

Intestinal cancer claims English professor

Assistant English professor's life goal was to become a university professor in the United States

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Staff Writer

In the two years the UW-RF English department has had a suggestion box, it has received only two comments, Department Chair Marshall Toman said.

One was to not use duct tape when putting up posters in Kleinpell Fine Arts because it looks tacky. The other said, "Whatever you do, bring Dr. Gao back."

That statement sums up how the faculty and students felt about Assistant English Professor Carl Gao, 49, who died Aug. 28 in Rochester, Minn., after battling intestinal cancer.

English Professor Ruth Wood and her husband, Dave, who is a columnist at the River Falls Journal, became friends with Gao and his wife, Xin Wang, the first year Gao came to teach at UW-RF.

Wood remembers Gao as being "very warm and supportive." She said he

established close connections with his colleagues and was considered trustworthy and easy to confide in.

"He was a sweet man," Wood said. "Many people would say that."

Cheryl Holter Dintemann, a former student of Gao's, echoes Wood's sentiments.

"He was very devout to his teaching," Dintemann said. "He wanted to make sure that I completely understood what he was teaching. He literally told me once that he felt like a failure if his students didn't do well in his courses."

Dintemann said Gao was not only a good teacher, but a wonderful person too.

"He would always ask how my courses were going and offer to help with anything or offer advice if he could," Dintemann said. "He really knew how to communicate with his students on more than just the teacher/student level."



Carl Gao

Gao was hired in 1997, after teaching at Mount San Jacinto College in California.

He specialized in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) and was working on a book about the structure of the English language.

"He was a very good friend to foreign students who needed someone to understand what they were going through," Wood said.

"Students felt very much a personal connection to him," Toman said.

Retired English Professor Richard Beckham, who was the department chair when Gao was hired, said he liked Gao the moment they met. They became good friends and traveled to Greece together in 2001.

"He was a very energetic, positive, warm and friendly man," Beckham said. "He expected a lot from his students, but he gave a lot too."

Beckham said the thing he remembers most about Gao is his "warm smile."

Gao earned his bachelor's degree at the Dalian University of Foreign

Languages in his native China. He later worked as a translator in Florence, Italy before going to the United States in 1983. He earned his doctorate in education at Rutgers University in 1994, where he met his future wife.

Wood recalls Xin telling her the story of meeting and marrying Gao. Gao and his roommate at Rutgers picked Xin up at the airport when she first came to the United States to study at Rutgers in 1984.

They didn't get acquainted until they worked together on a campus grounds work crew one summer, Wood said. Xin was impressed with Gao because he was a crew leader and that is when their romance began.

Gao and Xin often shared their culture with Gao's colleagues by taking them to authentic Chinese restaurants, Wood

said. They also enjoyed traveling, playing bridge and Scrabble.

Gao was also a huge fan of basketball, Toman said. He played on an informal UW-RF faculty league.

Mark Kinders, director of public affairs, often chatted with Gao on the court.

"He definitely enjoyed basketball and was always good-natured and smiling and happy to be out there," Kinders said.

Wood agrees that Gao was a basketball "fanatic."

"Xin would practically have to tear him away from the television when tournaments were going on," she said.

Wood said she and her husband held parties for Gao and Xin when they became American citizens—Gao in 2000 and Xin in 2001.

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Garden provides change of pace Calendar causes campus confusion



Photo by Eric Ebert

The Dahlka Garden, which includes a walking path, benches and flowers, will be dedicated on Oct. 16 when a sculpture and plaque will be unveiled to honor Dennis Dahlka. The garden is part of a \$464,000 donation from Dalka.

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

Decorating the landscape outside Kleinpell Fine Arts are the winding curves of a cement path, snaking its way through the new Dahlka Garden. The garden will provide a place for students and faculty to read, study, or enjoy the natural surroundings.

"It almost represents the college experience," said Bill Rost, assistant chancellor for university advancement. "Something that was one thing can be completely different."

The Dahlka Garden is part of a \$464,000 donation from deceased UW-River Falls alumnus Dennis Dahlka, and the result of careful planning by UW-RF Facilities Management and his sister, Diane Hoag, to

whom he delegated decision-making authority.

Early last year, the University received this donation that funded the new Dahlka Garden and also a full-tuition scholarship program.

"What he wanted to do was to have an impact as much as the University had on him," Rost said. "Dennis followed his heart. That's the best way of putting it."

According to Rost, college was very important to Dahlka. The garden is diverse like the campus, with plants ranging from ornamental prairie grasses to perennials to pines.

"The object is to have it as a

place to go," Rost said. "Not just as a walk by."

However, the impact of this garden has far greater reaches. Facilities Management Director Waldo Hagen said that the Dahlka Garden is the only irrigated flowerbed on campus and is larger than all other campus garden areas combined. The garden has also been wired electrically for possible future lighting.

"The idea is a lot of variety," Hagen said.

Hagen says when the garden is fully grown the interior will still be visible to people walking outside of it.

"I think the garden is a very,

very nice addition to the campus," Hagen said. "As years go by I think it will become more and more attractive."

Although the garden was designed by Earthworks, a local landscaping company, Hoag said it was inspired by a picture on a postcard. Hoag, who visited the Dahlka Garden earlier this summer, said she knew a living sculpture like the garden would best fit Dennis.

"When I saw that garden I immediately felt Dennis' presence," Hoag said.

Because of the variety of unmarked plants in the garden, Hoag said it will be like a "living classroom" for people studying horticulture.

Horticulture students will not

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Changes have forced students and faculty to make adjustments

Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

Why did Thursday become Monday last week? Blame it on Labor Day.

Changes made in this year's academic calendar, including the renaming of days from Thursday to Monday, were made to help courses with labs maintain an even flow of days. This flow of days is important for courses where equipment or materials need to be prepared and moved into and out of rooms, especially in the science department, according to Karl Peterson, chair of the Faculty Senate Calendar Committee. It was the calendar committee that approved of the 2004-05 calendar change during a meeting on Dec. 4, 2002.

"Without this change, we'd have to move equipment and materials, like chemicals, into and out of labs constantly," Peterson said. "With this change, the switch over of labs will occur only once per week."

There will be another change of schedule on Monday, Nov. 22 when Monday classes actually become Thursday classes.

Labor Day falling on Sept. 6 this year was also a big factor in forcing a change in the calendar. According to UW System guidelines, 34 weeks of faculty/student interaction including such activities as instruction, final exams, registration and advising each year, are required. With Labor Day coming late this year, the school was forced to have classes start before Labor Day in order to get all the instruction time for the fall semester completed before Christmas.

Adding to the scheduling difficulty, Wisconsin State law mandates that schools cannot hold classes prior to Sept. 2, Peterson said.

"It was not perceived to be as big of a deal for lecture courses as it was for the labs," Peterson said. "It was very important for some of the science labs like

chemistry, biology and physics."

But not all faculty agree.

"The change may have helped the science departments, but it caused numerous other problems for the rest of the University," Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, political science chair said. "We all have to adapt our schedules at different times and for various reasons that are not to our liking. We deal with it. The science departments should have been able to come up with a way of dealing with the problem without causing such confusion for the rest of the campus."

With the changes, lectures that have class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays were also held on Thursday, giving them three days of class in a row.

The changes have made it difficult for some students on campus.

"Now I have a lecture for three days in a row," said Brandon Magnuson, a junior political science major. "It's hard to prepare for a class three days in a row."

Students are also having conflicts with other obligations such as work schedules because of the renaming of days.

"I have my Monday class on Thursday," said Bethany Dobbs, a senior psychology major. "But I am supposed to be at work on Thursday."

When planning the calendar, the committee knew there would be student conflicts.

"Student work schedules were a very large consideration," Peterson said. "But we hoped that given sufficient notice students would be able to manage the schedule change with

undue difficulty."

On Sept. 2, a student mailing went out to all students from Judy George in the Registrar's Office, reminding students of the schedule change.

Another change made to the academic calendar is the schedule for finals week. Usually finals week starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday. This year,

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Increases in tuition pinch financial aid

The gap between tuition costs and available financial aid is expanding

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

The cost of everything is rising. From a gallon of gas to a loaf of bread, even the cost of education is increasing. But education isn't going up 10 cents here or even a dollar there. It has increased nearly \$1,000 during the last two years and some people have noticed.

"I think it sucks," senior Cassandra Parker said. "If I wasn't graduating this year, I'd be going somewhere in Minnesota. Anywhere."

Not all of the students interviewed, however, were upset about the tuition increases.

"I guess it's not really affecting me. I haven't really thought about it," said UW-River Falls

student Mindy McCann. "With all the new buildings that will be going up, I'd expect it. And it's not like we're at the most expensive school anyway."

According to financial assistance director Dave Woodward, the 2002 Budget Adjustment that Bill Gov. Scott McCallum passed to increase financial aid along with tuition increases has helped, but there is a growing gap between the tuition increases and how much aid is available for students.

The law works somewhat like this: If UW System tuition increases 15 percent, then appropriations from the state legislature for the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) also increase 15 percent.

Student Senate, keeping stu-

dents in mind, fought hard for this law, but recent developments have not pleased Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke.

"The 2003-05 biennial budget was the most devastating budget in the history of the UW System," Schuelke said.

Due to cuts at the state level of \$250 million, the UW System is left with a decision: schools can cut services and keep tuition lower or keep services and raise tuition to make up for the shortfall.

The problem this poses for financial aid is that there isn't enough WHEG to cover all the financially needy students in the state, Woodward said. There are now nearly 23,000 students covered by WHEG, and most of

them are from families with annual incomes of \$46,000 or less. WHEG appropriations this year are \$34.9 million, up from \$27.2 million in 2003-04, and \$20.6 million in 2002-03. Even with tuition and aid linked by the law, there's still a gap between the tuition costs and the grants available to the students who need them. This year, the maximum WHEG went up \$100, only 20 percent of the tuition increase for this year.

Federal Pell Grants make up the remainder for many students, but Pell Grants have stayed the same since 2003, while tuition has gone up, according to the Office of Financial Assistance.

"I don't think there has been

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LOCAL

Journey House open house

The Journey House, a shared ministry of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ that supports UW- River Falls students, will be having an open house this Saturday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. until noon. Refreshments will be served at the Journey House Campus Ministry, located at 143 E Cascade Avenue. For details, contact Krista at jhcm@pressenter.com.

CHILD center dedication

The new facility located on campus near O lot currently provides daycare services for children of students and faculty as well as River Falls community members. The center will be dedicated on Monday, Sept. 20 from 3-4:30p.m. The dedication will include a tour of six classrooms, an activity area and two playgrounds.

Last day to drop a class

The final day to drop a class in Session A without receiving a withdrawal note on transcripts is Thursday, Sept. 23. The process requires filing a change of program card, with the Registrar's Office, it must be signed by an advisor and the instructor, then brought to the Registrar's Office, located at 105 North Hall.

Mac OS X training session

To learn the differences between Mac OS 9 and X, how to navigate with the finder, how to access the network, tips for printing and other utility tricks, ITS is hosting a workshop that will be held in the Red Lab of the Davee Library today from 10 a.m. until noon. A sign-up form is required and available at the ITS Web site. There are also other workshops ITS will be hosting that are available on the Web site as well.

Meal plan adjustments

Students who wish to change their meal plan can go to the Food Services Office, in the Student Center starting on Monday, Sept. 20th. A form is available there for students to fill out, the office is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

REGION

West Nile Virus kills Minnesota man

A 50-year-old man from central Minnesota, who was hospitalized early last month, died over the weekend from the deadly West Nile Virus that is carried by mosquitoes and birds and complications from a disclosed illness. He is the first Minnesotan victim this year,with his death bringing the national death toll is elevated up to 35 deaths. While still devastating, the disease seems to be less severe than last year. At this time in 2003 Minnesota had 31 cases reported, compared to just 19 this year. In Wisconsin, 17 people fell ill to the disease but did not die and no deaths have been reported in the state this year. While the peak season of exposure to the virus is near running its course, people are still encouraged to wear long sleeves and bug spray when outside during dusk and dawn. There has been no drug approved by th FDA for the West Nile Virus.

Madison plan to reduce college drinking

UW-Madison participated in a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health, called "A Matter of Degree" (AMOD), which aims at reducing high risk drinking that results in serious cases of fights, vandalism, and sexual assaults. Researchers instructed the schools to follow simplistic strategies. Such strategies include registering for kegs to be required by the place of purchase, campus control on all alcohol advertising and promotion, to encourage more collaboration between the community police and the campus saftey officials to make a more steady environment, as well as promoting alcohol-free activities for students who are living in the university's residence halls. The study shows AMOD was a successful program. Ten schools participated in the study, five of the schools were given the strict rules to abide by and the other five were not. UW-M was one of the five universities that was not given strict rules. When looking at the schools that were following the guidelines and the ones that were not, more positive outcomes were from the ones with the guidelines. UW-Madison comparatively showed little response to the test. Professors and executives at UW-M see the influence AMOD has had on other campuses and plan to implement the program on the capmus in an attempt to make positive changes in the Madison community.

NATION

MIT names woman as president

Massachusetts Institute of Technology named 53-year-old neuroscientist Susan Hockfield its 16th president. Dr. Hockfield, former Yale University Provost, is the first woman and doctor of natural science to be given this prestigious position of power at the male-dominated university with an engineering emphasis. Dr. Hockfield hopes to bring M.I.T.'s schools together as the lines between biological and engineering sciences vanish. Her plans for the future also include lobbying for more federal funding in math and science departments, areas she feels United States schools are behind other countries in. When hiring Dr. Hockfield, the university may have had in the back of their minds a pledge that they made with eight other universities in 2001 to work toward gender parity. Faculty members have taken note and are appreciative of the selection of a woman after the members of the presidential search committee selected Dr. Hockfield, following the retirement of M.I.T.'s 14-year president Charles M. Vest in December.

Vouchers in D.C. welcomed

The District of Columbia awarded over 1,200 vouchers for students in the District. The vouchers will grant each student from a low-income family up to \$7500 of tax-funded money to send them to one of the 50 participating private schools in D.C. Area schools held an open house where the parents could sign their children up for admission into these schools. Teachers present stressed that although the schools are private religion is not forced upon anyone there, but hope to teach the things that are basic to their religion. Although the process of getting into a particular school may be more difficult than a public one, parents are willing to do the extra work. They feel excited about the opportunities their students will have at smaller schools with smaller class sizes and programs that are not sanctioned by the government. Such things include less of a risk of cutting back certain departments like music and art; also athletics will be more protected from federal slashing than it would in a public school. The students also seemed to be caught up in the excitement as they attended the open house with their parents going from booth to booth.

