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THE GREAT PUMPKIN SALE



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Junior Jenny Roth, a Crops and Soils Club member sells pumpkins, gourds and corn outside Student Center Wednesday. The sale continues next week Wednesday and Thursday. Everything being sold was grown at campus lab farms.

Lawyer to aid students with landlord disputes

Anne Cloeter
Staff Writer

Former UW-River Falls student Jeaney Han was looking forward to finally moving out of the dorms and living off campus.

Like many other students, Han was excited to be on her own for the first time. She didn't worry too much about finding the best landlord or place.

Little did she know, it would be the worst experience she could've imagined.

Han is currently filing complaints against her landlord from the past year and is still working at suing him in small claims court.

Now students at UW-RF won't have to go through the hassle and feel alone like Han did when fighting a legal battle.

As of Oct. 2 Student Senate is providing a lawyer students can meet with one or two times during a semester in the Leadership Center. When the lawyer isn't at the University, students will be able to contact him at his office.

This is a resource Han knows would have been helpful when she began researching her options with landlord problems.

"It would've been nice if I had a lawyer to guide me; I was alone," Han said. "It's hard to know where to find an inexpensive lawyer, let alone one that is going to take time just to sit and talk with you."

After two years in the dorms, Han was excited to move out. That excitement would soon fade to dis-

appointment when she realized she had an uncooperative landlord.

May 19, Han turned in her keys. She was told by the landlord she would receive the security deposit by June 1 and it would be close to the full amount she paid.

On July 13, Han finally received her security deposit check. It was for less than half of the full amount. Included was a three-page list of "supposed" damages, she said.

"He even said in the beginning that there weren't many damages at all," Han said. "Now there's suddenly a three-page report."

Han's landlord charged \$145 for a small amount of oil on the driveway, \$10 for a t-shirt and book left behind and \$30 for boxes left in the attic from previous tenants. And the list went on.

"He's a human cash machine," Han said. "Everything is \$5 here, \$10 there."

Outraged at the list and small check, she decided to research landlord and tenant rights.

Wisconsin law says a security deposit must be received within 21 days from the end of the lease. After asking her landlord why her money hadn't come by June 1, Han finally got hers well over a month after the lease was terminated.

She told her landlord about the law and that she was upset about the way he had been handling things.

Han said he took it as a joke.

"I know I should've done a lot of things differently now, but I was just excited to move off campus," Han said. "Our landlord said to us, 'take it as a lesson.'"

Outraged, Han dug deeper.

By contacting the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection; the Bureau of Consumer Protection; and the Wisconsin Tenant Resource Center based in Madison, Han learned a lot.

She found she could take him to a small claims court for violating the Wisconsin Administration Code ATCP 134.06. She also found that landlords can't deduct money from the deposit for everyday wear and tear on the place, which her landlord had done.

After all, this wasn't the first type of upsetting event that she experienced with the landlord.

Early on, Han and her roommates learned he stopped by the house frequently just to look for damages. During these random visits, Han said he would find ways to insult them and make rude comments.

There were numerous things the landlord wanted done his way. For instance, he didn't want them to have the Internet hooked up at the house. He even refused to let the tenants put plastic over the windows

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Jeaney Han, former UW-RF student

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Ring, ring: Your next call could be a scam

Rachel Gaynor
Staff Writer

Nowadays, there are security devices on everything. From locks on bikes, to alarm systems in homes, businesses and cars; these devices protect things from getting stolen.

And for some students in the UW System, it's too bad there isn't a security device to put on an identity.

Identity theft has been an emerging problem within the UW System and now at UW-River Falls.

Unsuspecting students have received phone calls from people telling a series of lies to obtain personal information needed to tap into credit card and bank accounts. The callers also claimed to work for various companies.

There have been five reports of scam calls to students at UW-RF filed with the Public Safety office.

"This is truly a security issue on campus," said David Woodward, director of Financial Assistance.

With theft, it is very hard to catch the culprit.

"There is really no way to track this," Woodward said.

Director of Public Safety, Priscilla

Stevens, agreed.

"We have very little information to go on," Stevens said. "From the people we've talked to, there is no number or name. It is hard to follow up on."

Callers are leaving bogus or temporary 800 numbers that are quickly disconnected. Callers will not give information about their location and give false Web-page addresses.

"It could be from anywhere international or national," said Lisa Walter, Chief of University Police at UW-Stout.

Other campuses in the UW System are getting reports of identity theft, including UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stout.

UW-Stout gave students information about where to go to find more information but were not filing the complaints formally.

"It is virtually impossible to catch someone," Walter said.

In order to obtain credit card information or to access bank accounts, people need three key pieces of information: a valid social security number, date of birth and, sometimes, mother's maiden name.

The callers asked for this information

"It is best for people to know who is calling them. People will use the phone and e-mail to scam people out of money."
Dave Woodward, director of Financial Assistance

ID theft prevention

- Order annual copies of your credit report for review
- Never carry a social security card with you
- Secure personal information at home
- Never give out personal information over the phone
- Use passwords that aren't easily accessible to others
- Visit www.fightidentitytheft.com for more information

tion in addition to home addresses and length of time at that address.

"It is best for people to know who is calling them," Woodward said. "People will use the phone and e-mail to scam people out of money."

Faculty advise students to just say no when all else fails.

"When somebody calls and asks for this type of information, don't give it out," Stevens said.

The Office of Financial Assistance will never call students asking for personal information. If there is a problem, they will call and ask a student to come down to the office to work directly with the student to solve the problem.

"It sucks that they target younger people that aren't aware," said a freshman at UW-RF who received a phone call from a bogus company. The student wished to have her

name withheld.

Although no monetary damages have been reported to UW-RF or UW-Stout, "it takes 12 months, on average, for a victim of identity theft to notice the crime," according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, taken from the Fight Identity Theft Web-page.

You can find out right now if your identity has been stolen.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, there are many things that can be done to prevent identity theft.

Order copies of your credit card report annually, secure personal information in your home, use passwords that aren't easily accessible- your mother's maiden name, last four digits of your Social Security number, or phone number- and ask

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Lydecker, Greene visit Chinese universities

Study abroad opportunities may expand

David Misselt
Staff Writer

Just when it seems the entire UW System has been decimated by budget cuts, resulting in the elimination of jobs upper level courses and unprecedented tuition hikes, the international studies area is benefiting from increased funding.

The Board of Regents has taken a strong interest in expanding international programs and student participation in them.

"System wide, the regents want a 25 percent increase in the number of students studying abroad," said UW-River Falls Chancellor Ann Lydecker. "They also want to increase the number of student and faculty exchange programs."

In an attempt to increase the number of these opportunities, a group representing UW-RF left the United States Sept. 28 for a 10-day trip to China.

The group, consisting of Lydecker, UW-RF Dairy Plant Manager Rane May and Director

of International Programs Brent Greene, will meet with Chinese officials attempting to expand the University's presence in the country.

Lydecker and Greene are interested in obtaining contractual agreements with several Chinese universities that would include study abroad opportunities, internships and a student and faculty exchange program.

May is conducting a feasibility study to determine if the University's agriculture department can assist the Chinese in producing an improved yak cheese.

At the same time, the group will be working in conjunction with UW-RF alumnus Wong How Man to create internship opportunities for UW-RF students in Hong Kong.

"How Man proposed a partnership with us that would allow some of our students to do internships and assist him with research at the China Exploration and Research Society," Lydecker said. "We are also interested in pursuing faculty exchanges with Yunnan University in southern China."

How Man, an internationally known photojournalist, graduated from UW-RF in 1976 with a degree in journalism. He currently lives in

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Homecoming Results

Penny Wars

1. Sigma Tau Gamma (Sig Tau)
2. Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR)
3. Prucha Hall

70s Costumes

1. Sig Tau
2. Parker Hall
3. AGR

Pop Tab Drive

1. AGR
2. Sig Tau
3. Parker Hall

Lip Sync

1. Crabtree Hall
2. Hathorn Hall
3. Women in Ag

Food Drive

1. AGR
2. Sig Tau
3. Prucha Hall

20s Costumes

1. Parker Hall
2. Sig Tau
3. May Hall

Clothing Drive

1. Alpha Sigma Alpha (ASA)
2. Sig Tau
3. Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma)

70s Royalty Quiz

1. McMillian Hall
2. Prucha Hall
3. May Hall

Banner Competition

1. Phi Mu
2. Theta Chi
3. Sig Tau

50s Costumes

1. Tri Sigma
2. Block & Bridle
3. Sig Tau

70s Organization Quiz

1. McMillian Hall
2. Prucha Hall
3. May Hall

Royalty Votes

1. AGR/Tri Sigma
2. May Hall
3. Grimm Hall

Medallion Hunt

Cayla Schroeder

King & Queen

Devon Brecke- ASA
Dan Egan- Theta Chi

Overall Organization

1. Sig Tau
2. AGR
3. Theta Chi

FALLING FOR FALL



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Pam Fear and Sarah Staszak take a break from classes to enjoy the crisp autumn temperatures and the newly fallen leaves outside of the Ames building.

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STUDENT SENATE

Current grading scale up for review

Eric Quade
Chief Copy Editor

Senator Lisa Weinreich announced the United Council is sponsoring a Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ) symposium this weekend at Fox Valley. Anyone interested in attending the event is encouraged to contact Senator Barb Lind or Weinreich.

Weinreich also announced UW-River Falls will be holding a Study Abroad Fair Oct. 14. The fair will serve as an informational hub for students who want to learn about educational opportunities in foreign countries.

In other senate news:

—Senator Nick Cluppert reported that senate will review UW-RF's current grading system and inquire about a more accurate measure of academic achievement. The only other university in the UW system using UW-RF's A, B, C, D, F scale—rather than an A, A/B, B, etc. scale—is UW-Whitewater.

—Senator Katie Kneissel said the senate's Legal Services Committee is ready to go, but she was unaware

a formal motion was required to instate it. This highly anticipated committee will offer legal advice to students who are having trouble collecting security deposits from landlords or on other legal issues.

