is in his first year as head coach of the Jackets.

Lake Forest received nine votes and is picked to finish fourth. The Foresters, under Coach Susie Bellizzi, finished third in the final 2003 NCHA standings. LFC finished with a 14-9-3 overall record.

UW-Eau Claire received eight votes and is picked to finish fifth. The Blugolds finished fifth last year in the final NCHA standings. UW-EC, under Coach Mike Collins, finished 8-14-3 overall in 2003.

NCHA action starts on Oct. 31 with two conference games. UW-SP is at UW-RF (7:05 p.m.) and UW-S travels to LFC (7 p.m.) The same teams meet again on Nov. 1.

STEVENS POINT

Very little has changed for the UW-Stevens Point women’s hockey team from last year to the upcoming 2003-04 season, which can be good or bad news.

The good news is that the Pointers are coming off another outstanding year with a 20-5-2 record, but at the same time, they failed to win the NCHA regular season and playoff titles last season and just missed the NCAA Division III tournament for the second straight year.

“I thought we were good last year,” head coach Brian Idalski said. “On paper, we should be very good again, but we’ll see what happens.”

With the top four scorers in the league back as part of 17 returning letterwinners, the Pointers will have a nearly identical look.

However, there’s a sense of urgency to make the postseason this year after posting a 46-6-2 record the past two years.

“The core of this team is upperclassmen, and they know the clock is ticking,” Idalski said. “We’ve been close the past two years, and they know they don’t have many more kicks at the can.”

Leading the returnees is last year’s NCHA Co-Player of the Year in junior Jackie Schmidt, who led the league with 21 goals and 19 assists for 40 points. Also back are sophomore Tracy Truckey (21-16-37), junior Emily Teachout (21-15-36) and junior Ann Nimmemann (10-19-20).

Senior goaltender Diane Sawyer and senior defender Becky Humphreys will be the first four-year players in program history and provide experience to the defense.

SUPERIOR

First-year Head Coach Dan Laughlin anticipates a strong, successful 2003-2004 season with the UW-Superior Yellowjackets.

With solid veterans returning and a group of highly-talented recruits coming in, the Yellowjackets look to contend for their second NCHA title in four years. The Yellowjackets are filling the holes in their line-up and building depth that was needed last season bringing in 15 recruits and returning just six players.

Losing their top two scorers from last season, the Yellowjackets will return one forward, junior captain Amy Kachinske. Kachinske was third in scoring last season and was named the team’s MVP.

UW-Superior will look to their skilled freshman class to fill the remaining forward line-up. Noted freshman forwards include: Erin Kegley, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; Lindsey Bennett, Sudbury, Ont.; Ashley Jenkins, Owatonna, Minn.; Vi Theofylatos, Bellville, Ont.; Kyla Thibodeau, St. Adolphe, Man.; Heidi Watson, Grand Rapids, Minn., and transfer from St. Cloud State, Gretchen Dahl.

The Yellowjacket defense will be anchored by returners sophomore Nadine Aubin, sophomore Tera Ejoy, and junior captain Marianne Bortolin. New freshman defenders include: Katie King, and Caitlin Jarrett from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Susan Crabb, Willowdale, Ont. and Tera Morris from Eden Prairie, Minn.

Between the pipes will be returning sophomore Kristy Fachner and freshmen Elyse Dowdell, Willmar, Minn. and Liz Korbol, Irondale, Minn.

An anticipated excitement is in the air for this season with the renovations to Wessman Arena, and the building of a strong Yellowjacket team.

2003-2004

NCHA Coaches Poll

Team	Pts.
Stevens Point	23
River Falls	22
Superior	13
Lake Forest	9
Eau Claire	8

EAU CLAIRE

The UW-Eau Claire women’s hockey team will come into the season looking to improve upon the previous season’s record for the third consecutive year. Coach Mike Collins took the reins in the team’s inaugural season in 2000-01 and coached the team to a 4-21-0 record. Since then, the Blugolds have improved to six wins in 2001-02 to eight wins in 2002-03.

Eau Claire, while still young, will return 14 players from last year’s squad including the team’s top three scorers from a year ago. Amanda Schultz (So. Stevens Point/SPASH) enters her sophomore campaign as the team’s leading returning scorer. Schultz scored 14 goals and had 19 points in her freshman campaign. Christa Hubert (Jr.-Blaine, MN) enters her final year after scoring 13 points a year ago while Claire Parda (So.-Waukesha/Catholic Memorial) had 11 points.

Collins says that the team’s strengths coming into the season will be good team speed with a great work ethic. The youth and inexperience of the team could be a weakness. Collins believes anyone on the team is capable of having an outstanding year and garnering All-NCHA honors.