STUDENT SENATE

Gaining speed into new year, Student Senate picks directors

Rachel Gaynor
Assistant Editor

Unlike some other student committees and meetings held on campus that haven't started yet or are getting around to finding a meeting time, Student Senate is already going full-speed ahead into the new school year with its second meeting on Sept. 14. Before much work can get done to get everything going, all of the director positions had to be filled. A motion was proposed by President Matthew Schuelke to accept Kendra Plant as the women's initiatives director; Jeremy Zitzow as the parliamentarian/ethics chair and Carolyn Schenk as the Leadership Development and Programming Board chair. The motion was moved by Schuelke, seconded by Zitzow and passed unanimously. The other director position left open is the diversity issues director. "I hope to have more positions filled after elections," Schuelke said. During the Sept. 7 meeting, the Elections Committee for fall 2004 elections was discussed and on the meeting of Sept. 14, a motion made by Zitzow, seconded by Nick

Cluppert, student affairs and academic services director and passed by acclamation that Matthew Schuelke, Katy Leisch and Adam Koski would be on that committee. The final motion passed by acclamation in new business was to accept the following appointments for Shared Governance committees: International Programs- Haley Seaberg, Student Health Advisory-Katherine Phalen, LDPB Student Organizations- Adam Koski, LDPB Performing Arts- Adam Koski and General Education Committee- Nick Cluppert. The only position that remains open is the LDPB Campus Media Budget position. This motion was moved by Shared Governance director Jonathan Gavin and seconded by Vice President Emilee Driscoll. **In other Senate news:** • Gavin is working on a campus committee involvement sign up and would like student participants on each committee • Cluppert reported Governor Doyle went to the Board of Regents meeting last week and spoke about restoring at least 300 faculty who were cut during the last budget cut, but to do this tuition would need to be raised. Regents proposed that tuition would be

raised 4.3 percent but Doyle wants more, Cluppert said. • Legislative Issues Director Joe Eggers announced that there will be a New Voters Project meeting 4 p.m. Sept. 23 in the Caucus Room in KFA. • Schuelke announced Family Day help is needed for Oct. 16. • Schuelke also announced that they are aiding in the search process for state committee representatives which anyone can apply for. These are the open committees: Committee on Alcohol and other Drug Abuse, WHEG (Wisconsin Higher Education Grant) Advisory Committee, Committee on Academics and Career Advancement, and the Presidential Advisory Committee on Disabilities Issues. Contact Student Senate if interested. • Plant announced a news conference on Sept. 22 in the River Room at Rodli Commons 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. about a statewide hotline for emergency contraceptives. Plant also announced that Campus Safety week is Oct. 18-22 and Student Senate is looking for co-sponsors from other student organizations.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RFPD

Sept. 4
Shawn L. Neidermann and Kerry S. Murray were cited for misconduct on University land at 700 East Cascade Ave. Neiderman was also fined \$274 for disorderly conduct and \$243 for a second-offense underage consumption. Murray was fined \$274 disorderly conduct and \$181 for an open container. **Sept. 5**
Jennifer L. Wright and Carrie N. Bender were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at 433 Parker Hall. Dain C. Olsen was fined \$491 for third-offense underage consumption at Johnson Hall. **Sept. 6**
Leah M. Massey was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 111 Parker Hall. Charles R. Conley and Shaejhon N. Desotell were both fined \$77.20 for open container at 216 South Main St. Joseph L. Swanson, Adrien B. Griffin and Joseph A. VanVynckt were fined \$164 each for disorderly conduct at 127 South Main St. Christina M. Oostdik was fined \$350 for loitering on premise and \$164 underage consumption and Justin Hansen was fined \$77.20 for an open container at 127 North Main St. Bradley C. Berger was fined \$164 for illegal dumping in a dumpster at 128 Emory Drive. **Sept. 7**
Ingrid Alm reported a purse and its contents stolen from Rodli Commons. Christopher R. Riepe was cited for an unlawful U-turn. **Sept. 8**
Eric J. Bloms and Josh J. Dahlke were both cited for underage consumption at 104 Johnson Hall. Dahlke was fined \$243. Bloms was fined \$367 for his second offense. Andrew R. Anderson was cited for a seatbelt violation. **Sept. 9**
Jennifer E. Speer, Matthew C. Stanke and Nicole L. Helgeson were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at 212 Grimm Hall. Madeline Baatz reported a wallet and its contents stolen from Rodli Commons. **Sept. 10**
Lawrence J. Hoen was fined \$243 for underage consumption at 208 Hathorn Hall. Paul M. Bartlett was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall. Amanda J. O'Connell, Meredith A. Sherritt, Andrew D. Orman, Richard A. Olsen and a 17-year-old female were fined \$164 for underage consumption and Trevor J. Bensen was fined \$200 for second-offense underage consumption at 1041 State St. Kelly A. Commerford was fined \$164 for underage consumption at 650 South Main St. Nicholas R. Markfort was fined \$102 for loud noise at 1063 Cascade Ave., #8. **Sept. 11**
Nicholas J. Jowett was fined \$243 for underage consumption outside Prucha Hall. Jenna L. Ferron was fined \$243 for underage consumption on the second floor of Crabtree Hall. Michael A. Tarman was fined \$705 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and taken into custody. Also fined \$164 for underage consumption were Erik J. Anderson and Trevor J. Gartner. **Sept. 12**
Jeffrey S. Olson was cited for a seatbelt violation. **Sept. 13**
Ryan A. Skoog was cited for retail theft at Shop-Ko, 1777 Paulson Road, and paid \$91.97 in restitution.

Drug, sex crimes bring guilty pleas

Micheal Foley
Editor

Two UW-River Falls students recently pleaded guilty and were sentenced at the Pierce County Courthouse in Ellsworth for separate unrelated crimes. • Andrew R. Anderson pleaded guilty Sept. 13 to a charge reduced from misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia to a lesser charge of possession of marijuana. Anderson paid the court \$125.20. The charges were originally filed after public safety officers and River Falls Police officers conducted a search of the student's dorm room in Johnson Hall in April. Anderson cooperated with the officers and admitted that he had drug paraphernalia in the room and pulled out a glass pipe. Upon further search the officers discovered two more pipes, plastic bags with suspected marijuana residue, a gem pack and razor blade with white powder residue, portable scales and several post-it notes with messages about alleged drug sales. • Cedric D. Galbreath pleaded guilty in January to misdemeanor charges of battery and fourth-degree sexual assault for incidents that occurred July 1, 2003. Galbreath then violated his probation and was ordered Aug. 24 to serve 90 days in the Dunn County Jail. Galbreath's sexual assault charge was originally filed as a third-degree sexual assault felony, but was amended to a misdemeanor charge in January. Galbreath was sentenced to probation in April.

UW-RIVER FALLS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

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30 years ago

• Hathorn Hall was going to be used as a conference and guest center until more than 200 unexpected students requested University housing. The hall was reopened for student housing.

• Student Senate approved cutting the budget for Senate, music, forensics, fine arts and drama. They increased the budget for radio, human relations, men's intramurals and agricultural advisory.

• Daniel Barron, Thomas Estep, Linda Mandigo and Glenna Witt were hired as the new directors of Johnson, Grimm, Stratton and Parker Halls. This replaced nearly half of the directing staff.

• Two new residents moved to River Falls. Brendan Kunda took over as the new Catholic chaplain of the St. Thomas More Newman Center, and Chris Blackburn took over the chaplaincy of the local United Ministries in High Education.

• UW-River Falls hosted guest speaker Frank Wilkinson, an attorney from the University of California. Topics covered were "The Free Press," Wilkinson's campaign on Un-American Activities Committee and "Electronic Surveillance: The Chilling Effect."

• UW-RF needed an additional \$195,000 to finish the Kleinpell Fine Arts building and surrounding areas. The money is needed to complete unfinished sidewalks, landscaping, acoustical work and install the proper air and humidity handling equipment in KFA. The University has already spent \$4.6 million.

• The Falcon rodeo team prepared for its tenth intercollegiate rodeo. The rodeo will include about 150 students from 10 schools from seven different states. The UW-RF rodeo was the only Great Plains rodeo scheduled for that fall.

• The freshman basketball team was dropped for the fall semester. The reason given was that there were no coaches available to coach the team. If a coach was found before the season started there could be a freshman basketball squad added.

At the fence: Three years after 9/11, Ground Zero remains place of grief, turbulence

Micheal Foley
Editor

For those who tuned in to watch the Sept. 11 anniversary memorial at the World Trade Center in New York, the ceremony appeared as a simple, touching tribute to lost loved ones. To the New Yorkers, Americans and other citizens of the world who went to the site now known as "Ground Zero" last Saturday, it was a much different experience.

Three years after terrorists laid waste to the city's skyline, tens of thousands of people with diverse backgrounds gathered around the massive hole in lower Manhattan. Though the ceremony so many were watching on television was barely visible in the distance behind a fence, the perimeter of the site had its own aura with elements of both a funeral and a rally.

Many people laid flowers, pictures, cards and candles at the fence while parents of the dead hypnotized them with all 2,749 victim names. Four times the list was interrupted by moments of silence - 8:46, 9:03, 9:59 and 10:29 a.m. - the exact times planes crashed into the towers and when each tower collapsed. Church bells throughout the city marked the moments by tolling their bells.

One man in an EMT dress uniform

stood perfectly still during the reading of names. With his head dipped in sorrow, and his hands folded in front of him, he seemed to be praying for each name read.

Though mourners held places at the fence, the scene a couple dozen feet behind them was quite a contrast. Tourists aimlessly wandered about, volunteers from the American Red Cross handed out bottled water, firefighters in dress uniform laughed and joked to help them cope and photographers scanned the area for emotion-filled faces to help sell newspapers.

One man called for people to express themselves through art by using oil crayons to trace and decorate handprints on a bed sheet canvas he planned to send to troops overseas.

A few blocks away, another man spoke into a microphone reminding passersby of the President's strength during the debacle and urging voters to elect him to another term.

Perhaps the most disturbing display was that of a group holding signs and large banners declaring '9/11 was an inside job.' Their signs, rhetoric and presence offended and disgusted many. Some argued and shouted at the demonstrators. Cops hovered, ready to quash any violence the group was sure to provoke.

Before long, about a dozen New York

firefighters assembled a column directly in front of the group's proud banner that read, "The Bush Regime Engineered 9/11." The demonstrators quickly circumvented the firefighter formation and reformed in front of them.

As the firefighters assembled to move again, a clean-shaven man in a suit and sunglasses wielded a knife and split the banner in two. One of the demonstrators immediately snatched him and placed him under citizen's arrest, walking him to police officers just a few feet away. Instead of taking the knifeman into custody, cops pinned one of the demonstrators to the ground and hauled two of them away. The man in the suit quickly slipped away and dissolved into the crowd.

A new group leader quickly emerged, even louder and angrier than the previous one, forming a large crowd mostly of photographers and people looking see a fight. Soon a few mourners made their way to the group and demanded they leave because they could no longer hear the names being read.

Police quickly stepped in and moved the group, against their will, to the other side of the street. Cops handled the situation well. Though the demonstrators kept reciting the first amendment, police had an obligation to protect them and moved them to a place where they could safely speak their message.

Editor's note: Micheal Foley traveled to Ground Zero in New York and witnessed the 9/11 anniversary ceremony first hand and documented what he saw.



Photo by Micheal Foley
Signs, pictures, flowers and candles adorned the "Ground Zero" perimeter fence as people paid their respects on the three-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks there.

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Dem Primary

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Alice Clausing	Dem	3,455	41.2%
Elise O'Meara Nooney	Dem	717	8.6%
Dennis Paulaha	Dem	403	4.8%

Bakke will face Republican incumbent Sheila Harsdorf in the general election Nov. 2

U.S. Senate
GOP Primary

Name	Party	Votes	Percentage
Tim Michels	GOP	183,490	42.5%
Russ Darrow	GOP	129,661	30.0%
Bob Welch	GOP	100,868	23.4%
Bob Lorge	GOP	17,503	4.1%

Michels will face Democrat incumbent Russ Feingold in the general election Nov. 2

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EDITORIALS

State red tape to blame for calendar

When students came to school this year they learned something new before classes even started. Thursdays can be Mondays, Mondays can be Thursdays and seniors can graduate before they finish their finals.

What a headache.

Although it would seem appropriate to question the calendar committee for this, they were truly trying to make things run smoothly. The calendar committee has to follow rules and regulations from the UW System and state legislature for when we can have class and how many class hours we must have. There is also a lot more fine print to read and red tape to cut through.

Calendar Committee chair Karl Peterson said the state mandates that schools cannot hold classes before Sept. 2. So the people to question and blame are the policy makers, not the Calendar Committee members.

Schools in other states start in August and don't seem to have the difficulties UW-RF does with the balanced academic calendar. The University of Oklahoma, for example, started Aug. 23, will end fall semester Dec. 10. Finals week there is Dec. 13-17, leaving plenty of time for commencement ceremonies before Christmas.

River Falls High School began classes Sept. 1 this year. If UW-RF could have gotten started the day before that, on Aug. 30, problems with lab meeting times and Labor Day may not even exist.

Wisconsin law ought to dictate all public schools to start on the same date - not ridiculous expectations and rules that create confusion.

Another issue that stemmed confusion was that most students did not know about the renaming of the days until the first day of class. Although it was posted online on the academic calendar and published in the student planner, a campus-wide e-mail was not sent out until Sept. 2. That did not give sufficient notice for students who have lives or part-time jobs outside of class. Most jobs students have are retail, food service or clerical so schedules are usually prepared more than a week in advance. It's an unfair assumption by the Registrar's Office that a week is sufficient notice to send out such information.

Student apathy up this election year

At first glance, the upcoming elections seem to have a positive effect on students by getting them more involved in national and global issues. Though this trend is almost always viewed as beneficial to students and the campus community, one side effect can mean a more apathetic student body regarding issues closer to home.

The trend was all too evident at a recent chancellor search committee listening session. In the committee held the session to hear input from students about what the committee should be looking for in a new UW-RF chancellor. The session was sparsely attended at best.

Another example is the lack of interest for Student Senate. Though participation on Senate has always been spotty, this year Senate is struggling to fill directorships.

Even if students can't or don't want to participate in student government, they can at least watch their decision-makers in action to hold them accountable. In the two Senate meetings held this year there has been just one visitor aside from Student Voice reporters and Senate's adviser.

It's great to see students excited about national politics. But if no one stands up at the local level, issues specifically important to UW-RF will never reach discussion circles at higher governmental levels.

Without student involvement and advocacy, things will only get worse for students and other members of the campus community. A chancellor with questionable values and motives could be appointed. UW System tuition could keep increasing disproportionately to state financial aid. TABOR could end Wisconsin public higher education as we know it.

Student can keep this from happening. All they have to do is care.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Diplomatic solutions should be first course of action — not war

For most Americans, their only war experience is through the eyes and ears of the media.

After having seven years of my childhood taken away by the experience of war and the show of hatred among a nation of people alike, I guess you can say I am biased against war as a means to any peaceful solution. This is why it saddens me deeply to see the greatest country on the planet always using the killing of others to encourage peace between them and their so-called enemies.

America spends more money on its military than on its education, and with some of the best learning institutions in the world, it chooses to use its knowledge of weapons over its knowledge of diplomacy. Like oil and water, peace and bloodshed are never a good combination.

The decision to go to war may have good intentions — which may seem to be achieved — but we face the ramifications of creating more enemies, leaving innocent children and adults psychologically and physically traumatized and a few American families motherless or fatherless. I believe that with the right strategy and mind-set, every problem can be solved diplomatically without exceptions. America needs to do more negotiating and compromising than air strikes and killing.

Leon Gbee, Student

FROM THE ARCHIVES

18 years later, advice rings true at Voice

Editor's note: This column, written by former Student Voice Adviser George P. Crist, originally ran in the Sept. 2, 1986, issue of the Student Voice.

While some of the references Crist makes are dated now — the Student Voice no longer works with photo-screening or plate-making — his message about student reporting and free speech is as pertinent as ever.

In this brand new school year, let's let bygones be bygones. OK folks? No grudges; no vendettas.

So you were misquoted, misrepresented and smeared by a Student Voice reporter. So your program was ignored and no one even asked you about it.

So an editorial cartoon offended your sensitivity and fun was made of your mother and religion.

So you, as a student senator, were vilified by the Student Voice.

So you, as a university administrator, were embarrassed by the university's image as portrayed by the Student Voice.

You have a perfect right to be upset, angry, disdainful, or determined to do something about it.

But may I have your attention, please? IT'S NOT MY FAULT. I ADVISE. Then, like you, I criticize.

All I ask is that you recognize that students are students: they are not professionals. It is not fair to hold them to professional standards. They are learning. They are sometimes afraid, worried, apprehensive, and unsure of themselves. Some of them, like us, are sometimes arrogant, sloppy, prejudiced, shallow, lazy or superficial.