Kneissel also gave a report on last week's River Falls City Council meeting. She said the City Council is reviewing what constitutes "family member status" for the purpose of determining how many residential parking permits to distribute among River Falls residents.

—Lind informed those present that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and that Senate will be taking an active role in promoting the issue. The Women's Initiatives Committee is currently working on two button designs to address breast cancer awareness. One will read "love the boobs", and the other will say "save the bosoms". Additionally, fundraising efforts will aim to make free mammograms available for those concerned.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Student slapped with fine for not leaving during fire drill

Anne Cloeter
Staff Writer

—A Public Safety officer saw Adam L. Erickson, 18, skateboarding on the sidewalk near the Ag Science building Tuesday evening. He had previously warned Erickson Aug. 31 about the no skateboarding law. Erickson said he disagreed with the rule, and the officer issued a \$181 citation.

—During a scheduled fire drill in Stratton Hall Tuesday, Public Safety found Jena L. Swanson, 19, sitting in the first floor computer lab typing a report. When asked why she didn't leave when the alarms went off, Swanson said she didn't think it was a big deal. She was issued a \$181 citation.

—Thursday night, Hathorn Hall staff reported seeing an allegedly intoxicated male and female in the building. Once Public Safety arrived, they knocked and got permission to enter the room where they found Megan A. Flaherty, 18; Sarah R. Saide, 18; Richard T. Shemon, 18; and James A. Poplin, 18. All received

breathalyzers and \$243 underage consumption tickets.

—An RA in Stratton Hall called Public Safety because a resident was found sick and passed out in the bathroom Thursday night. Adam M. Havlicek, 19, awoke, admitted to drinking off campus and received a \$243 citation for underage consumption.

—Public Safety issued numerous underage consumption tickets in Parker Hall Saturday night. After an RA called an officer, Jenna L. Van Voorhis, 18; Melea W. Flicek, 19; Janet L. Leehy, 19; Jeffrey P. Warner, 18; Ryan R. Davis, 19; Jaclyn G. Rykal, 18; Sarah J. Mathewson, 18; and Kahla G. Ash, 18, were all found allegedly drinking and received citations.

—Sunday morning, an RA called Public Safety to McMillan Hall for an underage drinking incident. The officer arrived at the room, knocked on the door and was given permission to enter the room. A 1.75 liter bottle of rum was found on the floor and Rachel D. Blake, 19; Quincey A. Stoltz, 18; Troy L. Foss, 18; and Owen J. Schmitt, 18, were issued \$243 citations for underage consumption.

JAMMIN' IN THE NEST



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

The Middle Spunk Boys, a bluegrass band, played in the Falcons Nest Oct. 1.

Romanian scientists visit UW-RF

Ryan Cardinal
Staff Writer

Four Romanian scientists are currently visiting UW-River Falls, hoping to learn more about dairy farming to help their home country.

Teofil Trensan, Ciprian Calin, Judith Ipat and Mihail Gras will be here for a four-week period, which began Sept. 20.

All of the scientists have Ph.D.s and are under 40, said animal science professor Dennis Cooper. They are here to gather ideas for developing dairy production back in Romania.

The scientists were able to come here because of a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that was given to UW-RF, Cooper said.

"They are really curious and very interested in what we do over here," Cooper said. "They ask lots of

questions, which is a good sign."

Gras said he thought they were familiarizing themselves well to the new surroundings.

"We like it here very much," Gras said. "It has been no trouble to adapt."

The rest of the group agreed with Gras when he said that they missed their family and friends the most.

"That is the hardest part," Trensan said.

Despite the difficulty, the group is looking forward to spending the next two weeks in River Falls.

"We had a good experience so far, and we are eager to learn more as our time here goes on," Gras said.

Romania, located in Southeastern Europe, between Bulgaria and Ukraine, was under the rule of Communist Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu from 1965 to 1989. There was then a revolution and Ceausescu was overthrown and

executed. Romania is currently run by a democracy, and is still looking to recover economically, among other things.

Nearly half the country is below the poverty-line, according to the CIA. With petroleum reserves declining, dairy and agriculture in general are being looked at to boost the economy. The total population is nearing 23 million people, with 40 percent of the working force in agriculture.

Romania is also currently applying to join the European Union (EU) and is being rejected because of its economy.

Romania is the only EU candidate not having achieved the status of a functioning market economy, according to the EU. They are scheduled to become a Union member in 2007.

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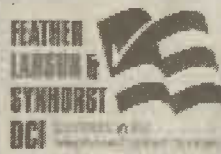
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EDITORIAL

Eau Claire RA issue exposes ugly reality

Recent news from the UW-Eau Claire campus tells us that a former residence hall manager pleaded no contest Aug. 11 to misdemeanor theft after being accused of taking more than \$2,800 from underage residents in exchange for not reporting drinking violations.

While the news itself is hardly earth shattering at UW-River Falls, the story's implications are.

In the story, UW-EC Housing Director Chuck Major reportedly said that the idea of a hall manager accepting money to look the other way wasn't shocking to him.

"There's always going to be that chance," Major said. "You can't have an air-tight system."

How interesting. The "system" at UW-RF at least gives off the image that it is air tight. On an almost weekly basis, underage drinkers are caught and fined. Check our Public Safety section this week, which cites 17 such cases. Of course, last week was Homecoming, which is traditionally one of the most common weeks for such happenings.

Nevertheless, the question that still remains is whether or not RAs and hall managers at UW-RF are in a position where they could accept money to look the other way.

The answer is yes. They are in such a position. It could happen here. Sure, if caught RAs and hall managers could face stiff University and criminal penalties just like the student in Eau Claire did.

But is that really motivation enough for someone to turn down such a bribe?

At UW-RF, the fine for first-time underage drinking citations is \$243. A resident, caught red-handed by an RA, could theoretically offer up a \$100 bill as a get out of jail free card. If accepted, the resident has just cut his/her costs in half, not to mention the cost he/she has just avoided in increased insurance rates and whatever parental repercussions that may be suffered.

And an RA, perhaps believing him/herself underpaid for the amount of work, could just as easily and willingly accept the bribe, thus avoiding having to do paperwork associated with the incident or waiting for the officer to arrive. In addition, an RA accepting the bribe would remain in the good graces of the resident, rather than be known as the mean RA who busts minors.

The RA wins and the resident wins. In this week's *Voice*, Residence Life Co-Directors Mike Stifter and Cari Fealy both said they had never heard of anything of the sort happening at UW-RF. Despite Fealy's limited experience at UW-RF, Stifter has been around and would likely know if anything of the sort had happened in the past.

In fact, Stifter said that he had heard plenty of "horror stories," but that he had never heard of anything like it happening. But then, this isn't the kind of thing that residence life directors would have heard about.

It is a case where both parties involved would at least be somewhat aware that rules are being broken and a strict code of silence would have to be adopted. The likelihood of anyone finding out would be non-existent unless the secret was let out. And since both parties involved stand to gain from the situation, they would have no good reason to go around telling people.

The fact of the matter is simple. Not only is there a possibility that RAs and hall managers could be taking bribes, there is also little possibility that they would get caught.

And at least as far as the University and the city are concerned, that's not good.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students, athletes sound off on free rides, who's really getting shafted at UW-RF

To the editor,

This letter is in response to the article written by Mike Foley titled, "UW-RF's best fans continually get shaft." Upon reading the article, we felt the intentions of this article were acceptable. We would, however, question the research methods used when writing the article.

In his third paragraph, Foley states: "What would it be like if Falcon athletes had to pay for the use of weight room facilities on campus?" Foley expands later in the article by saying that "Varsity athletes can use the weight room at no charge, but club athletes and intramural participants have to pay full price." This is appalling and blatantly untrue.

Any person familiar with the weight room knows that everyone is charged for its use. The next time that Foley attacks the weight room or any of its policies, he should probably do a little research into the matter.

Professor Tom Journell has made the weight room what it is today through his own hard work and the fee is miniscule relative to other campuses-- \$30 a semester! Before Journell made the weight room what it is today, the weight room resembled a dark dungeon. Furthermore, athletes receive no preferential treatment when it comes to weight room use, charge or availability.

Mr. Foley would have been better off actually talking to a member of the weight room instead of making up fallacies and printing them in a campus-wide publication.

Foley is concerned about having mats for the cheerleaders to practice on and that is understandable. He raises the point about safety and that too is a concern. What we don't understand is how he can suggest that the UW-RF gymnasts should teach cheerleaders "flashy floor routines to spice up their cheers and students" when the gymnastics team was cut from this University two years ago. A little research in this matter would be nice, Mr. Foley.

We feel that this is a very disturbing incident seeing as Foley is the Sports Editor. This means that he should be looking over every story

and checking it for grammatical correctness and accuracy, which he has failed to do thus far. As journalists, the writers for the Student Voice should practice and adhere to ethical journalism at all times. What if the writers for the Pioneer Press or Wall Street Journal followed the trend set by Foley? Could we trust anything that we read? We think not. Everyone who reads an article by Mike Foley should now look at it with a cynical eye and ask, "Is there any truth in what I just read?"

Jon Pieper and Greg Spahn,
students

To the editor,

I want to correct a statement made in Mike Foley's column in the Student Voice in the Sept. 26 issue. Varsity athletes cannot use and do not use the weight room free of charge. They are charged the same fee structure as any other student wishing to use the facility.

The weight room is funded completely with user fee money. Everybody using the weight room pays a fee. Since the room is used by all of our athletes, athletes are essentially funding their own weight room.

All students on the UW-River Falls campus have access to the weight room. Sign the card, pay the fee and join us. Everybody is welcome.

Rick Bowen, athletic director

To the editor,

In response to the article "UW-RF's Best Fans Continually Get Shaft," and on behalf of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and all UW-RF athletes, I would like to clear up what appears to be some common misconceptions. In the article, the third paragraph reads, "What would it be like if Falcon athletes had to pay for use of weight room facilities on campus?" A similar statement is also made later in the article saying, "Varsity athletes can use the weight room at no charge."