Rich Melzer named DIII News Preseason Player of the Year

Sports Information UW-River Falls

UW-River Falls basketball player Rich Melzer has been named the DIII News Preseason Player of the Year.

“Rich showed that he is one of the top Division III players this season,” said DIII Editor Gary Rubin. “He can score and be a force on the defensive end of the court. There were many top candidates for this honor, but Rich is very deserving.”

The publication announced its 2003-04 All-American teams on Oct. 15.

The 6’ 8”, 225 pound Melzer had a banner-filled season in 2002-03.

The senior was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches first All-America team. Melzer was named the West Region Player of the Year. Eight players were named to the first All-America team and eight others to the second team. Melzer was named to the 2002 All-West Region team.

Melzer was named the WIAC’s Co-Most Valuable Player along with UW-Oshkosh’s Tim Dworak. He was also named to the D3Hoops.com second team.

Melzer was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2002 and 2003. He helped lead the Falcons to a 16-10 overall record in 2003. UW-RF finished third in the WIAC at 10-6.

Melzer was the dominant big man in the WIAC in 2003. He led the conference in scoring, averaging 28.1 points a game, and rebounding, with a 9.7 per game average. He was

fifth in field goal shooting (.559) and was the top shot blocker (54). He was named the WIAC Player of the Week four times during the season, more than any other player in the conference. Melzer led the Falcons in scoring in every game but three. He also led the team in rebounding in every game but two. He finished scoring in double figures in every game and finished with 15 double-doubles. He has scored in double figures in 71 games, including the last 53 straight. His best scoring and rebounding game was a 54-point, 16-rebound performance at UW-La Crosse on Jan. 29, 2003. He finished 20-27 from the field and 14-16 from the line. The 54 points ties him for fourth place in scoring in a single game at UW-RF. The 54 points was the most scored in a single game in Div. III in 2003.

In 16 WIAC games Melzer scored 464 points - a WIAC record. UW-Superior’s Jim Sevals scored 436 in 1966. His 29.0 points per game in 16 WIAC games is also a conference record. Oshkosh’s Ralph Sims averaged 27.6 points in the 1976-77 season. His 731 points during the season was third most in Falcon history. His 251 rebounds was sixth in a single season.

Melzer finished second in the NCAA Div. III in scoring with his 28.1 per game average. He was 32nd in the NCAA Div. III in rebounding with 9.7 a contest and 37th in blocked shots with 2.1 a game.

Melzer is currently fifth in scoring

in Falcon history with 1,636 points. Nate DeLong (1946-50) is the all-time UW-RF leader with 2,592 points. Melzer has 591 career rebounds and ranks fifth all-time in

that category. Dan McGinty (1975-79) is the Falcons all-time career leader with 1,097.



Photo by Jens Gunelson
Rich Melzer eyes a freethrow shooter at a game last season. This year, Melzer looks to be one of the best players in Div. III.

Next week: Don’t miss the men’s hockey season preview



Thanks to a generous donation from S & C Bank-River Falls to UW-River Falls Student Health Services, free disposable thermometers are now available for use! The thermometers are available at all resident hall front desks, the Student Center Information Desk, and Student Health Services in East Hathorn Hall. Pictured in front is Lorri Zuleger, UW-River Falls student, from left to right are Linda Vigars and Alice Reilly-Myklebust from Student Health Services, and Paul Schwabach, President of S & C Bank.

SCOREBOARD

Football

WIAC Standings

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

Oct. 25 results

River Falls	07	00	06	00	-13
Stout	07	07	07	00	-21

1st Quarter

12:30 RF Peterlik 1-yard run (Bergdahl kick)
3 plays, 24 yards, TOP 0:59, RF 7 - ST 0
07:43 ST Ohman 4-yard run (Larson kick)
12 plays, 81 yards, TOP 4:47, RF 7 - ST 7
2nd Quarter
02:52 ST Ohman 3-yard run (Larson kick)
10 plays, 86 yards, TOP 4:38, RF 7 - ST 14
3rd Quarter
11:22 RF Wolff 6-yard run (conversion failed) 7 plays, 70 yards, TOP 3:38, RF 13 - ST 14
07:38 ST Mattison 34-yard pass from Ohman (Larson kick) 2 plays, 39 yards, TOP 0:45, RF 13 - ST 21
4th Quarter
No scoring

	RF	ST
First Downs	11	21
Rushing	53-211	56-197
Passing	4-9-32	4-17-115
Total Offense	62-243	73-312
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Interceptions	1	0
Penalties	5-29	8-63
Possession	28:08	31:52

