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Enrollment down slightly this fall

Eric Henning
Front Page Editor

For the first time in over a decade, UW-River Falls saw a decline in the number of enrolled freshmen this fall. Normally, there are around 1,100 freshmen each year, but this fall there are about 50 fewer first-year students at UW-RF, according to Admissions Director Alan Tuchtenhagen.

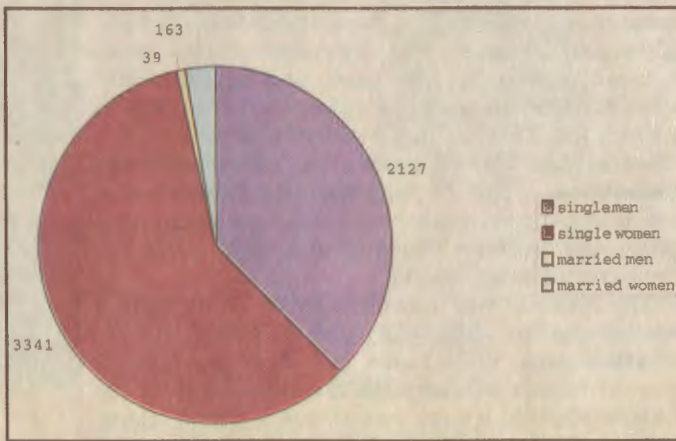
Administrators say the enrollment suspension the Board of Regents imposed on the UW System last spring is partially to blame for the enrollment decline.

Last March, admissions for this fall to UW-RF were suspended for two weeks due to the possibility of large state cuts to the University's annual budget. These cuts would have made it difficult to provide quality education, administrators say.

In a normal year, UW-RF meets its admissions goals by spring, and very often exceeds targeted numbers, Tuchtenhagen said.

"We typically are one of the few campuses in the system that fills up very quickly, and the enrollment suspension threw off that pattern last spring," Tuchtenhagen said. "We think this is a one year anomaly."

Chancellor Ann Lydecker said the temporary admissions freeze is partly the reason for the



Jenny Cullen / Student Voice

Admissions statistics show that the majority — 62 percent — of UW-RF students are female.

freshman enrollment decline.

"I think the (admissions) freeze made us work harder to build the class," Lydecker said.

Student recruitment lost its momentum when the freeze occurred. Students were led to believe they could go to school in River Falls, then told they could not, Lydecker said.

According to admissions data, the majority of this year's freshman class — about 580 stu-

dents — came from Wisconsin. Another 468 freshmen are from Minnesota. There are also two freshmen students from states other than Wisconsin or Minnesota, and five students who came from other countries to UW-RF.

This year's freshman class has a lower average ACT score than the previous four classes, with an average score of 22.28. The sophomore class averaged 22.31 on their ACTs. The junior class scored an average of 22.48, while seniors averaged a 22.62. Fifth-year seniors posted a 22.60 average on their ACT.

Despite the decline, Lydecker said UW-RF freshmen make up an "excellent" class.

"They're alive, they're alert, they're attentive," she said. "I'm hopeful we have a class that's eager to learn, eager to do well, and eager to graduate in four years."

As a whole, the University has fewer students than last year. There are currently 5,670 students at UW-RF, 170 less than a year ago.

"That's not a lot (of difference), but it is when you are counting on them for tuition and for residence halls," Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander said.

An interesting aspect of this year's University population is the ratio of women to men. There are 3,504 women enrolled at UW-RF compared to only 2,166 men, a difference of 1,338.

Also, most students attending UW-RF are single. There are only 39 married men and 163 married women enrolled at UW-RF, according to the admissions office.

The 1,052 freshmen comprise the smallest class on campus. There are 1,077 sophomores, 1,102 juniors, and 1,483 seniors. There are also 385 graduate students enrolled at UW-RF.

UW-RF's student population is 93 percent Caucasian. There are 68 blacks, 24 American Indians, 99 Asians, 68 Latinos, 87 Southeast Asians, and 54 of unknown decent.

While diversity is heavily touted at UW-RF, the administration has set no target numbers.

"We would like to create a learning community that is representative of the community that we live and work in," Lydecker said.

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UW-RF makes list of best Midwest schools

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

UW-River Falls is among the best public universities in the Midwest, according to a report in the Sept. 23 issue of U.S. News and World Report magazine.

The annual report, titled "America's Best Colleges," ranks nearly 1,400 universities and colleges nationwide. It weighs the schools based on peer assessment, graduation and freshman retention rates, class sizes and student-to-faculty ratios, ACT/SAT scores, and alumni donation rates.

In its category, "Top Public Universities—Master's," UW-RF was tied for 11th place with UW-Green Bay. In the report's 15-year history, this is the first time UW-RF has been ranked.

"It is thrilling that UW-RF is getting this recognition," said Chancellor Ann Lydecker. "People here have worked really hard for a number of years and it's paying off. We'll definitely gain some visibility from this."

Lydecker credited not only the work of the faculty, but also that of students and alumni for the recognition.

Gordon Hedahl, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was equally pleased with the ranking. "Recognition of that quality is always a good thing," Hedahl said.

"We've always been sort of an undiscovered jewel here in River Falls, and our continued improvement is finally gaining us some much-deserved recognition."

Alan Tuchtenhagen, UW-RF director of admissions, said that admissions "will highlight it" this year with recruiting.

"Certainly we will talk to families about it. We might add it to some mailings and the university's website," Tuchtenhagen said.

In addition to UW-RF and UW-Green Bay, UW System schools in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, and Whitewater were also ranked. UW-Madison, categorized as a national university and evaluated among public schools with large doctoral programs, was ranked seventh.

"It is equally thrilling to think about the success we've had across the UW System," Lydecker said. "It means we're doing things right."

Though being ranked among the country's best universities is certainly a compliment to UW-RF, the report is not without its critics. The report's most heavily weighed criterion, the peer assessment score, often comes under close scrutiny.

According to the magazine's website, US News.com, the ranking is determined by a survey given to

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New law links financial aid to tuition increases

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Staff Writers

Students who go to a UW System school, on average, graduate with over \$15,000 debt. That may change in the future though, as students are now guaranteed an equal boost in financial aid when tuition hikes occur.

Gov. Scott McCallum signed a budget repair bill in July. Within that bill are provisions that now link state funding for financial aid increases to tuition increases.

Under the new bill, the percentage increase of tuition must be matched with an equal increase of financial aid. When tuition increased eight percent at UW-River Falls this fall, financial aid also increased eight percent.

The student financial aid bill, first proposed in the state Assembly by Rep. Spencer Black, D-Madison, guarantees that state funding grow at least as fast as tuition. McCallum also made provisions within the bill to cap tuition increases at eight percent.

Black said the process of getting the financial aid bill passed was long, but he said it was made easier by determined UW System students.

"It was a long fight," Black said. "In politics you have to be persistent and the students were very persistent."

Rep. Kitty Rhoades, R-Hudson, said the link between tuition and financial aid was a heated debate in the Assembly. With the link Rhoades said the University had less control over tuition increases.

"I'm real sensitive on this issue," Rhoades said. "I told them that it was critical for these increases to be predictable and budgetable because I had three children in college at the same time for two years."

Alexia Kjos, legislative affairs director for the UW-River Falls Student Senate, said students at UW-RF felt strongly about the financial aid bill and wanted to do everything in their power to lobby for its passage.

"We (Student Senate) all signed letters and made calls," Kjos said. "We also got over 600 postcards from UW-RF students."

The United Council, Wisconsin's state student association, had students from all 24 UW campuses (and one non-UW campus) present when it lobbied the legislature and McCallum to include linkage link-

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Getting kicks at Falcon rodeo



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

UW-RF Rodeo Team Captain Kelly Foster hangs on during the bull-riding competition Saturday during the 38th Annual Falcon Frontier Days. See B2 for results and a full story.

ITS not yet feeling budget cuts, preparing for effects next year

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Maisha Downey
Staff Writers

Despite dodging the recent state budget cuts that affected many UW-River Falls departments and programs, Info Technology Services (ITS) is preparing for the possibility of future cuts.

"The budget cut doesn't affect us a lot this year, but it will in the future," said Dan Semi, ITS user services manager. "Products and costs increase and our funding does not. We'll probably start feeling those ripples a year from now."

The possibility of future cuts concerns ITS more than the current

cuts. "The state was able to justify the last cut by using the tobacco settlement," said Gary Smith, ITS director. "If they come back at us with another one, that excuse won't be there to fall back on, and we may have to cut staff. That would affect more than ITS; that would affect a lot of things."

Smith understands that the state legislators had to address the budget problem somehow, but he questions their method.