They do not enjoy public embarrassment. Those dreadful mistakes of theirs will stare out at the world from that page for as long as that page lasts. Professors will be using those horrible examples for generations to come.

For most of our young reporters, this is a first-time experience. They have not taken Journalism 999, "Personal Attack and Verbal Karate." They have a lot to think about, such as interviewing, get-the-record skills, style considerations, and language problems.

But don't hold them accountable for their predecessor's mistakes. It is best to let them make their own mistakes. THEN clobber them.

One thing our reporters are not very good at is reading minds. They are not likely to know about you, your department, your college, or your best friend unless someone tells them. The Journalism Department cancelled "Crystal Ball 101" a few years ago when the ball cracked. In addition, we do not teach ESP, and we do not allow our reporters to get close enough to their subjects so that osmosis occurs.

If you have a story, TELL THE STUDENT VOICE. Then get ready to cringe.

The name may be misspelled, the address garbled, the age transposed, and you may be said to have been the intoxicated driver when in fact you were the person hit.

All right. Tell everybody and your Aunt Joyce. But also tell the Student Voice. We cannot learn from our mistakes if we are unaware of them.

You have a right to ask for a correction. You do not have the right, however, to take over the newspaper.

The journalism faculty is not about to take it over, either. Our aim is to teach professionalism. Professionalism involves decision making. The Student Voice staff does not do its best and darndest and then turn it all over to the faculty to clean up. Instead, the Student Voice does its best and darndest and then takes its lumps.

The entire Student Voice operation is in student hands -- reporting, selling advertising, business and accounting, photography, page production, photo-screening and plate-making.

In our Student Voice reporting classes, the J250 series, story assignments are made by student editors, editing is done by student editors, proofreading is done sometimes (but when done always by students), and newspaper decisions, where and when and how big a story is, are made by student editors.

It is Somebody's Law that anything that can be done well can be done poorly and anything that can be right can be done wrong. It just SEEMS to be true only at the Student Voice. Remember, tolerance and patience are virtues.

At the end of the weekly journalistic process, students do not wait for the mail bags of angry letters. They evaluate themselves and one another and they are evaluated by their adviser-instructor, who grades their stories.

The abused student senator should consider the role of the press in this country. Out there, in THAT real world, advertisers may foot the bill of newspapers (up to 75 percent of it), but they do not call the shots. Government regulates, but does not control. A press subservient to either business or government would not be the press envisioned by the writers of the First Amendment. THAT press must be free.

Of course, a campus newspaper must be worth its subsidy. If not, it deserves to be cut, but if the reason for swinging the ax is personal or a matter of political opinion, it is not reason enough.

The administration at UW-River Falls subsidized the Student Voice by providing space and utilities, class instruction and faculty advice. But it does not control publication.

The legal status of campus newspapers is not clear, but courts have tended to hold that if a newspaper is permitted to operate without outside control, the outsiders may not butt in when the paper does something they do not like. Even the administration must grin and bear it, up to a point.

One of the consequences of freedom is the misuse of it. One of the consequences of misuse is death.

Our press walks a tightrope above that abyss.

Our students are working on that tightrope-walking skill.

Help them, please. Most of them want to help you.

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

The majority of George W. Bush's tax cuts go to the upper echelon of tax payers. 32.4 percent goes to the top 1 percent of taxpayers, while the bottom 60 percent of taxpayers only took 8.5 percent of the tax cuts.

When Bush entered office, he inherited a \$5.6 trillion surplus. His tax cuts have made that surplus vanish. Instead, Bush's policies have created record deficits. If his 2005 budget is enacted, the projected 10 year budget deficit is \$5.2 trillion.

And the jobs these tax cuts were going to create? They must be hidden somewhere with Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

That tax giveaway to the rich could've been used for better purposes. There are currently more

than 45 million Americans without health insurance. There are long stretches of our borders that are left unguarded because there's no funding to pay for guards. Bush doesn't even fully fund his own education program. No Child Left Behind.

At the Republican National Convention, republicans liked to make jokes about John Edwards' talk of "two Americas." To families struggling to make ends meet, Bush's misplaced priorities are no laughing matter.

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

"I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is - I could be just as proud for half the money" - Arthur Godfrey.

John Kerry plans to raise taxes, and that is usually a promise a politician keeps. This would cause even more burden for working families in Wisconsin already paying the fifth highest tax rate per capita in the nation. In contrast, our President has already implemented a tax plan that benefits 34 million working families by an average of over \$1500 each year.

This improves the quality of life for those families and we are all benefited by a stimulated economy. Our economy rose 4.8% in the last year. This can be directly related to the Bush tax cuts, as this is the most drastic growth in nearly twenty years.

A good example of this correlation is small businesses. Over 90% of small businesses are sub-chapter S corporations; they are taxed at the rate of an individual. The Bush tax cuts directly benefited these entrepreneurs. It makes sense to stimulate the sector of the economy because it creates seven out of 10 new jobs in America. Keep these tax cuts permanent: re-elect President Bush.

Two Sides Of Taxes

Keep 9/11 images out of political ads

Talk about feeling disoriented.

It's halfway through September and my sweat-drenched brow is telling me it's the steamy August we never got. Leave it to the upper Midwest to throw a late-inning screwball at you.

But then it got weirder. After playing the messages on my answering machine, I felt like it was almost November. Seriously.

Sweat still clinging to my clothes, I pressed "play" on my answering machine and all of a sudden felt a little cooler.

Strike that. It was more like a chill.

The change in my apartment's air pressure came courtesy of republican candidate Tim Michels, who defeated three others in Tuesday night's primary for U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold's seat. Michels left me a nifty little message that made me think the political fervor of the general elections was already upon us.

The pre-recorded message from Michels was a blast of republican rhetoric, declaring

himself as "the" conservative candidate. In less than thirty seconds, Michels had bombarded me with his conservative stance on everything from abortion to gay marriage.

Funny — I don't remember signing up for the Republican Party.

That didn't stop Russ Darrow, Michels' opponent, to leave a message for me later that day. Though quick to point out that he, too, was "the" conservative candidate, Darrow was much less detailed in his message. Maybe he couldn't afford the time to drone on.

Michels, a millionaire construction business owner, didn't appear to have the same problem. No, according to an Associated Press story, Michels' campaign has been able to pay for some pretty snazzy TV ads.

One particular ad shows him standing beside images of the World Trade Center burning.

Way to go, pal.

It's one thing to bother me at my house with unsolicited phone messages — which I'm well aware both parties are guilty of. But I have to imagine

that if I had lost a loved one in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, I'd be pretty fired up if some Wisconsin politico was using those images for his own benefit.

No longer able to justify inconceivable defense spending on the Cold War, many republicans have begun using the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as a tool to keep Americans under their fear-inspiring thumb.

Naturally, Michels was able to put his own spin on it.

"I think there's probably no greater symbol of what kind of damage terrorists can do to our country than the Twin Towers burning," the former Army Ranger said.

To me, there's no greater symbol of political skulduggery than elevating our political status by using human tragedy as a stage prop. Using the same fear tactics — if you don't vote for Candidate X, this will happen again — as President Bush has in his own campaign, Michels

has joined scores of other politicians riding the 9/11 wave to their personal advantage.

From America's heartland to Tobacco Road, politicians have been using fear-mongering tactics like Michels' this year to try to weasel their way into office.

An Indiana republican running for the House of Representatives is featured in an ad showing a plane about to plow into one of the towers. In North Carolina, a republican gubernatorial candidate used similar imagery while attempting to link the democratic incumbent to allowing terrorists to get driver's licenses.

With primaries wrapped up and nothing left but the Nov. 2 grand finale, don't expect any of this to cool down. It's only going to get hotter.

But if I was really hearing Michels' message the way I think he'd wanted, it would feel a lot colder than November — it would feel like a nuclear winter was coming.



MIKE LONGAECKER

Stick to the issues, not the past

John Kerry has my respect as a person solely because he served in a very bloody, dangerous conflict. There are those out there that would like to persuade you otherwise, better known as the Swift Boat Vets for Truth. They are a group of veterans that wish to help President Bush win in November. There have been so many rumors out there that it is nearly impossible to get the truth from any media source. President Bush has gone on record publicly denouncing the group's work, but all that has done is fuel the group financially. Now they are buying more airtime in more states.

Not only are they getting more money, but also their tactic is working. People are getting confused about his military career that spanned four months. Which is not extraordinary, but it is four months longer than I or most of his critics have ever spent fighting overseas.

Who is to say that Kerry is unfit for command because of how severe his injuries may have been? He was there in Vietnam dealing with more pressure and dangers than I have ever dealt with. I am not going to be the one to berate a veteran. The only reason the Swift Boat Vets have succeeded thus far is because they were there. They did the same thing that Kerry did, but to be fair, most served their entire tours.

Now they say that they have found the doctor that treated Kerry in Vietnam. He claims he remembers John Kerry, which is impossible. How many G.I.s did doctors see in Vietnam? Hundreds if not thousands of injured, wounded, and deceased. And this doctor claims to remember this one soldier out of the hundreds that he saw over thirty years ago. I have seen my dentist every six months for the last three years, and he still introduces himself to me every time I go in.

People do the same thing to President Bush. It would be funny if it were not such a baseless attack. People keep popping up and they all seem to

"remember" that Bush was either absent from his guard duty, or if he was there, he was a poor pilot.

Dan Rather reported this to America in some newfound memos that he and CBS claimed were from the desk of Colonel Staudt, Bush's superior while in the National Guard. The memo claimed Bush was a poor pilot who barely passed inspection. As it turns out, the memo, dated Aug. of 1973, is a complete forgery. Colonel Staudt never kept memos; it's not his signature. The memo is clearly written on a computer. The only word processing machine available to the late Colonel would have been a typewriter, and adding to the already bogus forgery - Staudt retired in 1972.

So instead of running on the issues relevant in 2004, we have decided to run on issues pertinent in the early 70's. That is what we have left. We, as a nation, are not concerned about Bush's plan for Iraq or where Kerry even stands on Iraq. We are more concerned with what each was doing thirty years ago. Why not run a campaign on the issues and where you, as a candidate, stand on those issues?

Just like me, most of the people following the election this year have no recollection of the Vietnam War. I barely remember the M.C. Hammer videos from the eighties. So much of the media coverage and commercials from campaigns are centered on the past. Presidents cannot change the past. They can, however, change the present and bring us into the future.

Case in point. What do you remember about the DNC a couple months back? What does anyone remember about it? That John Kerry served in Vietnam. No one remembers what his plans and intentions are for America. The repercussions of that misstep have led to a slip in the polls. Now flash forward to the RNC. People will remember Zell Miller's anger driven speech, the Governor's "immigrants are Americans" speech, and, most importantly, they remember President Bush laying out a clean, clear, crisp plan for four more years.



A.J. OSCARSON

Majoring in booze poor collegiate choice

All colleges are the same. It is just what one puts into them that make their experience different.

I see a lot of new faces on campus and have for the past three falls. I've seen the nervous face of a guy not knowing where to go. I've seen the scared face of a girl walking into her first class, and I've also see the anxious face of a guy walking into his first college party. These are as they should be.

Orientation for you freshmen is an ongoing educational experience throughout the first semester, maybe the first year. The three or four days you came before school started you off with a foundation, but there are still some things you need to know. I do not wish to preach or to instruct, but to inform. Wisdom or advice seems to be what older people have, and I'm only twenty-one, so take this as you wish. It may save you some money, and may keep you around for your second semester.

The Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary defines university as, "an institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research and authorized to grant academic degrees." Note that the definition mentions the word "degree." That is ultimately what you are here for, and I don't think you can make drinking your official major or minor quite yet.

It may be hard to see the importance of

the education part of college this early in your academic career, but what you do now greatly influences your next couple of years. Getting off on the right foot is crucial, especially when it comes to your grade point average. Some of my buddies sort of forgot about this aspect and blew higher blood alcohol percentages their first semesters. They were then put on another concept the university calls "academic probation." This is not what anyone wants to be on, and you won't have to look up the term if you get over a 2.0.

Just go to class and everything will work out alright.

College also brings up many new social settings. You'll change from drinking in fields, beaches, and the houses where the parents aren't home to the very fine party houses and the dorms. This is clearly a choice, and one can either say "yea" or "nay." This is a part, for some, of the college experience, but there are some things that weren't discussed by your RA or orientation leader. Believe it or not, police officers have these sophisticated radios that they can talk back and forth on. They also have cars. These cars, in combination with radios, can get places really fast and can chase and find you. Also, from what I've learned, they're sober. Two guys I know, who weren't



NELS THORESON

sober, tried to outrun these cars and officers with radios. It didn't work, so don't run. Start working on your speed or play more hide-and-seek.

Another aspect of the system is Public Safety Officers and Resident Assistants. Contrary to what you may think, they really don't like giving out underages. You need to be smart, and you need to be quiet. This, I know, may be hard, trust me, but must be done. The Resident Assistants my sophomore year got jobs, I think, with the canine unit. They could smell alcohol from 1.7 miles away, and could even smell it out of a 1/8 inch crack under the door.

Just be careful and remember that you DO NOT need to open the door. Just shut your lights off and go to sleep.

You will get out of college what you put into it. Go to class and you'll get decent grades. Go out and you'll meet new people. Get involved in clubs and organizations and you'll be rewarded. Stay around on weekends and you'll save gas money and get to socialize with your friends.

Go to football games and you'll get to see John Peterlik score touchdowns and Kyle Hoegh hit people. Go to volleyball games to see Nina Peterson, Logan Kiesch and Melissa Jude lead them to another conference championship. Also, listen to the campus radio station on Friday afternoons and you'll be entertained by one of the best DJs I know - Nick Carstens.

Have a fun first semester and take care.

Bush policies put military at risk on more than battlefield

Uff da. That damn liberal media is at it again. They've buried important stories about George W. Bush and his wonderful leadership and compassion as our commander-in-chief. He's set a wonderful example of how to support our troops in this time of war. Now, being the nice guy that I am, I've taken it upon myself to dig through the news and uncover this story for the readers of the Student Voice.

Bush found out about the hundreds of thousands of veterans on waiting lists for medical appointments at veterans'

administration hospitals. So he opened his heart to them by closing seven VA hospitals.

Veterans in this country just had way too much extra money lying around. It was becoming quite a problem for them. Being a man of action and swift decision making, our commander-in-chief decided that making them pay a new \$250 enrollment fee for a prescription drug program and increasing the co-pay from \$7 to \$15 would solve that messy money problem.

With budget deficits continuing, Bush

decided that he and the troops would help out the legislators. It seems that Congress, in their spending spree, had increased pay for troops in "imminent danger" by 50 percent and increased pay for families of active-duty troops by 150 percent. But don't you fret. Our great commander-in-chief realized this was a mistake and attempted to cut the pay of our troops back to previous levels. But those silly democrats in congress got in the way.



BRIAN HOGENSON

George W. Bush even helps out the children of our troops. Those children were being forced into one of those worthless socialist programs, Impact Aid, which is there to help military children receive a quality education. But George liberated these children by cutting \$200 million from this program in his 2004 budget.

Can you believe it? Those ungrateful reservists serving in Iraq were going to get full benefits if the Senate got their way. But in a 2003 Pentagon memo, the Bush administration declared that it would veto any Defense Department appropriation request that included the benefits. God bless Dubya.

All kidding aside, I hope these stories I've uncovered will help you decide how to use your vote on Nov. 2. You can vote to actually support our troops and their families, or you can vote for Bush. I think you know what's right.

How do you feel about the new card swipe system?



Ashley Haas, freshman

"It is nice to have when they work, but when they don't it's a pain."



Rob Hole, junior

"I don't live in the dorms, but it makes it more difficult if I'm meeting a friend (at a residence hall)."



Heather Hackbarth, junior

"I think it's a good step towards better security on campus. Hopefully it will be up and running soon."