Individual leaders

Rushing
RF - Schmitt 16-95, Peterlik 12-52, Kolstad 8-26, Wolff 4-25, Foss 12-14,
Passing
RF - Kolstad 3-4-29, Foss 1-5-3
Receiving
RF - Peterlik 2-22, Schmitt 2-10
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
RF - Hoegh 6-6, Gray 5-4, Farmer 5-3, Buker 4-3, Horton 5-1, Johnson 3-3, Meyer 3-1, Parish 3-1, Cassellius 2-1, Jordan 2-1, Retzlaff 1-2, Rue 2-0, Greisen 2-0, Hampton 1-0, Mueller 1-0, Coleman 0-1, Zavala 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

	W	L
*River Falls (29-3)	7	1
*La Crosse (26-4)	7	1
Whitewater (23-6)	6	2
Oshkosh (28-7)	5	3
Eau Claire (21-7)	5	3
Stout (18-12)	2	6
Platteville (17-13)	2	6
Superior (11-20)	1	7
Stevens Point (10-22)	1	7

Oct. 25 results

River Falls	23	13	30	15	-3
Central College	30	30	21	21	-2

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Lundberg 0-13-1-0-1-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-2-0, Schock 0-1-0-10-0, Klesch 13-2-3-17-2, Braun 0-0-0-28-0, Brune 15-0-0-2-1, Halverson 1-1-0-10-0, Brandt 5-0-0-4-2, Oberholtzer 0-56-1-15-1, Petersen 13-1-0-7-2, Tvrdik 16-0-0-10-3.

Oct. 25 results

River Falls	30	30	21	30	-3
St Norbert	18	23	30	19	-1

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Lundberg 0-13-1-6-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-9-0, Schock 0-0-0-17-0, Klesch 16-0-1-17-1, Braun 0-1-0-0-7-0, Brune 21-0-0-8-6, Halverson 0-0-2-14-0, Brandt 3-0-1-5-4, Oberholtzer 0-47-1-12-2, Geehan 1-0-0-0-0-0, Petersen 10-2-0-2-4, Tvrdik 14-0-0-5-11.

Oct. 24 results

River Falls	28	30	30	30	-3
Lakeland	30	26	25	20	-1

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Lundberg 0-6-1-1-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-12-0, Schock 0-0-4-17-0, Klesch 6-0-1-19-3, Braun 0-0-0-24-0, Brune 15-0-0-2-5, Halverson 1-0-0-13-0, Brandt 2-0-0-1-4, Oberholtzer 1-43-0-11-0, Geehan 1-0-0-0-0-0, Petersen 17-0-0-6-1, Tvrdik 10-0-2-4-4.

Oct. 24 results

River Falls	30	21	30	30	-3
St. Olaf	19	30	17	26	-1

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Lundberg 0-17-0-4-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-21-0, Schock 0-0-2-5-0, Klesch 9-0-0-22-2, Braun 2-0-0-15-1, Brune 16-0-0-3-4, Halverson 1-0-0-1-0, Brandt 6-1-3-5-4, Oberholtzer 0-39-3-16-0, Petersen 14-0-0-7-2, Tvrdik 11-1-2-12-7.

Soccer

WIAC Standings

River Falls (15-3-0)	6	2	0
Oshkosh (14-4-2)	5	2	1
Stevens Point (11-3-2)	5	1	1
Whitewater (11-3-1)	4	2	1
La Crosse (8-4-1)	4	2	1
Stout (11-7-0)	4	4	0
Eau Claire (8-10-1)	3	4	0
Platteville (2-16-0)	1	7	0
Superior (5-12-2)	0	8	0

Oct. 26 results

Wis. Lutheran	0	1	-1
River Falls	6	1	-7

1st half

03:20 RF Peterson (5) (Carlson)
04:50 RF Peterson (5) (Rooney)
07:52 RF Carlson (14) (Peterson)
20:07 RF Peterson (7) (unassisted)
27:30 RF Rooney (3) (Jensen, Dudley)
42:20 RF Karter (1) (Pogulis)

2nd half

57:23 WL Himm (10) (unassisted)
87:47 RF Schafer (1) (Jensen)

Oct. 25 results

Whitewater	0	1	-1
River Falls	3	1	-4

04:43 RF McGuire (1) (McClanahan)
15:03 RF Carlson (12) (Hawkins)
20:10 RF Olson (2) (unassisted)

2nd half

67:05 WW Kohlbeck (6) (unassisted)
67:40 RF Carlson (13) (Jensen)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

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

Oct. 25-26 results

WIAC Meet at Madison	
Team results:	
1. La Crosse	50
2. Eau Claire	49
3. Whitewater	46
4. River Falls	37
5. Oshkosh	36
6. Stevens Point	18
7. Stout	16

Tennis team finishes season in middle of pack

Sports Information

UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls tennis team finished fourth at the WIAC Tournament, and finished fourth in the overall standings, held over the weekend in Madison.