The truth is all athletes that use

the weight room facilities on campus pay the same amount as every other UW-RF student. No exceptions are made or discounts given to athletes. It is also very common that an athletic team fundraises to purchase equipment that is essential to the sport. Many athletes purchase their own equipment or pay for other expenses out of their own pockets.

Being an athlete at UW-RF is not a "free ride." As a Division III school, no athlete at UW-RF receives an athletic scholarship. Many athletes are unable to work or participate in other activities due to the intense schedule that is involved with college athletics.

Athletes at UW-RF are a great asset to this University, and I find it disheartening that the school's newspaper would choose to print an article that supports these common misconceptions.

Anna Poulter, student

To the editor,

I am writing in regard to Mike Foley's "UW-RF's Best Fans Continually Get Shaft" column in the Student Voice Sept. 26. There is so much misinformation in this article I have to wonder if any research was done at all.

First, the cheerleaders are a student organization, thus they are responsible for themselves; this includes scheduling practice times.

I am particularly interested in this area because I am a student supervisor at the Knowles Recreation Center and have turned the cheerleaders away several times. Let me explain why. There is a schedule at Knowles that outlines every activity that occurs in the building. There are open recreation times and Health and Human Performance classes during the day. UW-RF athletics use Knowles Monday through Friday from 2-7 p.m., and in the evenings both open recreation and Intramurals share the space, taking up nearly every inch of the facility. However, all this time is scheduled in advance.

Last year the cheerleaders wanted to have try-outs at Knowles. Good for you. My supervisor informed me that the cheerleaders called

looking for space, but did not call back to confirm the reservation as they were asked. You must understand that you can't just show up and expect a space to be cleared for you. I am sure the other facilities mentioned in the article have similar schedules.

Second, this year the cheerleaders have gone through the proper procedures to reserve space at Knowles for practice. In fact, they currently have Wednesday morning practices scheduled at Knowles. So to say that Knowles is not providing space for the cheerleaders is false. Practices are scheduled in the morning, since it is not safe to have them practice in the evening where there is not proper space for them. Furthermore, the Knowles Center does have mats that the cheerleaders can use to prevent injuries.

Third, every athlete on this campus pays a \$30 semester fee to use the weight room, just like all other UW-RF students. Athletes at UW-RF do not get any breaks, scholarships or free rides; they're here because they love their sports.

Finally, Mr. Foley, it would be very difficult for the cheerleaders to practice with or get ideas from the gymnastics team because the sport was cut two years ago, along with wrestling and baseball.

Mr. Foley, do your homework before writing an article. There are many points in your article that are exactly opposite of the truth. As for the cheerleaders, yes, they do get the shaft because they are not recognized as a varsity sport and therefore, practice space is limited. This campus is starving for a new Health and Human Performance and athletic facility, so that student organizations can have a designated facility. In the meantime, Knowles will continue the daily battle of finding a way to accommodate students, instructors, coaches, athletes, trainers, intramurals, student organizations and community members as much as possible with a limited budget and no storage. To do so, calls for some crafty scheduling and the understanding and flexibility of all users.

Marie Thompson, student

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Put a stoplight in on Cascade; If they get hit it's their own fault

When I first came to River Falls three years ago, there were a lot of things that boggled my mind. The lack of late-night restaurants, the crazy pedestrians who walked across the street without much thought, drivers who actually stopped for the people crossing the road and drivers who refused to go the speed limit—they go slower—down Main Street.

Over time, I have been able to wrap my mind around those concepts, deal with them and move on. This is small town America; it's a lot different than my hometown of Cottage Grove, Minn., population 25,000.

And while I have grown to love and accept the small town feel River Falls has to offer, there is still one thing that has not been adequately explained to me. At least in my mind it hasn't.

I have been left to conjure up my own theories about the lack of a stoplight—or at least stop signs—at the corner of Third Street and Cascade Avenue.

Hundreds of students must run the gauntlet every day, while walking from class to class through this intersection. It's a dangerous undertaking to say the least. While there

is a painted crosswalk, it hardly does an adequate job of keeping the amount of pedestrian traffic safe from speeding vehicles. A blinking sign similar to the one a block down in front of the Fine Arts building couldn't hurt. Regardless, students and staff are still forced to take their chances stepping into traffic.

And pedestrians aren't alone in dealing with the



JEN CULLEN

headache. Drivers leaving the library, Hathorn Hall or any other building southwest of South Hall can be stuck trying to turn onto Cascade for an insane amount of time. Since cars are parked along side of the roads and pedestrians block their viewing, many drivers just gun it and hope for the best.

And to think, all that stands in the way of the safety of those forced to cross the street is a stoplight, just like the one being put in near Copper Kettle on the corner of Main and Foster streets.

Obviously, the amount of traffic at that intersection prompted the City of River Falls to put in a stoplight. Making a left-hand turn from Foster Street onto Main is no easy task and frustrating to say the least.

But the same can be said about the Third and Cascade intersection. However, there is a big difference between these two dangerous crossings: the volume of foot traffic on campus is far greater than what it is on the south side of town.

It would only make sense to put in a stoplight to help regulate traffic. Sure, there is a light not too far down the road on the corner of Cascade Avenue and Main Street, but I've seen stop lights positioned within a block of each other in other towns.

Maybe the huge dip in the road driving onto Third Street to get to campus is supposed to be a lame attempt at a way to slow down traffic. It slows me down every time, but in no way does it alleviate the congestion and safety problem.

Maybe the cost of such an endeavor is too much for the city to handle. Or maybe they feel an added stoplight would take away from that small town feel.

The interesting thing is that City Engineer Reid Wronski said the University would more than likely be responsible for the cost of a light. This explains a lot about why there isn't one. With such daunting budget cuts and UW-River Falls' seeming lack of concern about issues that could be fixed cheaply or simply ignored, students shouldn't expect

any major changes soon.

Wronski also said the city and the University—namely Dale Braun—have had several discussions about putting in a stoplight at the intersection.

Wronski said several criteria or warrants, need to be met in order for a stoplight to be put in. He said with the amount of pedestrian traffic in that area, the idea of a light is a possibility.

Those involved in the discussion have come to the conclusion that a stoplight would actually cause more problems. Wronski said it is important to consider whether students would be willing to wait for a walk signal. If students refused to obey the signal, there could actually be more of a safety risk.

That does make sense. But if pedestrians ignored the signal, at least it would be their own fault if they got hit. Then nobody could blame the University for not doing anything.

Of course, that's not going to happen any time soon. The whole thing seems to be another lose-lose situation. Since the University won't be spending any money on a light, it would be a good idea to invest in a good pair of running shoes so you can make it through the intersection alive.

Urban sprawl takes toll on small town River Falls area

There is a new spotlight at the intersection of Foster and Main streets. There are several new housing developments in town. The space between River Falls and Hudson is growing ever smaller. How long it will be before the two towns are one can no longer be measured in decades but only in years, and more than likely only a few of those. It is only a matter of time before Pierce county is part of the greater metro area.

Some call this progress. Many of the townships in the River Falls have been trying to stem the tide of suburban sprawl, instituting restrictions like three-acre minimum lot sizes and limiting the amount of land that can be rezoned from agricultural use to ag/ residential or residential. The

often-mouthed reason for this: we don't want to be another Woodbury. Not that I'm saying there's anything wrong with Woodbury, I'm sure plenty of nice people live there. I only know you couldn't pay me to. Whenever I think about this city, I always ask "Where is downtown Woodbury?" This is a trick question because there is no downtown Woodbury. This is most likely because a downtown is usually the original town; "main street," where the oldest buildings are, but there is no original Woodbury- the whole city is just the gradual outgrowth St. Paul, Minnesota.

Some call this growth. But "Hey," you say, "people need places to live. Be glad they're building in the suburbs and not out in your precious rural area." But they are. Building is taking place everywhere, even in former small-town River Falls.

Why is this? Well, it's a combination of factors, but mainly there are just more people. Medical technology is so advanced that people live longer; they don't die at birth or from childhood diseases like measles, influenza, or polio that used to take so many lives. Not surprisingly, the population is growing at a ridiculous rate. Even though you seldom see the large "farm families" of children numbering in the double digits anymore we are still growing. The United

States is already importing much of our food from the farms and ranches of South America and other countries because our supply can no longer keep up with our demand. You may argue that this is because individual people are eating more than their share, but this is a topic for another day. In any case, we continue to eat, thanks to animals beefed up with growth hormones and special genetics; reproduce, thanks to fertility drugs; and fall ill to sicknesses that used to kill but now only keep you out of school a few days, thanks to vaccines and other medical technology. Natural selection no longer applies to the human race.

They call this advancement. There are some places in the world that have seen the juxtaposition of their growing populations and dwindling food supplies as a problem and sought to correct it. The most obvious example is

China.

JAMIE NIELSEN

This nation, which includes over a quarter of the world's population but much less of its land mass, has instituted a "one-child policy" in which each woman is only allowed one child. According to congressional hearing testimonies, those who do not comply and become pregnant again are forced into abortion or are punished by the government coming with jackhammers to demolish their homes. I do not admire their means, but their population growth has slowed to less than that of any other country that is not currently experiencing a famine.

There are other methods to control growth. One interesting theory on the Internet involves a voucher system. In this, every woman would be issued one or two child vouchers to use as she sees fit. The vouchers would entitle the child to medical care and an education from the government. The government would have this money to spend because they wouldn't be spending it on huge welfare families, foster-care and other myriad expenses that come with a society that doesn't know what to do with its many 'extra' children. If a woman didn't want to have children, she could give or sell her vouchers to someone else. Hey, I've seen stranger things sold on E-bay.

I call this enlightenment.



Intramurals good for body, health

I woke up just stiff and sore this morning. It was the just-got-ran-over-by-a-truck feeling I try to avoid on most occasions. However, the reason for my pain is one I've been looking forward to ever since last fall: broomball season.

The freshman 15 is no myth, and it appears to run over into subsequent years as well. Let's be honest: The beer and pizza diet runs far beyond our freshman year. Eating better is a good start, but staying active is key in the battle of the bulge.