"The cuts are hurting the state more than the UW-System," Smith said. "For each dollar the state gives the university, it receives \$9.50 in return."

Though not directly related to state budget cuts, one major change students may have noticed is the loss of the off-campus modem pool, which was eliminated in July.

The modem was discarded because it was too expensive to

upgrade. The system was aging, and at \$500 million, it was too much to maintain, Smith said.

Instead of dialing the free phone number and using the university's modem, students must go through a private Internet service.

Senior Nicole Harberts said the absence of the off-campus modem pool has been a real nuisance for her and her roommates.

"It's an inconvenience for off-campus students to not have access," Harberts said. "A lot of classes are based on it, whether it be through Blackboard or WebCT. Now we have to go to the library or other labs on campus."

In place of the off-campus modem, PressEnter, a local Internet provider, and UW-RF negotiated a student package through the Follet Bookstore on campus. The package

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yamaha Pianos will be on display in the Syse theatre Room 108 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building and will be for sale Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

UW-RF mens rugby team is looking for players. For more information contact Andy at 426-1226 or Kevin at 426-0777.

Walk in tutoring hours are provided on the Web page www.uwrf.edu/academic-success/Tutoring/tutor.htm.

If interested in becoming a tutor please contact Rose Rude at rose.a.rude@uwrf.edu

Career Services is holding career workshops throughout the semester. For more information visit www.uwrf.edu/ccs.

Freshmen: If you have not yet picked up your New Student Record please do so in the University Advancement Office in South Hall.

Attention fall graduates the deadline to apply for fall Commencement is Sept. 27. Applications are available at the Registrar's office, 105 North Hall. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581.

The Post-Secondary Agriculture Student Organization (PAS) is a brand new organization and is looking for students interested in agriculture. For more information on this organization contact Daniel at daniel.p.knutson@uwrf.edu.

EVENTS

Colt Barn Dedication ceremony will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Colt Barn Building.

UW-RF Homecoming is right around the corner! To view a complete list of events visit www.uwrf.edu/alumni/homecoming_2002.htm

Annual International Study Abroad Fair will be held Monday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Falcon's nest of the Student Center.

The Four Star Brass will perform Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. in the William Abbott Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

World Food Day will be held October 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Building.

The UW-RF Art Department is holding a "Recent Work by Recent Grads" display in the Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. The display will run Sept. 30 through Oct. 20.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Avenue South, New Richmond, Wis., 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Sept. 28 BLT - vocal acoustic trio
Oct. 5 East Of Eagan - good time band!
Oct. 12 The Mighty Limited - bluegrass jam
Oct. 26 Kelly Asleson - solo singer/rock & pop
Nov. 2 Barb Ryman -folk singer
Nov. 9 My Cousin Dallas - quirky folk, pop & rock

Riversides, Live Music
500 First Street, Hudson Wis. 386-5504
Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Hungry Hourse - country music
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 9 p.m.- midnight
Acoustic Open Mic
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
No Sympathy - folk rock duo
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9 p.m. - midnight
Acoustic Open Mic
Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
East of Eagan - good time band
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Acoustic Open Mic
Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
My Cousin Dallas - quirky folk, pop & rock
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9 p.m. - midnight
Acoustic Open Mic

"Scapino" by Frank Dunlop & Jim Dale will open Oct. 24 and will run through Nov. 2. Show times are 8 p.m. at the Blanche Davis Theatre. Student tickets are \$3 and non-students are \$7

MEETINGS

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center.

Cross Country Ski Team is holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the St. Croix room at the Student Center. For further information please contact, Amy Roalson (President) at bubby350@aol.com.

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life kick-off meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Davey Library. The event will take place April 4 & 5, 2003.

Spring Break in Scotland There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, Oct. 8 in KFA 36 at 3:30pm.

River Falls Community is holding a Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc.
What: Turningpoint 5K Run/1 mile Walk
When: Oct. 5
Time: Run-9 a.m.; Walk-10 a.m.
Fee: Run-\$15 (before Sept. 27), \$20 after Sept. 27. Walk donation-\$20 (individual), \$50 (team-up to 5 members).
For further information contact, Sue at 425-0626.

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 19 Student Voice stories "Panelists examine impact one year later" and "Uganda tour a chance for students to see 'amazing place'" geography professor Charlie Rader's name was misspelled.

In the Sept. 19 Student Voice story "Uganda tour a chance for students to see 'amazing place'" economics professor Pascal Ngoboka's name was misspelled.

In the Sept. 19 Student Voice story "UW-RF rodeo to attract 300 riders" it was stated that the rodeo events began at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The events began at 7 p.m.

Rodeo attracts record-breaking crowd

Leslie Shuler
News Editor

With good weather and a record-breaking crowd, the UW-River Falls Rodeo Team hosted the first National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Great Plains Region rodeo of the 2002-03 season. The 38th Annual Falcon Frontier Days was held last weekend at Lab Farm 1.

The UW-RF women's team placed third in regional competition, while the men's did not place. Both UW-RF teams competed in slack, a preliminary competition, while 13 members qualified in seven events to compete in either the short go performance on Friday and Saturday afternoon or the long go performance on Saturday evening.

"The team did well considering they do not have a coach," said Tony Jilek, rodeo club advisor.

Team Captain Kelly Foster said there was a lot of improvement in the team's barrel racing.

Rachel Oswald led the competition in barrel racing, placing first in the short go Saturday evening. She placed second in the long go, which qualified her for Saturday evening's performance.

"Rachel had a really good run in the finals," Jilek said.

Heather Schonhardt, barrel racer, also placed well, Jilek said. He said Schonhardt placed well considering the number of barrel racers that competed this weekend.

Team members who advanced from Friday or Saturday afternoons' performances to the long go on Saturday evening included Terry Coleman, bareback; Steve Secord, bareback; Charisse Handley, breakaway; Schonhardt, barrel racing; Oswald, barrel racing; and Foster, jackpot bulls.

Team members that qualified from slack for the short go on Friday and Saturday afternoon's performance included Coleman, bareback; Secord, bareback, Handley, breakaway and goat tying; Lacy Crownhart, breakaway; Cara Turner and Misty Rood, team roping and breakaway; Bobbi Jo Anderson, barrel racing; Stephanie Hirsbrunner, goat tying; Justin Jacob, goat tying; Chris Wisniewski, steer wrestling; Chad Baldwin, steer wrestling; Foster, bull riding; and Oswald, barrel racing.

The events included approximately 300 collegiate rodeo riders representing about 20 universities from a six-state region, Foster said.

"We did very well this weekend, putting on the rodeo and competing in events," said Karen Walker, rodeo club president.

An attendance was also set this past weekend with approximately 2,000 people attending the annual rodeo, according to gate receipts. Saturday night's performance alone brought more than 750 attendees.

"The attendance was overwhelmingly terrific," Walker said. "I was very impressed and very thankful for the support of the whole community and university."



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

Charisse Handley of the UW-RF Rodeo Team participates in the goat-tying competition during the 38th annual Falcon Frontier Rodeo Days last weekend.

"It felt like all of our hard work had paid off," Walker added.

The club makes an effort to include the community at each performance by having children's events, like calf scramble, boot find and muttin busting, an event where children ride sheep Jilek said. This year's rodeo was also held in conjunction with the UW-RF Family Weekend.

About 50 UW-RF rodeo club members helped run the weekend rodeo. Visiting teams also helped with the competition.

"Everything moved along very smoothly," Jilek said. "The club worked hard to put on the rodeo. That says a lot about the students."

The team's remaining fall competitions will be Oct. 4 and 5, at Iowa State University and Oct. 18 and 19, at North Dakota State University. The season will continue in the spring with four more rodeos.

General Education requirements under review

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In the near future could a UW-River Falls student be required to milk ten cows in order to graduate?

Though milking cows may never be a requirement for most students at UW-RF, some may wonder why, to obtain an English degree, they have to take a speech course, or to obtain a degree in psychology they are required to earn credits in physical fitness.

The general education requirements are up for review this year. This takes place every ten years.

Kurt Leichte, history professor and member of the Academic Policy & Procedure (AP&P) committee said UW-RF has general education requirements for the purpose of arming its graduates with a range of education and experience.

This, he says, will ideally assist them in communicating effectively with the world around them, as well as to be able to apply scientific principles and critical thinking skills to their future lives.

"The faculty handbook states that at least every 10 years they [general education requirements] have to be reviewed and advised upon," said David Trechter, professor of agriculture economics and current Faculty Senate president. "The last time this was done was 1989."

Trechter said the current standards listed in the student handbook had to be assessed. That began approximately 18 months ago.

"Now the AP&P Committee has the duty of drawing up a proposal for [either] acceptance or revisions to be put before the senate," Trechter said.

