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I-Team follow-up finds nothing new

Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

One year later, UW-River Falls students and administrators again watched a WCCO investigative reporter gain access to residence halls, this time despite new security measures.

One year ago, WCCO aired an investigative report criticizing residence hall security at UW-RF, University of Minnesota, Macalester and St. Thomas. During the three-month investigation, the WCCO I-Team gained access to dorms 23 of 24 times, a troubling development for students and administrators alike.

WCCO I-Team reporter, David Schechter said that last year's report was inspired by a string of rapes that occurred at Augsburg and Concordia colleges last fall. After the report aired, each campus involved said they were going to make changes in residence hall security.

Macalester added security screens on windows, St. Thomas installed locks on the shower room in an all-female dorm and the University of Minnesota added security cameras over doors as well as more night staff.

At UW-RF, a 24-hour locked-door policy, a key-card entry system and an alarm system for open doors had already been in the works for the spring semester, 2005, but those were pushed forward in wake of the report.

WCCO did the follow-up story so as to check up on the colleges and to see if they were going to increase security in residence halls like they said they would, according to Schechter.

"Then at the end of the (original) story, Don Shelby said to me 'how do we know that they're going to stay vigilant on this?' and I said 'well we're going to go find out,'" Schechter said. "We told them that we'd be coming."

The schools in the report, including UW-RF, all increased security like they said they would, according to WCCO's report.

"I think there is something to be said for being thorough and going back and looking to see what happened and holding people accountable to what they said they were going to do," Schechter said. "And what we found this time was that the administrations were very serious about making upgrades and all of them did."

Leadership Center coordinator, Terry Willson said he was happy that WCCO came back and did the follow up.

"The administration and University overall, we were pleased. We felt it could have been worse," Willson said. "We thought it wasn't quite as damning this year to River Falls."

What WCCO found wasn't

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New security features that were instituted by the University in wake of the WCCO I-Team report last fall were featured in a follow-up story WCCO did Nov. 16.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Faculty to get pay raise, tuition hike possible

Proposed 5 percent pay raise would be funded by students

Brea Beaudoin
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Students' pocketbooks could soon become a major source of faculty and staff salaries at UW-River Falls.

The UW System Board of Regents approved a system-wide 5 percent pay raise that could result in UW-RF stu-

dents shelling out about \$250, or 5.5 percent, more in tuition each year.

The Board of Regents approved the raise at its Nov. 5 meeting. It will forward its request to the legislature and governor for the '05-'06 biennium. If the state approves the raise, the 5.5 percent tuition hike could go into effect July 1, 2005.

While some people support raising faculty and staff salaries, increasing tuition to cover them is not so warmly received.

"I fully believe that the staff deserves an increase in wages, but I don't think

our tuition should be raised for it," said senior Jeni Ness. "Our tuition is high enough."

Ness worries that consistent tuition hikes could soon turn higher education into a playground for the wealthy, restricting access and damaging career potential for those who aren't as well off.

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada said the likelihood of alleviating students from paying part of the raises is low. She said the recent shortage of state dollars and competing priorities have passed the

bulk of university costs back to students.

"It's kind of like a puzzle," Halada said.

The state budget makes up a small part of the wage picture; student tuition is the piece that holds it together.

"It's just not fair for students to bear the brunt of that," said Stephanie Hilton, President of United Council, a student owned and operated research and advocacy group. "If the state values higher education it needs to be willing to pay for that."

Not everyone employed by the

University would be getting a raise.

Two employee categories exist on campus: unclassified and classified. Only unclassified personnel would get raises. Unclassified employees are faculty and academic staff - professors, administration, program directors, counselors, etc. These people are salaried. Classified staff, those not affected by the raise, include support staff in areas like facilities, custodial and clerical. Classified employees earn an hourly wage.

Career Services director Carmen

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Now accepting Chancellor search bearing fruit hair donations

Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

UW-River Falls may finally be ready to deviate from the holding pattern since the chancellorship was vacated earlier this year.

Teresa Brown, chair of the chancellor search committee, said efforts to find a permanent chancellor for UW-River Falls are moving along as scheduled and the new chancellor may be known as soon as mid-March.

Nov. 18 the committee met and discussed the entire applicant pool, which included a substantial number of "very good" applicants, Brown said. During that meeting, the committee narrowed the pool down to a smaller group of semi-finalists.

"We're not at the point where we can dis-

close anything. All the information is confidential still," Brown said. "We will be interviewing those semi-finalists in two weeks."

Following those interviews, the committee will brief the Board of Regents subcommittee, as well as UW-System President Kevin Reilly, on who the chancellor search committee would like to bring to campus.

"I think that by that point we should have narrowed it down to five or six candidates to bring to campus," Brown said. "We have an excellent pool to choose from and we are very excited about these candidates."

Hopefully the briefs for the Regents and the President should be wrapped up by

Christmas break, Brown said.

Once the recommendations have been made to the regents and Reilly, it will be up to the committee to begin the job of finding the best candidate.

"People can expect candidates to most likely be on campus the first week of February," Brown said.

The committee plans on having its choice for the next UW-RF chancellor announced at the March 11 Board of Regents meeting.

"I don't think we'll have any problem meeting that deadline," Brown said.

The goal of the committee is to have the new chancellor take over after the spring semester, most likely sometime in June or July, Brown said.



Teresa Brown



Submitted photo

Stephanie Winkler donated 11 inches of her hair to Locks of Love which makes wigs for victims of hair-loss.

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

Students often wait eagerly for care packages from home, but care traveled homeward when Stephanie Winkler donated 11 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.

Winkler was stirred by her mother's illness to donate her hair to the non-profit organization that provides hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children who suffer from long-term hair-loss.

Winkler's mother was diag-

nosed with breast cancer last winter while Stephanie was in Scotland, and it deeply affected her.

"I was far from home," Winkler said. "It was depressing."

At the same time Winkler found out, a friend of hers had a brain tumor. Both her mother and friend are all right now, Winkler said, but she wanted to do something to help others.

Winkler had heard about Locks of Love from a friend who had

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Tuition costs could be revamped

Policy could be changed to curb confusion

Sarah Matara
Staff Writer

Special course fees, differential tuition, distance education, remedial courses, reciprocity, service-based pricing and the list goes on. These are all the different types of tuition UW System students pay.

The UW System is in the preliminary stages of a possible integrated tuition plan that would make it easier for UW campuses to understand how tuition is charged.

Mary Halada, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance, said the UW System has been thinking about making a standardized tuition policy all the

campuses could follow.

"We are looking for a more transparent and consistent policy," Halada said. "What we have right now is such a confusing array of tuition policies."

Since this idea is in the planning stages, no one is sure how it would affect students yet, Halada said.

"No one has even talked about this yet," Halada said.

One thing is certain and that is a new policy would be easier to maintain, implement and explain, Halada said.

The current system-wide tuition policy splits tuition into several different categories.

Service-based pricing is the standard used to charge graduate or non-traditional programs of study.

This is a self-sustaining academic program, meaning that students pay per credit and that money is used to pay the faculty.

The money is not mixed in with other institutional money.

There are also different charges for students who live on and off campus concerning meals and residence hall living.

Reciprocity is when neighboring states allow students to go to each other's schools for the same price, as if the student were attending a school in his or her own state. For example, Minnesota students pay about the same as Wisconsin students to attend UW-River Falls.

Differential tuition allows students to vote on programs they would like to see implemented above and beyond the norm. The students then vote to pay more for these services. For example, students might want more help with advising or more guidance in international programs. They would then vote to pay more tuition to have these services.

Halada explains these services

as going further than what regular tuition would pay for.

"Typically these are programs that are historically supported by tuition and tax dollars," Halada said.

UW-RF does not have differential tuition, but has considered it in the past.

There are also different tuition policies for distance education, which includes studying abroad or taking classes off campus.

Different charges apply to remedial courses. A person might take a remedial course if they need extra help in math or reading.

There are also special course fees that show up on school bills. These include anything from paying more for using the bowling alley to buying art supplies for a pottery class.

If the new policy is implement-

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LOCAL

Theater news

Students who have enjoyed watching productions by the University of Wisconsin River Falls Theater and wish to be a part of it on stage can audition on Dec. 6 and 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theater in Kleinpell Fine Arts Center. The show is called "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" written by Neil Simon. It's a comedy showcasing the early years of Simon's stardom. The performances are in March of 2005.

This weekend is also opening weekend for "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol". The show runs from Dec 2-4 and 9-11 at begins at 7:30 p.m. This play is completely student run and is an unusual alternative to Charles Dicken's play. Student prices are \$4 and adults are \$7.

Necklace found

Director of Career Services Carmen Croonquist had lost an heirloom necklace in early November. She offered a reward to anyone who returned it to her. The necklace had tremendous value to her and was spotted by a student working at Java Coast and placed near the cash register. After that the whereabouts were unsure, until it mysteriously reappeared and was returned to Croonquist.

Self-Employment study

Professor of economics John Walker is conducting a study of small business owners that were selected to assist in making suggestions for improvement and economic opportunities in western and central Wisconsin. The study has roots in other places as well. Synergy 2005 is an annual conference which brings together businesses, local governments, and universities in western Wisconsin - including the Wisconsin Idea program that provides community members access the University resources. Participants in the study are eligible for a pair of tickets to the Vikings-Packers match-up on Christmas Eve in Minneapolis.

Open Observatory

The UW-RF Physics department is once again opening the observatory from 8:30-10:30 p.m. on the first clear night of Dec. 6-9. Viewers will be able to see Saturn, the only visible moon or planet that is visible at this time in the whole solar system. Eileen Korenic will kick off the event at 8:30 in room 271 of Centennial Science Hall with the presentation "The Star of Bethlehem". Viewers wishing to see the night sky should dress warmly and also check-in daily at the physics website, www.uwrf.edu/physics/obsviewtime.htm, to ensure viewing sessions.

REGIONAL

Newest form of recruit

Many high school juniors and seniors are nervous about applying to colleges and getting in. Often times they are interested in information that they are not able to obtain in a pamphlet or Web site. They want to know about the things that are unique to that college, not from an educational stand point necessarily, but from a college student's perspective.

One traditional way is to take a student guided tour of the campus before applying. That, however, required traveling to the school which could include overnight accommodations, and other inconveniences for the student and their family. There is hope for a much easier way, however.

The University of Minnesota-Morris has joined in with other nation-wide schools in implementing a program that has students working in the admissions office hosting a chat room for potential students. The high schoolers are invited to join and discuss what is on their mind. In Morris' case there were several meetings, the first of which was more formal and professional, while subsequent ones were looking more and more like a typical online chat-room with Internet jargon. The Internet is a common place for teenagers and makes them a bit more comfortable than a formal telephone call or an in-person meeting.

Back to campus shuttle

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus has a non-university funded shuttle service that transports students back to campus that left on weekends. UW-EC has had three student deaths as a result of drowning and the owner of the Right Way Shuttles, Tom Klatt, hopes to prevent more through the service.

The problem is, however, that the students are not using it. Not much advertising has been attempted, and not many know about it. There is little revenue being gained, so the service that has only been available for a semester will not return if the university does not fund it. It is a controversial issue because UW-La Crosse has a lawsuit that they are dealing with that includes the same type of shuttle service. The Chancellor has not received any official proposal, but suggests it will not be funded due to the controversy.

NATIONAL

Male homecoming queens

The fight for gay-lesbian equal rights is not quarantined to government and congress. It's everywhere. One specific example is all across the United States where high schools and colleges are beginning to eliminate homecoming kings and queens. Instead, these institutions are having "royals" which allows for more than two and not limited to a male king and female queen.

The homosexual community has emerged greatly recently and has heavily sought equality measures. They feel that constricting social norms are not allowing them to express themselves properly.

Many colleges have had the other gender win traditional royalty roles: St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. is one of them. There, senior Fuc Khang ran for queen and won. There was an outrage that swept the city. The papers were flooded with opposition letters. There are other places, such as Vanderbilt University in Nashville, where a male candidate for queen dressed in drag for the game.

A high school in California has had a female king. This student was not a lesbian; she simply did not want to run against her best friend who was running for queen. Both girls won, and neither was gay. As was the case at a Washington university where two females won the crowns because winners receive a scholarship, the student body felt they should not be awarded to people based on gender alone.

There are people who wish to see the tradition say the same while others are open to the looser idea. There are student organizations running for and against it all across the country. Many believe that gender-specifications for anything are becoming obsolete.

New scholarly search engine

Google has put out Google Scholar, a new web search engine that will help academic and scientific researchers. It will examine literature that has been peer-reviewed or published and make it available to the public. This same information has been accessible before, but it was much more difficult to find.

It also will alleviate the chance that material found in the library on research will be outdated. Another advantage over the library is that unlike periodicals there, these can be found and researched right in the home. This is an important quality considering many scientist and students have begun to make Internet searching the primary focus. This will potentially help make things be a more reliable source for the researchers.

The website itself, www.scholar.google.com, is unlike the other Google site because it does not have any advertisements yet. It is anticipated that it will change because of the great opportunity advertising has. Scientists have commented that one ad featuring support or cloning may have a link to information on cloning, and the connection would be like no other.