Walking or running is a good exercise, but I hate it. I guess I just don't have enough self-control to keep going after that first block. I also get bored, and I don't like working out for all to see. Skipping around River Falls isn't exactly my idea of a good time. Kudos to all who enjoy it.

What can keep me moving is a whole team screaming at me when they see me start to drag. That's where intramurals comes in. It's easier to get motivated in a team setting.

UW-RF has a very diverse intramural system. They've got all the bases covered, from badminton to a whiffle ball tourney that goes from start to finish of the school year.

Know a bunch of people looking for a sport? There's touch football, soccer, softball, basketball and my personal favorite, broomball.

Depending on the sport, they offer men's, women's and co-ed divisions in recreational and competitive leagues. All by yourself or almost?



KARYN NELSON

Badminton, golf tennis offer singles and doubles play. Intramurals also offers pick-up games, such as ultimate Frisbee or hockey.

Intramurals keep me in shape, but that's not the only bonus to participating. Playing with my teammates is just plain fun, and I've seen and learned a lot from the experience.

I've played four intramurals in my time here: broomball, floor hockey, volleyball and co-ed softball. Floor hockey taught me the importance of showing up and being on time. We made the play-offs even though we'd played just two games. Our one loss came at the hands of a couple members of the women's hockey team. Yes, they scored on us at least 10 times, but I thought putting up two goals against them was pretty good.

It's been quite an experience seeing another, more assertive side of my friends on the court or field. One of our most aggressive players is about 5 feet 10 inches tall and can't weigh much over 100 pounds. She may bounce off a lot of people when she runs into them, but she hops right back up and gets back in the thick of things. Then there's another who earned the nickname of Mean P for her manners (or lack thereof) on the ice. The two of us have a goal of getting in the penalty box in broomball this year. I've never seen a girl get put in there, although we came close last night.

Then there's Vic, the sweetest girl in the world. I wasn't sure how she'd fare on the ice with the Hathorn girls out there trying to kill her. She held her own, playing so hard that she was the sole injury of the night. She was fighting for the ball and had most of her fingernail ripped off in the process.

Maybe it's just my extremely competitive nature, but I love anything sport that has one team fighting another. I have a lot of respect for sports like track and swimming, but I'd take full-contact sports over them any day of the week.

Voting for 2004 president mirrors 'Bowling for Columbine'

When retired NATO Commander Wesley Clark jumped into the fray of 2004 presidential candidates, my stomach instantly soured for two reasons: A gut feeling that Clark would eventually lay claim to the Democratic ticket, and a realization of just how accurate Michael Moore's Academy Award-winning documentary "Bowling for Columbine" might have been.

Of course, it's way too early to accurately predict anything about the 2004 presidential election, but there are many indicators singling out Clark from his political compatriots.

The most obvious and overwhelming factor propelling Clark's candidacy into the forefront is his military credentials. These are the very cards Democrats needed to upset the Republican image of impeccable wartime wisdom. And although both Clark and Senator John Kerry have combat experience, Kerry's service record falls into the same trap that claims Bush Jr., Dick Cheney and many others in the Bush administration: Vietnam only. To clarify, I would consider Clark's presence in the same theater as the operations he over-

sees "combat," whereas Bush's dictating from D.C. falls under the category of 'self-preservation.' Now, back to my point.

Never mind the fact Kerry experienced Vietnam combat firsthand, whereas Bush Jr. was AWOL for months and Cheney had "other priorities"; a lost war doesn't do anyone's resume much good. But Clark, on the other hand, has recent military victories for credibility support, not just his Vietnam repertoire. As Supreme Allied Commander for NATO during the Balkan operations, Clark spearheaded the successful military operations to depose Yugoslavian Premier Slobodan Milosevic. Unlike the war in Iraq with its growing rate of attrition, the air strikes in the Balkan conflict garnered zero American casualties.

Ok, enough with the background report. So now there are at least three candidates boasting about their military savvy: one is polishing up old

medals, one is flashing confident smiles ... one is trying to remember where he was for a year when he was supposed to be serving in the Air National Guard, wondering where his soul-mate Osama bin Laden is hiding and where those silly weapons of mass destruction wandered off to in Iraq.

Life's confusing--ain't it, Dubya?

I guess it seems only fitting that the front-running, presidential wanna-bees all flaunt commander-in-chief aptitudes. If you've been living in the U.S.A. for the past two years, then you know that we've been whipped up into a frenzied state of xenophobia--via our own faults, in part, but insidious manipulators own an equal share of blame--and the easiest way to calm the fears of a pseudo-vulnerable mass is to cower behind a militaristic demagogue.

This urgent need for frightened people to find "protection" from the outside world smacks heavily of Moore's message in "Bowling for Columbine."

Whether it's Hitler's Holocaust, Roosevelt's Japanese

Internment, Truman's nuking Japan, Ashcroft's Patriot Act or Bush's crusade against the Taliban, in all of these cases, policies were crafted to address superficial fears, instead of dealing with real threats.

On a complimentary point, Moore contends that many of our baseless fears are products of mass media messages without context. Maybe black males aren't all criminals, even though they're the majority of those arrested on the TV show "Cops"; maybe if "Cops" put the same amount of effort in arresting the white businessmen whose industrial pollution foul the water with dead fish smells and cloud the Los Angeles skyline with toxic smog, then whites wouldn't fear that every black man wants to rob, rape or murder them.

Michael Moore has the right idea for confronting fear: once fear is understood, it is overcome. If we put a little effort into understanding people who are different from ourselves, then we are much less likely to exaggerate, stereotype and stigmatize, and, one would hope, much less likely to elect a president based solely on military prowess.



ERIC GUADE

What do you think of temporary housing?



Mike Defenbaugh, Freshman

"It was good depending on the situation. For me it was just me and another guy, but a lot of others had like six people in a room."



BreAnn Eichmeier, Senior

"It doesn't make sense that they accept more students than they have housing for."



Georgia Wagner, Sophomore

"It has its ups and downs. Its good in the sense that we're providing housing, but maybe they should make the attendance policy stricter to avoid this problem."



Pete Carroll, Freshman

"I though it was more than adequate. I didn't feel slighted at all."



Jeremy Tilsen, Senior

"I think it's needed because people want to live in dorms and they are entitled to live there."



Amanda Svoboda, Senior

"I think administrators should have enough housing for incoming students. They shouldn't have to be put up in a lounge."

LAWYER from A1

in the winter.

"It was like a refrigerator in the house and our heating bill was huge," Han said.

At one point, the front door was broken and wouldn't completely shut. Han and the other roommates were concerned for their safety. The landlord refused to fix the problem.

Han even asked the landlord for receipts from the damages taken out of the security deposit and other items he had been replacing. She figured he was charging more than necessary to fix the items, but didn't know for sure because he wouldn't show her receipts.

"That only looks bad in court for him," Han said.

People often ask Han if it's worth all of the research and time for a few hundred dollars in small claims court, but she's not just doing it for the money.

"I know for a fact he's gonna keep doing this," Han said. "My other roommates don't really care and that's what he wants."

Because they were college students and inexperienced with tenant rights, she felt he took advantage of them.

"Students don't know that they have rights as tenants," Han said.

By having lawyer Joe Boles of Rodli, Beskar, Boles and Krueger on campus a twice a semester, Senate hopes students will be able to better understand their rights.

There was a similar legal counsel program five years ago, but it hasn't been on campus since.

"The previous legal counseling program got lost in the shuffle with other ongoing projects and transitions," said Senate Legislative Affairs Director Katie Kneissel.

"But after students were coming to us with a need for a counsel, we decided that this was something that needed to get brought back again."

Kneissel said about 85 percent of students' concerns to Senate have dealt with landlord problems. Other students have also come in to find out how to fight or change different types of tickets.

With a vision of having a legal counsel come to campus a few times a year, Kneissel sent e-mails to different lawyers in the area, explaining what Senate was looking for.

A few lawyers responded, but Senate went with Boles, who was willing to work with the University "pro bono," which means he will offer his services free of charge.

"Boles gave us the best options, especially with all of the budget cuts here," Kneissel said.

Boles is a 1977 UW-RF graduate and serves as a member on the Advisory Board for the College of Business and Education at the University.

"Being an alumnus, I'm always interested in helping the University," Boles said. "I feel I owe a lot, so this is a way to pay the University back."

Boles also likes to stay involved with the campus, which he feels is an important part of the community.

When he's not on campus, students will be able to reach Boles at his office. However, he would prefer students to see him when he's on campus because time is already set aside.

He will offer legal advice up to a certain point. When he feels more action needs to be taken, Boles will let the student know he needs to start charging.

Because he rents homes in the area himself, Boles said he is knowledgeable about landlord/tenant issues. Boles also works with the city of River Falls and Hudson on municipal issues, such as traffic or drinking violations.

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Hong Kong. He proposed the idea of a joint venture between UW-RF, the Zhangdian Education Center and Yunnan University when he returned to River Falls in 2002 to accept the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

While Lydecker and Greene are concentrating on the educational aspects of the trip, May will be working with villagers in southern China in the production of yak cheese, milk and improving their dairy facilities.

May has been with the University's agriculture department since 1982 and has traveled the world assisting dairy producers from around the world improve their milk and cheese yields.

"One of our best success stories was in Turkmenistan," May said. "By improving production, one gentleman was able to pay off a loan in two years that he had not made a dent in the prior twelve."

Lydecker has high hopes for the possibilities that could result from the trip.

"These types of commercial ventures have been suc-

cessful in the past and may lead to partnerships with private industry that will generate revenue for UW-RF," Lydecker said.

When it comes to international studies programs, the UW System's goal is to reach a financial balance that would allow the programs to pay for themselves through a combination of grants, fees and tuition.

"What we hope for is being able to reach the break-even point money wise," Lydecker said. "We want the international programs to be self-supporting."

This trip was funded through international studies grants, the UW-RF Foundation and outside donations. The trip will not cost the University any money.