Barb Nielsen, associate professor of chemistry, was on the committee charged with assessing the current standards.

The AP&P committee, with approval from the

Faculty Senate, decided to form a subcommittee that would focus on the updated requirements.

"We didn't want to lose the experience and knowledge the committee had gained in their time of research," Trechter said. "This subcommittee is made up of faculty and staff serving a new term as well as those who were a part of previous steps in this lengthy process."

A number of faculty have stepped up to be a part of this subcommittee.

"It [the assessment] was a lot of work," Nielsen said. "There was so much data to go through with past surveys and other [surveys] that are ongoing."

"Any shift in the requirements will affect both students and faculty; the elimination of a class could spell disaster for a department."

—David Trechter
Faculty Senate president

The assessment committee found they had to clean up the wording of the general education statement.

"The goals and objectives are good," Nielsen said. "But we needed to find a way to restate them in order to be able to come up with terms on how to measure the objectives."

One of the things AP&P has to consider is the ability to measure the goals and still create a learning environment easy to transition to or from (for transfer students either entering the University or moving on to another school).

"We could make certain things mandatory for the freshman class and build on from there,"

Nielsen said. "But how do we integrate transfer students who are sophomores or above and don't have the foundation we would require?"

Students are affected by any changes that may be implemented and Trechter said this is the reason for having four students assigned to the AP&P Committee by the student senate.

Susan Walton, of the registrar's office, said changes are already occurring behind the scenes.

"It's already affecting the students," she said.

Trechter said any additions to the general education requirements could create many opportunities within a department.

"Any shift in the requirements will affect both students and faculty," he said. "And the elimination of a class could spell disaster for a department."

Robert Baker, chair of the plant and earth science department, was on the AP&P Committee in 1989 when changes were last implemented to the general education requirements.

"We weren't starting from scratch but there were some changes," Baker said. "The different departments helped the process by submitting proposals of what they wanted included."

He said some of the changes were simple but others were difficult; not all the people were going to be happy but there should be a way to temper the feelings within the process.

"Some people were upset," he said. "What was needed [10 years ago] was a person who was effective at keeping tempers down and discussions reasonable."

Faculty and staff are already gearing up for the changes and how to deal with them.

"There is an articulation conflict, a turf worry of how this is going to affect my department," said Dennis Cooper, professor of animal and food science. "The bitter-sweet feelings of change are looming within the walls of the River Falls campus."

Campus Security



Jedd Austin / Student Voice

Freshman Laura Young is one of 22 students whose vehicle tires were punctured in the O-Lot near Crabtree Hall last week. Damage estimates have yet to be determined.

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

Vandals struck the O-Lot early last week, puncturing tires on at least 22 vehicles, according to campus security records.

Information has yet to be released on how much damage was done or who was responsible.

Stuart P. Cotter, 18; Andrea D. Back, 18; and Jeremiah J. Jenc, 18, each received \$225 underage consumption citations Sept. 21 at 422 Crabtree Hall.

Lee L. Schulz, 18; Kelly A. Nichols, 18; Marta J. Olson, 18; and Lexy A. Drysdale, 18; each received \$225 underage consumption citations Sept. 21 at 321 May Hall.

Kenneth M. Linder, 19; Echo M. Viner, 18; Lindsey M. Mace, 18; Janel M. Breza, 19; Sarah L. Faletti, 18; Brandon R. Balzer, 18; Karen A. Wege, 19, each received \$225 underage consumption citations Sept. 19 at 411 Parker Hall.

Student Senate

New faces join Senate; freshmen identify key issues

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

Last week four freshmen students were elected to the UW-River Falls Student Senate. The following are profiles of each winner, describing who they are, why they're interested in student governance and what they hope to contribute to the Senate.



Cassandra Parker

The winners are:
-Cassandra Parker, an 18-year-old junior from Farmington, Minn. Majoring in political science with a sociology minor, Parker participated in the Post Secondary Education Option (PSEO) in high school. She received college credit and in May obtained her two-year degree from Inver Hills Community College. While at Inver Hills, she served on its student senate for one year. She said she liked being involved and representing students.

Parker currently sits on the Shared Governance Committee, but before pushing for specific initiatives, she is "just trying to talk to people and see what they think."

"I like to meet people and talk about different viewpoints," Parker said, revealing her motives for running for office. "If I don't agree with someone's, I'll try to listen and understand their viewpoint." Parker said the best



Misty Koob

way to contact her is to come to the Student Senate office in the back of the Leadership Center (LC).

Parker also extended an invitation for people looking to get involved in student government.

-Misty Koob, an 18-year-old freshman from Hastings, Minn.

Majoring in sociology, with a minor in criminal justice, Koob describes herself as a democrat and a huge fan of the band Weezer.

Koob ended up running for senate

on a fluke.

"Someone asked me to sign their petition for candidacy, and that's how I got interested," Koob said.

One of the biggest crises facing the UW-RF campus is the lack of student participation in campus politics, Koob said.

"Not enough people voting and people not knowing where tuition money goes are important issues," Koob said.

Koob is a member of Honors Club. She is a hall council wing representative and also represents hall council for the Area Council. Koob is also a member of the



Matthew Schuelke

freshman council.

-Matthew Schuelke, a 20-year-old from Glidden, Wis.

Majoring in business administration with an emphasis on marketing communications and a minor in psychology, Schuelke said he cherishes his Macintosh computer, but he cannot find the time to hunt and fish nearly enough.

Schuelke said he vied for a spot on the Senate because there is no Delta Sigma Phi chapter in River Falls. He figured the Student

Senate would be a good place to get involved.

Schuelke said there are sure to be debates on UW-RF's parking problem. Schuelke said he would consider the possibility of a parking ramp but would need to determine all costs involved.

Schuelke wants to focus on issues involving the amount of activities the Senate can afford to continue if state funding decreases further.

"The financial deficit is still there, even though (Gov.) McCallum patched it up," Schuelke said, commenting on the lack of funding and the governor's efforts. "The Senate has to find how to work around



Tyler Souter

Schuelke transferred from UW-Platteville and had served for one year on its student senate.

-Tyler Souter, an 18-year-old freshman.

Though considering a degree in pre-law, Souter said he's currently majoring in political science.

Souter describes himself as a Packers fan, tall, "pretty friendly," and a somewhat compassionate person who has been known to act "dorky."

Souter was convinced to run for Senate by its vice president.

"I talked to Andy Parrish about it in geology class," Souter said. "The way he described it sounded interesting."

Souter's resident assistant at the time Geoffrey Girsch also urged him to run for Student Senate, saying it'd be a great experience.

Souter decided since it's his money the Senate spends, he would like to have his say and join. Besides, he likes politics, he said.

Souter said he'll play a low-key role in the Senate to begin with.

"As of right now, I can't speak on big issues," Souter said. "I've only been here two-and-a-half weeks."

"Not enough people voting and people not knowing where tuition money goes are important issues."

- Misty Koob, senator

Senate finance director's committee request challenged

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

Emily Wenger, finance director for the UW-RF Student Senate, was put on the hot seat Tuesday night.

At the Senate's regular meeting, Wenger was addressed by student Cedric Galbreath, who represented an "ethnic empowerment" group. He asked the Senate for \$800 to sponsor three of the group's members to attend a conference. His request was deferred to Wenger for consideration to take place immediately following the meeting.

A second student addressed the Senate and was deferred to Wenger. He was upset that the Senate

stopped funding legislative conference trips to Washington, D.C.

Wenger justified her request that the Senate stop funding the trip on the grounds that in the past, the trip's participants never yielded any useful information back to the Senate, including journals that Wenger said the students were supposed to submit.

Finally, Wenger's wish to chair the Student Senate Ethics Committee was challenged by recently resigned Senator Kendra Plant.

Plant said there could be a conflict of interest if Wenger, already the Senate's finance director, was appointed to the ethics position. Wenger's motion was later withdrawn on the basis that students had voiced a concern.

Wenger did not foresee opposition to her motion.

"It came as a shock," Wenger said, regarding the objections, "but I'm still going to fight for the position. People sit on multiple committees all the time."

On Tuesday the Senate also:

-Discussed its upcoming election initiative called "Get Out the Vote." Angela Lueneburg was chosen as the media coordinator. "Get Out the Vote" aims to stimulate political activism through awareness and voter registration programs.

Campaign workers will distribute information on various candidates' political stances, coordinating media schemes, trying to deputize people-including Chancellor Ann Lydecker-for registering students

and others to vote.

—Was updated by Senator Melissa Baker, diversity issues director, on the proposed Individual Campus Plan (ICP). The final draft of the ICP will be drafted by Sept. 27, after the diversity committee makes any desired amendments.