Lindsay Day, sophomore

"I have sympathy for the people trying to fix it. I think it's going to eventually make our campus safer."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Falcon football

Time to make a statement

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

O'Grady and the Falcons are coming off three consecutive losing campaigns which include losing conference records the last two. O'Grady's only other losing season as head coach of the Falcons was in 1991. The head coach is entering his 16th season and has an overall record of 85-59-3. O'Grady has the third most wins among active WIAC coaches and is 10th all time. He could move up to eighth all time with four wins. O'Grady's record shows that it is time for a winning season for UW-RF.

The head coach isn't the only reason to have optimism this fall. The Falcons return eight starters on offense and defense, including two-time team most valuable player, senior running back John Peterlik. The two-time first team All-WIAC selection tied for the conference lead in touchdowns (14), was fourth in rushing (109.3 yards per game - 984 total) and was first in all-purpose yards (185.4 yards per game - 1669 total) in 2003. Peterlik will be without last year's backfield mate, All-WIAC fullback Owen Schmidt, who transferred to the University of West Virginia. Schmidt led River Falls with 1,063 rushing yards (third in the WIAC). The leading candidates to replace Schmidt are junior Neal Folta and freshman John Ward. Helping to fill the rushing void left by Schmidt will be half-back Jeremy Wolff. Wolff was the Falcon's third leading rusher last year with 289 yards on 39 attempts (7.4 average) with one touchdown.

A positive for the Falcon running game is the return of four starters from an offensive line

that cleared the way for an UW-RF offense that led the WIAC in rushing (318.6 yards per game) in 2003. Senior Jeremy Hotz returns at the right guard spot while juniors Alan Nutt and Nate Cook come back at the tackles. Junior tight end Chris Ammann will move inside to play center. The new man of the group will be junior Dave Kapping at left guard.

Under center will be sophomore quarterback Andy Kolstad. Kolstad started six games as a true freshman and is considered a student of the game by O'Grady. The sophomore put on 25 pounds in the off-season to help take the blows that an option QB has to absorb. Kolstad ran for 191 yards on 62 carries with three touchdowns and completed 11-16 passes for 182 yards with one TD and two interceptions as the head of the RF wish-bone attack in 2003.

The big story on defense is the departing of 14-year assistant coach and defensive coordinator Tom Journell who took the head coaching position at Elmhurst, Ill., College. Nine-year assistant coach Kevin Bullis was promoted from defensive line coach to defensive coordinator. Bullis was the defensive coordinator for Gustavus Adolphus in 1993-94.

Eight starters return from a defensive unit that gave up the third most points in the WIAC (305). O'Grady says the Falcons are going to simplify the defensive scheme with the goal of giving up less big plays and being harder to score on.

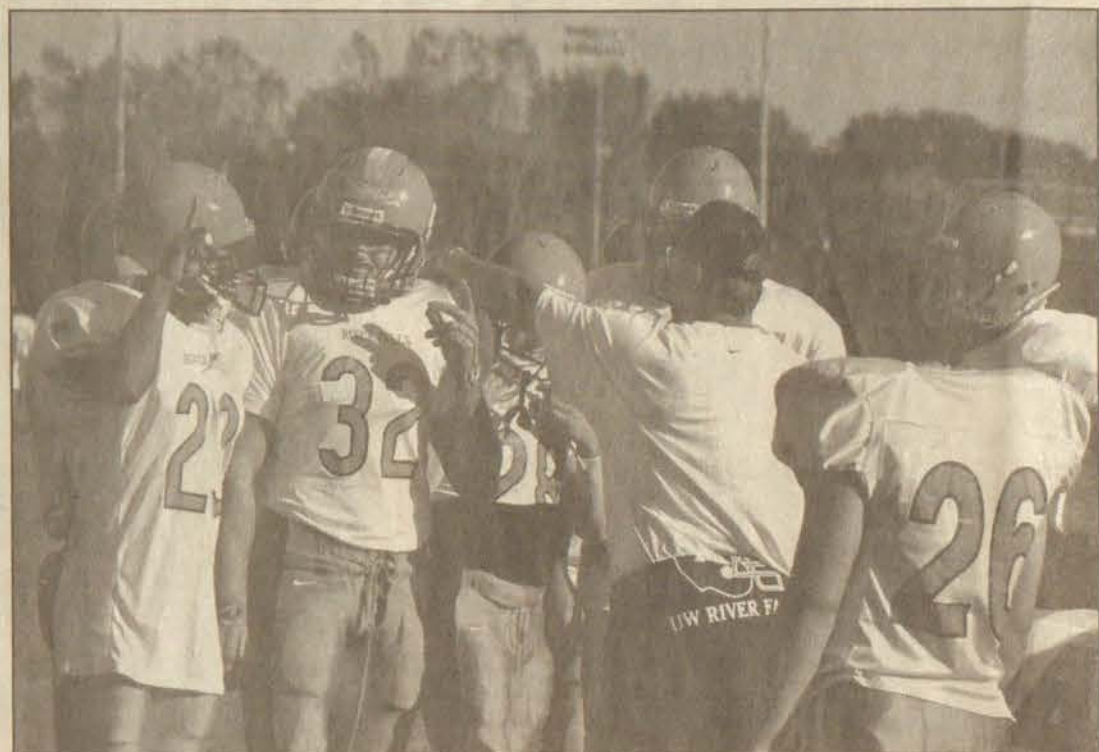
One of the strongest parts of the defense seems to be the secondary with 2003 leading tacklers Kyle Hoegh (66) and Matt Farmer (57) leading a defensive

backfield that also includes junior speed burner Roman Johnson and up-and-coming sophomore O'Neal Hampton. The only downfall is the loss of 2003 All-WIAC cornerback Lewie Parish. Sophomore corner Matt Jordan will look to fill Parish's shoes.

The defensive line will be a question mark with the loss of 2003 All-WIAC defensive linemen Jeff Hortoh, Nate Hendrickson and Nick Rue. To combat these losses the Falcons will go with only three down linemen. Senior Josh Meyer and junior Josh Graham will make up the bookends while junior Aaron Retzlaff will be in the middle.

The linebacker core will be led by seniors Ben Gillett and Nate Gray. Gray was UW-RF's fourth leading tackler last season (48). The Falcons fifth leading tackler in 2003, junior Dan Buker (35), fills out the linebacking unit on the outside. The RF defense hopes that their new look will help improve a unit that gave up the third most yards (431.1 y/g) and the third most points (305) in the WIAC in 2003.

Special teams looks to be a strong area in 2004 with Johnson and Peterlik handling kickoff and punt returns. Both players have the ability to make game-breaking plays. Also, there is a lot of optimism about River Falls' new kicker sophomore transfer Spasimir Bodurski. O'Grady feels that Bodurski has the ability to kick the ball in the end zone more and give the Falcons better field position. Helping with field position is returning sophomore punter Jovin Kroll. As a freshman Kroll punted 11 times with a 31.3 average and a long of 40 yards.



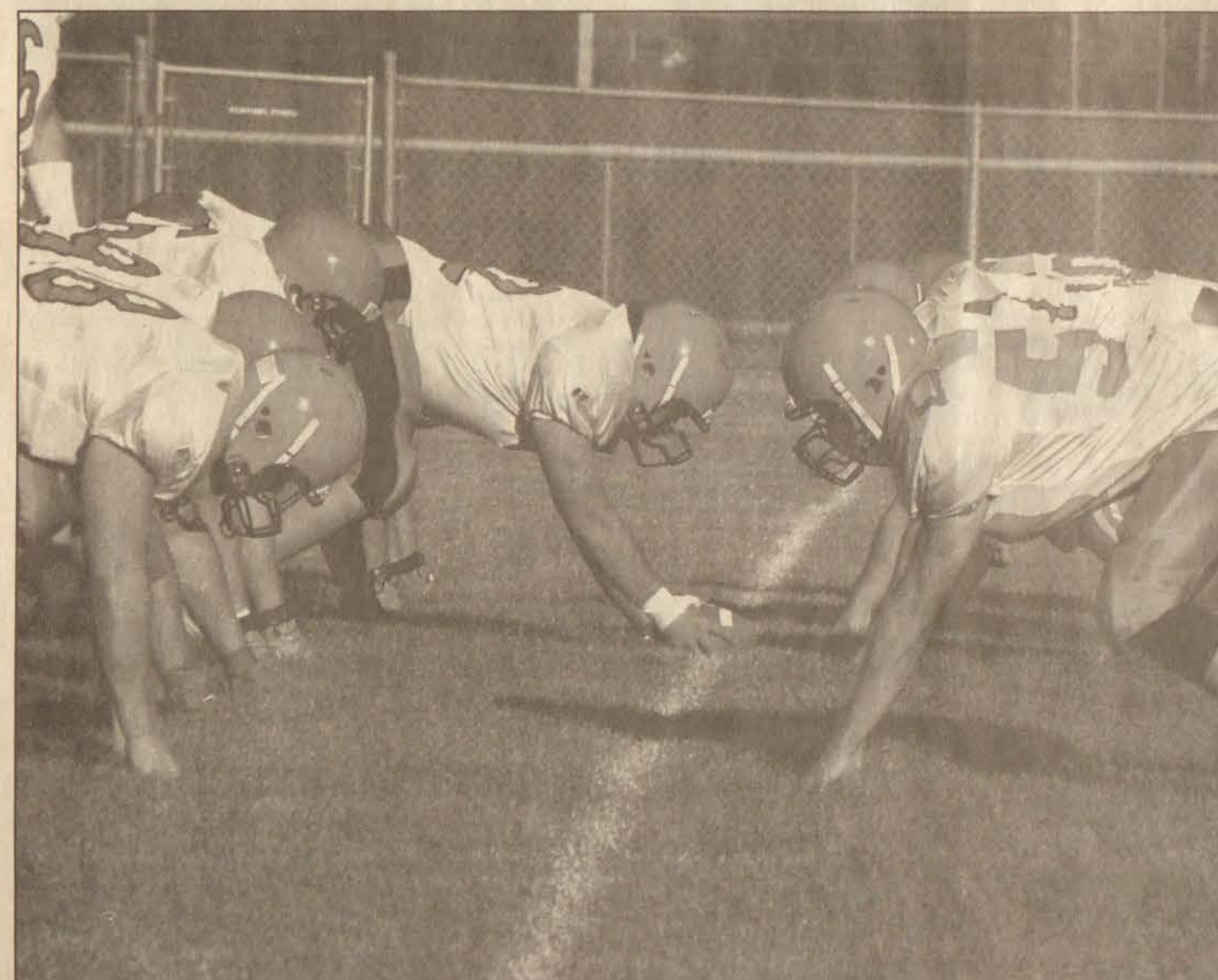
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4	Andy Acosta	35	John Ward	65	Alan Nutt
5	Dave Affeldt	36	Zeke Secrist	66	Ryan Abbott
6	Andy Kolstad	37	Nathan Anderson	67	Nathan Litscher
7	Matt Farmer	38	Nate Gray	68	Mike Fedie
8	Justin Larson	39	Bob Nesvig	71	Brett Hanson
9	Josh Meyer	41	Brent Fjerstad	72	Chris Ammann
12	Chris Anderson	43	Ryan Agrimson	73	Nathan Tenut
13	Matt Jordan	44	Spasimir	74	Steve Bernard
14	Joshua Barney		Bodurski	75	Todd Hofdahl
15	Corey Strinmoen	45	Jon Haughian	76	Pete Kolpack
16	Jovin Kroll	46	Matt Schreiner	78	Jordan Miller
17	Ben Gillett	47	Steve Arcand	82	Brad Malpert
21	Beau DeBruin	48	Dan Buker	84	Tim Bittner
22	Mike Johnson	49	Gregg Neumann	88	Andy Marx
23	Roman Johnson	51	Dave Kapping	91	Nathan Renk
24	Jeremy Witt	52	Bamidele Adetifa	92	Sean Wolf
25	Neal Folta	55	Nick Asmus	94	Jeff Cassellius
26	Chris Butterfield	56	Jeremy Hotz	96	Josh Graham
27	O'Neal Hampton	57	Dylan Dabrowski	97	Bruce Baillargeon
28	John Peterlik	58	Aaron Retzlaff	98	Jake Knapmiller
29	Shane Hanson	59	Nate Cook	99	Tyler Hasse

Falcon football coaches

Head Coach: John O'Grady

Assistant coaches: Kevin Bullis, Jamie Herrick, Tom Caflisch, Damon Clare , Woody Fangmeier, Carl Finstad, Ben Gray, Dan Keefer, Jeremy Kerg, Jason Laube, Carmen Pata, Jon Pieper, Tom Pulford, Greg Spahn, Tim Taylor, Dave Young



The Falcon football team is ready to face off against the competition. The team looks to improve their past WIAC records and will test their game at Bemidji 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Falcon Football 2004 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 18	at Bemidji State	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Pacific Lutheran	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Eau Claire	1 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Platteville	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	Whitewater	1 p.m.
Oct. 23	Stout (Homecoming)	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	Oshkosh	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at La Crosse	1 p.m.
Nov. 13	Stevens Point (Parents Day)	2 p.m.

Spiking into 2004

Falcon volleyball team to surprise nationally-ranked WIAC foes



The Falcon volleyball team practices in preparation for the the 2004 season. The Falcons look to punish this year's WIAC competition.

Photo by Sarah Gestson

Falcon Volleyball 2004 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 17	Platteville	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	La Crosse	2 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Stout	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Eau Claire Invite	TBD
Sept. 25	at Eau Claire Invite	TBD
Oct. 1	at Oshkosh	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Whitewater	noon
Oct. 8	at Platteville Tourney	
	vs. St. Norbert	6 p.m.
	vs. Platteville	8 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Platteville Tourney	
	vs. Stout	10 a.m.
	vs. Illinois Wesleyan	noon
Oct. 13	Superior	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Stevens Point	noon
Oct. 20	Eau Claire	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Whitewater Invite	TBD
Oct. 23	at Whitewater Invite	TBD
Oct. 29	Trick or Treat Tourney	4 p.m.
Oct. 30	Trick or Treat Tourney	10 a.m.



The Volleyball team practices at Karges Center. This season the Falcons look to bump, set and spike their competition.

Photo by Sarah Gestson

2004 Falcon Volleyball Roster

1	Barbie Soine	S	5-3	Jr.	Montevideo, MN
2	Ashley Moseng	OH	5-6	Fr.	West St. Paul, MN/Sibley
3	Melissa Jude	OH	5-8	Sr.	Sauk Rapids, MN/Sauk Rapids-Rice
4	Courtney Schroeder	OH	5-7	Fr.	Byron, MN
5	Logan Kiesch	OH	5-9	Sr.	Delano, MN
6	Katie Thompson	OH	5-9	So.	Forest Lake, MN
7	Tressa Gustafson	OH	5-7	So.	North Branch, MN
8	Gina Anderson	MH	5-8	Sr.	Deer Park, WI/Clear Lake
9	Kat Krtnick	S/OH	5-5	So.	Fridley, MN
10	Molly Thompson	RH	5-8	So.	Forest Lake, MN
13	Andrea Geehan	MH	6-1	So.	St. Paul, MN/Como Park
14	Lindsey Mace	L	5-5	Fr.	Hastings, MN
15	Nina Petersen	RH	5-11	Sr.	Byron, MN
18	Krista Russell	RH	5-10	Fr.	Apple Valley, MN/Eastview
19	Susie Ingalls	MH	6-0	Fr.	Webster, WI
20	Kiah Sagami	MH	5-11	So.	Mazomanie, WI

Head coach: Patti Ford

Wisconsin Heights

High hopes for Falcon volleyball

Micheal Foley
Editor

On paper, spring commencement decimated the Falcon volleyball team. All-American hitters Melissa Tvrdik and Krystle Brune are gone, taking with them the team's top two setters and four other senior talents from last season's 35-6 WIAC championship team.