"The money for the trip came from non-state funding," Lydecker said.

By strengthening existing agreements with Chinese universities and possibly creating new ones, study abroad opportunities for UW-RF students will be increased in China.

For now, China is not the only Asian country the University is looking at. There are plans in the works to open study opportunities in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea.

"System wide, the regents want a 25 percent increase in the number of students studying abroad. They also want to increase the number of student and faculty exchange programs."

Chancellor Ann Lydecker

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about security at your workplace.

Never carry your Social Security card with you and tear off important numbers from check stubs before throwing them away.

Never give out personal information over the phone.

"Be suspicious," Woodward said.

He added that it's important to know why people calling you absolutely need to know certain information and who they really are.

Check out next week's Voice for Student Senate election results

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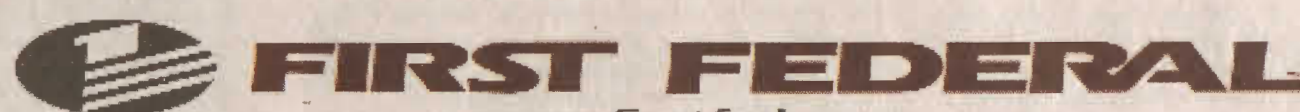
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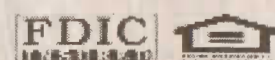
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Football drops WIAC opener, 42-28

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls Falcon football team continued its season-long third quarter struggle giving up 28 unanswered points to the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds en route to a 42-28 loss at Ramer Field Saturday.

The Falcons (0-3, 0-1) got 171 yards rushing and four touchdowns from John Peterlik and 111 yards on the ground from Owen Schmitt. It wasn't enough to overcome four turnovers.

"Those are exactly the kind of things we have to avoid," Falcon head coach John O'Grady said. "When you turn the ball over, you shorten the field for your opponent."

After the Falcons took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove 81 yards to tie the game 14-14, the Blugolds (2-1, 1-0) used a short field to pin four straight touchdowns on the Falcons and take a commanding 42-14 lead.

Two Falcon turnovers came in the less than seven minutes that it took the Blugolds to put the Falcons' Homecoming game on ice.

Peterlik led the Falcons' near comeback attempt scoring on a

46-yard scamper as time expired in the third quarter. He also scored from seven yards out with eight minutes remaining in the game.

The Falcons were unable to recover an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff and saw their final drive stall at the Blugold 29-yard line.

The Falcons led 7-0 early in the game after Peterlik scored from 10 yards out with three minutes left in the first quarter, before the Blugolds scored twice in the second to take a 14-7 lead into intermission.

Despite the loss, O'Grady saw progress in his young team.

"The offense has shown that they can move the ball," O'Grady said. "If we can eliminate some of the turnovers and minimize the penalties and if our defense can step up and make some plays, we'll be OK."

Turnovers aside, the Falcons had their most productive day on the offensive side of the ball, amassing 525 yards in total offense.

Freshman quarterback Troy Foss completed 9-18 passes for 159 yards and ran for 27 yards in the game.

Schmitt's 111 yards rushing marked his third consecutive

game of eclipsing the century mark while the four touchdowns by Peterlik was a career high and one shy of the Falcon mark set by Chad Johnson in 1990.

"We made a goal to get John the ball 15 times in the game," O'Grady said. "We got it to him 20 and he showed what he can do. I don't think anyone can argue with the fact that he is the best back in our league."

Peterlik also had three receptions for 54 yards and returned five kickoffs for 95 yards giving him 320 total yards on the day.

An offensive line that was revamped after the loss of center Andy Kotelnicki paved the way for 366 yards on the ground and gave Foss ample time to find his receivers down field.

Freshman halfback Jeremy Wolff carried four times for 39 yards and had two catches for 71 yards, including a 60-yard gain in the first half.

Linebackers Nate Gray and Matt Farmer led the Falcons in tackles. Gray finished with eight solo and 11 total stops while Farmer had seven solo and 10 total tackles. The Falcons finished with three sacks - one by Nate Hendrickson and a shared

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Eau Claire quarterback Nels Fredrickson looks to pass while Falcon defensive tackle Nic Rue chases him down.

Photo by Eric Page

Blugold recovering from head injuries

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

A UW-Eau Claire football player's condition was improving on Wednesday afternoon after suffering



Justin Greenwood

ing head injuries that left him in critical condition during UW-River Falls' homecoming football game.

Justin Greenwood, a junior from Park Falls, Wis., was able to move his arms and squeeze his sister's hand on Wednesday.

Greenwood collapsed on the Blugold sideline shortly before halftime Saturday after receiving a blow to the head while covering a

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Volleyball collects four more wins at UW-Eau Claire Invite



Photo by Mike Foley

Krystle Brune and Melissa Tvrdik jump to block a shot by UW-Eau Claire. In the match, neither team won a game by more than three points.

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The No. 5 UW-River Falls volleyball team picked up four wins and blew away the rest of the field at the UW-Eau Claire Lisa Siegenthaler Memorial Tournament Sept. 26 and 27.

The Falcons downed Northland, Superior, Stout and Eau Claire on the way to the tournament win. Senior middle hitter Melissa Tvrdik and senior outside hitter Krystle Brune were named to the All-Tournament Team and both are working toward career kill milestones.

Brune slammed 53 kills over the weekend, raising her career total to 1,401. She is closing in on the school record of 1,519 career kills by Melissa Mattson. Tvrdik is working toward her 1,000th career kill. After killing 35 over the weekend, she sits at 933.

To open tournament play, the Falcons spanked Northland college, 30-12, 30-15, 30-21 on Friday. Head coach Patti Ford sat many of her experienced players so she could play some of the younger players.

Freshman hitter Katie Thompson made an impact during her limited playing time. Thompson had five kills, five digs and five service aces. Freshman middle hitter Andrea Geehan also made a strong showing with four kills and one block assist.

"It is always valuable to give younger players experience," Ford said. "When we needed Andrea a little in the Eau Claire game, it wasn't such a shock to the whole team, let alone herself."

Later on Friday, the Falcons defeated UW-Superior, 30-15, 30-17, 30-18. Krystle Brune showed her true form by slamming 17 kills and posting a .483 hitting percentage. Nina Petersen and Kristin Brandt combined for 15 total blocks in the match. Erin

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Serious injury reminds us that football is only a game

Dear Madam,
The university's department of athletics regrets to inform you that your son was killed in the line of duty.

This introduction has traditionally been reserved for correspondence from the Department of Defense to bereaved mothers of sons on far away battle fields.

But what of the mothers in the bleachers who sit watching their sons throw caution, along with their bodies, to the wind on college football fields across the country each Saturday?

Shortly before halftime of Saturday afternoon's homecoming game between the Falcons and UW-Eau Claire, a Blugold player suffered a massive head injury while taking on the wedge of the Falcons' kickoff return.



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brain on Saturday night and remained in critical condition on Tuesday.

The sport of football is one that celebrates violence. A head-on collision on the field inspires teammates and awes onlookers, so serious injury is not an altogether foreign occurrence.

But when an athlete's life is in peril, the colors that separate sports teams fade and the hue of our humanity shines through. We are

reminded that football, after all, is just a game.

Falcon head coach John O'Grady visited Greenwood's family and the Blugold coaching staff Saturday night at Regions and was planning to visit again Tuesday afternoon. His concern for Greenwood goes beyond that of an opposing coach; they are brothers in the college football family.

The advent of life threatening head injuries in college football is not a new phenomenon, though recent emphasis has been placed on heat stroke and cardiac related incidents.

According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury, there has been a dramatic decrease in cranial injuries since rule changes in the 1970s prohibited leading with the head down when making a hit.

Changes in helmet design in the 1980s and the introduction of the Revolution helmet design in 2001

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Tennis team raises record to 11-1, faces Oshkosh next

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's tennis team had a perfect week. They won all three matches they competed in - including a 9-0 WIAC win at UW-Stout.

Wednesday the Falcons downed Hamline 9-0 to improve the team's overall record to 11-1.

Saturday the Falcons put together a great team effort in earning a 7-2 win at Winona State.

The Falcons won five of six singles matches and two of the three doubles matches. In the singles matches the Falcons won, only one went to three sets. Becky Briese remains undefeated after getting a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 6. Jordan Anderson and Amanda Gray also won and improved their records at No. 1 and No. 2 singles to 9-1. They combined at No. 1 doubles to take an 8-5 win and push their record to 11-0.

"Last year Winona won their conference championship and they are a Div. II school, so we're very happy about this win," Falcon Coach Lee Lueck said. "Our depth really helped us get the win and that's been a key to our success this year. We got wins at No. 4 (Leah Baron), 5 (Amber Weissinger) and 6 (Becky Briese) singles and a win at No. 3 doubles (Briese- Sarah VandenHoek). We have a very well-balanced team this year."

The Falcons improved their WIAC record to 2-1 with a 9-0 win at UW-Stout Wednesday.

UW-RF won all of the singles matches in straight

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Photo by Jens Gunelson

The last three matches of the season, all against WIAC powers, will make or break the tennis team.

Soccer wins two games in OT

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's soccer team used almost every second possible to earn three wins in three tries last week.



Photo by Jens Gunelson
The Falcons have kept their fans at the edge of their seats this week by winning three games in the final minutes.

UW-RF won two important WIAC matches - both in overtime. The Falcons topped UW-Oshkosh, 2-1, and UW-La Crosse, 1-0. In between they won, 2-1, over Carleton College.

The Falcons are now 6-1 overall and 3-1 in WIAC play. The Falcons play three non-conference matches this week - the one home match is Saturday against Northern Michigan. Play starts at 1 p.m. at Ramer Field. Friday the Falcons play at Concorida - St. Paul.

The Falcons

grabbed a 2-1 overtime win at Oshkosh Saturday.

The Falcons used every last second possible in getting the win. With UW-O leading, Ashley Peterson tied the game with just 3:17 to play in the match. She scored her first goal of the season, unassisted, at 86:43. Then Sarah Carlson scored the game-winner with just 14.8 seconds to play in the second overtime. It was Carlson's eighth goal of the year. She was assisted by Peterson.