Amanda Gray was the top Falcon finisher and Falcon coach Lee Lueck was named the WIAC Coach of the Year.

Gray finished second at No. 2 singles. She beat a Stout opponent, 7-5, 6-1, in her first match. In the second round she defeated a La Crosse opponent, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. She lost in the finals to an Oshkosh opponent, 6-1, 6-4. She finished the year with a 15-3 record.

Megan Knobloch and Amber Weissinger each placed third.

Knobloch, playing at No. 3, opened with a 6-4, 6-4 win over a La Crosse opponent. She then lost to an Eau Claire opponent, 6-1, 6-2. She came back to win third place with a 6-3, 6-1 win over a Stevens Point player. She finished the year with a 10-8 singles record.

Weissinger, playing at No. 5, opened with a 6-1, 6-0 win over an Oshkosh player. She then lost in

the second round to a La Crosse opponent, 6-4, 7-5. She came back to beat an Eau Claire player, 6-4, 6-1, to place third. She finished the year with a 12-6 overall record.

Jordan Anderson and Leah Baron both placed fourth.

Anderson, playing at No. 1, took a 6-1, 7-5 win over a Whitewater player in the first round. But she lost to a La Crosse player, 6-3, 6-3 in the second round. In the match for third place she lost to an Eau Claire player, 6-3, 6-2. Anderson finished the year with a 13-5 record.

Baron, playing at No. 4, took a 6-1, 6-0 win to open play. She then lost to La Crosse player, 6-0, 6-1 in the second round. In the match for third place she lost to a Whitewater player, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2. She finished with a 9-3 record.

Becky Briese, playing at No. 6, finished fifth. She lost in the first round to a Stout player, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. In the match for fifth place, she lost to a Stevens Point player, 6-0, 6-1. She finished the year with a 14-3 record.

The doubles competition was completed with two Falcon teams placing fourth.

The Falcon No. 1 team of Anderson and Gray placed fourth. They opened with an 8-0 win over

a Stout team. They then lost in the semifinals to a La Crosse team, 8-1. In the match for third place they lost to an Oshkosh team, 9-8 (7-4). They finished the year with a 14-4 record.

The No. 2 Falcon team of Knobloch and Weissinger also placed fourth. They opened with an 8-5 win over an Oshkosh team. They then lost to an Eau Claire team in the semifinals, 8-3. In the match for third place, they lost to a Whitewater team, 8-6. They finished with a 1-5 record.

The No. 3 team of Briese and Sarah VandenHoek lost their first match to a La Crosse team, 8-3. They received a bye in the second round, but then lost the match for fifth place to a Stout team, 8-3. They finished the year with a 7-6 record.

In tournament play, La Crosse finished with 50 points followed by Eau Claire 49, Whitewater 46, River Falls 37, Oshkosh 36, Stevens Point 18 and Stout 16. In the final WIAC standings, La Crosse won the championship with 20 points followed by Eau Claire 19, Whitewater 15, River Falls 12, Oshkosh 9, Stevens Point 5 and Stout 4. La Crosse broke Eau Claire's run of 10 straight WIAC titles.

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Women's Hockey



Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hunt Arena

The Falcons beat the Pointers in last year's NCHA championship game. The teams finished two points apart in the conference standings a season ago and are both expected to contend again this year. The Falcons are ranked No. 4 by USCHO.com while the Pointers are ranked No. 7.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Oct. 31

Volleyball	vs. Amoco Challenge	4 p.m.
Women's Hockey	vs. Stevens Point	7 p.m.
Men's Hockey	at MSOE	7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

Volleyball	vs. Amoco Challenge	10 a.m.
Cross Country	at WIAC Meet	11 a.m.
Football	at Oshkosh	1 p.m. on WRFW
Women's Hockey	vs. Stevens Point	2 p.m.
Men's Hockey	at MSOE	5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2

Soccer	vs. Neb.-Wesleyan	1 p.m.
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Tuesday, Nov. 4

Soccer	vs. WIAC Tourney	TBD
Volleyball	vs. WIAC Tourney	TBD

TOP PERFORMERS



Krystle Brune
Volleyball



Sarah Carlson
Soccer

Brune broke the career kills record last week while helping lead the Falcons to five wins. She had 84 kills in the five games and recorded a .308 hitting percentage. She currently has 1,584 career kills.

Carlson was named WIAC Player of the Week after her performance in three Falcon wins last week. In a 4-1 win over Whitewater, she scored two goals, including the game winner.

KILLER INSTINCTS



Photo by Mike Foley

Falcon senior outside hitter Krystle Brune shows her game face to her opponents during the Falcon Invitational Aug. 30. She broke Melissa Mattson's Falcon career kills record (1,519) against St. Olaf Oct. 24 at the Whitewater Invitational. See next week's Student Voice for a complete story about Brune's record.