A year ago, whispers of a national championship were in the air, not to mention a conference crown. This season, a few much-improved teams are licking their chops and looking forward to a WIAC match against the 14th-ranked Falcons. UW-River Falls coach Patti Ford said this year will be one of the

strongest for the WIAC and hopes to be in the title hunt again.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the conference champs end up with more than one loss," Ford said. "We'd like to be conference champs, but we're going to have to fight tooth and nail. It will be a crap shoot."

To have a chance, the Falcons will need their returning defensive core to remain solid through the year and timing between setters and hitters will need to improve steadily throughout the year. The fairly new group of players will also have to find a way to mesh as they learn their new roles and responsibilities on the court, Ford said.

"Athletically, we're as strong as

we've ever been," Ford said. "They're just untested."

Despite losing Tvrdik, the Falcons return two middle hitters, 6-1 sophomore Andrea Geehan and 5-8 senior Gina Anderson. Geehan received some playing time as a freshman and Anderson's experience is beginning to shine through, Ford said. Sophomore Kiah Sagami and freshman Susie Ingalls will come off the bench to fill in at the middle position when needed.

The outside hitter position will feature four players with superb passing skills and surprising hitting power. Sophomore Katie Thompson will pack a strong punch at the net while seniors Logan Kiesch and Melissa Jude

will bring a strong all-around game. Freshman Ashley Moseng will come off the bench to give teams a different look.

"With such great all-around players, we won't have to make as many substitutions as we did last year," Ford said. "Just about anyone I put out there can pass and play defense. I can save some of my subs for strategic points in a game or to change up their rhythm."

The right side hitter position belongs to standout senior Nina Petersen, who will also be the team's on- and off-court leader.

"She will be one of the dominant players in the WIAC, if not nationally," Ford said. "Her personality is even keeled. She has a physically strong stature and,

being left-handed, she brings a lot of power from the right side. She has everything, physically and socially, to lead this team."

Sophomore Molly Thompson will be Petersen's understudy and may come in to give the senior a rest once in a while, but Ford said she doesn't anticipate Petersen leaving the court very often.

At libero, a new rule takes effect this season that allows the defensive specialist to serve. At least two players, Lindsey Mace and Tressa Gustafson, will compete for the starting libero position. Last year, Kat Krtnick, as a freshman, shared time with senior Jennifer Braun at that position and may be called upon to fill in again this year, but Ford

has big plans for Krtnick as the team's top setter.

"We're going with Kat right now," Ford said. "She will do an excellent job running the show. She is the best athlete we have and she knows the game the best. Kat will shine wherever we put her. Once she gets acclimated, I think she can be an All-Conference setter."

Transfer junior Barbie Soine may also set for the Falcons during the year.

"I'm very pleased with the energy level in the gym," Ford said. "Everyone is accepting their roles as they're changing. They're buying into whatever they have to do to compete in the strong conference."

Falcon cross country preparing to run all over WIAC competition



The men's cross-country team ran with all smiles during its Alumni-Varsity Meet Sept. 4. Led by Zach Vircks, the men's cross-country looks to be a strong contender in 2004.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Falcon cross country 2004 schedule

- Sept. 25
at Griak Invitational, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 1
at Midwest Long-Short Invitational, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16
at Winona Invitational, 10 a.m. or at Superior Invitational, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 30
WIAC Meet (at River Falls), 10 a.m.



The women's cross country team practices before its Alumni-Varsity meet. The Falcons' next meet is Sept. 18 at the St. Olaf Invitational.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Young men's team looks to surprise WIAC competition

Lucas Pokorny
Assistant Sports Editor

The 2004 men's cross-country team is young with no seniors and mostly freshman and sophomores. However, they do have the max number you can have to compete and Coach Don Glover said the team has greatly improved since last year. "It's the best team I had since I've been here," Glover said.

The main goal for the men's team is to improve their conference standing from last year of eighth. The Falcons are hoping to do this with the help of their number one runner, freshman Zach Vircks, who is usually about a minute ahead of the rest of the team. Vircks already finished fourth on Saturday at Duluth where he lead the team to a

third place finish. "I was really happy the way the kid's competed," Glover said. Other leaders for the Falcons are junior Matt Olson and sophomore Jason Quarford. While the men are looking for an outbreak season, the women are using this season to rebuild as they lost their top seven runners from last year. The number one runner for the women is sophomore Amanda Kozicky, who was their lead runner at Duluth. Other women to watch for are freshman Maria Michaud and senior Sara Rudesill. The Falcons are looking to run over the competition in future meets like the one this weekend at the St. Olaf Invitational.

Falcon tennis on the attack in 2004



The Falcon tennis team is in a rebuilding year after losing its top two players. With co-captains senior Amber Weissinger and junior Megan Knobloch, the Falcons look to improve in the conference from last year's fourth place performance.

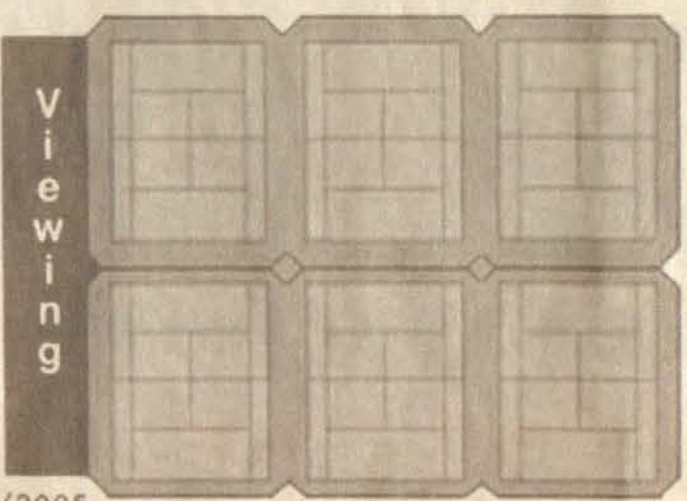
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Future Falcon Tennis Complex

- Six courts
- Viewing area/bleachers
- Hitting wall
- Electricity
- Windscreens
- Storage shed
- \$210,400 budget
- Completion date 8/2005
- Constructed on former UW-RF baseball field
- *Tim Thum: Project Manager

Viewing




Next home match: Tennis faces UW-Whitewater at 4 p.m. Friday on the Crabtree Courts.

2003 WIAC Standings (for dual meets)		
Team	WIAC	Overall
Eau Claire	6-0	6-1-0
La Crosse	5-1	5-1-0
Whitewater	4-2	10-2-0
River Falls	3-3	12-3-0
Oshkosh	2-4	4-5-0
Stout	1-5	2-6-0
Stevens Point	0-6	1-8-1

Tennis Roster	
Head Coach: Lee Lueck	
Ashley Adam	
Leah Baron	
Becky Briese	
Becky Brisendine	
Megan Farr	
Steph Harris	
Jen Kersten	
Megan Knobloch	
Emily Maurer	
Jamie Motschenbacher	
Maite Oyarbide Sanchez	
Betsy Thraen	
Sarah VandenHoek	
Amber Weissinger	

Let the rebuilding begin

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

The Falcon tennis team is looking to have a rebuilding season after losing two of their top players from last season. Jordan Anderson, the number one player for the team, as well as Amanda Gray, the team's number two, both graduated, leaving a lot of pressure on the team. Don Leake, the team's assistant coach, sees the season as one to be "pretty promising." "The team is definitely rebuilding," Leake said. "The line-up will have to play up two positions, but after this last weekend I don't see it to be a problem." The team is led by Junior co-captain Megan Knobloch who is playing in the

team's number one position this year. The other co-captain is Senior Amber Weissinger, who is playing the third position for the team. "Both athletes are strong players and strong athletes," Leake said. "Another top prospect is Jen Kersten, who is in her freshmen year on the team as a sophomore in her school years," Leake said. "She had to sit out last year due to a hand injury, but this year she'll be playing the number four spot on the team." After the first weekend, the team's hopes are a little higher despite being in a rebuilding year. "The true test will be Friday at the Crabtree courts," said Leake. "We're facing Whitewater, a pretty good team this year, so we hope fans can get out and support."

Gettin' their kicks

FALCON SOCCER LOOKS AHEAD TO 2004 AS RETURNING WIAC CHAMPS

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon soccer team will try to duplicate last year's success when the team put together its best season in school history and came away with the 2003 WIAC regular season title.

The Falcons won a school-best 17 games and were 6-2 in WIAC play to win the regular season title. The Falcons became the third team to win a WIAC title. Stevens Point won titles from 1992-95 and from 1997-2002. La Crosse won the 1996 title before the Falcons snapped UW-Stevens Point's six-year streak. The Falcons nearly won the WIAC

playoff title, but lost to UW-SP, 2-1, in double overtime.

Forward Sarah Carlson returns for the Falcons after she was named the WIAC's Co-Player of the Year in 2003. She led the Falcons with 38 points in 21 games. She scored a team-high 16 goals, eight of which were game winners. She finished third in scoring in the WIAC with 12 points and was named to the first All-WIAC team.

Also returning are two sophomores who tied for second on the team in scoring. Defender Ashley Peterson was named to the first All-WIAC squad and midfielder Amy Jensen is also back. Both finished with 20 points. Jensen finished with six

goals and Peterson with seven. Senior Emily Rodgers also returns for her final season. She played midfield in 2003 but will play forward this fall. She was fourth in scoring for the Falcons with five goals and 12 points. Senior Molly McClanahan also returns and will be a key player for the Falcons in the midfield.

The main concern for the Falcons will be goaltending where Apryl Jennrich played the past four years. She was named to the All-WIAC first team in 2003.

"Our big issue will be goaltending," Falcon Coach Sean McKuras said.

McKuras was named the WIAC Coach of the

Year in 2002 and 2003 and has the best winning percentage of all WIAC active coaches (30-9-2, .756).

"Also gone is freshman sweeper Kelly Sapan who transferred to the University of Minnesota and hopes to play soccer there," McKuras said.

"We are looking to have the same impact in the WIAC as we did last year," McKuras said. "We will have some young players filling important roles."

"Our schedule is also very strong. Our non-conference matches will be just as tough as our matches in the WIAC," McKuras said. "In the WIAC, it's a toss up for which team can pull off the wins."



Photo by Jens Gunelson

Two-time WIAC coach of the year Sean McKuras prepares the Falcon soccer team for the 2004 season. This year the Falcons hope to become back-to-back conference champions.

Soccer Roster
2004

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Hannah Tvedt

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Molly McClanahan

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Jennifer Pengra

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Lisa McGuire

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Gina Hawkins

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Ashley Peterson

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Sarah Carlson

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Amy Jensen

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Heather Morgan

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Lindsay Karter

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Meghan Pedersen

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Julie Sperstad

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Miranda Pogulis

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Tiffany Schafer

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Jessie Olsen

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Sonja Dudley

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Mayku Vang

21

Amy Piersak

22

Tracy Olson

23

Julie Shuldheisz

24

Emily Rodgers

26

Andrea Dudley

Head coach:

Sean McKuras

Assistant coach:

Ben Gaddis

Manager:

Melissa Sills



Photo by Jens Gunelson

Senior Emily Rodgers dribbles the ball in the Falcons' 2-0 victory over St. Catherine's. The Falcons look to repeat a WIAC Championship win this 2004 season.

Golf looking to swing strong in 2004

Micheal Foley
Editor

In its third year of existence, the UW-River Falls golf team looks to improve by leaps and bounds.

In its first year the team posted 784 at the conference meet and finished last out of six teams.

Last year, the Falcons improved to 761 at conference and finished sixth out of seven teams in front of UW-Superior. Though UW-Oshkosh and UW-Eau Claire are runaway conference favorites, Falcon head coach Jeff Berkhof believes UW-RF can possibly break into the WIAC elite by season's end.

"UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh have been conference and national powers the past two seasons that our golf program has been in existence. We want to get to that point where we can battle with them each weekend."

Berkhof said the combination of Blugolds and Titans lost to graduation and improved play

from the Falcons will close the gaps among the teams.

"The team looks solid this year," Berkhof said. "We lost one player to graduation and one player who transferred, but we have our main nucleus back and we look to improve as the season goes along and compete for a top spot in the conference meet."

Seniors Ellen Berndt and Casey Ambers will provide team leadership for the squad this year and will play at No. 1 and No. 3 respectively. The No. 2 spot will belong to sophomore Gabe Van Dyk.

"Ellen will play No. 1 for us this year and I'm confident she will have a real good year," Berkhof said. "She's worked extremely hard on her game over the summer and she deserves to have a great year. This is Casey's last year and I believe she's going to come through for us with good, consistent play at the No. 3 spot."

Three players will compete for the fourth and final scoring position. Junior Kara Coughlin, freshman Jenna Gutzwiller and junior Nina Englund all have the ability to secure that spot.

"You need four good scores to compete with the best," Berkhof said. "Our top four will have to get it done so we can do just that."

The big date on the schedule for the Falcons will be the WIAC conference meet at UW-Stevens Point Oct. 9-10. They will also see key conference competition Sept. 25-26 at the UW-Whitewater Invite and Oct. 2-3 at the UW-Oshkosh Invitational.

Falcon Golf
2004 Schedule

Sept. 24 at Carthage Invitational

Sept. 25 at Whitewater Invitational

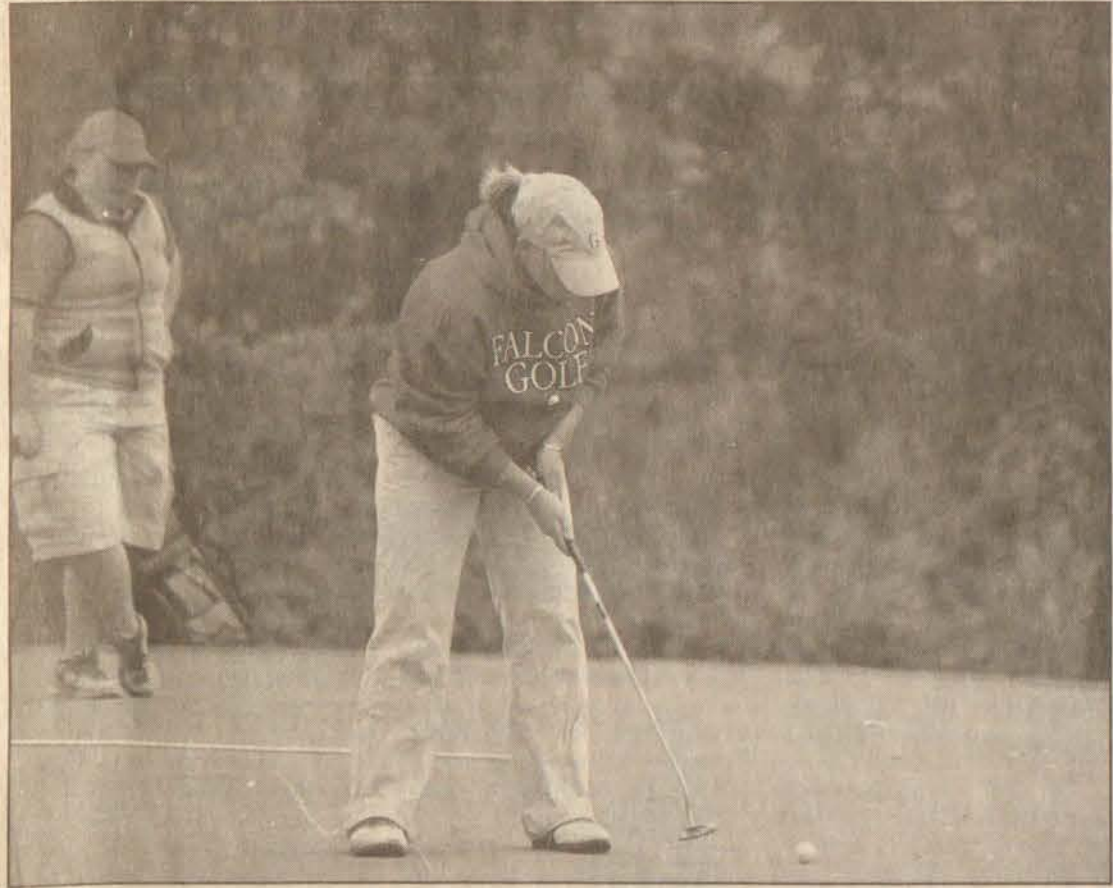
Sept. 26 at Whitewater Invitational

Oct. 2 at Oshkosh Invitational

Oct. 3 at Oshkosh Invitational

Oct. 9 at WIAC Meet
(at Stevens Point)

Oct. 10 at WIAC Meet
(at Stevens Point)



File Photo

Junior Cara Coughlin watches her putting outcome in last year's UW-River Falls Invitational. The team looks to improve in the WIAC from last year's sixth place finish.