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Currently, the general education requirements include modern language in the humanities and fine arts category. The new general education requirements do not include modern language in the program. At the Student Senate meeting on Nov. 23, a motion was passed saying that Senate would, "fully support including modern languages in the new general education program," according to the minutes. Also in the text of the motion, Senate expresses that modern language "exposes students to the language, culture, history, art, music, etc." This motion would also support the mission of the UW System Board of Regents Plan 2008 for diversity enhancement.

It was announced at the Nov. 30 meeting of the Student Senate that the Faculty Senate

would be reviewing Student Senate's proposal for considering modern language as a general education requirement at their next meeting.

Also at the Nov. 30 meeting, a motion was introduced to raise the segregated fee to be closer to the other schools in the UW System. The motion made by Adam Koski, finance director and seconded by Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services director proposed that the "segregated university fee administered by LDPB is increased \$5.12 from \$49.63 to \$54.75 per student for the 2005-06 academic year...another \$3 for the 2006-07...\$2 for the 2007-08 academic year." The motion is to be voted on at the next meeting.

In other Senate news:

• Senators will be have tables in the coming weeks offering petitions and letters to be

signed and sent to the governor concerning the budget that he has right now.

• Ad-hoc committee on the structure of the Senate met and discussed ways to recruit and retain Senators as well as comparing the structure to others.

• This week, UW- Milwaukee drew out of United States Student Association (USSA), UW- La Crosse joined and UW- Madison has a referendum deciding whether or not they will stay in.

• The last meeting of the semester will be held as a Student Association meeting where any students are welcome to come and address the Senate on any issue they want to be heard. Cookies and punch will be offered; the meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

• The survey about the proposed grading system is now available to take on D2L.

Health services offer help for relationship problems

Katrina Schmidt

Staff Writer

For many students, college is a time of experiencing a lot of firsts. The first time being away from home, being on his or her own, being away from family and friends, or having a serious girlfriend or boyfriend. It's also a time when many students experience that first serious relationship and learn what a healthy relationship is and isn't.

"I think a healthy relationship involves open communication, trusting each other completely, and also being able to spend time apart and give each other the space needed," said Pamela S. Sojka, who has been in a relationship for the past three years. "I think it is important for people in relationships to have their own friends and interests and to be able to function as separate people, but also as a couple."

According to a handout prepared by Student Health Services titled "Defining Healthy Relationships," a healthy relationship can be defined as a process of individual identity, connectedness and change. Every relationship involves work. Every relationship has conflicts, and ups and downs.

"The fourth most common reason that students come into Student Health Services counseling is to deal with relationships, whether that is a dating relationship or family relationship," said Gretchen Link, senior counselor at Student Health Services, who counsels many students about relationship issues.

According to "Defining Healthy Relationships," there are

many stereotypes people have when it comes to preventing them from having a healthy relationship.

Many people believe stereotypes such as that there is one magic person out there who will meet their needs. Others believe that once they find true love they will feel complete and that if they find that person, they will be able to change him or her. Many even feel they don't deserve anyone or that there isn't anything better out there. Stereotypes like these can essentially block them from having healthy relationships.

"From a developmental prospective, it's normal between ages 18 to 25, or even up to 30,

for people to be sorting out who they are, what they want in terms of career and in terms of relationships, both friendships and dating relationships," Link said. "It's normal to date different people, to really sort out who one wants, and what are the qualities and characteristics, personality type, those kinds of aspects of another person that are going to be the healthiest and enjoyable fit."

There are many pitfalls that young people are often unaware of that may be influencing the relationships they have. People often think they are in healthy relationships when in reality, they are far from it.

Unhealthy relationships can

often involve physical, emotional, sexual or even economic abuse, which is when one partner has control over all economic aspects of the relationship. Unhealthy relationships often are a result of one person having power and control over the other person in the relationship, allowing them to intimidate and even threaten the other person to get what they want.

"When one person controls the other person and there is no independence, and aggressive behavior like yelling or hitting is used to solve problems, I would definitely consider it an unhealthy relationship," said Sojka.

Another issue with relationships many college students deal with is when a relationship ends.

"My concern is that if a dating relationship ends, students are devastated to the max and view it as the end of their world," Link said. "From a counseling perspective, we know it's a very difficult, painful kind of experience, but an important thing that people are going to go through and grow through."

There are many different experiences in relationships that students will encounter during their college careers, as well as with the rest of their lives. Students are encouraged to seek help if they feel they are in an unhealthy situation.

"Tap the support systems that they have in terms of family, friends, counseling, the folks in residential life. There are a lot of different resources that are there for students, and hopefully, if they are having relationship problems, they might be able to utilize these sources," Link said.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Student Health Services offers counseling for students having relationship problems.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Nov. 16

Nathaniel Palmer reported damages (valued at \$600) to his vehicle at 1071 East Cascade Ave.

Jodie L. Ziskovsky and Jacquelyn M. Wateski collided at Second and Walnut Streets. Ziskovsky was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Daniel Vasquez was cited for operating without a valid driver's license.

Nov. 18

Stephanie N. Briggs reported damage to a window at 132 West Johnson St. Ahmed Ahmed was fined \$226 for property damage.

Adam B. Cox was cited for non-registration.

Ahmed Ahmed reported damage to windows at 817 Orange St.

Petronella J. Ytsma reported the theft of a slide projector (valued at \$400), 20 photograph books (valued at \$1,000) and photo paper (valued at \$43). Nicole Eggert left a message on Ytsma's answering machine on Nov. 19 saying that she took the items, "to prove a point." College of Arts and Sciences Dean Gordon Hedahl requested the police records and will make a determination on whether the situation can be handled in-house at the University.

UW-River Falls Public Safety reported damage (valued at \$50) to a window at 120 East Cascade Ave.

Charles E. Barkel was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Nov. 19

Michael J. Rodriguez was fined \$705 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He was also fined \$705 operating a motor vehicle with a prohibitive alcohol content. Rodriguez's blood alcohol content was measured at .15.

Howard M. Squires reported an ID violation at Bo's 'N' Mine. Katlyn L. Kaiser was fined \$164 for an ID violation.

Nov. 20

Vasanti J. Madsen reported the theft a license plate from 1777 Paulson Road.

Melissa N. Sills struck Matthew D.

Nov. 16

Kelliher on the driver's side door on Spruce Street at East Cascade Avenue. Sills was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way from a stop sign.

Nov. 21

Ashley N. Bauer and Vivian B. Hunter collided on South Second Street at East Walnut Street. Bauer was fined \$11.40 for operating left of center.

Andrew J. O'Connell reported damage (valued at \$150) to a car window at 650 South Third Street in M-Lot.

Katherine E. Walin was cited for failure to yield right of way from a sign.

Michael G. Zegar was cited for non-registration.

James I. DeNucci was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Nov. 22

Nancy F. Anderson reported damage to two pop machines at the Student Center.

Police took Mary E. Brubaker to the River Falls Police Department on a St. Croix County warrant for \$75. She immediately paid \$75 and was released.

Angela L. Tomars rear-ended Michael A. Johnson on North Main Street at East Maple Street.

Courtney D. Larson was fined \$288 for second-offense underage consumption at 800 East Cascade Ave. Larson was also taken into custody on a warrant.

Troy E. Bergman was fined \$705 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, \$705 for operating a motor vehicle with a prohibitive alcohol content and \$226 for carrying concealed knives at 800 East Cascade Ave.

Samantha L. Saxton and Jennifer C. Pengra collided on a UW-River Falls service road and Crescent Street.

Jesse M. Ault was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Alfred G. Stumph was cited for speeding.

Nov. 23

Jason M. Fahl was fined \$243 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Nov. 24

Kent Kletcher reported an ID violation at Coach's Bar. Amy V. Olson was fined \$164 for an ID violation.

Nicole E. Kramer started a chain-reaction accident at East Cascade Avenue and South Main Street. Also involved were Connie J. Pechacek and Kelly M. Schiefelbein. Kramer was fined \$89.60 for inattentive driving.

Cory Anderson reported annoying, late-night phone calls at 1450 S. Wasson Lane.

Megan J. King and Stacy M. Blaha collided in an intersection at South Main and West Johnson Streets. King was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way from a stop sign.

Kent C. Kletscher reported an ID violation at Coach's Bar. Megan M. Fitzgerald was fined \$164 for an ID violation.

Frederick G. Bowen was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

Christopher S. Hanson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

Amanda S. Prochazka was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Nov. 26

Amy L. Felberg collided with a deer at Highway 65 and North Main Street.

Nov. 27

Andrew J. Turk collided with Woodrow M. Iverson at North Main Street and County Road MM. Iverson was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way on a left turn.

Nov. 28

Matthew J. Kunes reported the theft of five checks from his dorm room in Johnson Hall. The checks were reportedly made out to Treasure Island Casino for \$325.

Timothy A. Lundin was cited for speeding.

Josh J. Zmrazek was cited for non-registration.

Hamid Tabesh was cited for speeding.

Nov. 29

Leah A. Bruggeman backed into Josh D. Sternhagen while his vehicle was stopped at a traffic light at West Maple and North Main Streets.

Michael R. Phillips was cited for speeding.

Better lighting may offer safety for students

Nick Koecheler
Staff Writer

The same day another pedestrian accident happened on East Cascade Ave., a University official took to the streets to assess whether intersections along the busy street have adequate light at night.

"You're walking along and some lights will go out and then there are spaces on the street where no lights are lit," sophomore Meagan Mecklenburg said.

Recently UW-River Falls facilities engineer Jim Murphy was concerned about the amount of light on campus and in the crosswalks along Cascade Avenue from Oak Street to Eighth Street.

On the night of Nov. 15, campus planner Dale Braun went out using a light meter to measure the lighting on all intersections starting at Sixth and going down to Spruce Street.

Braun was not able to pinpoint which areas were in need of additional lighting due to a faulty light meter. Braun said he will be going out again soon to take new, accurate readings.

"Cascade is one of the better lit roads in the city, but that doesn't mean it doesn't need improvement," city engineer Reid Wronski said.

There is no state law pertaining to light levels on streets. The University is going to be working with the city to reach an agreement on a standard for lighting requirements in River Falls.

"There are too many dark crosswalks," Braun

said. "People need to cross at marked crosswalks."

Wronski also said drivers need to be aware of crosswalks. Drivers must keep in mind that any sidewalk that leads up to a street is considered a crosswalk by law, whether it is marked or not.

State law requires that vehicles must yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, even if they are unmarked.

On Nov. 15, UW-RF Katherine VanSchoonhoven hit Erin Yeakley crossing at Cascade Avenue and Oak Street. Both refused to comment on whether poor lighting was a factor in the accident.

Braun also said if students see a street light that is out or malfunctioning, they can go to the River Falls Municipal Utilities Web site (www.rfmu.org/online_services) and fill out a form that alerts them about a damaged street light.

"No, there isn't enough lighting along Cascade Avenue since I've almost hit people at night when driving," sophomore Rosalie Schaffan said.

Students should practice crossing safety like they learned when they were kids:

- Look both left and right before crossing a street.
- Make sure that any vehicles have come to a complete stop before crossing the intersection.
- Walk only in the designated crosswalks (do not cut out between cars)
- Wear bright or reflective clothing at night so you will be seen.

"Apply the basics," Braun said.



Photo by Eric Ebert

Crossing the street can be dangerous when it is light out and even more dangerous when it is dark. With dark crosswalks around campus people need to take precaution when crossing the street.

Conference discusses gender roles in society

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Staff Writer

Empowering UW System students to achieve lifelong leadership roles through knowledge and experience was the goal of this year's United Council's Women's Leadership Conference held in Green Bay, Nov. 19-21.

Attended by more than 200 women and men, the conference, entitled "Engaging Women: Changing the Face of Leadership Through Civic Involvement," attracted speakers who addressed issues that encourage women to take control of their lives and to make safe and strong decisions regarding relationships, health concerns and political issues.

The purpose of the conference was to create a greater awareness of issues and a drive to bring about change on campuses statewide.

Numerous workshops were offered at the conference. Workshop topics ranged from body image to eco-feminism, lobbying to sexual assault policies on campus, and women in politics to men being allies to women.

"It was a tremendously successful event," said Vicki Bomben, executive director, United Council of UW Students.

The Conference provided an important and necessary networking system for all UW System students, particularly for female students. This is impor-

tant because, despite being a majority on campus, women are still underrepresented in positions of leadership on campuses across the state, Bomben said.

"Of the 13 four-year institutions in the UW-System, only UW-Madison has a female president of its Student Government Association," Bomben said.

Although women are 51 percent of the population, they constitute less than 25 percent of high-level elected officials, said Kendra Plant, Student Senate women's initiative director.

Plant said she was especially impressed with speaker Angela Russell, policy director of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, who spoke about the status of women in Wisconsin and how they compared nationally.

Russell said Wisconsin women didn't fare well, especially in the areas of political participation, employment and earnings, social and economic autonomy and reproduction health and well being.

"There were no A's or B's on this state's national report card," Russell said.

Consequently, it is important for all UW System students to learn how issues such as women entering "nontraditional" fields of study and the number of sexual assaults on campus affect women differently and disproportionately, Bomben said.

Plant agrees UW System students need a better understanding about the issues women face

on college campuses.

"It is important for the UW-River Falls Student Senate to have communication with other schools in the UW System so we know what other schools are working on," Plant said.