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(12:30, 2:40)
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Now all of a sudden it is 14-13 at the half, and a whole new ball game.

Then when the Falcons come out and score on their opening possession of the second half, they took the lead, rather than pulling within one.

O'Grady said Monday that the defense and special teams played well enough to win the game at Stout, but the offense didn't come through.

Come through? Isn't expecting a touchdown every time out a little bit much to ask of your offense?

And special teams, what special teams? Sure the punt team played well, but special teams are designed to take pressure off of the

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loss, turning the ball over on downs.

"Stout's defense is big and strong and aggressive," O'Grady said. "For the first time, our freshmen played like freshmen. Things were happening at a faster tempo than they have seen and they had a tough day."

The Falcons were given another opportunity to tie the game when they got the ball at their own 14-yard line with 1:43 remaining. After picking up one first down the Falcons came up a yard short on a fourth down play, surrendering the ball and the game to the Blue

offense and salvage drives that don't end up in the endzone.

Bergdahl has the leg, so give him a blind man's chance in a dart game and at least let him kick. Then maybe if he missed, I would be writing about how terrible our kicker is. But what if he didn't miss?

As it was Bergdahl may as well have been a placekicker in a wheelchair league. At least then he could have sat down.

Instead he just paced the sidelines. Waiting for the opportunity to do what he has practiced for months to do, and he wasn't given the chance.

So Bergdahl spent his Saturday huddled inside his windbreaker and watched as the Falcons lost 21-13.

Hmmm, sounds like three field-goals to me.

Devils.

The Falcons led early in the game 7-0 when Peterlik scored after Blue Devil punter Chris Parent fumbled a snap and the Falcons recovered at the 24-yard line.

Stout bounced back with two Nick Ohman touchdown runs to take a 14-7 lead into halftime.

Freshman halfback Jeremy Wolff scored to open the second half to pull the Falcons within 14-13, but Jovin Kroll fumbled the hold on the extra point and the Blue Devils held a one point edge.

Stout scored the insurance touchdown with 7:38 to go in the third quarter on a 34-yard touchdown pass from Ohman to Seth Mattison to provide the game's final score.

Owen Schmitt led the Falcons on

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seventh of the year, at 20:07. Rooney scored her third goal of the year at 27:30 with Jensen and Sonja Dudley assisting. Lindsay Karter ended the scoring in the half with a goal at 42:20 with Miranda Pogulis assisting. WLC made it a 6-1 game at 57:23 of the second half when Bekah Himm scored. The Falcons got that one back at 87:47 when Tiffany Schafer scored her first goal of the year with an assist to Jensen.

Jennrich improved her record to 15-2 making seven saves. The Falcons had 18 shots on goal with Peterson leading the way with four. Warrior goalie Beth Dahlie made eight saves.

the ground with 95 yards on 16 carries, the first time the Falcons have failed to have a runner eclipse the 100-yard mark in a game.

Andy Kolstad carried eight times for 26 yards and also completed 3-4 passes for 29 yards. Foss rushed 12 times for 14 yards.

The Falcons were outgained 312-243 in total offense and lost the turnover battle 3-2.

Kyle Hoegh led the Falcon defense with 12 total tackles. Nate Gray had nine, Matt Farmer eight and Dan Buker seven. Roman Johnson recorded six tackles, including one for a loss.

The Falcons will travel to Oshkosh on Saturday to take on the Titans in a WIAC game with kickoff set for 1 p.m.



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Trick-or-treats, haunted halls highlight Halloween

Sarah Day
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls students, like other college kids across the country, are making plans for an eventful Halloween. Halloween is the first big holiday of the school year, and it gives students a chance to have fun and relax after midterms.

Most students said Halloween is a chance to escape from school and their hectic lives. Students love to dress up because it is a time where acting weird is acceptable. Students are able to be who they want and are able to escape from themselves, even if it's just for a day.

As a freshman, Gretchen Peck is looking forward to her first Halloween in college.

"Halloween is a bigger deal [in college] than in high school," Peck said. "In high school, you were too old to trick-or-treat and too young to party."

Now it seems, partying is what Halloween at college is all about. With her expectations set high, Peck is looking forward to an eventful evening.

"I expect fun," Peck said. "No one will be sitting in their dorms. Everyone will be doing something."

Peck said when she thinks of Halloween she automatically thinks of parties and drinking. She feels that most college kids love to dress up "whether they admit it or not."

And Halloween gives them a great excuse.

Junior Amber Swanson agreed.

"Halloween is an escape from studies and your life," Swanson said. "It's fun to dress up; you get to be who you want to be."

Senior Erica Bundgaard felt the fun of Halloween was in the tradition.