"Ashley is a defender, but we moved her up to mid-field for the last part of regulation play and the over-times," Coach Sean McKuras said. "Her defensive play kept the game where we needed it, and that helped lead to the win."

On the game-winning goal, Falcon goalie Apryl Jennrich punted the ball to Peterson who worked the ball down the sideline and beat a defender twice on the run. She crossed the ball to the front of the UW-O net where Carlson was able to control it and knock the game-winner into the corner of the net.

"There was some pressure on Carlson now that her shot was going to be the last one of the game - and she made it count."

UW-O's Nicole Kunick gave her team a 1-0 lead with a goal at 34:54. It was her ninth goal of the year. The loss was the first for the Titans in eight home matches. UW-RF is now 1-1 in road matches.

Jennrich made four saves to get the win. UW-O goalie Sara Tomjanovich made six saves.

Carlson led the Falcons with three shots while Molly McClanahan, Peterson, Lisa McGuire and Amy Jensen each had two. Each team had 13 shots.

Carlson scored two goals to help lead the Falcons to a 2-1 win over Carleton College Thursday at Ramer Field.

Carleton had a 1-0 lead at the half. Caitlin Coomes

See SOCCER, B3



Talented freshmen pace Falcon cross country teams



Photo courtesy of Sara Rudesill
Falcon runners Dan Kessenich, Bobby Hanson, Adam Puhl and Mark Hartwig run in a pack at a meet in Duluth.

Sports Information UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams had strong showings at the Griak Invitational Saturday in Minneapolis. The Falcon women placed ninth of 26 teams and the men placed 30th of 43 squads.

For the women, Amanda Kozicky led the Falcons over the 5,000-meter course in a time of 20:09. She placed 39th overall. Melissa Phelps was second for the Falcons, and 55th overall, in 20:22. For the men, Jason Quarford led the team for the third straight meet. He finished the 8,000-meter course in 28:16 and placed 151st overall. Kevin McDonough was next for the Falcons, in 194th place, in 28:31. Falcon cross country coach Don Glover is now looking to prepare his runners for the conference meet later this month and the NCAA regional meet in mid November. "My goals for each team are different,"

Photo by Jason Quarford

(Above) Senior captains Candy Jacobs and Marian Christen navigate a course earlier this season. They will have to pass the torch to a talented group of freshmen.

Photo by Jason Quarford

(Right) Men's senior captain Adam Puhl is running behind four to six younger runners and is the lone senior on the men's team.



Glover said. "For the women's team my goal is a top five region finish. For the men's team my goal is a top 15 finish." Underclassmen runners are finding their way to the front of Falcon packs. Kozicky and Phelps are both freshmen and they finished one and two for the women in the last meet. Quarford, a freshman on the men's team, has been the fastest Falcon runner all season. Friday the Falcons will run in the Long-Short Course Challenge in Colfax at 4 p.m.

Falcon golfers shoot for higher WIAC finish

Sports Information WIAC

The Falcons won the three-team Golden Bear Invitational held Tuesday afternoon in Lake Elmo, Minn. UW-RF finished with 367 strokes to win the event. Augsburg was second with 384 followed by the host school, Concordia-St. Paul, with 425. Seven of the eight Falcon golfers who competed in the event shot in the 90s on the par 72 Tartan Park course. UW-RF took the fifth through eighth spots in the individual results. Now the Falcons will golf in the first home meet in UW-Platteville's history – the WIAC Women's Golf Championship Oct. 4-5. All seven conference teams will assemble at Platteville Golf and Country Club for the eighth edition of the league gala. Although there has never been a repeat champion in league history, UW-Oshkosh will look to defend last year's team title. The Titans

have won the team title at four events this fall, claiming the UW-Eau Claire Invitational, UW-Whitewater Invitational, Carthage Invitational and UW-Oshkosh Invitational. UW-Oshkosh returns sophomore Cheryl Treadwell, who claimed medalist honors at last year's league championship and earned All-WIAC Second Team honors. Treadwell ranks second on a very balanced Titan attack with an 81.0 stroke average. Freshman Jennifer Young leads the club with a 79.9 mark, followed by Treadwell, seniors Cassie Graves (81.6), Amy Simon (81.7), Carrie Detjen (84.2) and Kristin Huth (84.6) and junior Marcia Perry (84.9). Detjen, Simon and Huth claimed All-WIAC First Team accolades last year, while Perry earned second team recognition. UW-Eau Claire has never finished below second at the league championships and has posted second-place finishes in five meets this season, while claiming the team title at the Knox (Ill.) Invitational. The

Blugolds return senior Jennifer Prock, who was named the league's Player of the Year last season. She ranks second on the team with an 82.9 stroke average. Sophomore Maggie Loney earned All-WIAC First Team recognition a year ago and leads the squad with an 80.6 stroke average. Freshman Kelly Gerzsenyi ranks third on the club with an 84.0 mark and freshman Jesse Thompson posts 85.4 per round. UW-Platteville tied for the top spot at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational and also claimed the team crown at the Clarke (Iowa) Invitational. Sophomore Ahna Hendrickson leads the Pioneers with an 85.8 stroke average and claimed medalist honors at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational. Junior Linda Engelke ranks second on the squad with an 89.6 mark. UW-River Falls tied for top honors at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational and also won the UW-River Falls Invitational this fall. The Falcons are led by junior Ellen Berndt who was an All-WIAC Second Team selection a year ago, and freshman Gabrielle VanDyk. Berndt boasts an 86.3 stroke average, while VanDyk brings an 85.5 mark into the championship. UW-Stevens Point established a team-record score on the opening day of the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic with the aid of freshman Susie Lewis, who fired a school record 73 to surpass the previous mark of 77 set by Andrea Miller last year. Miller leads the Pointers this fall with an 84.3 stroke average. UW-Whitewater is led by senior Lisa Irons, who claimed All-WIAC Second Team honors a year ago. She guides the team with an 83.1 stroke average and recorded the second-best 18-hole score in school history with a 75 at the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic this

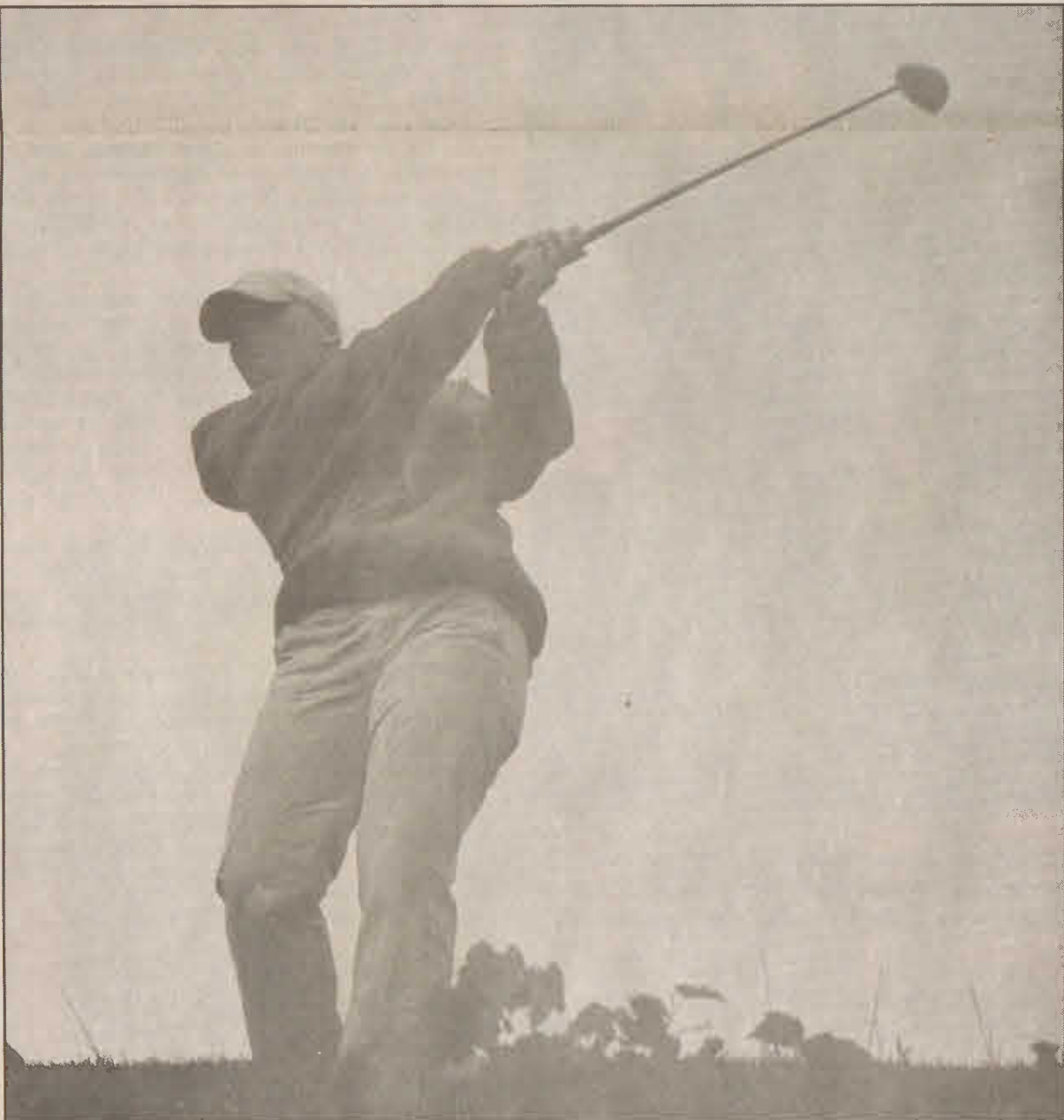


Photo by Teresa Schmitt
(Above) Falcon golfer Angela Christianson watches her tee shot fly after driving from the top of a hill at the UW-River Falls Invitational.