And that requires the participation and effort of all students, both women and men.

"Men are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Women's Leadership Conference because women's political, social and economic equality can't be reached without the support of both men and women," Plant said.

The conference workshops offered insights on issues from broader gender perspectives. The conference offers opportunities to look at men and masculinity and how society's gender roles impact people of all genders, including transgender people, Bomben said.

Plant said the United Council is an important and strong representative voice for all students. Students should make an effort to get involved.

"Each person who attends a United Council Conference comes away with a unique experience," Plant said.

Plant said the Conference was an educational experience.

"Clarifying issues that impact students, learning new things, networking and building coalitions with students and presenters from across the state and the country are important to me," Plant said.

Corrections

• In the article "Protect Car for Winter Weather" in the last issue of the *Student Voice* Mari Cook was listed as a marketing communication major but she is an English major.

• In the article "3 state FFA officer resign amid allegations of alcohol consumption" in the last issue of the *Student Voice* FFA was referred to as Future Farmers of America. This is incorrect, the correct name of the organization is the National FFA Organization.

Students shorten winter break, increase studying

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

As many students count down the days until the end of fall semester, other students and professors are getting prepared for January Term. J-Term this year starts on Dec. 27 and runs through Jan. 21, offering classes to meet general education requirements as well as opportunities to study abroad.

For students, J-Term can be an opportunity to take some extra classes with the goal of graduating early or just catching up on credits so they can graduate on time. But there's the trade-off of giving up your break during the month of January, which many students use to earn money, visit family or just re-charge their batteries.

Stephanie Greene, a freshman elementary education major, has decided not to take a J-Term course, and her reasons echo those of many students.

"I'm not taking any classes because I need to work during J-term, and also I want to be with my family during that time," Greene said.

More than 40 courses are being offered that meet general educa-

tion requirements in areas such as business, art, psychology, marketing communications and physical education. The classes are offered during four weeks, with sessions being held from early morning to mid afternoon.

"I think that is a lot of stuff to learn in just a few weeks," Greene said.

Charles Rader, a geography professor who teaches J-term courses, said fitting a semester's worth of material into a month isn't a problem.

"It isn't really an issue. There's the same number of contact hours," Rader said. "Sometimes the material is covered more efficiently, since with a three-hour class replacing three one-hour blocks one does not have to do as much resetting the stage for the material and getting class going."

Rader said students haven't had trouble academically in J-term courses when compared to fall or spring courses.

"In the courses that I've taught during J-Term, the grades have been statistically the same as those taught during the semester," Rader said. "Many times the grades are slightly higher, and my thoughts are that the stu-

dents that commit to a J-term class are somewhat more motivated and concentrate more on the class."

There are several study abroad opportunities for students during J-term. Travel destinations this year include Egypt, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and two locations in Mexico. Most trips are two weeks in duration.

Rader feels there are ups and downs to taking a course during J-term.

"The ups are the ability to concentrate and work intensively on one course without the distraction of other courses. This makes both the students and faculty more focused. Smaller classes are typical and generally there is better student-faculty contact," Rader said. "The downs are if you miss a day of class as a student you've essentially missed a whole week. If you aren't motivated or if you are working too much it can be fairly stressful. Faculty and students often don't get a chance to recharge and rest during J-Term."

Students interested in registering for J-term can do so at www.uwrf.edu/jterm.

Dairyland ambassador visits agriculture class

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Wisconsin is known for its dairy industry, but it has many other agricultural industries that many people don't know about.

Betsy Francoeur, 57th Alice in Dairyland, talked to students in Agricultural Communications (Agricultural Education 110) about the importance of agriculture in Wisconsin.

Francoeur feels that an important aspect of her job is getting people to realize how important the agricultural industry is.

Alice in Dairyland is a contest that people participate in to be Wisconsin's agricultural ambassador. Participants are judged on their communication skills and how effectively they can communicate agricultural topics to people. Participants must give television and radio interviews as well as a written speech. The participant that does the best in all of these areas is crowned Alice in Dairyland.

"I feel that my job isn't finished until everyone realizes that agriculture is a \$50 billion industry in Wisconsin," Francoeur said.

She explained that of this \$50 billion, \$20.6 billion is from the dairy industry, while the remaining amount is from all the other agricultural industries in Wisconsin. Some of these industries include mink, cranberry, ginseng and swine production.

One of Francoeur's goals is to help people realize how vital agriculture is to our economy. She said with more than 420,000 jobs in agricultural fields, agriculture plays an important role in our society and people must make sure to support/buy Wisconsin agricultural products.

Tamia Trulson, academic staff lecturer, invites Alice in Dairyland to come to her class each semester to tell students about agriculture and share the importance of communication skills with

her students.

"I have Alice come in late in the semester in the communication class because we have covered communication by then," Trulson said.

Francoeur talked about the different types of communication she uses in her job. These range from writing columns and press releases to doing television and radio interviews.

Francoeur gave the class tips on how to effectively communicate with the media.

Francoeur said one of the ways she prepares for her interviews is to research agricultural topics that are in the news and understand what is going on. She stressed the importance of doing research before interviews so she is prepared for whatever questions might arise.

Francoeur shared some of tips with the class on how to answer tough questions that have a negative connotation.

"If they're saying bad words about you, never repeat [the words]," Francoeur said. "Speak with what you know, tell your answer. Don't try to speak for other people."

Francoeur said an important part of her job is to always communicate the positive aspects of agriculture. Many times, she said, people want to focus on the negatives, but she always tries to add a positive spin to the situation.

Trulson wanted students to see that the communications skills they are learning in class will be useful in the future.

"Let the students know that what they are taught in class will be what they are doing in life," Trulson said.

Trulson said that students must be able to communicate effectively when it comes to getting a job. This includes being able to write a resume and cover letter and being able to verbally communicate during an interview.



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EDITORIAL

‘Moo U’ needs to lead push to save agricultural land

Agricultural land is being destroyed across the state to build new houses and highways every year.

Being that this college is known as Moo U and is located in America's Dairyland, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that agriculture is an important part of Wisconsin's society and economy.

Agricultural land is being used to put up new housing developments across Wisconsin.

This is an issue right here in River Falls. The University is in negotiations with a developer to make a land swap and if the swap occurred about 100 acres of prime agricultural land would be lost to a probable city expansion.

The swap will probably occur and the chance for the University to teach by example and stand up for agriculture will be lost.

This University teaches the importance of agricultural land, but when the opportunity comes for them to take a stand and protect some of the state's agricultural land it rolls over.

The land that would be traded would be from Lab Farm 2. The lab farm would most likely gain land, but at what cost?

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for them to take a stand and protect some of the state's agricultural land they roll over. While new developments are being made with new house, old houses sit empty and are taking away prime agricultural land. Once these houses are built, the agricultural land is gone and can no longer be used for farming or other agricultural practices.

People move to the rural areas to get away from the urban setting, but still want to have all the conveniences of big city life. Once a development is created the area is no longer a rural area, it is just an expansion of the city.

With a growing population houses need to be built and highways need to be created to accommodate these people at least that is what some people say.

However, if the population is growing more food will need to be produced with less land. If nobody takes a stand and the agricultural land keeps disappearing, it may be hard to produce enough food.

Once this land is destroyed it will be too late to decide that the agricultural land is more important than the conveniences of living in a 'rural' area or getting to a destination 30 minutes quicker.

Agriculture is an important part of the Wisconsin economy, pumping in more than \$50 billion into the economy and someone needs to start protecting the land the agricultural industry depends on. Without agricultural land, the agricultural industry may diminish which means less food being produced and less money being pumped into the economy.

SPRING 2005 TOP EDITORS



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He will be in charge of the content of the Student Voice, including news articles, features, sports coverage and opinion writing. The staff writers and columnists will report to him. He will also be the contact for story ideas.



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Columnist's 'rites' are just plain wrong

Mike Sonn, if you were my son, I'd have you in a detox program stat! Your "Road Tripping" story states that you'd been drinking before you got behind the wheel, stocked the car well and drove to several taverns where you drank some more. Designated driver? Hope so, but you don't indicate there was. Your "rite of passage" stories imply that you think these activities are "rites of passage to adulthood." Reality check, Mike: they are "rites back to childhood", where you don't have to take responsibility for your own health and safety (or that of others) and you do not have the resources within yourself to get high on life. Have you ever seen the results of a really bad car accident? Where you look down to see your bones protruding from your limbs, your father's chest crushed by the steering wheel, your sister's face pulverized beyond recognition, your mother's head cracked open like an egg? The two who survived that accident spent years in a living hell of trauma and disability. Would you want to do that to someone's family or perhaps paralyze yourself for life?

If anyone who reads this has issues with alcohol or thinks getting wasted is cool, smart or "on the cutting edge," get help! You have serious issues. Forget your "rites of passage" Mike and just start living right. It would be a loss to have to craft future stories about how the jaws of life got you out of a wreck or about the neat people you met in prison.

Linda M. Alvarez
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Staff's ethics reveal hypocrisy

Portions of the November 19th edition of the Student Voice were clearly written by student writers on power trips from the leadership positions they were allowed. The Viewpoints theme appeared to be ethical journal-

ism, as it was routinely expressed by the editorial staff. However, writers failed to be consistent in their efforts to provide the truth.

In the WCCO follow-up editorial, the staff was quick to judge the WCCO I-Team as "unethical" because an undercover photojournalist lied to obtain access to a UWRF residence hall. Let me remind you that it is important in journalism as well as public safety to look beyond the words and see the intentions of these reporters, who were clearly attempting to show the lack of safety on college campuses.

Assistant Editor Rachel Gaynor also claimed her morality when stating, "I am above that because I believe in ethics and reporting the truth." Miss Gaynor's ethics were absent only a few paragraphs before as she assaulted those of us who choose not to drink on a weekly basis, claiming we sit in the corner by ourselves, pee our pants with excitement for class to begin, and have little to no social life. It represents extremely poor judgment on behalf of the staff to appoint Rachel Gaynor to a leadership position, let alone to allow her offensive judgments and closed-minded attitude to be printed. It is apparent through her ridiculous commentary that she is above no one.

To remain consistent with the theme of ethical journalism, I would also like to make a note to the editorial staff. It is illegal to "raise up your glass" while you "put on your seatbelt" and, of course, "light up that bowl." So, as long as you remain critics who claim to be concerned with ethics, don't check yours at the door.

Helen Clarke
Student

University does make attempts to curb drinking

I was happy to see the Student Voice take on the issue of alcohol use on campus in the October 29th Editorial and in a November 18th column. However, I was disappointed in the lack of research conducted to see what efforts there are on campus. I also take exception to

our data collection methods.

There are a variety of efforts underway to address drinking on this campus. For example, the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Coalition meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in Rodli 139. A 21st Birthday Card is sent to students turning 21, letters are sent to all new incoming students and their parents on alcohol rates on campus, consequences, and the role alcohol plays in academics. A Student Guide to Partying Safer has been developed (by students) for freshmen and sophomore students, a simulated House Party event is held in the fall, marketing and promoting data on actual alcohol use on campus through ads in the Student Voice, posters in residence halls, and through out campus bulletin boards. A Campus Sexual Assault Task Force also meets on a monthly basis. There are also services available on campus through Student Health and Counseling Services for students struggling with alcohol and other drug issues, alcohol assessments are offered for students through Kinnic Falls Alcohol-Drug Abuse Services.

We are not "shutting our eyes to the fact that college students do consume alcohol in unsafe and massive quantities". Studies have shown that college students who drink heavily are more likely to engage in higher risk activities like unplanned and unprotected sexual activity, damage property, and commit sexual assaults when compared with students who do not binge drink.

Regarding our advertisements, I have not been able to find where we say "nobody drinks" and "Most UW-RF students don't drink." We say "Most UW-RF students drink 0-3 drinks per week" in our ads. Our data supports this statement with 60% of our students drinking between 0-3 drinks per week. Does this mean some students drink more than this? Of course it does. We are not 'lying' to students regarding use of alcohol on this campus rather we are educating students on their own alcohol usage patterns because students still over estimate how often and how much their fellow students drink alcohol (as shown in the November 19th article). This is called taking a Social Norms approach which states

that our behavior is influenced by incorrect perceptions of how other members of our social groups think and act. To find out more go to www.social-norms.org.

The data we use was collected via random sample of students in classroom settings. We worked with the UW-RF Institutional Research Office to choose classes that resembled the make up of the student body on campus. We would be happy to discuss the entire process of determining our sample and sharing our data.

I would appreciate it if the Editorial Board of the Voice would take a bit of time to research an issue before commenting and base your opinion on fact and not speculation.

Keven Syverson
Health Education Coordinator
UW-RF Student Health
Services

WCCO subject grateful for campus support

Many of you out there saw me as the feature of the WCCO report on dorm security. Many of you have written letters and made calls to WCCO on my behalf - thank you so much. I cannot express how deeply your support and concern has touched me.

To my supervisors in the Leadership Center who trust and believe in me - thanks for your support.

To Kris Evans who has been very concerned about the unethical way in which WCCO handled their undercover "investigation," - I say thank you for the time you've put into this situation.

To my fellow hall managers, the resident assistants, student senators, residents and my dearest friends - thank you, thank you, thank you. I couldn't have handled this situation so well without each of you.