"More things are planned during Halloween," Bundgaard said. "And the planning is half the fun."

Student April Jansa feels Halloween is important to college students because it is the only holiday where students can get together while they are still in school,

since both Thanksgiving and Christmas are celebrated over a holiday break at home.

Jansa said students love Halloween for the candy.

"Halloween trick-or-treating is a great way for poor college students to stock up on a few weeks supply of free food," Jansa said.

Jansa said since UW-RF is primarily an agricultural school, most students live in the country and don't have much experience with trick-or-treaters.

"Halloween is fun because they open the dorms so college kids from the country can experience what it's like to have trick-or-treaters," Jansa said.

Another reason students love Halloween is the Grimm Haunted Hall.

The Grimm Hall basement has been the site of a Haunted Hall for the past 25 years, said Sarah Hanson, this year's Haunted Hall chairman.

Putting the project together is definitely a group effort. Everyone in the dorm pitches in to help decorate and set-up the basement. There are ticket-takers, tour guides and "scarers."

There are different themed rooms in the dorm including a slaughterhouse in the kitchen and a "feel room" in the recycling room where spaghetti is used for intestines and grapes for eyeballs. This year there are no tombstones, but there are coffins with people inside them.

About 20 people help run the Haunted Hall. Many others help to setup throughout the week.

Hanson said the reason the Haunted Hall is popular and has lasted for so long is because there isn't anything other than trick-or-treating geared towards younger kids. The Haunted Hall is something different and fun for them to do. It is popular with the students because they can have fun with friends and also have fun by being creative in putting the Hall together.

Hanson said Halloween is her favorite holiday because she can dress up and be whatever she wants to be. The best part is that dressing up is not only accepted, but encouraged.



Crabtree Hall resident Sarah Carlson prepares for tonight's upcoming Halloween festivities. Many UW-RF students will be busy Friday night with haunted halls, parties and trick-or-treating.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Intramurals running smoothly at UW-RF



Photo by Eric Ebert

With 728 participants this year, women's intramural broomball is one of the more popular recreational activities on campus. Intramurals serve students as both a great tool for stress relief and a great chance to get out of their dorm rooms and meet people.

Ryan Cardinal
Staff Writer

Out of all the students currently enrolled at UW-River Falls, more than half of them are playing intramural sports.

Several factors contribute to the popularity of intramurals at UW-RF.

"I signed up because we're in it for the love of the game," said Mai Chang, team manager of one of the co-ed soccer teams. Chang also said she enjoyed playing because it brought her and her friends together.

Melanie Neumann, team manager for women's broomball, agreed with Chang.

"It's a great way to meet people or to get to know people better," Neumann said.

Neumann added that intramurals are also a good way to relieve stress at the end of a long day.

One problem facing intramural sports at UW-RF is forfeits. Lance Ross, intramurals coordina-

tor, thinks forfeits are inevitable.

"People's time is precious, and students are very busy," Ross said.

Forfeits occur for a few reasons. Ross said the most common reason a team forfeits is that they don't show up on time.

Being on time is crucial, Ross said. The official time is that of the clock in the building or, if the building or playing area doesn't have a clock, the official time is that of the referee or supervisor. If a team doesn't show up on time, they forfeit.

"Because we have so many people participating, we need to stick to the clock," Ross said.

Chang said she has not had a problem with forfeits so far this year. Neumann, on the other hand, has had the other team not show up for two of her three games.

The intramural staff has not kept hard data on

forfeits in previous years, but Ross said they plan to start this year.

Another factor contributing to forfeits is people playing for multiple teams, which is against the rules.

"That had been a problem more so in the past, but with the new identification cards, we seem to have solved that issue," Ross said.

There has only been one forfeit of that nature so far this year.

Ross, who is just starting his fifth year at UW-RF, also said that because the entry fee of \$10 for team sports per person is so low, people don't have too much invested in it.

"We try to keep the price down, but at the same time, the more money someone puts into it, the more likely they are to show up and stay involved," Ross said.

The \$10 payment used to be refundable, Ross said, but because of problems keeping track of the accounting side of things, the payment is now non-refundable.

The money pays for referees, t-shirts for teams who win their league and equipment.

Ross said that despite the unavoidable problem of a few forfeits here and there, intramural sports are still strong at UW-RF.

In order to keep participation rates high, Ross has taken a few steps.

"We try to keep the deadline on around the same date each year, so there is some familiarity with the students on when the cut-off date is," Ross said.

Ross said he will occasionally extend a sign-up deadline to get more people in. Ross also said because of a limited budget, the promotion of games has been limited to the standard flyers and posters. He is currently looking at using the intramural website (<http://www.uwrf.edu/leadership/recreation/IM/news.html>) as a promotion tool.