Falcon golf 2004 roster

Coach: Jeff Berkhof

Casey Ambers

Sr. Nina Englund

Ellen Berndt

Sr. Jenna Gutzwiller

Kara Coughlin

Jr. Gabe VanDyk

Jr.

Fr.

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Falcon soccer team remains undefeated

Andy Sinykin
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls soccer team remains undefeated after winning three more games this week. The Falcons improved their record to 5-0 by beating St. Catherine, Carleton and Concordia-St. Paul.

On Sept. 7 the team faced off against St. Catherine and won 2-0 behind goals from junior forward Sarah Carlson and senior midfielder Emily Rodgers.

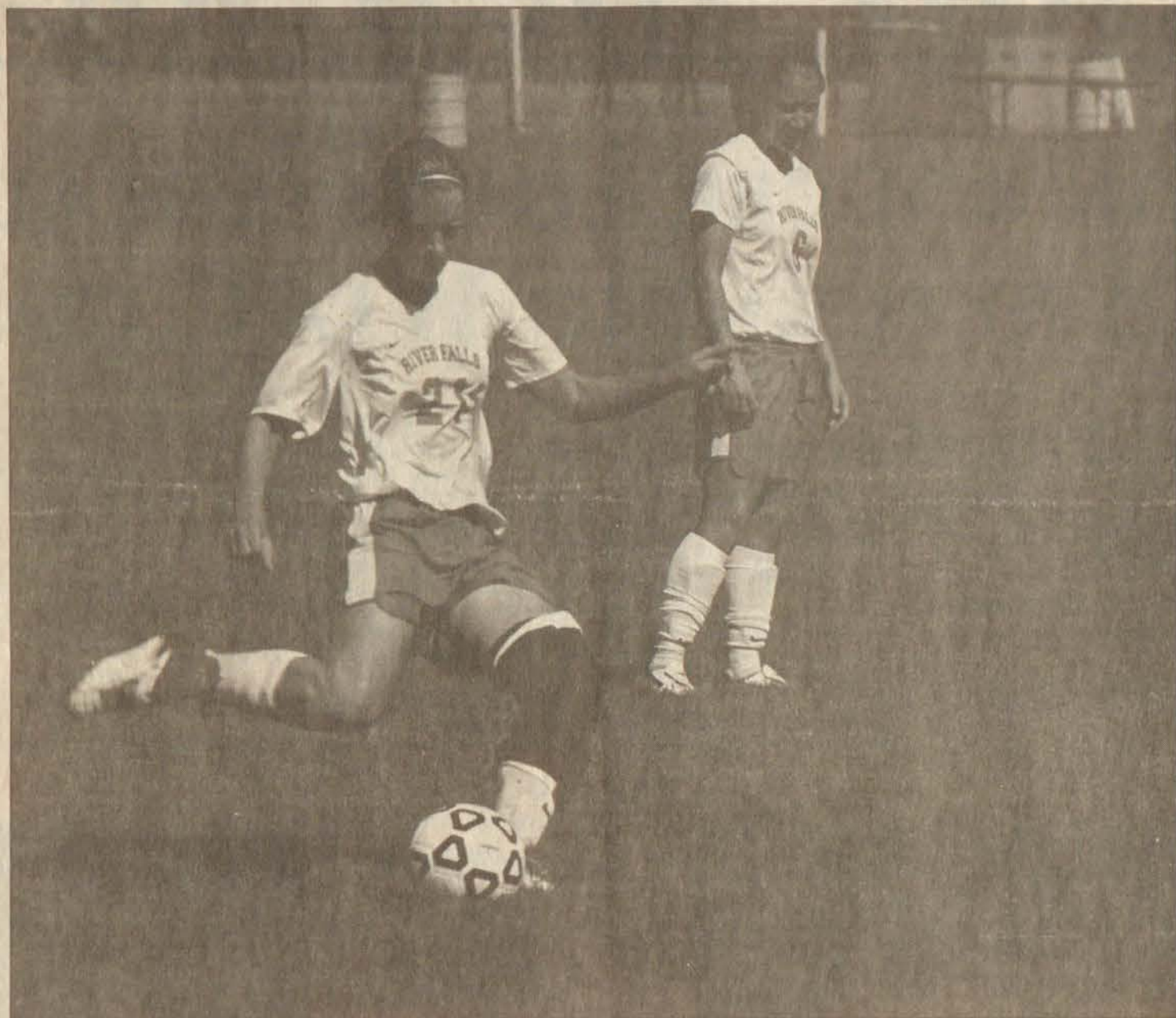
The Falcons traveled to Northfield on Sept. 10 to take on Carleton. Nearly 26 minutes into the second half Carleton took the 1-0 lead on a penalty kick from Erica Bolan. Carleton held the lead until the 89th minute when junior midfielder Julie Shuldheisz scored her first collegiate goal on an assist from Carlson. Only 2:23 seconds into overtime sophomore forward Amy Jensen scored the game winner on an assist from sophomore Ashley Peterson.

On Sunday, Div. II rival Concordia-St. Paul visited Ramer Field and the Falcons beat up on Concordia 7-1, behind goals from six different players. The Falcons had 34 shots and held Concordia to five.

The Falcons faced three challenging teams this week and came out unscathed.

"I'm very proud of how the team performed," Falcon head coach Sean McKuras said. "We played three very different teams and found a way to win as a team in all three."

The Falcons look to begin the quest to defend their WIAC championship this weekend against UW-Oshkosh Friday and then at UW-Whitewater Saturday.



The women's soccer team kicks the competition, in hopes of being back to back WIAC champs. The Falcons will compete at Oshkosh on Friday, and then travel to Whitewater to compete on Saturday.

Photo by Sarah Gestson

Golf team starts season at UW-Eau Claire Invitational

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The golf team opened its season with a ninth place finish at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational held Saturday and Sunday.

Ellen Berndt led the Falcons with a two day total of 168. She placed 10th overall shooting an 88-80. Kara Coughlin was next for the Falcons with 83-100 - 183. She placed 42nd overall. Jenna Gutzwiller was 46th overall with rounds of 86-98 - 184. Casey Ambers and Gabe VanDyk tied for 50th place. Both shot rounds of 90-97 - 187. Nina Englund placed 80th with rounds

of 195-117 - 222. The first day of the tourney was played at the par 73 Mill Run course and the second day was played at the par 72 Wild Ridge course.

Gustavus Adolphus won the team title with a two day total of 665. St. Thomas was second with 670 followed by Eau Claire 679, Illinois Wesleyan 682, Carthage 689, Oshkosh 694, St. Benedict 716, Platteville 718, River Falls 720, Stevens Point 728, Luther 730, Whitewater 761 and St. Mary's 770.

The Falcons will next play in the Concordia-St. Paul Tourney on Sept. 18-19.



In their first game of the season, the Falcon football team fell short to Concordia 47-25. This Saturday they look to outsmart the competition as they travel to Bemidji.

Photo by Jens Gunelson

Volleyball team goes 4-0 at Hamline Invitational

Micheal Foley
Editor

The UW-River Falls volleyball team won four times in four games this weekend at the Hamline Invitational in St. Paul. Friday the Falcons took down St. Catherine, 3-0, and Buena Vista, 3-2. Saturday the Falcons beat Bethany Lutheran, 3-1, and outlasted Bethel, 3-2.

"We got four more under our belts now," Falcon head coach Patti Ford said. "The longer matches taught us how to play under fatigue and stress. It helps to chal-

lenge ourselves and play under those conditions. It will pay dividends later."

In the opening match of the weekend, the Falcons swept St. Catherine, 30-14, 30-27, 30-11.

Senior right side hitter Nina Petersen led the team with 12 kills and a .348 hitting percentage. Senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch posted solid numbers with nine kills and seven digs. Senior Melissa Jude dug six balls. Sophomore setter Kat Krtnick dealt 28 assists in the three-game win.

The biggest numbers of the weekend

came in a five-game marathon win against Buena Vista. The Falcons got the win with game scores of 25-30, 30-20, 30-23, 17-30 and 15-9.

Petersen was unstoppable with 26 kills and a .327 hitting percentage. Jude picked up 11 kills and sophomore middle hitter Andrea Geehan killed 11. Krtnick was one assist short of 60 in her busiest setting performance of the season. The Falcons also played strong defense, led by Jude's 33 digs. Kiesch added 23 and Krtnick dug 20. Even Petersen got into the act with 16 digs.

"It was a well-played match," Ford said. "Everybody did their part and the seniors came through. Offensively, they just couldn't shut down Nina (Petersen), Logan (Kiesch) and Melissa (Jude) really anchored the defense for us."

On Saturday, the Falcons beat Bethany Lutheran with game scores of 30-27, 25-30, 30-23, 30-20.

Geehan, Petersen and Kiesch all posted at least 10 kills with 16, 11 and 10 respectively. Kiesch and Krtnick each posted 15

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Cross-Country teams place high at Duluth Invite

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross-country teams showed their opponents who was boss at the University of Minnesota-Duluth Invitational held Saturday, with the men taking fourth overall and the women placing fifth overall.

Leading the women's team was Amanda Kozicky, placing 23rd overall with a time of 20:50 over the 5,000-meter course. For the men's team, Zach Vircks placed fourth overall with a time of 27:08 over 8,000-meters.

Of Vircks' performance Falcon head coach Don Glover said, "It's one of the fastest times we've ever seen."

As it was the opening meet of the season, runners got the opportunity to see what times they are running compared to last year. According to Glover, Matt Olson improved by 1:19 (29:17), Bobby Hanson by 25 seconds (29:34), Jeremy Olson ran 1:27 faster (29:37), and Ben Kirmse ran 1:14 faster (29:43) than last year. Sara Rudesill also improved her time from last

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Team in need of support

UW-River Falls' football team hasn't been the best of teams these past years, as they finished the 2002 season at 3-7 and the 2003 season at 2-8. This year they opened with a 25-47 loss.

Last week I was at a party and over heard people talking about the football team and saying they don't go to games because the team is horrible and it is a waste of time.

After hearing that, I just stood there listening to them rip on their own team. I was thinking to myself that maybe the reason there losing is because they don't have the fan support.



LUCAS
POKORNY

Being a former athlete, I know I'm at my best when I have a big crowd cheering me on. The more the crowd cheers the more energy you get and the better the performance you give.

If you have no crowd you don't have that extra energy and you don't play your best because nobody believes in you.

A true fan doesn't care if the team is losing all the time because they believe in the team. In their head they know the team is the best and can win.

As a fan, I always think positive, and even though I may believe they're going to lose I will tell someone they will win because that is what I want to

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Falcons fall to Concordia in 2004 season opener

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team dropped its season opener at Concordia-St. Paul, 47-25.

The Falcons had 404 net rushing yards on 75 carries and 87 passing yards on five completions. Concordia ran the ball 33 times for 263 yards and went 16-24 in the air for 242 yards. The story of the game was that UW-RF fumbled the ball six times, losing five of them while Concordia lost one of two fumbles. The five Falcon fumbles led to three Golden Bear touchdowns while UW-RF did not score any points off of Concordia's only lost fumble. River Falls controlled the ball for 35:20 while the Golden Bears had possession for only 24:40.

UW-RF had fewer penalties, committing only four for 20 yards while Concordia had five for 40 yards. On third down the Falcons were 6-15 and the Golden Bears were 5-8. UW-RF went three times on fourth down and only made it once.

UW-RF opened the game by recovering two on-side kicks. The first on-side kick led to freshman fullback Beau DeBruin scoring his first career touchdown on his first career carry as a Falcon from 16 yards out. DeBruin finished the day as UW-RF's second leading rusher with 94 yards on seven carries including a 57-yard run. Senior running back John Peterlik led the Falcon rushing attack with 26 rushes for 150 yards and one touchdown while catching four passes for 41 yards to lead UW-RF in receiv-

ing. Also, Jeremy Wolff carried the ball five times for 19 yards and caught one pass for a gain of 46 yards. Freshman fullback John Ward plowed his way to 41 yards on eight carries including breaking a big run of 26 yards. Ward did lose the ball on the ground twice. Sophomore quarterback Andy Kolstad threw for 63 yards on 3-4 passing and ran for 44 yards on 14 carries. Kolstad rotated at quarterback with freshman Dave Affeldt who went 2-2 for 47 yards in the air and had 13 rushes for 55 yards with a 23-yard touchdown run. A negative for quarterbacks was that Kolstad fumbled three times and Affeldt fumbled once.

Golden Bear quarterback James McNear was the offense for Concordia. McNear was 13-20 for 164 yards with one touch-

down. McNear also led the Golden Bears in rushing with 16 carries for 150 yards and three TDs. Senior running back Sam Blocker was the Golden Bears' second leading rusher with 40 yards on seven carries and one touchdown. Junior running back Brian Holmes contributed 25 yards on five rushes and one TD. With five catches for 80 yards junior Montez Bridgeforth led Concordia in receiving. While Senior Wesley Hill had the only receiving touchdown for CSP to go along with his four receptions for 88 yards. In mop-up work Concordia backup QB Nate Harrington completed three of four passes for 78 yards.

Senior safety Matt Farmer led the Falcons with seven tackles. Six were solo. Senior defensive end Josh Meyer had River Falls'

only sack of the day while junior linebacker Nate Gray had a forced and recovered fumble. Sophomore defensive back O'Neal Hampton was River Falls' second leading tackler with a total of six, two solo. Linebacker Ben Gillett along with defensive backs Matt Jordan and Kyle Hoegh each had five tackles.

Senior defensive back Jeremy Axel led Concordia with 12 total tackles and a forced fumble. Golden Bear senior linebacker Brian Doyle was second on the team in tackles and had two fumble recoveries including one that he took 57 yards for a touchdown. Concordia's only sack of the day came from junior defensive lineman Vincent Almada.

Falcon kicker, Spasimir Bodurski went one for two in

field goals. Bodurski made his first attempt from 37 yards out on the left hash mark and then pulled his second attempt wide left from 37 yards away in the middle. Freshman halfback Brent Fjerstad led the Falcons with three kick returns for 61 yards while junior cornerback Roman Johnson a the Falcon punt return for 12 yards.

River Falls was within 10 (27-17) going into halftime but was outscored 20-7 in the second half. Four of UW-RF's five lost fumbles were in the second half. Concordia scored 13 points in the third quarter while the Falcons put up zero. The Falcons drove into Concordia territory 10 times and only came away with four scores.

The Falcons travel to Bemidji for a 1:30 p.m. Sept. 18 game.