And finally, thank you to the editors of the Student Voice for calling the report what it was — "shoddy journalism."

Amanda Clemmer
Student



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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Nothing shows the hypocrisy of conservatives in this country more than their obsession with guns and the death penalty, while supposedly being the "pro-life" party that derives its values from the Bible. There's nothing in the Bible that says "thou shall not abort or honor thy firearms," but there are passages stating "judge not lest ye be judged" and "thou shall not kill."

Regardless of your religious faith, or lack thereof, common sense dictates that it makes no sense to spend your life freaking out about abortion while cheering when juries hand down death penalties. Maybe the pro-life movement is there to make sure there are enough fetuses being carried to term to replace the lives ended

by born-again executioners like President Bush. There has been death penalty cases later discovered to have been a result of a guilty verdict that should've been innocent. Some would say "mistakes happen." But if you truly value life, one mistaken death is one too many. There was also a time when conservatives valued fiscal responsibility. On that note, it costs more to deliver the death penalty than to put someone away for life in prison.

TWO SIDES OF The death penalty

First off, despite what abolitionists will tell you, there is no evidence to conclude that any innocent person has been put to death. None. This is accomplished through the court of appeals and DNA testing.

Secondly, the death penalty serves as a social deterrent. "From 1995 to 2000," "executions averaged 71 per year, a 21,000 percent increase over the 1966-1980 period. The murder rate dropped from a high of 10.2 (per 100,000) in 1980 to 5.7 in 1999. The murder rate

is now at its lowest level since 1966," says Dudley Sharp of Justice for All, a criminal justice reform group.

Third, abolitionists will argue that it is cheaper to keep a murderer in jail his/her entire life, which in dollar amounts is true. But life has no dollar amount. Dawud Mu' Min was supposed to serve a 48 year term for a 1973 murder when he escaped from road work detail to rob a small shop (making four dollars) and while in the process he killed the storekeeper. If Mu' Min had been put to death, he would not have been able to kill again.

If none of those work for you, you can always go back to "eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth."

The final column: Embracing the 'Seinfeld' blueprint, '90s memories

The last column. As I contemplated the melodrama and sophomoric hackery that surrounded the prospect of writing my final column for the Voice, I eventually grew tired. Because let's face it - it's pretty much all been done before: the top 10 list, the Andy Rooney free-association rant, the obituary, the "senior's wisdom. And like John Nash in "A Beautiful Mind," I was beginning to go schizo in my own search for an original idea.

Then I thought I could be topical. I thought maybe I could talk about how politeness goes a long way in the north woods of Wisconsin between people of different cultures, especially when firearms are involved. You know, simple things like not trespassing and - subsequently - not surrounding and cursing

out trespassers on your property. I hate to be the one to say it, but maybe the old NRA slogan declaring "An armed society is a polite society" may actually be true.

Man, how times change. I remember when I defended the



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other side of that argument for an hour against a former cop (and the new father-in-law, no less). He tried handling me with kid gloves and quoted Winston Churchill's famous line, saying, "If you're not liberal by the time you're 20 you have no heart; if you're not conservative by the time you're 30 you have no brain."

Touché, father of the bride, touché.

And now that 30 is creeping up on me like it's driving a bored-out Mustang, I guess I should begin rethinking my life. Not!

Not? Did I just say "not" - as if I was somehow locked in a spirited tête-à-tête somewhere in Wayne's World? Christ, I can date myself sometimes. And that worries me.

See, I sometimes fret that I'm becoming a creature of the Nineties. I'm the loser who still sits outside the record store at midnight for the latest Pearl Jam release. I still think Goldeneye on the N64 is the coolest video game ever. I inadvertently say things like "That's totally money," and, on occasion, have been known to imitate the Rob the Copy Machine Guy from Saturday Night Live.

I think I'm the guy Y2K forgot about.

But I still have a few of my faculties with me, things I've learned over the past few years.

Things like how attending class can equal a jump in your GPA. Novel, eh? And getting to know instructors? Sheesh - if I had grasped that concept 10 years ago, I'd have saved myself thousands in college loans.

Among other things.

As a person I've learned a lot more, but it's not my job to pass along sage wisdom. You folks have plenty of time to flub up, learn from it and move on all by yourselves.

Me, I'm no guru, just a guy who can't wait to see UW-River Falls in my rear view mirror. I'm gonna take that long-awaited walk, graciously accept my diploma from Virgil Nylander and head straight to the bar.

All I ask is that someone put in a wake-up call for me the following Monday, because I'll still have one exam left. If someone could start my car for me too, that'd be swell. But don't touch my mirrors.

See, I want outta here.

Family, corporate values at odds during holidays

We eat Easy Mac and Ramen noodles. We put \$5 worth of gas in our cars when it's running on fumes. We eat at the dollar menu at McDonalds. We scrap money together with roommates to get pizza specials. We drink plain Kool-Aid because there is no sugar. We are poor college students.

It is engraved in us. We must pay high tuition costs, and must try to pay for these costs by whatever means necessary. We take out loans, receive grants or scholarships, and/or help from parents or by working.

The whole work thing in a small college town is quite interesting. It's called having many willing workers and not many jobs. The jobs that are here, however, relish in the fact that they can pay college students meager wages and stick them with horrible hours.

A guy I know had the privilege of working this Thanksgiving. He was thrilled to do such a thing. He loved the fact that he could accommodate the limited amount of people who went into the store, and in turn not be able to be with his family.

It was also, he said, not too bad because of the enormous wage. He thoroughly enjoyed working his shift on the holiday, and appreciated the comments made to him by customers.

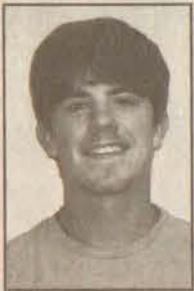
"Wow, you guys are open. I can't believe it," said one customer.

"We are because you're in the damn store," thought the guy.

Did those customers even realize what they were saying?

He worked his shift and then came back to the ghost town of River Falls. He feasted, by himself, on a triple-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich. There were no lights on at the places that are usually full of life, and that was as it should be. Students were back home with their families eating turkey, chatting about this and that, and maybe even watching some football. During that time the guy was at a register wondering why the people walking through the doors weren't doing those things, but then he wondered why he was there.

He was working for his little wage, on a day of thanks, to pay his bills, for a corporation that



NELS THORESON

employees, but rather the profit of being open on that day. Good old corporate America placing profit above family and its employees. That is heart-warming. The lowest one on the totem pole works the hours for a small wage, time and a half was only from 4 p.m. through 10 p.m., while the corporate offices were closed. They, the ones who make the money, were not at work, but with their families. Yet another heart-warming thought.

The same guy, on the day of thanks, looked on the wall and saw his name with a shift on Christmas Day. It was time for him to take a stand. There were many more things important to him than making the little wage on that day. He, unlike the corporation, placed other priorities above money.

He handed in his two-week notice, and would somehow figure out how to get the funds necessary to eat the Easy Mac and Ramen, to get \$5 in his gas tank, a burger or pizza, and a glass of Kool-Aid.

He'll figure it out though, and if worse comes to worse, he said, "I'll just pitch a tent and live off the fat of the land."

They, the ones who make the money, were not at work, but with their families.

Spiteful Dems' barbs classless, foolish

Now that Bush is guaranteed four more years in office everyone is trying to tell him and other Republicans they need to heal the nation so it is not so divided. While I agree that the nation has been divided, I don't think Republicans are the only ones who should do the mending.

Those in the limelight left have done much more to divide this country. Jennifer Aniston fired off an intellectual zinger when she called Bush a "f---ing idiot," Sandra Bernhard, who never met a coke line she didn't like, claims "the real terrorist threats are George W. Bush and his band of brown-shirted thugs," and Whoopi Goldberg makes tired jokes about W's last name that would have been funny if everyone had not heard them already at a drunken frat party four years ago.

How about an apology? Mike Webb, a liberal talk show host in Seattle, suggested we would be better off with Bush and Rumsfeld getting the electric chair. To be fair he did apologize on his Web log, but only after a quick visit from the feds for threatening the president.

The Saint Petersburg Democratic Club in Florida ran a commercial that was as taste-



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less as it was stupid. The narrator starts in and says, "And then there's Rumsfeld who said we have our good days and our bad days [in Iraq]." The narrator continues by saying "We should put this S.O.B. against the wall and say 'this ones for the bad days,' and pull the trigger."

If you're still confused as to who is in the wrong I am sure Barbara Streisand, the Queen of the limelight left, clears it all up by saying, "It used to be in politics that there was a certain amount of class and eloquence. The debate was civilized even though there were strong disagreements over deeply important questions. But, as usual, the Republicans have resorted to name calling and mean-spiritedness." She's right, that whole Bush administration is a f---ing idiot, shooting Rumsfeld thing isn't mean at all and absolutely screams class and eloquence.

Oddly enough classy and eloquent are the only words that come to mind when I think of Advocates for Choice.

Before the election the Advocates for Choice started an "ad campaign" (a term I use loosely) that pushed us to vote for Kerry, and the slogan they went with was "my bush doesn't start wars." Classy. I can't remember my penis ever starting so

mush as skirmish, whom should I vote for then?

Better yet, the other banner that hung in the Student Center was the ever so eloquent "Vote with your vagina!" A statement so eloquent it would make Shakespeare jealous. It's an absolute shock that this slogan wasn't picked up by the Kerry campaign. "Hope is on the way" just seems like a Bazooka Joe jingle when compared to the thought of "Kerry Edwards. Vote with your vagina" signs in every yard. Kerry would have won for sure.

Now, I have no intentions of belittling the Advocates' work because I am sure they worked hard to get out the vagina vote. It does, however, seem bizarre to call Bush a liar, a f---ing idiot and a moron before the election, then, after badly losing the election, demand that Bush reach across the aisle and help liberals.

Lets face it. Bush doesn't really have to mend any fences or help any liberals. He is not up for re-election and the GOP has control of the House and Senate. In spite of all that - he will reach across the aisle. I know it will happen because when he says he is going to do something, he does it. Hands down, game over. He said he was going to Iraq if Saddam didn't bail - he did. He said he was going to root out those who downed our towers - he did. And if he says he will extend an open palm to liberals - he will.

Government should focus on poor seeing food - not seafood

In a nod to his "fiscal conservatism," President Bush is expected to sign a \$388 billion spending package that has been approved by Congress. This spending bill is a new glaring example of what is wrong with our national priorities and just how awry our Congress has gone. This bill includes \$1 million for a welcome center in my old town of Enumclaw, Wash. Also in this garbage bill was another \$1 million for a "Wild American Shrimp Initiative." This prompted Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to stand on the Senate floor and say, "I am hoping that the appropriators could explain to me why we need \$1 million for this - are American shrimp

so unruly and lacking initiative? Why does the U.S. taxpayer need to fund this 'no shrimp left behind act'?"

While our Congressmen and Senators are spending millions of dollars on shrimp initiatives and ways to make baby food out of salmon, and our defense department wastes billions on projects such as Reagan's failed "star wars" missile defense idea, there are families struggling to put food on the table. There are people working 50-hour work weeks and still below the poverty line.



BRIAN HOGENSON

There are 45 million Americans without health insurance, while pharmaceutical companies make billions. And there are children attending school in condemned buildings.

As Americans, if we truly love our country, we need to look ourselves in the mirror. We can't ignore the problems that face our generation and pass those burdens on to future generations.

We can't ignore the mothers struggling to raise their children on a minimum wage that hasn't been increased since

1997. We can't turn a blind eye to the inner city elementary school student who learned from her history book that we may someday beat the Soviets to the moon.

Not only is it an embarrassment that the richest nation in the world has 45 million of its citizens lacking health insurance, it's wrong. If we're going to preach morals and family values, it's time we begin valuing families. If we're going to tell our children that if they're willing to work hard in school they can fulfill their dreams, then we need to give all our children an opportunity for a good education, regardless of whether they're born in a gated

communities, or born in the projects.

Robert Kennedy said, "There are children in the Mississippi Delta whose bellies are swollen with hunger ... These conditions are not confined to rural Mississippi. They exist in dark tenements in Washington, D.C., within sight of the Capitol, in Harlem, in South Side Chicago, in Watts. There are children in each of these areas who have never been to school, never seen a doctor or a dentist. There are children who have never heard conversation in their homes, never read or even seen a book."

That was 1968. It's 2004. It's about time we got our priorities straight.

Is marijuana a problem among students at UW-RF?



Kerry Anderson, junior
"Not that I know of. It could be, but I haven't heard of anything."



Jim Magolski, sophomore
"Yeah. There's a lot of social influence at house parties. It's a social problem."



Jackie Eckblad, senior
"I don't think it's a problem as long as people are safe about it."



Ian Zwadlo, sophomore
"I don't think so. I'd say it's not a problem. I haven't really seen anything."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Men's basketball crushed in WIAC opener

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team (3-2, 0-1) dropped its first WIAC contest at UW-Stout (2-2, 1-0), 83-43. River Falls played tough in the first half, shooting 31.0 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from three-point land. In the first half, the Falcons held the advantage in turnovers 10-8, but Stout held a 30-27 lead, thanks to 41.4 percent shooting overall.

The second half was a completely different story. UW-RF just couldn't shoot, while Stout caught fire outscoring the Falcons 53-16. The Blue Devils shot 76 percent, 19-25 from the field and 70 percent, 7-10, from beyond the arc along with only missing one of nine free throws.