Some of the short-term goals the committee is considering on the ICP measure entail increasing diversity in the 2002 elections by including six "traditionally underrepresented" student organizations, requiring each member of the Student Government Association to attend one "cultural or diversity related" event, and specifically targeting underrepresented students as "potential delegates to United Council General Assemblies."

During a special meeting to discuss the ICP, senators insisted the plan's goals need to be modified to be more "realistic."

For example, the ICP wants 10 percent of all dances and similar events to be centered around "traditionally underrepresented" groups, but members of the diversity committee found this amount excessive and "unrealistic."

—Heard a suggestion by former Student Senator Kendra Plant that the Student Senate construct a Web page to keep the UW-RF community informed on Senate news. She also suggested that the Senate find someone to represent the UW-River Falls campus at USSA (United States Student Association) since students pay \$1 to the USSA

through tuition and are currently not represented there.

Senator Josh Trautman recently resigned from his position. Possible replacements for the position are being pursued.

Bids for the new student center building were all at least \$1 million over budget. Contractors are being contacted for possible negotiations to lower costs.

In other Senate-related news:

—Student Senate President Jessica Wermuth and River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen will be guests on Senate Vice President Andy Parrish's 88.7 WRFW radio show at 5 p.m. next Monday, Sept. 30.

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

Check out the Student Voice online

St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel

East Cascade Avenue at 5th Street

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SUNDAY MASS:
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Editorial

Action, reaction leave unanswered questions

It was two weeks ago that a prominent local person moved to close the figurative cover on a rather humiliating book. John O'Grady, head coach of the UW-River Falls football team, plead no contest Sept. 11 to a charge of reckless driving. He was originally scheduled to appear in Pierce County Circuit Court that day on a DWI charge that stemmed from his one-vehicle rollover after an evening of drinking one year ago. O'Grady, his lawyer, and Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle struck a deal on the lesser charge after a judge refused for a second time to accept into evidence the results of a Breathalyzer test allegedly administered to O'Grady hours after his rollover.

O'Boyle insisted that the reckless driving charge — which carries a maximum fine of about \$330 — was a "major traffic offense."

Whether O'Grady's blood alcohol level was above the state legal limit of .10 is irrelevant at this point. The damage has already been done.

When looking at the story from the general public's perspective, it doesn't matter what really happened last Sept. 14, because many people assume — whether correctly or incorrectly — that the Falcon head coach was inebriated when he rolled his vehicle.

That perception is the reality we all now face.

Rarely does the talented Falcon football team garner much attention from the Twin Cities media. But the O'Grady incident was big news in the local papers and the dailies in the Twin Cities and Eau Claire, as well it should have been.

In the past, UW-RF has struggled to get the attention it deserves. The O'Grady incident reared its ugly head again earlier this month, shining an undesirable spotlight on a reputable academic institution.

For its part, the administration stalled and passed on multiple opportunities to speak against the coach's actions. It shied away from condemning the incident. That seemed odd.

When prominent figures at other universities find themselves on the other side of the law, the administration usually jumps at the chance to condemn the activity and distance itself from the damage.

Here, at UW-RF, that didn't happen. The administration balked when it had the chance to denounce O'Grady's actions.

Then, when asked to comment after O'Grady plead no contest to the reckless driving charge, the administration again left itself open to valid criticism. In a brief statement released two weeks ago, Chancellor Ann Lydecker said, in part: "During the past year, Coach O'Grady and I have communicated on ways to rebuild his position as a significant role model to young people on campus and in our community."

As a result, the campus community was left wondering how, specifically, the administration will help to rebuild O'Grady's position as a role model.

More importantly, though, a critical question remains unanswered: How will O'Grady help to rebuild the university's position as a respected institution of higher education?

After all, the university's reputation was dragged through the same puddle of mud as O'Grady's name was.

Court appearances and fines have been mostly put to rest, and O'Grady has tried to put the issue behind him.

However, a more serious, lasting consequence remains to be dealt with.

"A critical question remains unanswered: How will O'Grady help to rebuild the university's position as a respected institution of higher education?"

Preparing for date with rock icon

The Boss will take the stage Monday night in St. Paul and I can't wait.

It's been about a month since I picked up Bruce Springsteen's latest album, "The Rising," and I've listened exhaustively since.

I've prepared for the upcoming concert. After purchasing tickets, I went through my Springsteen collection, reacquainting myself with some of the best rock 'n roll lyrics and music of my lifetime and quite possibly of all time.

There's the raw, early stuff. I remember first hearing the guy from Jersey on a cassette tape version of the album, "Greetings from Asbury Park," in the mid-1980s. Of course, it was already a decade old by then.

Then there was "Born to Run," on which the title track established Bruce as a rock icon, though he'd likely shy away from such a characterization. Let's not forget "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out," a ditty so addictive and bursting with beat it's hard to listen to while sitting still.

There's no overlooking that double-album, "The River," with edgy, celebratory rock ballads like "Out in the Street" and "Ramrod," and a title track with lyrics so gripping they'll knock you flat and leave you reeling.

I've also revisited "The Ghost of Tom Joad," which, like the earlier album, "Nebraska," was an open-ended, solo invitation to experience a more melancholy side of the blue-collar rocker.

For the sake of space, I'll reluctantly skip a handful of must-have albums, bringing myself to the latest work from the pride of New Jersey.

Springsteen and his E Street Band caught some flak for releasing "The Rising" just as the country

This was Springsteen's first studio collaboration with the entire E Street Band in years. Nevertheless, it's among the troupe's best work in decades.

The album's mood runs the gamut, from hauntingly lonely to

poignant "My City of Ruins," which was written to shed light on the strife in Springsteen's old stomping ground, Asbury Park, New Jersey. However, it's a fitting set of words to describe the rock legend's message after the terrorist attacks:

"Now the sweet bells of mercy / Drift through the evening trees / Young men on the corner / Like scattered leaves / The boarded up windows / The empty streets / While my brother's down on his knees / My city of ruins / My city of ruins / Come on rise up / Come on rise up"

Not all the songs are sobering. Springsteen throws in a few inspirational zingers, such as "Let's Be Friends," a soothingly suggestive ballad:

"I been watchin' you a long time / Trying to figure out where and when / We been moving down that same line / The time is now / Maybe we could get skin to skin"

"The Rising" confirms what some have known for a long time and what others need to know. Springsteen has weathered the storm; he survived the cold before lighting the flames of pure and insightful rock 'n roll again with the E Street Band.

He's sung about love lost, love found and those awkward situations in between. Springsteen sings of the moments we've shared, both good and bad.

I'll be there Monday night, and I'll be rising up.

SCOTT WENTE

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was readying itself to reflect on the Sept. 11 anniversary. Despite receiving the rare, five-star Rolling Stone review, the Boss was spewed on by a few halfwit critics. They said Springsteen and the band were cashing in on the attacks by tugging at the heartstrings of a still-grieving nation.

That was hardly the case.

Springsteen wrote most of the songs on "The Rising" in the days, weeks and months following the terrorist attacks. It was his reaction, his thought, and his message.

And what a message of hope it was.

genuinely uplifting. It's a sample of the many sides of Springsteen fans have come to love since he emerged about 30 years ago.

On "The Rising" he casts a somber tone with the track, "Empty Sky," which is about a lost love. Springsteen's lost love was the skyline across the bay:

"I woke up this morning, I could hardly breathe / Just an empty impression in the bed where you used to be / I want a kiss from your lips / I want an eye for an eye / I woke up this morning to an empty sky"

"The Rising" includes the

Bush doctrine neglects global issues

Unilateralism can be a very dangerous thing in our interdependent world.

Such is the position President George W. Bush has taken, according to his recently released statement of national strategic priorities. Since the mid 1980s, each President is required to outline his priorities in a statement to Congress.

Bush's doctrine outlined a strategy of "distinctly American internationalism that reflects the union of our values and our national interests."

Internationalism would be better defined as pride in or promotion of international issues. Bush's definition of American internationalism seems like an oxymoron. How can there be American internationalism as outlined in Bush's pro-American policy? That's not true internationalism at all.

The timing of the release of Bush's report is quite interesting. The release was delayed for months, only to come after Bush's speech to the United Nations, and prior to Bush's request of Congress to authorize pre-emptive military force in Iraq. According to reports, Bush edited the document numerous

times to ensure that it did not sound arrogant. However, the fact that the document was not released until after his speech to the United Nations suggests that Bush still thought it would not be well received by the international com-

unity. Thus, it would hinder support for military action against Iraq - Bush's current number one interest. We have a president who only wants to work in the interest of the United States, and to act unilateral-

JEN CARLTON

"Allowing our government to work only in the interest of America makes us all look arrogant and ignorant of international issues."



nations, not against them or without them.