SCOREBOARD

Football

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 11 results	
Concordia-St. Paul	14 13 13 7 - 47
River Falls	7 10 0 8 - 25

1st Quarter

14:05 RF - Beau DeBruin 16 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 4-57 0:55, RF 7 - CSP 0
08:42 CSP - McNear, James 7 yd run (Johnson, Brody kick), 6-56 2:16, RF 7 - CSP 7
00:47 CSP - Hill, Wesley 5 yd pass from McNear, James (Johnson, Brody kick), 10-99 3:32, RF 7 - CSP 14

2nd Quarter

14:54 RF - John Peterlik 10 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 3-76 0:48, RF 14 - CSP 14
11:53 CSP - Blocker, Sam 8 yd run (Johnson, Brody kick), 6-84 2:55, RF 14 - CSP 21
04:08 CSP - McNear, James 1 yd run (Johnson, Brody kick failed), 8-69 2:45, RF 14 - CSP 27
00:08 RF - S. Bodurski 37 yd field goal, 9-42 3:58, RF 17 - CSP 27
3rd 05:27 CSP - McNear, James 10 yd run (Johnson, Brody kick), 2-17 0:39, RF 17 - CSP 34
01:06 CSP - Doyle, Brian 57 yd fumble recovery (Johnson, Brody kick failed), RF 17 - CSP 40
4th 08:11 CSP - Holmes, Brian 2 yd run (Johnson, Brody kick), 8-83 4:16, RF 17 - CSP 47
03:21 RF - Dave Affeldt 23 yd run (Dave Affeldt rush), 10-78 4:35, RF 25 - CSP 47

	RF	CSP
First Downs	28	24
Rushing	75-404	33-263
Passing	7-5-87	24-16-242
Total Offense	82-491	57-505

Fumbles-Lost	6-5	2-1
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	4-20	5-40
Possession	35:20	24:40

Individual leaders

Rushing

RF - John Peterlik 27-152; Beau DeBruin 7-94; Dave Affeldt 13-55; Andy Kolstad 14-44; John Ward 8-39 Jeremy Wolff 5-19; Nathan Anderson 1-1

Passing

RF - Andy Kolstad 3-4-0-63; Dave Affeldt 2-2-0-24; John Peterlik 0-1-0-0

Receiving

RF - John Peterlik 4-41; Jeremy Wolff 1-46

Tackling (Solo-Assist)

RF - Farmer 6-1, Gillett 4-1, Hoege 3-2, Gray 2-1, Meyer 1-1, Retzlaff 3-1, Hampton 2-4, Cassellius 2-0, Jordan 2-3, Johnson 2-1, Graham 1-2, Hansen 0-3, Buker 1-1, Baillargeon 0-2, Barney 1-0, Peterlik 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

Platteville (0-0)	W-L
Whitewater (0-0)	9-0
River Falls (0-0)	10-1
La Crosse (0-0)	9-1
Stout (0-0)	8-1
Stevens Point (0-0)	8-2
Eau Claire (0-0)	7-2
Oshkosh (0-0)	6-2
Superior (0-0)	3-5

Sept. 14 results

Northwestern	28 30 20 18-1
River Falls	30 28 30 30-3

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

Soine 0-0-0-0-0, Mosneg 4-0-0-15-1, Thompson 10-0-3-19-0, Gustafson 3-0-0-5-0, Anderson 5-1-0-2-6, Krtnick 4-49-2-12-3, M. Thompson 0-0-0-1-3, Geehan 18-1-0-15-1, Mace 6-2-1-18-0, Petersen 16-1-1-13-12, Sagami 0-0-0-1-2, Tvdirk 17-0-0-0-6.

Soccer

WIAC Standings

River Falls (0-0-0)	5-0-0
Superior (0-0-0)	4-0-1

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

Sept. 12 Results

Concordia St. Paul	0 0 - 1
River Falls	3 4 - 7

1st half

4:08 RF Sperstad (2) (Carlson)
39:11 RF Schafer (2) (unassisted)
43:03 RF Morgan (1) (Meghan Pedersen/16 Miranda Pogulis)

2nd half

57:45 RF Olson (3) (Pogulis)
66:21 RF McGuire (1) (Sperstad)
76:04 RF Hawkins (1) (unassisted)
81:35 CSP Steinle (2) (Hartleben)
89:25 RF Schafer (3) (Jensen)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 15 results

River Falls 7, St. Mary's 2	
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Singles

No. 1 Megan Knobloch (RF) Ashley Meschke (SM), 4-6 (4-7), 6-4, (10-4)
No. 2 Leah Baron (RF) defeated Liz Hilke (SM), 6-0, 6-1
No. 3 Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Michele Clarke (SM), 6-2, 6-4
No. 4 Jen Kersten (RF) defeated Becky Newby (SM), 5-7, 6-1, (10-4)
No. 5 Becky Briesse (RF) defeated Annie Harala (SM), 6-0, 6-1
No. 6 Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Lindsay Johnson (SM), 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1 Meschke-Clarke (SM) defeated Knobloch-Baron (RF), 8-6
No. 2 Hilke-Newby (SM) defeated Briesse-VandenHoek (RF), 8-6

No. 3 Weissinger-Kersten (RF) defeated Harala-Johnson (SM), 8-2

Sept. 11 results

River Falls 3, Lawrence 1

Singles

No. 1 Knobloch (RF) defeated Klumpner (L), 6-1, 6-2
No. 2 Baron (RF) defeated Sahar (L), 6-0, 6-1
No. 3 Gammon (L) defeated Weissinger (L), 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-2
No. 4 Kersten (RF) defeated Helms (L), 6-1, 6-2
No. 5 Briesse (RF) defeated Teodoro-Dier (L), 6-0, 6-1
No. 6 VandenHoek (RF) defeated Philbrick-Linzmeier (L), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1 Knobloch-Baron (RF) defeated

Golf

Sept. 7 results

Eau Claire Invite

Team Place: 9th

Individual Scores:

1- UW-RF	Avg 89-99.6 - 188.6
10-Berndt	80-89 - 169
42-Coughlin	83-100- 163
46-Gutzwiller	86-98 - 184
50-Ambers	90-97 - 187
50-VanDyk	90-97 - 187
80-England	105-117 - 222

Cross Country

Sept. 11 results

UM-Duluth Invite

Men

Team place: 3rd of 7
Individual results
4. Zach Vircks, 27:08.5
25. Matt Olson, 29:17.9
31. Bobby Hanson, 29:34
34. Jeremy Olson, 29:37.3
37. Ben Kimse, 29:43.3

Women

Team place: 5th of 9
Individual results
23. Amanda Kozicky, 20:50.3
32. Maria Michaud, 21:18.8
43. Sara Rudesill, 21:45.6
59. Laura Murphy, 22:11.2
62. Erica Berristord, 22:13.9

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Volleyball



Friday at 7 p.m.
at Karges Center

The Falcon's Volleyball team will face UW-Platteville Friday night at Karges Center. The Falcons have only lost one game so far this season, and are looking to open conference play this weekend. The Falcons face tough WIAC competition against nationally ranked competitors

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, Sept. 17

Women's tennis vs. Whitewater, 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Platteville, 7 p.m.
Soccer at Oshkosh, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Volleyball vs. La Crosse, 2 p.m.
Football at Bemidji, 1:30 p.m.
Soccer at Whitewater, 3 p.m.
Cross Country at St. Olaf Invitational, 10 a.m.
Golf at Con.-St. Paul Invitational, TBD

Sunday, Sept. 19

Golf at Con.-St. Paul Invitational, TBD

Monday, Sept. 20

Tennis at Bethel, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Tennis at St. Scholastica, 4 p.m.
Volleyball at Stout, 7 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Zach Vircks
Cross Country



Amy Jensen
Soccer

Zach Vircks finished 4th with a time of 27:08 over an 8,000 meter course on Saturday at Duluth leading the men to a third place finish of seven squads.

Vircks is the team's number one runner and will be competing Saturday at the St. Olaf Invitational.

Amy Jensen scored the winning goal on Friday in overtime at 92:32 to help her team beat Carleton 2-1 and remain undefeated at 5-0. The goal was Jensen's second of the year and she looks to add to her total as the Falcon soccer team travels to Oshkosh Sept. 17.

Brennan named coach of Track and Field Teams

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Martha Brennan has been named men's and women's track and field coach at UW-River Falls.

Brennan has been an assistant track and field coach at Texas A&M University since 1997. There she coached the heptathlon, decathlon, and pole vault competitors. She also served as the camp director and the high school coaches' clinic director.

She worked as a meet director for the Games of Texas 2000 and as an assistant meet director for other large track events like the 2001 Big XII outdoor championships and the 2004 NCAA regional qualifying championships.

She was an assistant track and field coach at the University of Iowa in 1997 where she mentored hurdlers, jumpers, throwers, and multi-event athletes. She was also the team's strength and conditioning coordinator. In

1995 and 1996 she was a graduate assistant at Louisiana State University where she supervised ninth semester students, worked in compliance and assisted the senior women's administrator.

In 1997, Brennan was a member of the USA National track and field team and competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials as a heptathlete in 1996. Brennan was a five-time track and field All-American while competing at the University of South Dakota (1991-1993). She was also a

member of the 1994 and 1995 LSU NCAA national championship winning teams.

Brennan earned her undergraduate degree in mathematics from LSU in 1995. She also earned her master's degree in educational administration in 1996 from LSU and is currently completing her doctorate in educational administration from Texas A&M. She also holds USA Track and Field certification Level I and Level II in the jumps.

Lanning named Assistant Athletic Trainer at UW-River Falls

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Crystal Lanning has been named an assistant athletic trainer at UW-River Falls.

Lanning most recently was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Centre College (Ky.). She trained for the women's volleyball, women's field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming and diving and men's and women's track and field teams. At Winona State University (Minn.) she was a head stu-

dent trainer for the football and women's indoor track and field teams and assisted with the men's basketball, baseball and volleyball teams. She has also been involved in athletic training at St. Mary's University (Minn.), Winona High School and the Gunderson Lutheran Sports Medicine and Community Memorial Hospital, all in Winona.

She has teaching experience at Centre College in personal safety and wellness.

Lanning is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

She earned her undergraduate degree in exercise science with an athletic training specialization at Winona in 2002. She competed with the women's soccer team and was named to the All-NSIC team and to the Verizon District V Academic All-American team. She earned her MS degree in kinesiology and health promotion and an athletic training specialization from the University of Kentucky in 2004.

Lanning will teach classes in the UW-RF health and human performance department.

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year, placing 43rd overall with a time of 21:45.

Incoming freshmen ran promising times as well. Maria Michaud placed 32nd overall,

the second highest of the UW-RF women's team. She finished in 21:18. "Maria placed second in her first college race and I'm excited about that," Glover said.

The Falcons will next run at the St. Olaf Invitational on Saturday in Northfield, Minn. It starts at 10 a.m.

Tennis team off to a perfect start in 2004

Jeanna Campbell
Sports Information

The Falcons won all six singles matches and one out of the three doubles matches en route to a 7-2 win over St. Mary's on Wednesday afternoon.

The Falcons won four out of six singles matches, in a third set super tie-breaker.

The UW-River Falls tennis team began its season by going 3-0 on an eastern Wisconsin road trip.

The Falcons began the trip with a match Sept. 10 against St. Norbert in DePere, Wis. The Falcons picked up a 7-2 victory over the Green Knights. The Falcons won one of the three doubles matches. The No. 1 doubles team of Megan Knobloch and Leah Baron defeated the

Knights in a three set match. Falcon singles went 6-0 against St. Norbert.

The Falcons next stop was at Appleton, Wis., on Sept. 11 to take on Lawrence. In doubles play the Falcons swept the board 3-0 and won five of the six singles matches bringing an 8-1 victory.

The third stop for the Falcons was Madison where the Falcons took on Edgewood. In singles the Falcons went 6-0 and won two of the three doubles matches for an 8-1 win over Edgewood.

"I'm very happy with the first showing, the team has great depth," Falcon head coach Lee Lueck said.

UW-RF will next host their first conference match against UW-Whitewater on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Herrick to assist Falcon Football Coaching staff

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Herrick Named Assistant Football Coach at UW-River Falls

Jamie Herrick has been named as an assistant football coach at UW-River Falls, he will coach the defensive linemen.

Along with his coaching duties, he will teach in the UW-RF health and human performance department and also be the athletic department's strength and conditioning coach.

In the 2003-04 school year he was an assistant track and field coach at St. Mary's University.

While at St. Mary's University he was an assistant director of residence life and lecturer in weight training and sports science.

He was an assistant football coach at UW-RF from 1996-99, in 2000-01 and again in 2003. He coached defensive linemen during those seasons. In 1999 he was a graduate assistant coach at South Dakota State University and helped that team to an 8-3 overall record. He coached linebackers and special teams.

Herrick was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at UW-RF from 1996-99 and again in 2000-01.

He served in the U.S. Army

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Budget problems force delays for campus building projects

Construction costs, U.S. market factors are blamed

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

Two large-scale campus building projects in the works have been temporarily put on hold due to over-budget construction bids that came in this summer.

Over-budget bids for the new Student Center and a new Dairy Learning Center (DLC), which would replace Lab Farm 2, have delayed construction of the Student Center and possibly put the existence of the DLC in jeopardy.

The July bid for the Student Center, a \$28 million project, came in \$5.6 million over budget, said campus planner Dale Braun.

The DLC, a project that has been in the works for about 10 years, is a \$7.4 million project. The August bid for the DLC came in \$2.3 million over, Braun said.

With a new CHILD Center, an apartment-style dorm under construction, and renovation plans underway for the Hunt/Knowles complex and the campus tennis courts, one may wonder why the

Student Center and the DLC are facing such problems.

"It's truly a market factor," Braun said. "The construction industry has changed entirely over the past year."

China is consuming steel and concrete at alarming rates, Braun said, causing the prices of both to skyrocket as the demand constantly exceeds the supply. Steel and concrete prices have more than doubled over the past year, he said.

According to a UW System budget report, Chinese contractors are adding more than 9 billion square feet of housing and commercial buildings this year. Steel and cement will be their primary materials. Much of the cement imported by the United States comes from the same Asian suppliers that stock China. Materials can be shipped to China faster than they can be shipped to the United States, so the United States must offer consistently higher prices than China, according to the report.

Ultimately, there are two forces at work, Braun said the current demand far exceeds supply and, because construction costs on the whole have nearly doubled, funding for both projects just isn't readily available.