Not all of the Stout second half performance was on the offensive end. The Blue Devils forced 12 second-half turnovers and held the Falcons to 20.8 percent shooting overall, 5-24, and only allowed one three pointer, 1-11.

For the game, UW-RF shot 26.4 percent, 14-53, from the field; 4-18 for 22.2 percent from

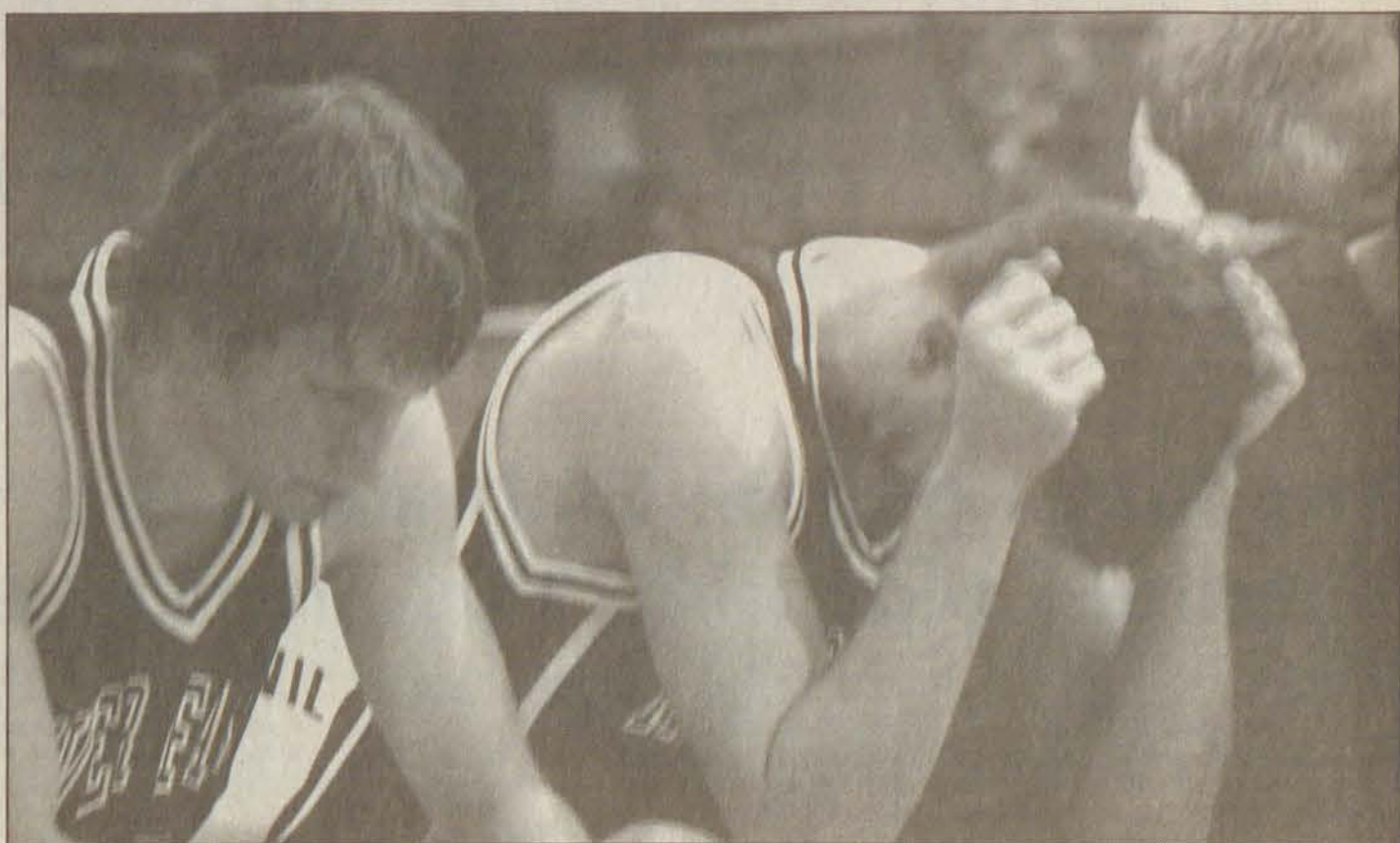
three; and 11-16 from the line for 68.8 percent. Stout finished shooting 31-54 overall, 57.4 percent, while knocking down 11-24 from deep, 45.8 percent, and making all but one of 11 free throws. The Blue Devils dominated the glass 40-24 and forced 20 Falcon turnovers to their 18.

Senior forward Jeff Holt led UW-RF with 11 points. None of the other Falcons scored in double figures. The next highest point total was seven by sophomore guard Hans Hoeg. Holt and Hoeg each had a team-high four rebounds and freshman point guard Ryan Thompson led UW-RF with three assists.

The Falcons won two straight home games last week, on Tuesday 62-59 over St. Johns and 81-73 on Saturday over Macalester College. The Falcons played OK in the two wins but not what UW-RF head coach Rick Bowen wants.

"We didn't play well, we just played good enough to win, but I was pleased with the last three or four minutes of each ball game," Bowen said.

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Teammates sit in disbelief as they fall to UW-Stout 83-43. The Falcons men's basketball was out shot by UW-Stout 53-16 in the second half.

Photo by Corey Hargreaves

Bethel hands men's hockey first loss of 2004-05 season

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team did something a few weeks ago it had not done all season; it lost a game. Going in to the week as the No. 2 team in the nation, the Falcons seemed to be flying high, but they ran into a Bethel team that's been playing extremely well. The Falcons bounced back the following night against a struggling Hamline team.

"I think we've been looking past some of our opponents. We started believing we are better than we really are," head coach Steve Freeman said.

On Friday night, the Falcons welcomed the Bethel Royals to Hunt Arena. The Royals came into the game as the surprise of the young season, already earning wins against UW-Stevens Point and Lake Forest. The Falcons controlled the puck for most of the game, outshooting the Royals 32-18, but they were unable to get anything by Bethel goalie Dustin Thompson.

Senior Josh Schlipp scored the Falcons only goal early in the second period. The Royal's second goal, the eventual game winner, came off a Falcon

turnover in the neutral zone. Despite a good effort from junior goalie Andy Scanlon, with 16 saves, the Falcons lost 2-1.

"Our goaltending was decent, but we need to score more than one goal to win the game," Freeman said. "We need to play more physical and create more turnovers. We also had way too many neutral zone turnovers ourselves."

On Saturday night, the Falcons came out looking like a different team. The passing was more crisp, they were getting to the puck and they were actually finishing on the offensive end. The Falcons once again controlled the puck for most of the game, outshooting Hamline 41-17. The Falcons got goals from junior Aaron Degerness, senior Garrett Larson, and freshman Wade Harstad and Matt Jackson in the 5-2 victory.

Junior goalie Dan Meneghin improved his record to 4-0-0 with a solid night including 15 saves. The Falcons went 1-6 on the power play, but got two goals immediately after the power-play had ended. Harstad also added a short-handed goal for the Falcons.

"We played a lot more aggressively. We played with a lot

more passion," said Freeman.

The UW-RF men's hockey team will kick off their conference slate this weekend on the road. The Falcons will start out on Friday night with a trip to UW-Eau Claire (7-3-0), and then continue on to UW-Stevens Point on Saturday night for a game with the Pointers (4-3-1). The Falcons are currently ranked No. 5 in the country and are among the favorites to win the conference.

The Falcons and Blugolds already hooked up this year during the non-conference schedule, with UW-RF winning 6-1 at Hunt Arena.

The Blugolds, however, come into the game riding a six-game winning streak, including victories against St. Olaf and Augsburg. Last year the two teams faced off four times, with the Falcons winning three.

UW-Stevens Point has been playing well this year, but have been the victim of a tough schedule. The Pointers received votes in early season polls but ran into a rough streak. They have had some big wins against UW-Eau Claire and Augsburg. Last year the Falcons went 2-1 against the Pointers.

Back on campus, athletes work off Thanksgiving meals

Thanksgiving was a time to spend with family, eat lots of turkey and relax. However, if you're an athlete, things aren't easy.

I guess you can say athletes get ripped off during holidays because when everybody else is relaxing, the athletes are in the gym, field, arena or natatorium getting ready for their next performance.

When it came to Thanksgiving, we had four days off but not the athletes. They get Thanksgiving off, then it's back to school for practice and a game on Saturday. When it comes to winter the athletes only get about a week or so off until they are back at school competing.

I guess we have it better than the pros, though, because you get no break for Thanksgiving if you play for the Dallas Cowboys, Detroit Lions, or their opponents. In the NFL, Thanksgiving is a big football day and athletes are forced to play football instead of spending time with their families. Well, I guess they aren't really forced because they did make the decision to play pro football. So, if you Falcon athletes think you have it bad, then just look at the pros they get no time off. So, if you are thinking about going to the pros, then just remember there is no time off for the holidays.

But anyway, back to Falcons athletes. While everybody was off at home working, hunting or just sitting around, the men and women basketball players were on the court Saturday.

I guess not having a break paid off either that or the Falcons were playing with a lot of anger that they didn't have the weekend off because both teams were victorious as the men beat Macalester College 81-73 and the women beat Northwestern 59-51.

Being a former athlete, I should know that sometimes not having time off is good because you can retain a good shape when you have time off you are usually rusty because you haven't played in a while. I know we usually want a little break, but sometimes just a day or so is good enough and the men's and women's basketball teams proved that a few days off don't hurt.

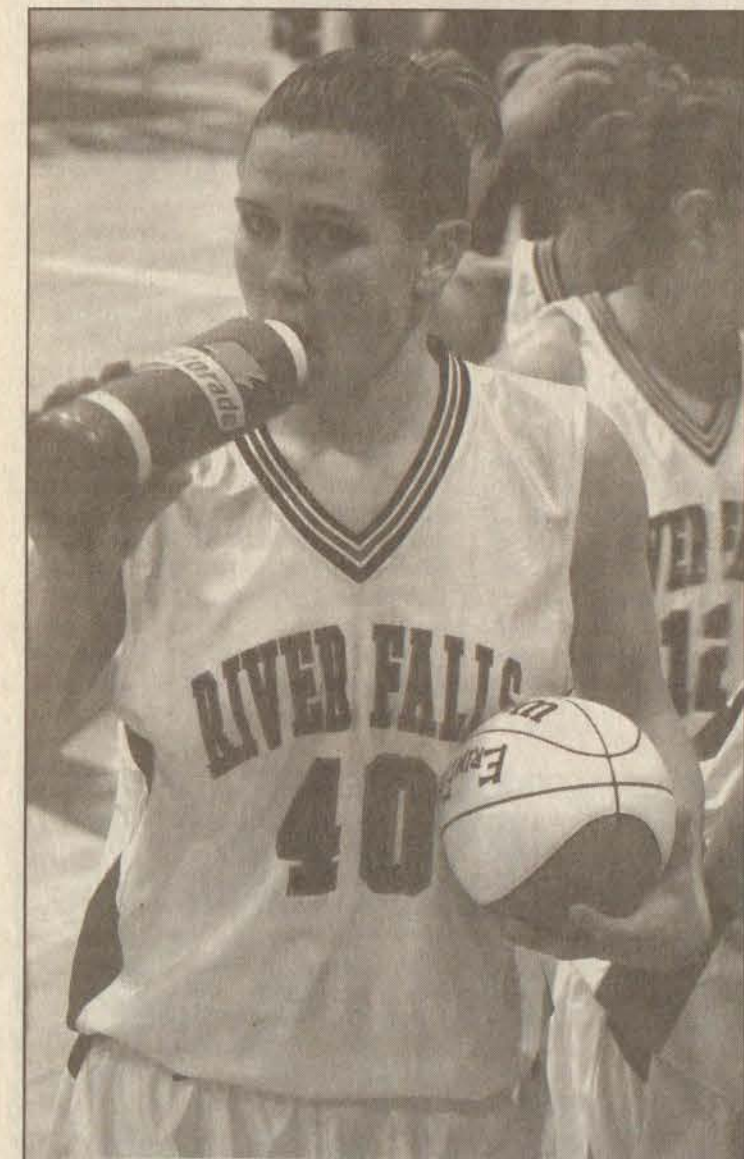
So the next time a holiday rolls around and you are sitting on your butt watching TV and relaxing and wishing you had a longer break, just think of the athletes who are already back at school practicing, training and competing. So, if they have a bad game and lose, then don't give them a hard time. Give them a break because they never get much of one.



LUCAS POKORNY

Keep up the support for Falcon athletics

Women's basketball opens WIAC play by defeating Stout 77-61



Senior Erin Effle stands with her basketball after the team's victory over Hamline on Nov. 29. During this game, Effle earned her 500th career rebound and was awarded the basketball for her accomplishment.

Effle earns 500th rebound milestone in victory over Hamline

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

Sophomore Megan Lindman came off the bench to score 20 points and lead the Falcons (4-1, 1-0) to a 77-61 win over Stout (5-1, 0-1) in their first game of the WIAC season.

Senior Erin Effle scored 14, pulled down eight rebounds and blocked four shots in 22 minutes and Sophomore Chantele Melgaard scored 19 points, hitting 3-5 from behind the arc, she also led the Falcons with five steals.