It's my opinion, which may or may not be shared by other Americans, that Sept. 11 was a direct result of poor foreign policy. By allowing American businesses

and corporations to exacerbate the problems of poorer nations, the government breeds hate for America as a whole. By pushing American interests abroad, especially when it comes to oil, the government breeds hate for America. By not adhering to U.N. initiatives, such as the Kyoto protocol, the government breeds hate for America.

This is not to say that al Qaeda had a legitimate reason to attack the United States, but perhaps some of our policies led to some of its biases.

On Sept. 11 of this year, I participated in a discussion mediated by speech communications professor Barb Werner. One of the attendees was a woman who participated in demonstrations against the Vietnam War. She explained that there was a difference between patriotism and nationalism, and that the latter was quite dangerous. Her words stuck with me, and are extremely relevant to the Bush Doctrine.

We can be proud to be American, but allowing our government to work only in the interest of America makes us all look arrogant and ignorant of international issues.

Do you have an opinion you'd like to get off your chest? How about a response to one of our columns? If so, we'd like to hear it. Write a letter to the editor.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Last time I checked, UW-River Falls was still a member of the United States Student Association (USSA). Actually, I checked today on my tuition statement and according to the Student Online Access to Records (SOAR) system, I pay a \$1 fee every semester to be a part of the USSA.

Every student paying tuition at UW-RF is paying this \$1 fee every semester, which is approximately \$5,800 for this semester.

If the Student Senate finance director, Emily Wenger, "won't foot the costly bill to send a handful of senators to a national student legislative conference in Washington D.C." (as reported in the Student Voice's editorial last week), then why the hell are we paying all those fees?

Maybe we should have some student representation at the USSA, which we put thousands of student dollars into each year. Or maybe someone from the Student Senate should be corresponding with the USSA and implementing programs on our campus so student money isn't wasted. I think maybe, yes!

What does the USSA have to offer UW-RF? USSA has many programs and initiatives that are crucial to our campus. Last year, one of the UW-RF delegates who attended this national conference brought back the "Silenced" program to our campus. This program brought together about 100 UW-RF students, faculty and adminis-

trators to recognize lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in our community. What a great thing!

What if the students who represented us at this national conference were all as enthusiastic and educated as the student who brought back the "Silenced" program? They should be!

Therefore, student money was wasted sending students to Washington D.C., because the students who went did not represent our campus well and/or did not bring useful information back to the UW-RF campus.

Spending money in itself is not a waste. Waste occurs when money is spent unproductively or when resources are not used to the fullest potential.

We are not utilizing our resources, i.e. student representatives! Therefore, UW-RF sending students to a USSA conference is not a waste if the UW-RF Student Senate would be intelligent enough to think of a procedure to pick qualified candidates to go to the conference.

This conference shouldn't be a free vacation to Washington D.C. However, don't let UW-RF go unrepresented.

For more information about the USSA, visit www.usstudents.org, or contact your Student Senate office.

Kendra I. Plant
sophomore

Political overhaul needed to engage voters

Proportional representation system may be the answer

Who needs Christmas when there's another holly-jolly election year on the way? Just think of the next few months' bountiful harvest the politicians will reap for us: hidden closets full of trivial skeletons, non-stop ads slinging political mud, and a sleigh full of money and power to every winner-takes-all victor. It's enough to reddden even the most patriotic American's cheeks in embarrassment.

No wonder voters—especially us college-aged voters—tend to snub the depressive greed and corruption of modern politics and opt to substitute mind-numbing entertainment for political intellectualism; at least we come away feeling good, in the second case.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's data, first generation voters (18-24-year-olds) have consistently lagged behind the next-to-lowest voter participation group (25-44-year-olds) by a generous 15 percent, ever since the 1972 presidential election. A mere 32.3 percent of us voted in 2000.

So why is our turnout so low? The U.S. Census Bureau reports nearly a quarter of us (23.9 percent) blamed our busy lifestyles. The next two most popular justifications involved voter unavailability and political apathy (12.4 and 12.3 percent, respectively). To my

surprise, voter displeasure with available candidates only reached 5.5 percent.

I believe much of the "I'm too busy" and general political apathy responses are results of the two-party system's failure to produce a variety of competent candidates. In effect, they are very closely related to voter discontentment with the clumping of approximately two

for the lesser of two evils, they resort to "the silent protest"—they don't vote.

Hoping convenience is the key, the government toys with new voting procedures, like voting by mail and electronic balloting, but it continues to miss the mark. If quality and quantity of candidates is truly the problem, then simply helping people choose a disgraceful repre-

take-all rule. If we move to a proportional representation system (where all candidates receiving votes would be elected but with their power proportional to the number of votes they received), then our republic would reflect our values more accurately; otherwise, candidates sponsored by the world's rich and powerful have more incentive to pump extra cash into their candidate's campaign because if they can win by even one vote, then all the influence falls into their hands. Many European nations have successfully adopted proportional representation (parliament) into their governments.

After liberating our elections, allowing for more and better candidates, more energy should be put into informing the public about each candidate's stances. In order to make educated choices in the voting booth, voters need less of the typical, vague TV ads directed at them and more quality, in-depth ads and newspaper write-ups that really give voters something to go on.

I'm not saying these measures would fix every speck of corruption nor enlighten the sports-obsessed masses with a hunger for intellectual debate, but it couldn't hurt.



ERIC QUADE

"Hoping convenience is the key, the government toys with new voting procedures... but it continues to miss the mark."

hundred and eighty-eight million ideologies into two, nearly identical, parties: Republicans and Democrats. Many people feel that neither of these two political juggernauts come close to representing their values, so instead of voting

sentative more easily isn't going to solve the problem of low voter turnout. We need much more sweeping changes in the system.

The first step toward better representation in our government involves throwing out the winner-

Human error: the gift that keeps us humble

Have you ever taken a moment to sit back and look at all that goes on around you and just happen to witness the human stupidity factor in motion?

I'm sure the answer is yes. Or have you ever, in the company of only yourself, fallen victim to that human stupidity factor in motion? Whether you want to admit it or not, the answer is yes. Come on, people, be honest!

Some of you might wonder, "What is the human stupidity factor in motion?"

The human stupidity factor in motion is an incident that occurs due to the lack of attention to detail or absence of thought while participating in some kind of action often in the company of others, resulting in embarrassment. In hindsight, it's humorous.

Anyhow, in the past few weeks, I've been reminded just how funny life can be and how fortunate I am to be around to witness its humor.

Case in point: I was walking home after one of my classes when a young man on a bicycle (let's call him Bike Boy) zips by, paying no attention to the student masses walking on the same sidewalk. When he approached a crowd of people Bike Boy hit the brakes without anchoring himself with his feet. That stunt, combined with the sheer mass of his backpack, sent him flying over the handlebars and sliding across the grass.

That was an awkward but funny thing to see. (I didn't laugh to

myself until he got up and I could see that he was OK.) Making the incident more humorous, he stood up and pretended that nothing happened. That was, until he got on his bike and realized he had a grass stain spanning from his neck to his knees.

Making my walk even more interesting was a group of people by one of the picnic tables outside the student center. A couple of them

rolled off the table, bouncing off the bench before landing on his butt. This was the human stupidity factor in motion.

I'm not exempt from my theory. I've fallen prey to the human stupidity factor in motion - not once, but twice, and in a matter of two days. Yes, folks, Maile` can write, but she cannot read!

This last Friday, my alarm went off and as I proceeded to hit snooze



MAILE` ILAC

"I'm convinced the human stupidity factor in motion was created to keep us humble, human and laughing."

were sitting on the ends of the benches. Another was standing at the end. There was a guy sitting on his skateboard (let's call him Skater Boy) on top of the table, wheels down and unable to touch the ground. Whatever the conversation was, they were all involved, especially Skater Boy. So focused on the storyline, from the momentum of his own movement Skater Boy

I looked at the time and thought the clock read 9:06 a.m. That's not a problem for most of you, but for me, on that particular day, it meant I slept through an Ag. Econ quiz. So I threw on some clothes, brushed my teeth and ran out the door when, out of the corner of my eye, I saw the wall-clock.

It wasn't 9 a.m.! It was 6:13 a.m.! After sighing in relief, I climbed

into bed and laughed to myself.

It's what happened next that concerns me a little. I had to work at 6:30 a.m. the next morning. My fear was that I would oversleep despite knowing the chance of that actually happening was slim. To ensure that I wouldn't oversleep, I asked my boyfriend to call me on my cell phone at 6:15 a.m.

The next morning I wasn't awakened by my alarm, nor by my cell phone, but by the ring of my apartment phone. In a sleepy haze, I missed the call. Suddenly I panicked, thinking it was work that had called to tell me I was late.