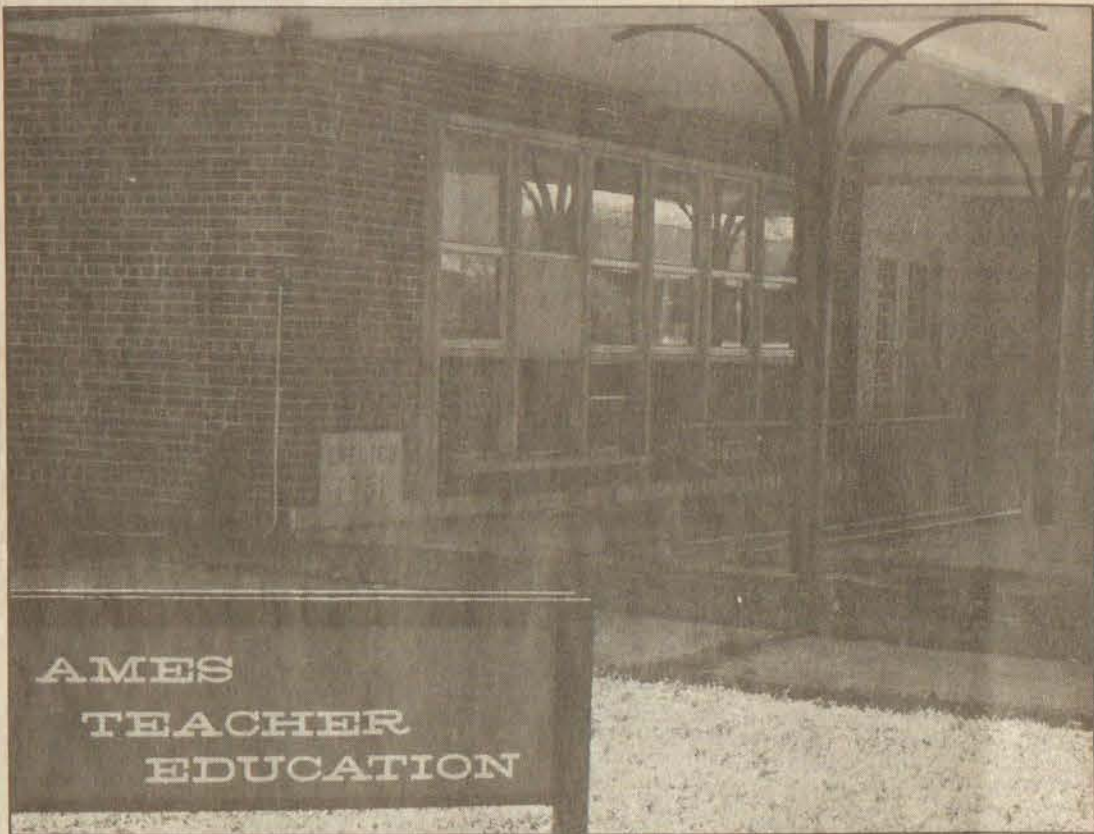


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Construction of the new Student Center will begin at the site of the Ames Teacher Education building which has yet to be demolished. Demolition of the building has been delayed because bids from construction companies have been over budget.

said. "We have to be very flexible."

Braun agrees.

"The Student Union will happen; it's just a matter of what we have to do to make it work," he said. "I can't imagine anything here that would stop it. I think campus commitment is very high."

DAIRY LEARNING CENTER

It may be more difficult to turn the long-awaited DLC into a reality because the main source of funding will be tax-supported state revenue, which may be difficult for UW-River Falls to obtain.

Although Braun said the state of Wisconsin is committed to the project, Steve Ridley, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES), is not as optimistic.

The August bid is the second for the DLC, which was 20 percent over budget the last time, he said. The budget has been revised once already and Ridley said he is pessimistic given the project's history.

"I'm frustrated and disappointed with the whole process," Ridley said.

He said a "string of failures" has delayed any actual work on the facility.

"Even though we were awarded what appeared to be sufficient funds, in both cases the low bids for construction were significantly above the funding levels," Ridley said. "We're still trying, and we can only hope."

Ridley isn't worried about the dairy industry in the state or its progress at UW-RF, however, even if the DLC doesn't become a reality, he's sure that something will be done to improve Lab Farm 2.

"A modern dairy is essential to the continued success of an outstanding academic program, the Dairy Science major," Ridley said. "The hope is that the state of Wisconsin will see this as a valuable project and provide the extra funding."

He said the best-case scenario would be going to bid in January and breaking ground at Mann Valley next summer.

More causes for increased construction costs
Compiled from a UW-System budget report, August 30, 2004

The China Factor
China's remarkable construction boom has resulted in increased costs of cement, steel and lumber in the United States

United States Markets
Low mortgage rates during recent years have increased the number of houses being built

Construction didn't slow down during last year's mild winter, which means suppliers couldn't build up their stocks

Iraq
The United States is now helping build up the nation, which takes time, money and materials in bulk

Transportation Fuel
Freight costs for bulk items like cement have risen between 100 percent and 275 percent in the past year due to the scarcity of ships

Oil prices are currently at record highs, up 57 percent from last year

GAO from Page 1

"Carl was very excited to become an American citizen," Wood said. "It was near the Fourth of July, so we had fireworks and waved American flags."

Gao was born Aug. 31, 1955, in Shengyang, China, to Tian-Cheng Gao and Shu-Fang Li. At a young age, he was chosen to

learn languages for the Chinese diplomatic service, Toman said.

"He had a very interesting life," Toman said. "I know from time to time he thought his trip to America would be worth putting down on paper, at least for himself. His lifelong dream was to become a university professor in the United States."

Gao is survived by his wife, who resides in Woodbury, Minn., his parents, two younger brothers and a sister, all of whom live in China.

According to his wishes, Gao's ashes were spread across the Pacific Ocean, Wood said.

A tree will be planted in his memory at a park in Woodbury, where he called home.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the UW-RF Foundation c/o College of Arts and Sciences, KFA 136, UW-River Falls. Contributions left over from the purchase of the tree will go to the American Cancer Society. A ceremony for the tree planting will be announced at a later date.

CALENDAR from Page 1

finals week straddles a weekend. It starts Wednesday, Dec. 15, and ends Tuesday, Dec. 21.

"The changes to finals week were done entirely because of Labor Day coming late," said Peterson. "This is not intended to be a regular feature of the calendar."

Essentially, the main reason for all of the scheduling changes was due to Labor Day being late in the calendar this year.

"Of the four balanced calendars that have been approved by Faculty Senate (03-04, 04-05, 05-06, and 06-07), this year is the only one that warranted the renaming of days," Peterson said. "Not surprisingly, it coincides with Labor Day being the latest it ever is in the calendar cycle. I would expect that the University will only have renamed days once every seven years when Labor Day falls on September 6."

GARDEN from A1

be the only ones enjoying the garden. Since classes have begun students and faculty have frequented the garden not just to study, but to read, eat lunch, or soak in the sun.

"I look forward to seeing it in 10 years when the plants are grown up," said UW-RF student Matthew Fischer. "I appreciate the variety of plants, and the rocks add a lot."

UW-RF senior Hannah Raatz also took in the aesthetics of the garden while reading a book.

"I know it's new, it's just kind of nice to come and sit," Raatz said.

The final additions to the garden will be added soon with the formal dedication scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16. At the dedication, the garden will be completed when a sculpture and plaque will be placed in the garden. Hoag and most of her family plan to attend the dedication.

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enough help from the federal level," Woodward said. "There's already a budget deficit there with the strain of the war in Iraq and increased defense spending. There's projected education cutbacks in the 05-06 and 06-07 budgets."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., proposed a bill that would have increased the maximum Pell Grant by \$500, but it was voted down in February.

For many students, whether they can afford to go to college depends on whether they can get WHEG and Pell Grants.

"Families from the lower end of the economic scale are being asked to borrow more money for school, but they are the least likely to borrow money. More likely, they will just choose not to go to school," Woodward said. "And lack of education keeps that cycle going."

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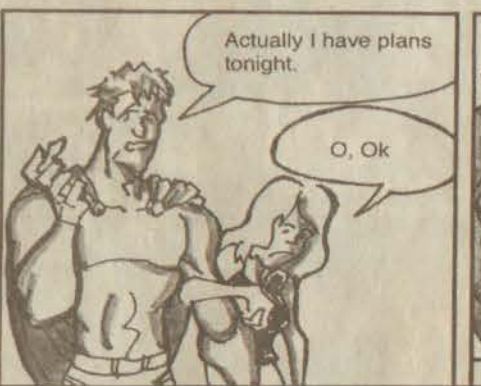
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Comic Strips Of the week

By: Neng Yang



ON BEAT

Folk music for our generation

I'm surprised the good folks at the Student Voice will even allow me to step foot into their offices after two solid years of blaring my music next door at 88.7 WRFW-FM.

My other job as WRFW's Music Director has me swimming through piles of new bums weekly.

It's pretty rare for an album to grab my attention like Romantica's debut album, "It's Your Weakness That I Want" (2024 records). The album has received a total of four Minnesota Music Award nominations including a nod for best new group of the year. "It's Your Weakness That I Want," is a must-have for fans of Wilco, Ryan Adams, The Wallflowers, Nick Drake, and Elvis Costello. Romantica's music is classified as Americana, which is unique considering lead singer Ben Kyle as born and raised in Belfast, Ireland. He moved away from his war-torn birthplace to Minneapolis when he was 13 years old.

With a name like Romantica you could expect a little sappiness, but the hurt feelings are kept to a minimum-sorry "emo" kids, you'll have to keep listening to the dashboard. A majority of Kyle's lyrics are mostly from a narrative perspective. His topics vary from false love, war, bizarre

relationships, changing countries and loneliness. Kyle's lyrics are complex and heavy with seriousness, but his storytelling style of delivery makes it hard to take it all to heart.

When I first listened to "It's Your Weakness That I Want," I thought I was listening to Jakob Dylan's long-lost Irish brother. After a second and third listen, I knew I wasn't giving Ben Kyle the credit he deserved. His vocal range and originality make the

Wallflowers' crooner sound like an amateur. Kyle gets help on the album from a handful of Minneapolis scene legends: Jessie Greene of the Minus 5, The Jayhawks and Wilco fame plays violin on a majority of the album. Kid Dakota himself, Darren Jackson also makes a guest appearance on the first track. With friends like that, it makes it easier to produce a work of beauty.

The album's title comes from the second track on the CD titled "Oscar Wilde." It is an exploration of a relationship that is perfect by TV standards and boring by real life standards. "On My Mind" and "There She Goes" are probably the most pop-friendly songs I've heard in a long time. The album also features two different versions of the same song with "Break I" and "Break II." "Break I" is a solemn, slow-paced, romantic ballad that will cause you to hit the nearest flat surface for a nap, but "Break II" is enough to wake you up, kick you in the ass and get you on the floor. It just reeks of audio caffeine.

Romantica's debut album is the most impressive folk-pop album that I have heard in a long time. Give it a listen or two and see if you can keep yourself from signing along.

You can listen to samples from the album at www.romanticamusic.com. Tune into 88.7 WRFW-FM and support your local music community!

Look in this spot next week when our movie buff puts in his two cents on a new film.

Out 'n' About UW-RF Rodeo



Where: Lab Farm 1
When: Friday and Saturday
Cost: \$5 in advance and \$6 at the gate
The UW-RF Rodeo club presents three rodeo performances; Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the Student Center or in the Agriculture Science building on campus. Students can also call 425-3704 for tickets.

Friday

The Housekeeper

It's a comedy by James Prideaux about a self-styled literary artist man named Manley Carstairs who engages a housekeeper, Annie Dankworth, to look after his large Victorian home (and himself) after the death of his domineering mother.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. running Thursday through Saturday in the Syse Theatre 108 Kleinpell Fine Arts. Students pay \$4 at the door and non-students pay \$7.

Saturday

Kayak the Kinnickinnic

Go kayaking with the KinniConnections and the Leadership Center from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Students will leave from behind Karges. The cost is \$35 dollars a person.

All equipment, including kayaks, life jackets and snacks will be provided. Canoes are available upon request. If you have any questions about the trip at all feel free to stop by or call KinniConnections in the Leadership Center at 425-4911.

Tuesday

Chapter 6, A cappella Group

The Chapter 6 Acappella Group will perform in North Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The group performs a blend of rock, pop jazz and gospel, along with comedy and fun audience interaction. Chapter 6 has opened for Rockapella, appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America", and released two full length CDs.

Wednesday

The Hornheads

The Hornheads are a nationally renowned jazz ensemble who will perform in Abbott Concert Hall at 7 p.m. The jazz ensemble have performed or recorded with artists such as Prince, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and more! This jazz group combines virtuosic improvisation with ensemble work to create a unique musical experience. Students get in free with ID. \$5 for non-students.

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Students fight for table space in what used to be the community study lounge. Due to the shortage of dorm rooms, study lounges were turned into additional living quarters. The cramped conditions leave little room for personal space and makes studying difficult.

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

For most students residing on the UW-River Falls campus, the living situation is what they expected. They came to school knowing that they would be living with one other student in basic 11" by 13" dorm room.

Some students, like sophomore Ashley Mason, 19, feel like they live in a tight situation. Mason lives with four other girls instead of the usual one roommate.

Mason, a transfer student from UW-Eau Claire, is one of 150 students who have to live in temporary housing, set up in study lounges on campus.

"Everything is so crammed," Mason said. "All of us in here can't even watch TV together because there isn't enough room."

Personal space is a problem as well for those who live in temporary housing.

"Some of us don't even have a closet to keep our clothes in," Mason said. "The closet space has to be used for the desk, because there isn't any other

place to put it."

Not all of the students feel the same. Junior Matt Nelson, 21, does not think living in a temporary setting with four other students is much different than having a room with just one other person.

Nelson was not sure if he would be returning to UW-RF, but at the last second he chose to come back to school, so he had to settle for temporary housing.

"Most of the time we aren't all in the room at the same time," Nelson said. "I guess it would probably be better for study habits more than anything if I was in a regular room."

UW-RF does have a reason for offering housing for students, even if some of them have to live in temporary housing for a while.

Residential services director Larry Testa, said the number of no-shows, along with the students who drop out in the first few weeks, are both considered when setting up living situations for students.

"Temporary housing in every RA room or every study lounge was just something that we

wanted to avoid," Testa said. "We did our best to get the numbers where they are now."

In years past, it has been recommended that freshman return to the residential halls for their sophomore years but last year things changed.

"We offered the sophomore class a flier explaining that if they wanted to live off campus we would consider allowing them. With the number of students UW-RF would be welcoming, we needed to look at the big picture," Testa said. "Only two dozen to 30 students took the offer to live off campus."

Freshman staying in the residential halls for a second year wasn't the biggest factor to overcrowding, however.

"The thing that effects temporary housing the most, are the late signers," said Mike Stifter, stu-

dent life facilities director. "This year was definitely a tight year."

Next year, the University does not see the student living as a problem, because of the opening of the South Fork Suites in June 2005.

"The dorms will hold 240 students, which essentially opens room for around 80 more students in the old dorm rooms," Testa said.

Last week UW-RF issued 25 letters to some of the students who were living in temporary housing. The letters let some know they could move to a more desired living situation on campus.

Mason and two of her roommates each got the letter.

"It will be nice to move, even though I'm all settled in," Mason said. "I hope that I am moving in with someone I can get along with."

TOP TEN MISPERCEPTIONS AT UW-RF

10. Ramer lot is just a short walk from campus.
9. UW-RF students drink almost every night.
8. There is never a line at Fredmndy's.
7. Dorms smell nice on every floor.
6. Everyone at UW-RF drinks.
5. You do not need to wear shower shoes in the dorms.
4. UW-RF students drink to get wasted.
3. UW-RF students do not procrastinate with homework.
2. Every student makes it to their 8 am class.
1. Parking is always easy to find.

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In reality, most UW-RF students drink 1-3 drinks per week, if any at all.

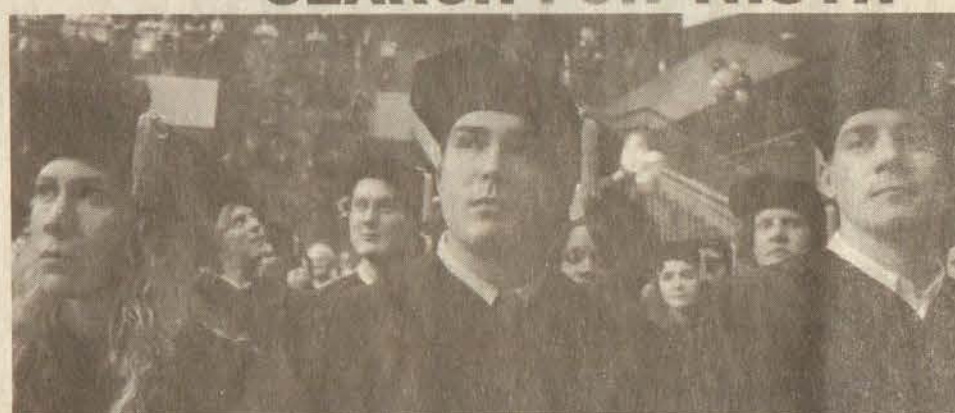


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