Effle leads the team in scoring and rebounding with 12.8 and 8 respectively.

The Falcons never trailed. Stout tied the game at 9-9 with 15:23 remaining in the first half, but they never came closer than two points down for the rest of the game.

The Falcons biggest lead was 20 with only a minute left in the game.

The Falcons led at the half 34-26 behind 48% shooting from the floor, including 71% from three point range. Melgaard was 3-3 in the first half from downtown.

The Falcons finished shooting 47% from the floor and 50% from three. Stout shot 35% from the field and 47% from three. The Falcons forced 27 turnovers for the Blue Devils.

Sophomore Melanie Preiner finished with 5 steals for the Falcons; she leads the team in steals with 3.6 per game.

Effle grabbed her 500th career rebound and scored 17 points in leading the Falcons to a 72-68 win over Hamline on Monday night at Karges Center.

The Falcons relinquished a nine point lead in the first half to fall behind 30-28 at halftime.

With 4:55 remaining the Falcons fell behind 62-55 before Forward Traci Reimann scored seven consecutive points to tie the score at 62-62 with only 3:10 remaining. Melgaard hit both of her free throws with 32 seconds on the clock to put the Falcons up for good. Melgaard finished 8-10 from the free throw line and scored 11 points.

Reimann finished the game with 9 points and 10 rebounds. Miranda Biteler was 4-8 from behind the arc and finished with 16 points. Melanie Preiner played a very balanced game, with 5 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists, 6 steals and no turnovers.

The Falcons next play at Viterbo in Lacrosse on Saturday night. The game tips off at 7 p.m.

Women's hockey still going strong

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team, ranked 10 in the nation, had a great win when they defeated Augsburg University, 5-3.

Lindsay O'Keefe started out the scoring with an assist from Lou Paulson. Jenny Wallace had the next goal with some help from Leah Baron and Kelly Hurley, then Hurley made a goal of her own with another assist from Baron. Kristen Juven came in with the fourth goal and her first one for the season with assists from Kacie Anderson and Paulson giving her second assist for the night.

The fifth goal came from Paulson who made an unassisted goal with two Falcons in the penalty box. Coach Joe Cranston commented that Paulson's 5-3 goal was "unbelievable, it was the first time I had ever seen that happen!"

Marlene Yaeger was the goalie for the night defending all 60 minutes and making 27 saves.

The team took on Finlandia in a weekend doubleheader on Nov. 20-21.

It was a victory for the Falcons, but it would be a poorly played one.

"This was our worst game all year," head coach Joe Cranston said. "We weren't ready, and it's up to the team to be focused for tomorrow's game."

The Falcons came out slow in the first period, but Amy Bruggeman started the scoring with a goal at 12:51, with assists from Kelly Snedeker and Kelly

Jensen. Hurley slammed in another goal at 14:17 with some help from Jenna Scanlon.

It was one goal for each team in the second period when Finlandia came out right away to score at 3:43, but the Falcons answered with a goal at 4:49 from Lou Paulson with assists by O'Keefe and Juven.

Scoring came late in the third period, with Jensen scoring at 7:42 with assists from Snedeker and Bruggeman and with 34 seconds left in the game Finlandia would get in one last score to finish the game.

Amber Lindner protected the goal all 60 minutes and had 12 saves on 14 shots.

The Falcons had trouble finding shooting opportunities and only came up with eight shots in the first period, 13 in the second, and 10 in the third. It was enough, however, to outshoot the Lions 31-14.

The Falcons came out stronger in Sunday's game when they were able to find the shooting opportunities they couldn't find on Saturday. They more than doubled the Lion's shots, 45-20.

Scoring came late again when it was Paulson who made the first goal at 13:19 with assists from Juven and Emily Niernhausen. The Falcons didn't score again until 11:01 into the second period and it was Hurley making the play with some help from Jenny Wallace and Baron.

The third period started out strong for the Falcons when O'Keefe scored on an unassisted power play, just 57 seconds into

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball
WIAC Standings

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

Nov. 30

UW-River Falls.....	27 16 - 43
UW-Stout.....	30 53 - 83

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assist.-Steals)

Holt 11-4-0-0, Thompson 3-2-3-1,	
Torrez 6-2-1-0, Hoeg 7-4-0-0,	
Lucarevic 3-3-2-1, Kossoris 3-0-0-1,	
Cowley 0-1-1-1, Haag 2-1-0-1, Hall 0-0-	
0-1, Pearson 0-0-0-1, Maas 3-2-1-0,	
Kelly 5-3-0-1, Marchand 0-0-0-0,	
Coffman 0-1-0-0, Zylstra 0-0-0-0,	
Rondeau 0-0-0-0	

Nov. 27

Macalester College.....	35 38 - 73
UW-River Falls.....	32 49 - 81

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assist.-Steals)

Holt 32-6-2-2, Thompson 2-1-4-2,	
Torrez 14-2-5-1, Hoeg 18-5-0-2,	
Lucarevic 6-6-1-2, Kossoris 25-2-1-1,	
Hall 0-1-0-3, Maas 2-1-0-0, Kelly 0-1-	
0-0, Marchand 6-2-2-0, Coffman 0-3-1-	
0	

Nov. 23

St. John's.....	23 36 - 59
UW-River Falls.....	25 37 - 62

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assist.-Steals)

Thompson 4-2-0-1, Torrez 14-2-5-1,	
Holt 16-5-0-1, Hoeg 7-0-1-2, Lucarevic	
13-8-1-0, Kossoris 7-0-1-0, Hall 0-2-0-0,	
Maas 0-2-0-1, Coffman 0-1-0-0	

Women's Basketball
WIAC Standings

Eau Claire (5-0)	0-0
Stout (5-0)	0-0
Oshkosh (4-0)	0-0
La Crosse (4-1)	0-0

Stevens Point (4-1)	0-0
River Falls (3-1)	0-0
Platteville (2-1)	0-0
Whitewater (3-2)	0-0
UW-Superior (1-3)	0-0

Nov. 29

Hamline University.....	30 38 - 68
UW-River Falls.....	28 44 - 72

Biteler 16-2-0-1, Preiner 5-5-5-6,	
Sorenson 0-1-0-1, Reimann 9-10-1-1,	
Effle 17-9-1-3, Astedt 8-4-1-1,	
Melgaard 11-5-0-2, Sticha 0-1-0-0,	
Cordes 0-1-1-0, Lindman 6-9-0-1	

Nov. 27

River Falls.....	28 31 - 59
Northwestern.....	34 17 - 51

Biteler 4-1-1-1, Preiner 10-1-3-3,	
Sorenson 7-2-1-5, Reimann 1-4-0-0,	
Effle 12-10-2-3, Astedt 0-1-0-0,	
Melgaard 2-0-0-2, Sticha 10-2-0-0,	
Cordes 3-1-0-0, Lindman 10-9-0-	
3, Marquardt 0-0-0-1	

Nov. 23

River Falls.....	28 31 - 59
Northwestern.....	34 17 - 51

Biteler 4-1-1-1, Preiner 10-1-3-3,	
Sorenson 7-2-1-5, Reimann 1-4-0-0,	
Effle 12-10-2-3, Astedt 0-1-0-0,	
Melgaard 2-0-0-2, Sticha 10-2-0-0,	
Cordes 3-1-0-0, Lindman 10-9-0-	
3, Marquardt 0-0-0-1	

Men's Hockey
NCHA Standings

UW-Superior (5-0-2)	0-0
St. Norbert (7-2-1)	0-0
River Falls (5-1-2)	0-0
UW-Eau Claire (7-3-0)	0-0
UW-Stout (7-3-1)	0-0
UW-Stevens Point (4-3-1)	0-0
Lake Forest (4-4-1)	0-0
St. Scholastica (3-3-1)	0-0

Nov. 20 results

Hamline University..	1 0 1 - 2
UW-River Falls.....	2 2 1 - 5

1st period

02:37 (pp) RF - Degerness (5)	
(Larson/Dahl)	

08:23 RF - Jackson (2) (Dwyer/Sikich)	
18:17 (pp) HML - Taragel (3)	
(Gustafson/Forconi)	

2nd period

05:54 RF - Larson (7)	
(Degerness/Dahl)	
10:00 (sh) RF - Harstad (1) (Lalande)	

Third period

11:08 RF - Jackson (3) (Lalande)	
19:32 (pp) HML - Manke (4)	
(Wagner/Morawiecki)	

Nov. 19 results

Bethel University...	1 1 0 - 2
UW-River Falls.....	0 1 0 - 1

1st period

06:23 BETH - Tramm (1)	
(Bonner/Ornell)	

2nd period

05:25 RF - Schliipp (3) (Jackson/Sikich)	
18:29 BETH - Matuszewski (2)	
(Birch/Kramer)	

3rd period

(no score)	
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Women's Hockey
NCHA Standings

River Falls (6-2-0)	2-0-0
UW-Stevens Point (4-0-0)	1-0-0
UW-Eau Claire (3-2-1)	0-0-1
Lake Forest (3-2-3)	0-1-1
UW-Superior (4-1-1)	0-0-0
Finlandia (0-6-0)	0-2-0

Nov. 23 results

UW-River Falls.....	0 3 2 - 5
Augsburg College..	1 2 0 - 3

1st period

01:20 AUG - LeBlanc (1) (unassisted)	
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2nd period

03:19 RF - O'Keefe (6) (Paulson)	
05:18 AUG - Cookson (6) (Kleewein,	
Chezick)	

3rd period

10:13 RF - Wallace (4) (Baron/Hurley)	
15:47 (pp) AUG - Velenchenko (2)	
(Pennington, Chezick)	

Nov. 21 results

Finlandia University	0 0 1 - 1
UW-River Falls.....	1 1 3 - 5

Nov. 21 results

Finlandia University	0 0 1 - 1
UW-River Falls.....	1 1 3 - 5

1st period

13:19 RF - Paulson (2)	
(Juven/Nierenhausen)	

2nd period

11:01 RF - Hurley (5) (Baron/Wallace)	
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3rd period

00:57 (pp) RF - O'Keefe (4) (unassist-	
ed)	
09:58 RF - Paulson (3) (unassistrd)	
12:46 RF - O'Keefe (5)	
(Nierenhausen)	

19:05 (pp) FNLW - Beauchamp (1)	
(O'Brien/Waisanen)	

Nov. 20 results

Finlandia University	0 1 1 - 2
UW-River Falls.....	2 1 1 - 4

1st period

12:51 RF - Bruggeman (2)	
(Snedeker/Jensen)	
14:17 RF - Hurley (4) (Scanlon)	

2nd period

FU - O'Brien (1) (Syrowik)	
03:43 RF - Lou Paulson (1)	
O'Keefe/Juven)	

3rd period

17:42 RF - Jensen (4)	
(Snedeker/Bruggeman)	
19:26 FU - Sleik 2 (Emmi/Syrowik)	

Swimming

Nov. 21 results

WIAC Relays

Men

Team place: 6th of 6

Individual results:

Falcon top finishers

(place, name, event- time)	
5. UWRF, 300 Back relay- 3:17.59	
5. UWRF, 400 free relay- 3:38.54	

Women

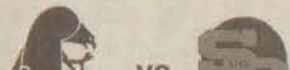
Team place: 5th of 6

Individual results:

Top Falcon finishers	
(place, name, event- time)	
3. UWRF, 300 back relay- 3:16.1	
4. UWRF, 400 medly relay- 4:25.6	

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Basketball



UW-RF vs Stevens Point

7 p.m. Dec. 7

at Karges

The Falcons will play host to their first WIAC game of the year against undefeated Stevens Point. The Falcons won their last meeting with Stevens Point 70-59. The team will be put to the test against Jack Bennett and his team, where they return to Karges Center as 2003-04 Div. III basketball national champions.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Thursday, Dec. 2

Swimming at St. Thomas, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Women's Hockey vs. Lake Forest, 7:05 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Women's Hockey vs. Robert Morris, 2:05 p.m.

Men's Hockey at Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming at St. Mary's Invitational, 9 a.m.

Women's Basketball at Viterbo, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Men's Basketball vs. Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Women's Basketball vs. Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS

Eric Kossoris
BasketballErin Effle
Basketball

Sophomore Eric Kossoris came off the bench and scored all 19 of his points in the second half in the win over Macalester. In the game he was 7-11 from the field, including 3-4 from three-point range and 2-2 at the line.

Senior Erin Effle collected her 500th career rebound as a Falcon on Monday's 72-68 victory. Effle had nine rebounds against Hamline as well as 17 points to lead the Falcons to a victory. Effle leads the team with 40 rebounds.

Men's swim team shows strength at relays in Eau Claire

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The men's and women's swim teams competed Saturday at the WIAC Relays held in Eau Claire. The men placed sixth and the women placed fifth.

The top finishing relay for the women was the 300 back, consisting of Maggie Olson, Kelly Deters and Danielle Cesare and finishing in third place (3:16.1).

Another top finish was the 400 free relay, of Laura Schultz,

Cesare, Jamie Hatch and Deters, finishing in fourth at 3:56.24.

"We went into the meet having trained very hard the week before," head coach Bill Henderson said. "I knew times would not be season bests though there were some. We got a good look at Oshkosh and Eau Claire and that will come in handy at the WIAC Champs. Overall, I felt [the women] swam well."