I went through the same process as the morning before. I ran out to my car thinking, "Crap, I'm late!" While unlocking my car door I looked at my cell phone to see if I had missed my boyfriend's call. Only then I realized it was 3:36 a.m.

Yep, that's right, the human stupidity factor in motion.

No one is exempt from the human stupidity factor in motion. It's a fact of life. And it's not species-exclusive either. It's just a little scary knowing that we're supposed to be the intelligent species. Yeah, right!

Anyhow, take life in stride. Enjoy it and don't forget to laugh. Heck, I'm convinced the human stupidity factor in motion was created to keep us humble, human and laughing.

Have a great day.

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What is the most embarrassing CD (or cassette) you own?

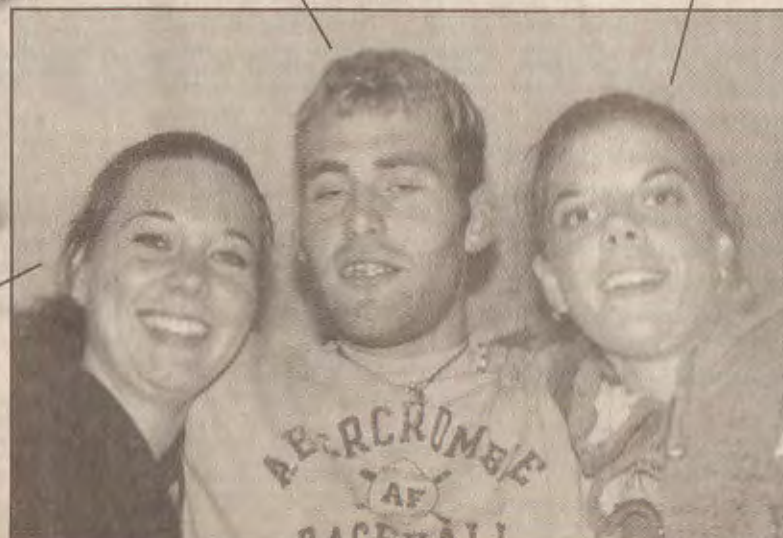


Adam Hanson, senior
"MC Hammer and Vanilla Ice cassettes. God...they're still sitting on my dresser."

Kristie Hoppe, sophomore
"Five Michael Jackson cassettes and one Jackson Five cassette. They're sitting by my stereo but never get listened to."



Katrina Shannon, sophomore
"TLC, because they were my idols when I was little."



Bobbie Adams, junior
"Eminem. The only reason I have it is because Slim Shady is a positive role model for my two children."

Kesha Marson, sophomore
"Ace of Base. When I'm all alone and I need some mad beats to cheer me up I always turn to those guys."



Brad Kurten, senior
"Alan Jackson's 'Margaritaville.' I own it because every time I listen to that song it quenches my thirst."

Sara Nolte, senior
"New Kids on the Block. That was a long time ago."

Erin Vriesen, senior
"N'SYNC. It was a Christmas present."



Dawn Puro, senior
"Bryan Adams. It really was a gift. I'm not lying!"

List

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provosts, presidents, and deans of admissions that attempts to "account for intangibles" such as faculty dedication to teaching. The surveys, which represent one-fourth of the overall scores for each school, are returned by only approximately 64 percent of the "top academics" who receive them. The somewhat subjective assessments leave the door open for competing schools to intentionally downgrade each other. Seven percent of presidents polled by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges had admitted to doing just that. "That's a problem with any list of this type," Hedahl said. "The list is compiling quite a number of complex issues.

Nevertheless, it is a compliment to be where we're at." "The peer assessment ranking" is much softer and subjective," Lydecker said. Lydecker also said that academic reputation is built up primarily through faculty networking throughout their professional organizations. However, student performances in the work force are the "best sales tools we have." "You can be very good and still not be recognized," said Lydecker. Being recognized, however means that our faculty and students are doing the important things that make people notice, Lydecker said. Amanda McCabe, a senior art major, was referred to UW-RF by the University of Minnesota. She said she liked the fact that "other schools think highly of us." "I think it's great that our school does well in the rankings," McCabe said.

Enrollment

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adding that UW-RF is not yet as representative as she would like it to be. While the number of students with diverse backgrounds continues to increase, the gain is often due to incoming



Jenny Cullen / Student Voice
The student population is overwhelmingly Caucasian.

freshmen. "The issue we are looking at now is not one of just bringing people into the campus with diverse backgrounds, but are we helping them graduate as well," Lydecker said. "I think our retention rate is lower for students of color than maybe for white Caucasian students, and that's a concern."

ITS

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includes Internet access at the regular price of \$16.95 a month; however, the normal \$20 activation fee is waived for students.

Although Harberts said she wasn't aware of the option that PressEnter and the University offered, she said it would be a reasonable alternative to the modem pool.

"I think that would definitely be an option," Harberts said. "My roommates and I don't have extra funds to pay for internet access, but PressEnter definitely makes it affordable, especially for splitting it between roommates."

Follet's Assistant Manager, Kathy Hanson, said the transition has been smooth.

"So far we've sold over 100 packages," Hanson said. "We haven't heard of any connection problems, and overall everything has been really successful."

In order to offer students the most technologically advanced equipment, computer upgrades are scheduled every one to two years.

"The main thing is staying current," Semi said. "We look at different modernizations that need to be done, and make the necessary additions."

Old equipment doesn't get thrown away, though. In many cases ITS donates old systems to different

departments, as they did last summer when the red lab computers were replaced and given to the physics department.

"We reuse as much material as we can," said Teresa Volpe, a six-year employee of ITS.

ITS saves money by waiting to order computers until several are needed, Smith said. Purchasing systems in bulk lowers the overall cost of the products.

"Both Gateway and Macintosh give sufficient educational discounts," Smith said. "The larger the quantity, the better the deal, and the purchasing department is mindful about saving money."

UW-RF students help fund computer upgrades. The Special Technology Committee (STC), appointed by the UW-RF Student Senate, decides how the technology funds are spent. Two percent of each student's tuition serves as a technology fee. As a result, an average of \$250,000 is placed in a pool.

"Hardware and software upgrades, along with CD burners and flatbed scanners are some of the items purchased with the funds," Semi said.

John Nierengarten, ITS associate director, says the two percent technology fee will most likely remain the same despite budget cuts.

"Of course there have been proposals to raise it, but it would have to be approved by the legislature," Nierengarten said. "And frankly, I don't think students and their parents need any more financial stress."

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ing tuition increases to financial aid increases.

"This has been the first state-wide campaign for students," Kjos said. "They really pushed themselves and accomplished something no one else in the state of Wisconsin has done before."

Black said students across the state used their democratic rights to lobby for the bill.

"Good legislation only passes when citizens are involved," Black said.

Black said the student financial aid bill was important because if it wasn't passed, students might miss out on an education because of economic shortcomings within their family

or they might graduate with too many student loans.

Senator Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, agreed.

"We have to make sure that we don't price tuition out of range for people who may not have the resources," Harsdorf said.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker supported the United Council's efforts to lobby for the bill. Lydecker said she wanted to maintain students' access to as much financial aid as possible.

"It was an easy thing for me to support," Lydecker said.

David Miller, assistant vice president of the UW System, said the bill was a long-term goal for the UW System.

"It's been a long standing request for many of the schools," said Miller. "The board of regents is very enthusiastic and excited that this link was made permanent."

"Although this bill can be changed, I don't ever see that hap-

pening because it's a good law and I think it's here to stay," Miller added.

A 1999 proposal contained similar provisions but was vetoed by Gov. Tommy Thompson, who preceded McCallum.

Kjos said the passing of the new bill is historical because UW students worked together to get it passed, and they succeeded the first time.

Mark Kinders, public affairs director at UW-RF, said students know how important it is to be involved with their education.

"We applaud the approach students took in this matter," Kinders said. "We think that this is terrific."

Miller agreed. "The UW students deserve a lot of the credit for this victory for students," he said. "They worked very hard for this goal and should be congratulated for this accomplishment."

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Throw it back!

Everybody in our row scrambled as we realized the home run ball was headed straight for us. I kicked my feet out of the seat in front of me and stuck out my hands in anticipation. The baseball dropped just in front of me and my brother, and instantly my stomach was folded over the empty seats, arms outstretched and groping. As it rolled across the cement floor of the Metrodome and avoided a first snatch from another fan, I closed my fingers around it and, just as instinctively, thrust it behind me to my brother.

RYAN BRINKS

It was his bachelor's party. And that was only the beginning. Just as soon as we both realized, along with the other six guys with us, what had happened, a chant was gaining momentum from the whole section of Twins fans around us. "Throw it back, throw it back!"