Ross said the one sport that has really taken off over the last few years is women's broomball, which is played at Hunt Arena.

This year 728 girls play broomball. According to Kevin Brown, the Institutional Research Director at UW-RF, there are about 5,870 students enrolled for the fall semester. That translates into roughly 12 percent of the total student enrollment at UW-RF plays women's broomball.

Because of the popularity of women's broomball, Ross said women's intramural football has lost the most participants.

Follow the rules; they exist for a reason

I was late to my Spanish class Tuesday because I couldn't break the law.

A state trooper got on I-94 in front of me in Eau Claire where he stayed all the way to exit 10, where I got off. He was going almost 70 m.p.h. most of the way, but cars were bunched up behind him like water behind a dam. Everyone was afraid to speed but some were apparently willing to risk tailgating charges by driving as close to the back bumper of the blue Crown Victoria as possible.

Eventually I found myself irritated, not because of the restricted pace or the fact I may miss some important vocabulary words, but by the other drivers who were jockeying for position in the rain and sleet like commuter driving was some kind of demented horse race. Everyone wanted to speed, but not if it meant getting caught.

We are a country of people who obey the letter of the law, but not the spirit.

And if it's not speed limits, it's often driving in general. For example, posted speed limits are for ideal driving conditions. When weather is as bad as it was Tuesday, people should slow down, especially in a heavy traffic situation, but they don't. And the

things people do when no one is looking are even worse. Have you ever pulled up to a country crossroad at night, or even in town, and, being the only car in sight, just "not see" that stop sign?

There are some people who are probably happy about this "whatever you can get away with" mentality. One of the most lucrative professions in this country is built on the principle of finding loopholes in the letter of the law; those who do it the best get paid the most. Even if the crime has violated the spirit of the law, if there is some imperfection in the wording, there is no crime.

Even one of the most controversial issues today, the concealed weapon law, depends on how our second amendment is interpreted. It seems everything is open to interpretation these days.

Even worse are those who don't even obey the letter of the law. Our prisons are overflowing, our courts are backed up so that by the time a case gets to trial everyone has forgotten about it. Even the Student Voice publishes each week the names of a dozen or more underage drinking offenders.

Even on a small campus, the spirit of an idea can be lost in favor of the literal interpretation. For example, the proposed smoking ban already has some students pacing exactly 25 feet from the building, where they drop their bags in



JAMIE NIELSEN

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Stay on campus, enjoy fun college atmosphere

If anyone has ever witnessed a Friday afternoon at UW-River Falls, it is truly a sight to see. Picture a mass exodus of people fleeing from their college lives back home to the comforts of free laundry and food. This may sound unreal to some, but the fact is that this scenario is all too real.

This scene is very disheartening to me, a campus of weekend warriors. When I was in high school I remember talking about how fun it would be in college because you are away from home and away from your parents. However, that dream has been shattered and replaced by the awful truth that college life at UW-RF only exists during the weekdays. The number one complaint—or should I say excuse—from students at the University is that there is nothing to do in River Falls on the weekends. This may be a true statement, but I find it hard to believe that every student is going home and doing something so much greater than they could have done in



ERIC EBERT

River Falls.

The way I see it, students here are either way too involved at home, or so engrossed in their childhood that they can't let go of it and move on to adulthood. I'm not trying to say there aren't good reasons for going home, but blaming it on the city, or the fact that no one else is here is just a cop-out. If you are so concerned with no one being around on the weekend, then set an example and stick around for once. So why not save yourself some gas money this weekend and only drive to Hudson and see a movie, or even better, don't leave River Falls at all because the more students that are around, the more possibilities there are for having fun.

On the flip side, I realize River Falls can be a boring community. However, River Falls is less than 30 minutes from downtown St. Paul and even closer to Woodbury and Hudson. The point I'm trying to make is that if you can't find something to do in an area with as many options as the River Falls area, then you will never be satisfied with where

you live. Try to get out there and utilize some of the great aspects of being so close to a metropolitan area. And if worse comes to worse there is always that option that if you can't find fun, then you can make fun.

The moral behind this long and seemingly endless battle is that the University is not going to change overnight to accommodate the needs of weekend entertainment and the city certainly isn't going to either. You are going to have to go out and find your own entertainment, or take some steps on campus to create your own. However, over time, if we as students put some effort into sticking around on the weekends, the University will adapt to us. UW-RF has great potential for creating an interesting and fun weekend community, but it won't work without student support. This is your University, so don't pass the blame off on everyone else.