A top finish for the men was the 400 free relay, of Chad Goetsch,

Ryan Hawke, Tom Fritchen and Ryan Smaagard, finishing in fifth with a time of 3:38.54. Also placing fifth was the 300 back relay, of Hawke, Dan Kessenich and Fritchen (3:17.59).

"I'm very pleased with the progress of [the men's] team," Henderson said. "The new guys showed some definite improvement, and the vets stepped up for a good effort at a tough meet."

Catch the next Falcons swim meet starting at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at St. Thomas.

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the period. Paulson went solo to make her second goal for the night at 9:58 and O'Keefe finished up the scoring for the Falcons by netting her second goal of the night at 12:46 with an assist from Bergh. With only 55 seconds left in the game Finlandia once again managed to get one goal by senior goalie Marlene Yaeager.

Cranston was pleased with his team's performance.

"We played really well today and were mentally prepared," Cranston said. "This is our first game of three good periods."

BASKETBALL
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The Falcons combined to outscore both opponents 19-8 in the last four minutes of each game.

The Johnnies and Falcons played an even game where the largest lead of the night was seven points (36-29) for UW-RF with just over 16 minutes left in the game. With one second left in the game UW-RF sophomore guard Eric Kossoris hit his first clutch shot of the week as he put in a lay up while being fouled and made the free throw to give the Falcons a 62-59 win.

River Falls couldn't find the shooting touch versus the Johnnies, shooting 36.7 percent from the field (18-49) and 28.0 percent from beyond the arc (7-25).

For the Falcons, Holt had a game high 16 points, senior guard Dan Torrez had 14, and junior center Muris Lucarevic

had 13 to go with his team-high eight rebounds and two blocks. Torrez also led River Falls with two assists. Hoeg led the Falcons with two steals.

Against Macalester it was a story of two halves. The Scots took a 35-32 lead into the half thanks to 55.6 percent three point shooting. River Falls only shot 34.4 percent overall in the first but shot 58.1 percent from the field and 53.8 percent from beyond the arc in the second half to outscore the Scots 49-38 in the second half.

River Falls came out of the gates ready, hitting its first four shots to jump out to a 9-2 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

UW-RF worked its way back in the second half and with the game tied and 2:03 on the clock Kossoris buried a jumper to give the Falcons a two-point lead.

The trading of baskets stopped as the Falcon defense stopped Macalester from tying the score

on its next possession. That set up the Falcons to let the play clock tick down to single digits and with 39 seconds on the game clock Kossoris pulled up from just inside the top of the key with a defender on him a buried a long jumper to put UW-RF up by four and give Kossoris his second game-clinching shot of the week. Hoeg and Torrez would each make two free throws to ice the 81-73 victory. The Falcons were led by Holt's 20 points and Kossoris's 19. Two other Falcons finished in double figures, Hoeg had 13 and Torrez had 12 to go with his team-high five assists. Lucarevic led UW-RF with six rebounds, two blocks and two steals. Holt and Thompson also had two steals each.

"Very simply we won two games that we could have lost," Bowen said to sum up the week.

River Falls returns to the Karges Center for a Dec. 7 match up with the UW-Stevens Point Pointers. Tip off will be at 7 p.m.

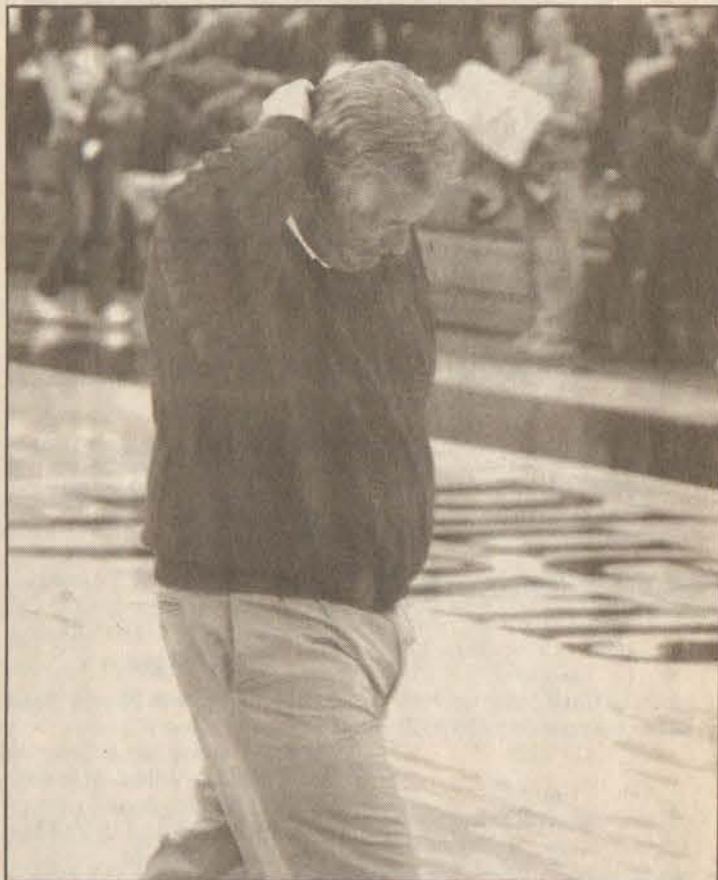


Photo by Corey Hargreaves
Men's basketball head coach Rick Bowen walks off the court frustrated after the loss to UW-Stout in the Nov. 30 match. Bowen looks to find a way to take his new-look Falcons to the next level during this rebuilding season.

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UW-RF joins global recognition of AIDS day

Jonathan Majak
Staff Writer

AIDS is the equal opportunity killer. It does not care about a person's age, race, gender, sexual orientation or creed. It will set up shop and kill you whether you're black or white, rich or poor, gay or straight, religious or atheist and whether you live on the West or East Coast. In fact, AIDS has marched across the world in viral version of total war.

UW-River Falls has joined the fight against AIDS with Student Health Services, Student Senate, Amnesty International, and the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) working together for World AIDS Day.

World AIDS Day is a global event that began in 1988 and happens annually every Dec. 1 with

organizations ranging from the American Red Cross to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) trying to get the word out about the damage being done by AIDS and what can be done to prevent the further spread.

According to the American Red Cross, since the first cases of AIDS in the early 1980s, 25 million people have died from complications due to AIDS, and more than 40 million people are currently living with AIDS worldwide.

In the United States, AIDS has a devastating affect albeit to a lesser degree compared to places like Africa. According to the AIDS Hotline, there have been more than 800,000 reported AIDS cases since 1981 and roughly 460,000 deaths due to complications from AIDS.

With Student Health Services, Amnesty International, Student Senate, and GSA banding

together, UW-RF students received a wealth of information this World AIDS Day.

Tables were set up with informational packages with pamphlets about all of the common questions about AIDS. There were also red ribbons-the ribbon for AIDS awareness-that students could pick up and pin to their jackets or backpacks.

Over the chatter of conversations and the noise of people chewing food, Student Health Services health intern Liz Ablett, Student Senator Katie Leisch, and Women's Issues Director for Student Senate Kendra Plant took turns reading facts about the spread of AIDS and what could be done to prevent it during a two hour open mic lunch in Brandy's.

All of this was done to inform UW-RF students that the danger of AIDS is closer than they might have previously believed.

"People should be made aware, since it's estimated that one in 500 college students have HIV," Diversity Issues Director for Student Senate Georgia Wagner said.

Even the movie channel was used to get the message out with the Oscar-winning film "Philadelphia" being played and discussion guides were sent out to resident assistants who wanted to talk with their residents about the movie.

With such concerted efforts to get the word out about AIDS and its effects, there have been inroads made.

In Wisconsin, according to Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, new cases of HIV have been on the decline since the start of the late 1990s.

For more information about World AIDS Day, visit www.worldaidsday.org.

WCCO from Page 1

news at all. In fact, their results from the follow-up story were exactly the same as the results in the original story that aired a year ago. Students, not campus security measures, were the problem.

"We wondered why it was so easy for us to get in," Schechter said. "Then we sort of struck back on this issue that students let people in."

According to the report, most times that WCCO gained access, they did it by "tailgating," a process by which people follow students through the main entrance of the residence hall.

Provost Ginny Coombs said security

measures can only go so far.

"I don't know how you fix responsibility in students," Coombs said. "You can't do it with money. There is no point to a more high-powered entry system when the students can hold the door open. Students have to take some responsibility for not allowing just anyone to follow them in the door or to allow people in without proper identification."

Willson agreed, saying that educating students on security is the most important thing that the University can do in order to upgrade security in residence halls on campus.

"In our education efforts, we'll probably show both tapes next fall," Willson said.

Coombs suggests that educating students may be a very difficult undertaking.

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Provost

In the report, Parker Hall Manager, Amanda Clemmer was shown on camera letting the WCCO photographer into the dorm. The photographer, which

WCCO admitted, lied to gain access, saying that he was with the Student Elections Committee and was interested in putting up posters.

"Other than WCCO, nobody really tried to get into the buildings," Clemmer said. "It's never really been a problem and that is what is frustrating. They scare people."

Clemmer said after the story aired, administrators and students expressed support in how she handled the situation.

"She did make an error allowing him out of his sight for a short time period, but basically we think she acted properly," Willson said.

The biggest problem people on campus have had, which WCCO alludes to in its story, is the fact that they lied to

gain access into the residence halls at all of the campuses they visited.

"They admitted that they lied to get this to work," Coombs said. "The fact that they chose to be duplicitous, no, I don't like that at all, but I don't have much power to do anything to change their investigating tactics."

Willson voiced similar concerns regarding the specific tactics used to gain access.

"You could question the journalism, but overall I think it was fair," Willson said.

WCCO said that it was necessary to lie in the report.

"Sometimes we told a lie," Schechter said. "Figuring that is what someone with bad intentions would do."

TUITION from Page 1

ed, then tuition will be split into two categories: regular credit instruction and other credit programming.

Regular credit instruction would cover the fees charged per credit, plus differential tuition and special course fees.

Other credit programming would include distance educa-

tion, studying abroad and other various categories.

Halada said another issue that needs to be discussed is collaborative programs between universities. Right now, UW-Eau Claire and UW-RF students take education courses at either University.

Halada will meet with the other UW System chief budget officers in December to discuss the possibility of this plan. The chancellors will meet in January to discuss it.

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CLEARING THE WAY FOR CHANGE

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The Ames Teacher Education building has been demolished, aside from heaps of rubble that remain where Ames once stood. Destruction of Ames took an extended period of time because of asbestos fears. The new Student Union will be built upon the grounds where Ames once stood.



LOVE from Page 1

donated a few years ago and decided donating her long brown hair was the way she wanted to help others.

Winkler found out from the program's Web site at www.locksoflove.org that a minimum 10 inches of clean hair, in a braid or ponytail, could be mailed directly to Locks of Love, or she could have it cut at a participating salon, such as Great Clips in River Falls, which would mail it for her.

On Nov. 5, a day the biology major didn't have any classes, Winkler went to Hairworks in River Falls to have the hair that had covered the length of her back cut to above her shoulders.

"I had to go by myself," Winkler said. "It was kind of scary."

The stylist measured 11 inches of Winkler's hair and showed her the length of hair to be cut to be sure she still wanted to go through with it. After Winkler assured the stylist that she did, Winkler's hair was braided into a single braid and cut.

When Winkler was finished, she couldn't wait to show someone her big change. Winkler went to the Leadership Center and showed everyone there. Her former boss, Joan McDonald, took digital pictures of Winkler in her new hairdo so Winkler could immediately send pictures to her family in Oshkosh.

"They haven't seen it in person yet," Winkler said two weeks after her haircut. "That's why I sent the pictures."

Her mother loved the cut and thought it

was great, Winkler said. All of her friends liked the look too.

Winkler acknowledges that the missing 11 inches is a bit of an adjustment, but has no regrets.

"I probably wouldn't have got that much cut off if I didn't want to donate."

Stephanie Winkler
Hair donor

"I probably wouldn't have got that much cut off if I didn't want to donate," Winkler said. "It's going to a good cause and it will always grow back."

Winkler took the braid to Great Clips, which mailed it to Locks of Love for her. Winkler said she laughs when she thinks about getting a bunch of her hair cut off so she could

donate it.

"It's like a permanent smile," Winkler said. Winkler said she hasn't spoken directly to her mother about her reasons for cutting her hair, but Winkler thought her mother understood where her inspiration came from.

SALARIES from Page 1

Croonquist, an unclassified employee, also thinks the state should step up.

"I just wish our legislators were more supportive and would go to bat for us more," Croonquist said. "If they did, it wouldn't be on the shoulders of the students. And it shouldn't be on the shoulders of the students."

Halada said 3 of the proposed 5 percent will simply make up for the last two years'

low raise rates. The remaining 2 percent will be the actual increase.

In 2000-'01 unclassified personnel earned a 5.2 percent raise. It was 3.2 percent in '01-'02 and 4.2 percent in '02-'03, but zero percent in '03-'04 and about 1.3 percent in '04-'05.

Yet students have paid a consistently larger share of their instructional costs during the past few years.

In 2001-'02, students paid 33 percent of instructional costs. That figure grew to 36.6 percent in '02-'03 and ballooned to 45.5 percent in '03-'04.