The homer, a two-run shot about fifteen rows up from the edge of left field to tie the game at three, was the

handiwork of Ellis Burks. Yes, it was a Cleveland Indian home run ball. And the chanting only got louder. We just looked at each other and smiled, expecting the hype to die down quickly. In reality, for the remaining two innings, the die-hards never gave up — even screaming "Throw it back!" instead of the classic "Charge!"

I could see his head spinning at first. Do you give in to the pressure and throw it back to please the crowd, or do you take a half-hour of harassment to bring it home?

In the intensity of the moment, it seemed almost outrageous to not throw it back. But after the game, when the crowd dissipated and it was just the eight of us, sitting around a table, talking, joking and signing the ball with a short message for a great friend, there was no question that the reward for keeping the ball was worth it. Instead of just a fleeting memory of the game, my brother now has a token to remind him of the guys he spent that night, and many other good times, with as well as the 4-3 bottom-of-the-ninth Twins win.

A lot of things are like that ball, you could say. Sometimes we keep it, but probably more often we wind up and launch it back onto the field. It seems good enough while it lasts, but I occasionally wonder what could happen if I didn't. And sometimes things turn out much better than they would have otherwise by hanging on to that ball, by taking the chants — good-hearted or not — with a smile on your face.

Ryan Brinks is a senior majoring in journalism

Spikers record BIG wins

■ Falcon volleyball upset the No. 6 in the nation and knocked off a WIAC team with national votes to jump 12 spots up to No. 9 in all of Division III

Katie Vangsness
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls volleyball team opened conference play with a bang as they defeated UW-Oshkosh and preseason WIAC favorite, UW-Whitewater. The wins moved the Falcons from No. 21 to No. 9 in the nation, ahead of all other WIAC teams on Wednesday's American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Top 25 poll.

The Falcons opened the weekend playing at Oshkosh with the 30-26, 33-35, 30-27, 30-20 win.

"This match was a hard-fought battle," Head Coach Patti Ford said. "UW-Oshkosh played very aggressive and tried to force us to make mistakes, but we settled in and came away with the victory."

Junior Krystle Brune had 20 kills and junior Melissa Tvrdik added 14. Junior Erin Oberholtzer had 51 assists and junior Jen Braun had 25 digs. Senior Karen ZumMallen served up three aces.

"UW-Whitewater is one of the few schools that have their own volleyball arena, and they have such a strong and intimidating home court advantage that very few teams leave Whitewater with a win; and in my 11 seasons as head coach, I think this is my first win there," Ford said.

After dropping the first set, 23-30,

the Falcons came back to win sets two and three, 30-28 and 30-19.

"Maybe after the tough match on Friday, we came out a little flat in that first set, but we came back with a solid game in the second. After a 28-28 tie that we broke and went on to win, we were able to regain momentum," Ford said.

However, the fourth set saw the momentum swing back to Whitewater, as they won, 15-30.

"They took it to us in that fourth set," Ford said. But in the fifth and final set of the match, the Falcons closed the deal with the 15-13 win. Tvrdik had 15 kills, Nina Petersen had 13, and ZumMallen had 12 kills for the match. Erin Oberholtzer added 43 assists. Brune, Tvrdik, and Stacy Hinz each registered a block.

Ford talked about how the team will use this early success. "We like the 2-0 record, but we will continue to prepare every day for each opponent who is now looking to get UW-RF. We need to play solid against everyone and don't fall into complacency."

Next weekend the Falcons compete at the UW-Eau Claire Tournament where they will get a look at several conference foes, including UW-Stout, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Superior and UW-Eau Claire. Although they don't count as conference matches, each will "serve as a good test and measuring stick for us," Ford said.



File photo by Ryan Brinks / Student Voice

Junior outside hitter Krystle Brune puts down a set from junior Molly Schock during the Falcons' Sept. 12 practice at the Karges Center. Brune led the team in kills with 20 against UW-Oshkosh Friday.

"A chant was gaining momentum from the whole section of Twins fans around us. 'Throw it back, throw it back!'"



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

Junior Jenn De Martino kicks the ball away from her UW-Superior opponent Saturday at Ramer Field. De Martino posted a hat trick in that contest, as did Amy Gilfillan, en route to an 11-0 Falcon win.

Double digits and a shutout

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

Parents of the UW-River Falls women's soccer team couldn't be much happier with the Falcons' performance Saturday against the UW-Superior Yellowjackets. River Falls posted an 11-0 win.

Junior forward Amy Gilfillan and junior Jenn DeMartino each scored three goals in the win. Lisa McGuire made a goal and Emily Rodgers scored twice. Erin Pinewski also contributed one.

Freshman Gina Hawkins closed out the scoring in the 44th minute.

"Emily Rodgers had a great game," Head Coach Sean McKuras said. "She really stepped it up. She has a desire to put the ball in the back of the net. It doesn't matter who we are playing or what the score is, she does what she knows to do."

Falcon goalie Belinda Miller faced only two shots in her debut start and stopped them both for the shutout while UW-S goalie Erin Johnson was busy throughout the game, making a total of 40 saves.

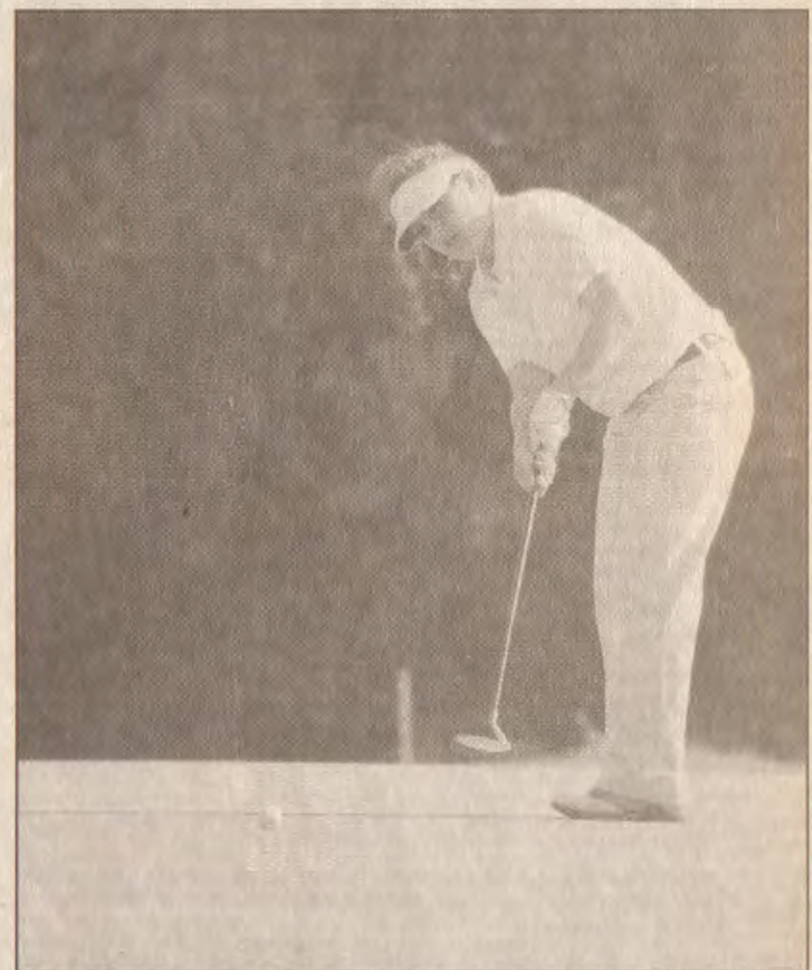
"Superior lacked the numbers," McKuras said. "They had a few key injuries, but they played hard until the end and that is what is important."

Even though the Falcons dominated for the most part and kept possession throughout the game, McKuras still didn't feel the team played up to their fullest potential.

"There were a few finer points that I think we could have done better at, but every girl took care of the basics and did what needed to be done."

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Stuck on 403: third straight not a charm



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Freshman Kara Coughlin finesses a putt at the River Falls Golf Club Friday when the Falcons hosted St. Mary's and UW-Stevens Point.

All 3 meets so far in 2002 have yielded an identical score

Sports Information

The Falcon women's golf team scored 403 in a three-team meet at the River Falls Golf Course Friday afternoon. St. Mary's won the meet with 378, followed by UW-Stevens Point, 384, and then the Falcons. It was the third straight 403 shot by the Falcons this year. Ellen Berndt led the Falcons with an 18-hole score of 88. She had the second best score of the meet.

The Falcons' meet at St. Olaf Wednesday was postponed due to rain.