Photo by Teresa Schmitt
(Right) Falcon golfer Nina Englund grabs her hat in despair after missing a long put at the UW-River Falls Invitational. The Falcons won the meet.

year. Sophomore Katy Brandeau ranks second on the squad with an 88.1 stroke average this season. UW-Superior returns to the championship field after a one-year hiatus. The Yellowjackets have participated in limited contests this fall. Competition for the 36-hole league championship event will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, while the first group is scheduled to tee off at 10 a.m. Sunday.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt
Falcon golfer Cara Coughlin sends a putt toward the hole during the UW-River Falls Invitational earlier this season. She finished the Golden Bear Invitational with a 95 last Tuesday.



SCOREBOARD

Football

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 27 results

Eau Claire	14	0	28	0	-42
River Falls	7	0	14	7	-28

1st Quarter

3:03 RF - Peterlik 10-yard run (Bergdahl kick) 14 plays, 85 yards, TOP 6:44, RF 7 - EC 0.

2nd Quarter

7:22 EC - Evensen 17-yard pass from Fredrickson (Diciaula kick) 12 plays, 77 yards, TOP 3:41, RF 7 - EC 7.

3:41 EC - Evensen 23-yard run (Diciaula kick) 5 plays, 42 yards, TOP 1:53, RF 7 - EC 14.

3rd Quarter

10:18 RF - Peterlik 1-yard run (Bergdahl kick) 12 plays, 81 yards, TOP 4:32, RF 14 - EC 14.

9:18 EC - Mitchell 12-yard run (Diciaula kick failed) 3 plays, 79 yards, TOP 0:58, RF 14 - EC 21.

7:14 EC - Gast 5-yard run (Evensen pass from Fredrickson) 5 plays, 28 yards, TOP 1:21, RF 14 - EC 28.

3:22 EC - Ferguson 9-yard pass from Fredrickson (Diciaula kick) 4 plays, 42 yards, TOP 1:50, RF 14 - EC 35.

2:25 EC - Evensen 25 yard pass from Damell (Diciaula kick) 2 plays, 25 yards, TOP 0:11, RF 14 - EC 42.

0:00 RF - Peterlik 46-yard run (Bergdahl kick) 6 plays, 83 yards, TOP 2:17, RF 21 - EC 42.

4th Quarter

8:01 RF - Peterlik 7-yard run (Bergdahl kick) 10 plays, 90 yards, TOP 2:59, RF 28 - EC 42.

	RF	EC
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First Downs 27 23

Rushing 71-366 38-178

Passing 9-18-159 17-32-238

Total Offense 89-525 70-416

Fumbles-Lost 3-2 0-0

Interceptions 0 2

Penalties 8-95 6-30

Possession 29:20 30:40

Individual leaders

Rushing

RF - Peterlik 20-171, Schmitt 27-111, Wolff 4-39, Foss 17-27, Booth 3-18

Passing

RF - Foss 9-18-159

Receiving

RF - Peterlik 3-54, Strinmoen 3-25, Wolff 2-71, Booth 1-9

Tackling (Solo-Assist)

RF - Gray 6-3, Farmer 3-5, Gillett 4-3, Hoegh 2-4, Parish 2-3, Hendrickson 3-1, Mantor 3-1, Johnson 3-0, Horton 1-1, Mueller 1-1, Greisen 3-0, Retzlaff 1-1, Malpert 1-0, Jordan 1-0, Rue 1-0, White 1-0, Meyer 0-1, Cassellius 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

La Crosse (14-3)	4	0
River Falls (17-2)	3	0
Platteville (12-6)	2	1
Eau Claire (11-5)	1	1
Whitewater (13-4)	2	2
Oshkosh (14-6)	2	2
Stout (12-8)	0	2
Superior (8-14)	0	3
Stevens Point (7-15)	0	3

Oct. 1 results

River Falls	30	30	30	-3
Superior	17	13	22	-0

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

Lundberg 0-10-1-0-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-6-0, Shock 1-0-2-9-0, Kiesch 5-0-4-9-0, Braun 2-1-6-0, Brune 8-0-0-3-3, Halverson 0-0-0-4-0, Brandt 2-0-1-0-2, Oberholtzer 0-25-0-1-4-2, Geehan 7-1-1-1-2, Petersen 10-2-0-1-2, Tvrdik 10-0-1-0-3.

Sept. 27 results

River Falls	32	27	30	30	-3
Eau Claire	30	30	29	27	-1

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

Lundberg 0-11-1-6-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-13-0, Shock 0-0-1-9-0, Kiesch 11-1-4-12-3, Braun 3-0-2-6-0, Brune 15-2-0-3-1, Halverson 4-0-7-0, Brandt 4-0-0-2-2, Oberholtzer 2-35-3-19-2, Geehan 2-1-0-3-1, Petersen 13-1-0-0-2, Tvrdik 10-0-1-6-4.

Sept. 27 results

River Falls	25	30	30	30	-3
Stout	30	23	21	19	-1

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

Lundberg 0-20-1-12-0, Krtnick 2-0-0-20-0, Shock 0-1-1-4-0, Kiesch 11-2-1-18-1, Braun 5-0-1-17-0, Halverson 0-0-0-3-0, Brandt 4-1-4-1-3, Oberholtzer 0-32-1-13-0, Geehan 0-0-0-0-0, Petersen 12-2-0-7-3, Tvrdik 8-1-0-7-0.

Sept. 26 results

River Falls	30	30	30	-3
Superior	15	17	18	-0

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

Lundberg 0-8-0-3-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-5-0, Schock 0-0-0-13-0, Kiesch 4-0-3-10-3, Braun 0-0-0-10-0, Brune 17-0-0-4-1, Halverson 0-0-0-1-0, Brandt 8-0-0-2-7, Oberholtzer 0-26-0-5-1, Geehan 0-1-0-0-0, Petersen 6-2-0-5-1, Tvrdik 5-1-2-3-2.

Sept. 26 results

River Falls	30	30	30	-3
Northland College	12	15	21	-0

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

Lundberg 1-20-3-2-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-12-0, Jude 3-1-0-3-0, Schock 0-0-0-0-0, Kiesch 1-0-1-2-1, Braun 4-0-1-0-0, Brune 2-1-0-5-0, M.Thompson 0-0-0-0-0, Brandt 2-0-0-0-1, Oberholtzer 0-12-3-6-0, Geehan 4-0-0-3-1, Petersen 6-1-0-3-2, K.Thompson 5-1-5-5-0, Tvrdik 12-1-0-1-1.

Soccer

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 30 Results

Bethany Lutheran	0	0	-0
River Falls	2	2	-4

1st half

29:02 RF Peterson (unassisted)

39:27 RF Jensen (unassisted)

2nd half

49:58 RF Pogulis (Carlson)

68:56 RF Lynch (unassisted)

Sept. 27 results

River Falls	0	1	0	1	-2
Oshkosh	1	0	0	0	-1

1st half

34:54 O Kunick (9) (Robel)

2nd half

86:43 RF Peterson (1) (unassisted)

Overtime

109:46 RF Carlson (8) (Peterson)

Sept. 25 results

Carlton	1	0	-1
River Falls	0	2	-2

1st half

41:20 CC Coomes (4) (Johnson)

2nd half

51:04 RF Carlson (6) (Jensen)

71:26 RF Carlson (7) (Hawkins)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

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

Oct. 1 results

River Falls 9, Hamline 0

Singles

No. 1: Anderson (RF) def. Kristen Bothun

(H), 6-4, 6-3

No. 2: Gray (RF) def. Hilary Wilson (H), 6-1, 6-0

No. 3: Knobloch (RF) def. Jenna Mcmanus (H), 6-0, 6-1

No. 4: Weissinger (RF) def. Kathie Winter (H), 6-3, 6-2

No. 5: Briese (RF) def. Jena Maki (H), 6-0, 6-1

No. 6: VandenHoek (RF) def. Lacy Schumann (H), 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: Anderson-Gray (RF) def. Wilson-Mcmanus (H), 8-2

No. 2: Knobloch-Baron (RF) def. Munoz-Maki (H), 8-1

No. 3: VandenHoek-Briese (RF) def. Winter-Bothun (H), 8-3

Sept. 27 results

River Falls 7, Winona State 2

Singles

No. 1: Anderson (RF) won 6-1, 6-0

No. 2: Gray (RF) won 7-6(7-5), 4-6, 6-4

No. 3: Knobloch (RF) lost 4-6, 5-7

No. 4: Baron (RF) won 6-0, 6-0

No. 5: Weissinger (RF) won 6-1, 6-3

No. 6: Briese (RF) won 6-0, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1: Anderson-Gray (RF) won 8-5

No. 2: Knobloch-Baron (RF) lost 6-8

No. 3: VandenHoek-Briese (RF) won 8-5

Golf

Sept. 30 results

Concordia-St. Paul Invite

Team Place: 1st of three

Individual Scores:

4- UW-River Falls

5- Ambers

6- Christianson

7- VanDyk

8- Erickson

8- Berndt

10 - Caughlin

11 - Berreau

Cross Country

Sept. 27 results

Griak Invite

Men

Team place: 30th of 43

Individual results:

151. Jason Quarford, 28:16

164. Kevin McDonough, 28:31

168. Aaron Olson, 28:38

179. Bobby Hanson, 28:48

203. Matt Olson, 29:12

Women

Team place: 9th of 26

Individual results:

39. Amanda Kozicky, 20:09

55. Melissa Phelps, 20:22

57. Marian Christen, 20:23

82. Lisa Barnes, 20:51

91. Angela Kveen, 21:04

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Tennis



Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Crabtree Tennis Courts

Last year the Titans blanked the Facons 9-0 but the Falcons come into this year's match with a 10-1 record and a vastly improved team. A win for the Falcons would help keep them in contention for a WIAC crown. Perennial conference powers Eau Claire, Oshkosh and La Cross stand in their way.