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EVENTS

Prayer Meeting
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is hosting a Prayer Meeting to discuss the importance of prayer and how to pray, as well as praying for the campus. There will also be testimonies of how prayer has changed lives.
Nov. 3, 8:15 p.m.
Blue Room, Rodli Commons

Dance Theater Trip
The Asian American Student Association invites everyone to view "Sister India" with them.
"Sister India" is a modern-day Canterbury Tales dance-theater production that reflects on the heritage of India and the clash of cultures.
Nov. 6
Southern Theater, Minneapolis
Bus leaves around 6:30 p.m., returns to River Falls by 10:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$8

International Film Festival
Bye Bye Africa (1999)
Nov. 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
152 Centennial Science Hall.
Free.

Check out the Lunar Eclipse
The physics department will open the Observatory during the lunar eclipse. Some views of Mars will be possible as Earth continues to separate from Mars. Watch the Moon turn red as it moves within Earth's shadow. Nov. 8, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Centennial Science Hall Observatory, south side.
3rd floor
Free

Patriot Act Discussion
American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Executive Director Chris Ahmuty will discuss the Patriot Act relative to its impact on the right to dissent, look back at how the Act was adopted and forward into government efforts to expand the bill with Patriot Act II.
Nov. 3, 7:15 p.m.
Agriculture Science Building, room 200

Bloodmobile
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be on campus Nov. 19 and 20 in Rodli Commons. Students interested in donating blood can sign up in the Leadership Center Nov. 10-14 from 9 to 5 p.m.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT
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Photo by Jens Gunelson

HAUNTED HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Eric Henning, who is terrified of bats



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Your eccentric neighbor has a chain saw. You know this because he started it up in his backyard yesterday, but didn't do anything with it. He just chased squirrels up trees and waved it menacingly in the general direction of your bedroom window. I wouldn't worry about it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
You are wondering if something will happen to you involving a lot of blood and dismembered body parts, something that will make headlines around the world because it is so grotesque. Wouldn't you like to know.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
You start going down the basement stairs when you hear ominous, spooky music. You stop, grab the railing and call out. You see a mouse scurry across the floor. You think about turning around and going back up the stairs, but then you realize it's just your roommate playing some of that Rob Zombie crap.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
You leave your porch light on and all of a sudden you have dozens of little kids at your door. Yes, it is startling to see those little princesses and fairies and Elmos on your porch, but you don't need to scream like that. It's unnerving for little Ashley's dad, who happens to be much bigger than you are and doesn't like weird people like you around his kid.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
There is blood dripping from the ceiling. Instead of running around terrified, do something useful, like finding a bucket to catch the blood in. Bloodstains are really difficult to get out of carpet.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
You are 20 years old and still go trick or treating. You say you just want free candy, but the truth is you really like dressing up in a costume. You might want to seek professional help.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)
Have you seen "Scary Movie?" It's the kind of horror film I like. Just the right amount of blood, gore, and suspense to give me goose bumps. And I don't even wet my pants.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Halloween is the one day of the year it is acceptable to lure small children to your front door with the promise of candy. Please don't do anything you might regret later. I guess what I'm trying to say is, keep the whole bag of Reese's Peanut Butter Cups for yourself. Give the kids Tic Tacs or something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You want to harrass your neighbor on Halloween. The way you see it, you have two options. You could egg the neighbor's house, or just toilet paper it. Fortunately for you, I remembered option three: Pelting the front door with dog feces.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
It might be your birthday today. Many would say this is a bad thing, and I would have to agree. Instead of giving you presents, your parents probably tell you to go trick-or-treating and get yourself some candy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Have you ever seen those "Freddy" movies? Me neither. But I bet there is a lot of blood, dismembered bodies, and terrified teenagers. Sounds pretty darn scary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)
"Frankenstein, Werewolf, and Casper the Ghost were sitting at a bar." This could be a great start to a really funny joke. Finish it for me and send me an e-mail. Who knows, maybe the best one will get printed next week.

Horoscopes are like potato chips: You can't read just one.

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the middle of the sidewalk and light up. Most people will still have to walk past them. The problem remains; it's just relocated a few yards away.
In all of these cases, perhaps it would be better if instead of thinking about the letter of the law, for everyone to try to remember the reason behind it. The state patrol is

there to deter people from speeding. If they weren't, we would all speed all the time, and more people would probably die in car crashes. Stop signs are there for an even more obvious reason. No one needs to carry a hidden gun. In fact, I think more efforts should be made to get rid of handguns, generally the most easily hidden weapon. Most violent and petty crimes are committed with handguns and try as I might, I cannot think of a practical reason for having one. No one outside the law enforcement profession needs a

handgun.
Lastly, smokers, you may not like the ban, but instead of being cute about it, it might be beneficial to approach the administration with an alternative, such as a smoking lounge in or near each building, that wouldn't irritate people trying to enter or leave you out in the cold. The spirit of the law is to keep smoke away from those who don't want to breathe it. Why not, just this one time, change the letter of the law to reflect the spirit instead of the other way around.

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