Still, even with an approved raise UW-RF

unclassified employees will be the lowest paid in the UW System and UW System schools will be among the lowest paying in the nation, regardless of where salary funding comes from.

"If in the end the state doesn't have the money for compensation plans, the Board of Regents needs to revisit its biennial budget priorities," Hilton said.

Hilton said United Council has stood firm on the need for the state to support its students all along but recognizes it is a problem the state should look at. She encourages students to speak with their senators and write letters to editors to make their voices heard.

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Neng Yang



ON BEAT

Six reasons for a rockin' holiday

This is the season for lists. I'm following Mike Longaecker's lead this week. My music tastes are admittedly different than most folks on campus, I can't guarantee that you will agree with my top six. I know if you watch MTV religiously and worship Chevelle or Chingy you will definitely not like most of my picks.

So, here are six of my top records of 2004:

6. The Future Heads, "The Futureheads." If you are a fan of the Clash, Devo, Fugazi or late '70s punk, these UK fellows are your band. These guys sound like throwbacks to an era when Good Charlotte would have been considered cheesy pop music. Not that they shouldn't right now.

5. Kanye West, "College Dropout." Yep, I like hip-hop. Good hip-hop.



BRYAN HARMELINK

"College Dropout" is good hip-hop. Why? Because it has meaning. It isn't all about making money and driving Escalades. It's got soul, it's got flow, it's got all the things that mainstream hip-hop is dying for.

4. The Moving Units, "Dangerous Dreams." Need a band to dance to? Disappointed by the latest Faint album? This LA group has everything you need to get your party jumpin'. For fans of The Faint, The Killers, and Scissor Sisters, this album has all the right elements to be your new favorite record.

3. The Hot IQs, "An Argument Between the Brain and the Feet." Currently their debut

album sits at 75 on the College Music Journal's Top 200 in only its third week. That's good for a major label, unheard of for an independent like the Hot IQs' Morning After label. I recommend this record if you're a fan of Archers of Loaf, Joy Division, Superchunk or Longwave.

2. Death from Above 1979, "You're a Woman, I'm a Machine." Remember that kick ass Queens of the Stone Age album with Dave Grohl? Well, this is like every heavy song on that album. It's about as in your face as it gets without actually giving you a black eye. Fans of the Blood Brothers, QOTSA and the Panthers will find this album worthy.

1. Friends Like These, "Deliver Us From Evil [EP]." I figure if a band can put out two of the best songs of the year on a four track CD they deserve some recognition. Those of you who missed FLT at Brandy's missed seeing a band on the rise. Members of Lifter Puller, N.E.R.D and Alva Star believe

Those of you who missed FLT (Friends Like These) at Brandy's, missed seeing a band on the rise. So give them time and if you like them, give them money.

in FLT enough to invest time and money. So give them time and if you like them, give them money. It's been a fun first semester of writing for the Voice and I hope you enjoyed my little corner of the world. Support our local bands. Support our scene. And God bless rock and roll. Have a great music-filled day.

Celebrate good times for good cause



Photo by Corey Hargreaves

Student organizations got together on Nov. 20 and participated in Dance Marathon, raising a total of \$10,575 for Gillette Children's Hospital.

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

Instead of a dance all night 'til you drop event, the recent Dance Marathon at UW-River Falls was more like a celebration. This celebration brought together those who care and those who took the time to do something for someone else.

Gillette Children's Hospital and its patients will benefit from the contributions and fundraising of Dance Marathon, a student-based organization.

This event started last year as a small hall event in Hathorn, where money was raised for the hospital, but this year Jeremy Kalal wanted to take it to the next level. With his event staff members, like student Jaime Weiss and other highly involved participants, they were able to draw nearly 200 people to the event.

The groups were mainly from River Falls and one from St. Cloud State University.

The student-organized groups in attendance participated in volleyball, basketball and dancing. They also had many other group-oriented activities such as one game that involved looping a piece of string through the sleeves of 10 different people. Almost every game had a prize for the winners.

Prizes given for the games and the raffles consisted of golf tickets,

movies, massages, T-shirts and a John Michael Montgomery autographed compact disc. Prizes were provided by K-102 in the Twin Cities.

Prizes were given away in this day of celebration, but the rewards were already received through everyone's hard work and dedication.

"To give back to people that you don't know shows the efforts that Gillette and groups like you go to, to better someone's life,"

David Allen
Local artist and guest speaker

Allen's daughter had been treated by Gillette Children's Hospital and he felt it was his duty to give back to the hospital in any way he could. Allen put out a compact disc and gave the proceeds to the hospital.

The compact disc featured the song "Tomorrow's Child," which Allen played for the crowd at the Dance Marathon. Everyone at the event was able to take a copy of the compact disc home for his or her own collection.

Another speaker at the event was a little girl named Alicia. Her brother Dominic and her mother stood by her side as the crowd learned the story of how Gillette changed her life. Alicia and her family members were involved in a car accident in which her mother was knocked out and her brother broke his collarbone. Alicia, however, was not as lucky. Her injuries were so severe that after she was brought to the hospital the state patrol kept calling to find out

her time of death. Miraculously, with the help of Gillette doctors, Alicia recovered through rehab. Six months after the accident she was chasing her dream by trying out for a basketball team.

It was individuals like Alicia who made it worth coming to celebrate what everyone had accomplished.

"I came out because I wanted to help," Dani Wichlidal, a UW-River Falls student, said. "Kids mean so much and I feel thankful that I could help out."

Besides the fact children were benefiting from the program, a more centralized idea was why everyone wanted to participate.

"To get out and help for a good cause is what it's all about," said Patrick Wiltzius, a UW-RF student in attendance. "I was happy I participated."

For some UW-RF students, cancer hits close to home. "Cancer is big in my family," Kayla Olson said. "To help with research and to see what others have gone through is important to me."

The event closed with those in attendance forming a big circle in a candlelight ceremony. The families who spoke at the event lit each candle around the circle.

Everyone stood in silence as the audio clips of those who told their stories were played by the disc jockey.

As the last candle was blown out, the silence still lingered among the students as they reflected on all that they have done. The memories from this day will last forever not only in those who attended, but by those who were helped by the time and donations of the Dance Marathon.

Out 'n' About

Art Scholarship Sale



Photo by Corey Hargreaves

Where: Gallery 101 KFA
When: Dec 1-12 at 9-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
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UW-RF Art Department's Annual Scholarship Sale features one of a kind artwork by current students and faculty, alumni, retired faculty and local artists. A wide selection of art is available for sale including glass, ceramics, painting, fibers, jewelry and photography. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Art Society and scholarships for art students.

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Where: The Hammer Bar

When: Saturday evening

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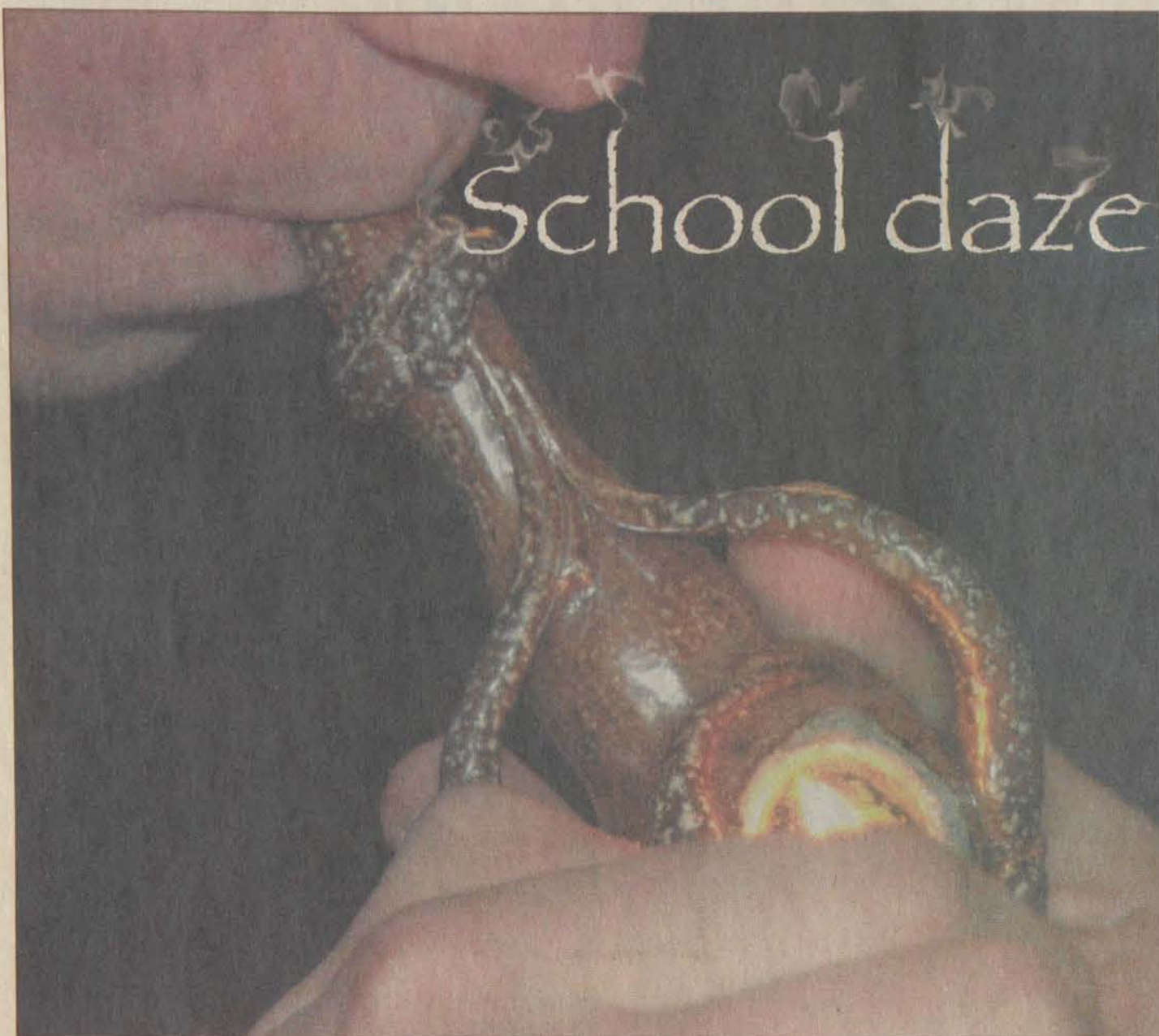
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Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

In a small house just north of campus, two UW-River Falls students participate in a recreational activity that has been controversial for decades. After packing the buds, the two students (we'll call them Bill and Ted) lit up a yellow, kerosene lamp-shaped bong.

Between long hits, the sound of bubbling and thick smoke clouds, Bill and Ted reminisced on why they began using marijuana.

"I started actually because I wanted to try it," Bill said.

After returning some CDs to the library, Bill and three guys "packed a

couple bowls." Feeling elevated to a different world, Bill said the effects lasted through the next day.

"They call it being high for a reason," Bill said.

Leaning back on the futon, Bill said smoking balances him out, makes things more enjoyable and helps him to relax when he gets stressed out.

Ted, recalling his first experience with marijuana, said that during his junior year in high school he and a friend smoked three bowls on a Friday after school.

"We just started polishing off all the food in the cupboards," Ted said. "That day and the whole next day were the best two days of my life."

However good the high may be, experimenting with marijuana can make

it harder to do well in school, health education coordinator Keven Syverson said.

"It's not going to guarantee you're going to flunk out; it's just another barrier," Syverson said.

Just like drinking alcohol, using marijuana now can create a problem that will affect the future, Syverson said. The big thing is the effects of long-term use, he said, because some chemicals used in tobacco are also used in marijuana, but in higher quantities.

Marijuana has also been linked to mental health issues because of its enhancement of depression. This depression can then lead to more substance use and even abuse.

Public Safety director Priscilla Stevens said marijuana use seems to be a growing issue on campus.

"People almost use it like alcohol," Stevens said. "It gives them a feeling they like having."

According to Public Safety records, there have been five citations issued for possession of drugs or paraphernalia in 2004, up from one citation issued in 2003.

Marijuana use is not a new issue and Stevens does not agree with its use for recreational and stress release purposes. Stevens said this is the time in a student's life when they are setting up their future.

"Do you want to do well in setting your course for the future, or do you want to go along in a daze?" Stevens said.

However, for Bill and Ted that daze is not something they are ready to let go of.

"It gives my life that mental escape

that releases me from the everyday boredom," Ted said.

As Bill and Ted giggled to a recording of Aqua Teen Hunger Force being played in the background, they both agreed marijuana is a gateway drug.

Bill, who has also experimented with mushrooms and cocaine, said at first he would only do weed, then just weed and mushrooms.

"Said I would never try coke and I did," Bill said.

UW-RF offers confidential personal counseling services for drugs, stress and other concerns in 24 East Hathorn Hall. Services are also provided by Kinnic Falls Alcohol-Drug Abuse Services, Inc., 902 S. Orange St., River Falls.



Photos by Sarah Gestson

Marijuana use is not a new trend on campus. Some UW-RF students chose to take up against the advice of health educators and administrators.



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Ted
Student marijuana user

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Keven Syverson
Health education coordinator

RUMOR OR FACT?

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