VARSITY SPORTSWEEK

Friday, Oct. 3

Tennis	vs. Oshkosh	3:30 p.m.
Soccer	at Concordia-St. Paul	3 p.m.
Cross Country	at Colfax Challenge	4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Volleyball	vs. Stevens Point	noon
Soccer	vs. Northern Michigan	1 p.m.
Golf	at WIAC meet	TBD

Sunday, Oct. 5

Golf	at WIAC meet	TBD
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Wednesday, Oct. 8

Soccer	at Eau Claire	4 p.m.
Volleyball	at Eau Claire	7 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



John Peterlik
Football



Sarah Carlson
Soccer

Peterlik carried the ball 20 times for 171 yards and four touchdowns in the Falcons 42-28 loss to Eau Claire. He also had three receptions for 54 yards and 95 yards in kick return yardage.

Carlson collected three game-winning goals last week, two of which came in overtime. She recorded four total goals in three games including two in a 2-1 win over Carleton College.

FOOTBALL from B1

field by ambulance at halftime and later air-lifted to Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

According to O'Grady, who visited the player's family and Blugold coaching staff, Greenwood underwent surgery to remove a blood clot in his brain.

The Falcons have a bye next week before returning to action Oct. 11 when they go to Whitewater to play the Warhawks at 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL from B1

Oberholtzer paced the team with 26 assists. Molly Schock led the team with 13 digs. Logan Kiesch and Jen Braun had 10 digs each.

After winning all six games Friday by nine or more points, Ford said the team is getting even better.

"I think we are still improving as a team," Ford said. "There are so many elements of our game that are getting better and harder to defend. I hope that will continue as we hit mid-season."

The next day, the Falcons faced UW-Stout. Ford had considered Stout one of the WIAC's top teams in the preseason, but the Blue Devils

were only 12-7 coming into the game. The Falcons took down the Blue Devils in four games, 25-30, 30-23, 30-21, 30-19.

Brune had 19 big kills. Petersen had 12 and Kiesch had 11. Oberholtzer and Amy Lundberg shared the setting duties. Oberholtzer had 32 assists while Lundberg had 20. Kat Krtnick led the team with 20 digs. Kiesch had 18, and Braun had 17.

"Stout is walking wounded right now," Ford said. "I would say Stout, La Crosse and Eau Claire will be in the hunt for the conference this year."

In the tournament finale versus Eau Claire Saturday, the Falcons beat the Blugolds, 32-30, 27-30, 31-29, 30-27. Neither team lost a game by more than three points.

Four Falcon hitters registered 10 or more kills. Brune led the way with 15. Petersen, Kiesch and Tvrdik had 13, 11 and 10 kills, respectively. Erin Oberholtzer led the team in both assists, with 35, and digs, with 19. She also added three service aces. Kiesch helped out with 12 digs and four service aces. Krtnick had 13 digs.

As the No. 5 team in the country, the Falcons know every team they go up against is looking to gun them down.

"I think we will always have a target on our back," Ford said. "Everyone wants to have a personal best against River Falls so they can get their day in the rankings. We have to prepare for that. We have to make sure we play a good, solid volleyball match instead of beating our-

selves."

UW-RF will travel to UW-Superior for a WIAC match Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. and return to Karges Center Oct. 4 at noon to face UW-Stevens Point.

SOCCER from B1

scored her fourth goal of the year at 41:20. Steph Johnson picked up the assist.

The Falcons came out stronger in the second half. Carlson scored at 51:04 to tie the game. Amy Jensen got the assist. The Falcons got the eventual game-winner at 71:26 when Carlson scored her seventh

goal of the season. Gina Hawkins assisted on the play.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Eric Henning,
who has a thing for Jennifer Garner

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Monkeys are cute so it is natural to dream about them at night. But that was one naughty dream. What you did with that monkey is most definitely illegal in all 50 states. Replace the monkey with Britney Spears and you'll be legal again.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Set up a booth in the Student Center and offer free mammograms. You don't have any formal medical training, but you have seen the "American Pie" movies.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You're annoying the person next to you. Move away slowly and maybe you won't get slapped.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The question is: Do you tip the delivery guy, or what? It's a tough question. This psychic has it on good authority you should tip at least \$2. Make the delivery guy do a little jig before he goes and it'll be worth it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

This psychic likes pigtails. Fortunately, pigtails are all the rage, meaning this psychic is not a perverted freak, but a slave to fashion. Wear pigtails and everybody will know you're hip, and I will thank you personally.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't worry Cancer, you don't have cancer. It's a figment of your imagination. What you do have is cooties. Stay away from me please.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Those two lumps on your chest? Those are breasts and usually that's good. But you're a guy. What this means is you're just a little bit chubby. Diet and exercise, dude, and fast.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" is coming soon to theaters everywhere. The trailer is online, check it out. This psychic is excited and you should be too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

It might be your birthday today. Blow up some balloons, get some party hats. You're gonna have a birthday party. Nobody will come, but that's ok. You can wear all the party hats simultaneously and pop the balloons yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You don't know how to use a copy machine. They are tricky machines, but it is about time you learned how to use one. If you stroke the copier and talk to it soothingly, it won't do a darned thing, but it would be pretty funny to watch.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You like that cute girl, but you're afraid to talk to her. You think girls are cruel and heartless and she will probably stomp on your feelings like you squash an ant on your counter. Looks like you'll be alone forever.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

It's a good week to be a Capricorn, unless you live in McMillan hall. If you wake up with a horse head in your bed, don't say I didn't warn you.

Good Samaritan life doesn't live up

In the past couple of weeks my roommate and I have been on a good Samaritan kick. It has brought us many feelings, none of which include goodness. But in all fairness we did laugh a lot.

It all began a couple of weeks ago when we went to the Kinnickinnic River to take pictures of the sunset. Upon arriving in the parking lot, we were approached by two fishermen, probably in their late 20s, carrying fishing poles.

Before we opened the car door, the two men asked us if we had a cell phone. Well, if anyone knows me, I am attached at the hip with my cell phone. But at the Kinni there is no reception, so I unfortunately didn't have one. The men, apparently new to the area, locked their keys in the car and needed a ride into town.

So if we were anywhere but in River Falls the immediate reaction would have been put the car in reverse and drive as fast as possible. But being that River Falls is so safe we said, "Sure we'll take you to town. Jump in."

One of the guys stayed at the Kinni to guard their fishing gear and we took Miles, the recovering alcoholic who moved to River Falls for the good fishing and hunting, into town.

During the 15 minute ride to town, my roommate and I missed the exquisite sunset. But doing something good for someone else should make us feel better right?

I think in the long run it really should have, but following the next two days we decided helping others is too weird for us for a while.

The evening after the fishermen, we were brought to tears from laughter. Around 9 p.m. there is a knock on our door, which in itself is weird because people just don't visit us very often. It happened to be our neighbor, a bar owner in town, requesting to borrow some toilet paper.

"Yeah, we're guys, we just don't care about that stuff very much, but we have some girls over," he said.

What the hell? I am aware that men don't need toilet paper as often as women, but everyone needs it sometimes. I was giving him a hard time later and he said he was just too lazy to go get some from the bar downstairs.



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Lending toilet paper isn't really that bad. But when you start lending other amenities in your house, you begin questioning where the goodness should end.

Two days later, I was working away, making drinks for all the college students at the bar. Meanwhile, my roommate was playing video games when another strange knock came upon our door.

This time it wasn't the owner of the bar, but one of his grungiest bartenders. My roommate wasn't aware that he was the bartender nor that he frequently showered next door.

Before she could figure out who he was or what he wanted, the obviously drunk man pushed his way into our apartment. Don't worry, the story doesn't turn into some assault case.

"I need to take a shower, I will be late for work otherwise," he said.

Eww, we don't even know this guy's name and he wants to use our shower, the place where you get naked and clean? Unfortunately, I wasn't home, and she didn't know what else to do. So this guy took a shower in our house.

Following his shower, he unexpectedly walked into the living room, minus clothes, to borrow a towel, which by the way was hanging on the bathroom door. Luckily, he was late for work and in our bathroom.

The recently cleaned bathroom shower was covered in black dirt and my roommate's razor had mysteriously

walked from the shower to the sink 10 ft. away. Yep, he not only used our shower and towels, he used her razor.

Before the madness and night could end, one last act of kindness was in our midst. Following bar close, I came home from work and planned to take a friend home that had a little too much to drink. By this time it was 3:30 a.m. and very few people were left on the streets.

Few people, except the lonely college man passed out on the Student Center lawn. I quickly pulled over on Cascade, jumped out the car with my friend and my roommate and stood over the guy.

"Is he breathing?" I said.

"Hey guy, wake up," my roommate said.

As they screamed at him to get up, I realized he was alive and breathing so I gave him a little kick on the foot. Following two or three kicks, the guy sits straight up, frightened that three women are staring at him on the lawn of the Student Center.

"Do you need a ride home?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said.

"Do you know where you live?" I said.

"No," he said.

"Do you know your name?" I asked.

Luckily he knew his name; finally we were getting somewhere. So the three of us tried not to laugh at his drunken state as we questioned where he lived. It turns out this guy was visiting a friend and really had no idea where he was or where his friend lived.

This is a perfect example to all of you drinkers. You can forget things and be in a world of trouble; please don't do this.

Well, by some ironic twist of fate, this guy said a nickname of his friend and I knew who he was talking about. Finally I can get this guy home safely and off the Student Center lawn.

"OK, let's go, I think I know where you go," I said.

As he gets in the car he repeated the question, "Is this where I go?" about 10 times before passing out on top of the 24-pack of Charmin in the back seat. I get to the apartment of his friend and startle him awake, again. As my roommate and I get out of the car we wait for him to exit stumbling.

Walking to the door he again questions, is this where he goes. This is all he could say, over and over again. We approach the door and suddenly it all became crystal clear to him.

"Is this number three? This is where I go," he said.

Thank goodness, because my kindness streak has gone too far. I am done.

I plan to go back to helping my friends and family. All of the strangers out there who need something, steer clear of me because my car, toilet paper and shower are closed for the season.

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