TENNIS

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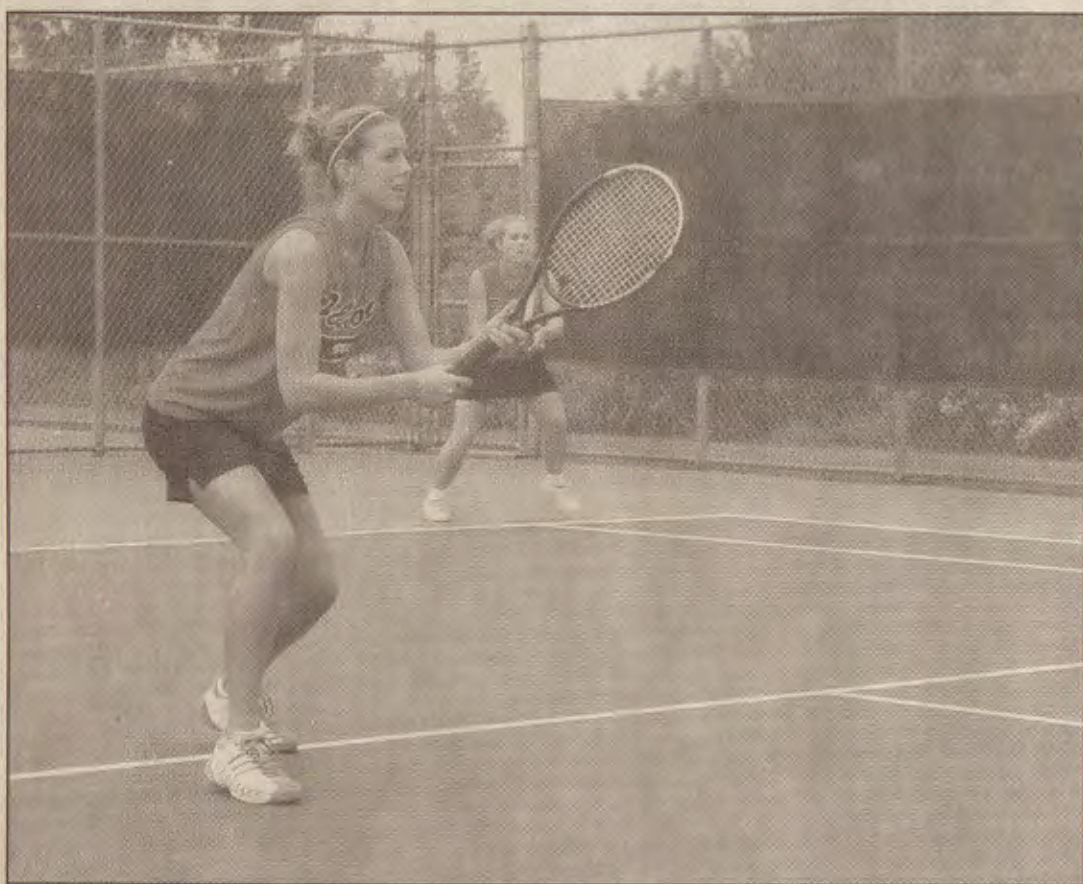
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Inspired by the quality of a new facility, the Falcons look forward to the second half of the 2002 season.



**Photos by
Ryan Brinks**



Top: Mary Metzger stretches out to return a short ball. Above: No. 2 single Amanda Gray launches a serve. Left: Gray eyes the ball into her two-handed backhand.

Above: No. 2 doubles Meredith Verberne (front) and Mary Metzger anticipate a return against UW-Whitewater Sept. 13 at the UW-RF Crabtree Courts. Right: No. 1 single Jordan Anderson extends for a serve. Below: No. 3 doubles Megan Knobloch and Amber Weissinger shake hands with their Lady Hawk opponents. Far below: Metzger concentrates on a forehanded return.



MANDATORY

facelift

**Anna Permann
Sports Writer**

After the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) voted to halt conference tennis matches on the UW-River Falls tennis courts due to their poor condition, UW-RF head tennis coach Lee Lueck said it was time to take action.

"It is not only inconvenient for us, but it is also embarrassing for the University," Lueck said.

Lueck has coached at UW-RF for three years and has been pushing for court improvements the last two.

Lueck said he sent pictures of the courts' cracks and deterioration to Athletic Director Rick Bowen, Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Assistant Chancellor Ginny Coombs, Jerry Waller, a conference and events staffer, and Virgil Nylander, vice chancellor of administration and finance.

UW-RF now has eight tennis courts, four of which are slated for destruction in the near future. Two will be replaced by a new daycare center, while the other two will be destroyed when a new student center is built.

The other four courts, located behind Crabtree Hall, were resurfaced earlier this month. Those are the courts the tennis team practices and plays on.

"We are really happy with them. They did a nice job," Lueck said.

The courts were redone and now feature new windscreens, paint and benches. "On the old courts, sometimes a ball would hit a crack and bounce weird," said junior tennis player Jordan Anderson.

Sophomore Amber Weissinger said it was a needed improvement.

"Our courts were so terrible before," Weissinger said. "They were dangerous to play on. It was degrading to our team and our school."

Lueck said the resurfacing project was just the beginning of what he hopes will be further improvements in the future.

"It's a step in the right direction, but we still have a long way to go," Lueck said of the facelift. "There are 14 women on the team this year, and there really has been no opportunity for us to learn singles yet. We are doing well at doubles because we get plenty of practice for doubles."

The need for courts is evident by the team's singles performance. "It has showed in our play that we are struggling in singles," Lueck continued. "We can sweep doubles and lose very poorly in singles at some matches. We really need 8 courts."

Weissinger said court aesthetics lead to better play.

"It has impacted us as a whole," she said. "The new courts affect our ability, our mood when we are out there. When you have something nice to play on, it makes you want to do well, and it is more fun."

Lueck said he is forced to send his players to the other courts to work on singles play. But it's complicated to split the team up and supervise both groups, he adds.

With two new varsity sports this year, Lueck said he hopes there's enough funding for existing varsity sports.

"I'm not opposed to the University adding sports at all," Lueck said. "I just think that we should first be able to support the teams that we already have in place."

The Falcon tennis team split its matches on the road last weekend, beating UW-Stevens Point 6-3, and losing to UW-Oshkosh 9-0. The team is currently ranked fourth in the WIAC.



"(Having poor facilities) is not only inconvenient for us, but it is also embarrassing for the University."

— Head Coach Lee Lueck

An 8-3 Falcon squad has struggled in their 2002 portion of conference play, going 1-2

against middle-of-the-pack WIAC opponents in

an all or nothing fashion. The unbeaten lie ahead.

CROSS COUNTRY

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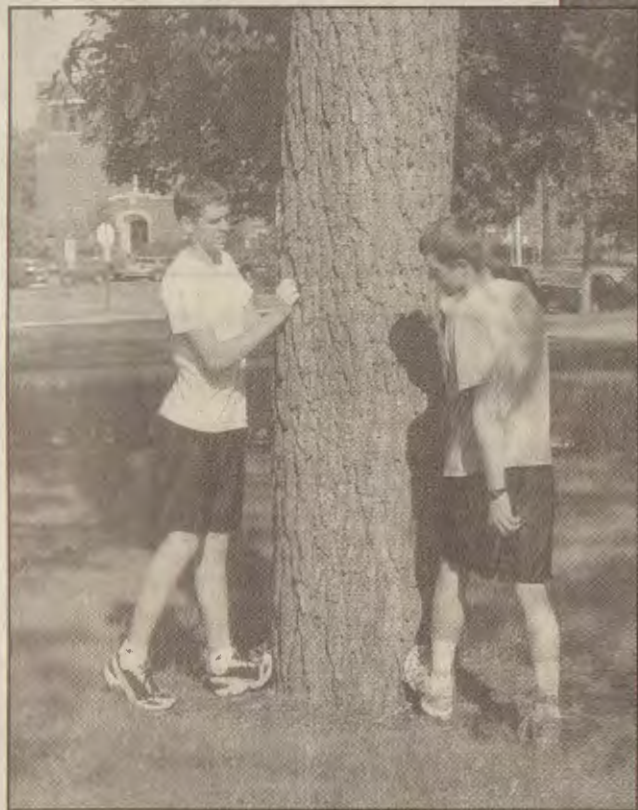


Falcons



Clockwise from above: The women's pack raises the dust on a service road by the UW-RF intramural fields. The entire cross country team stretches in front of the Karges Center before their workout Sept. 16. Seniors B.J. Poore and Matt Hartwig pace each other. Poore races down the amphitheatre on his way back to Karges. Poore poses as the flagship of UW-RF cross country, displaying his tattoo. A pair of Falcon men utilize a nearby tree to stretch. Middle: A group of runners sport their training shoes.

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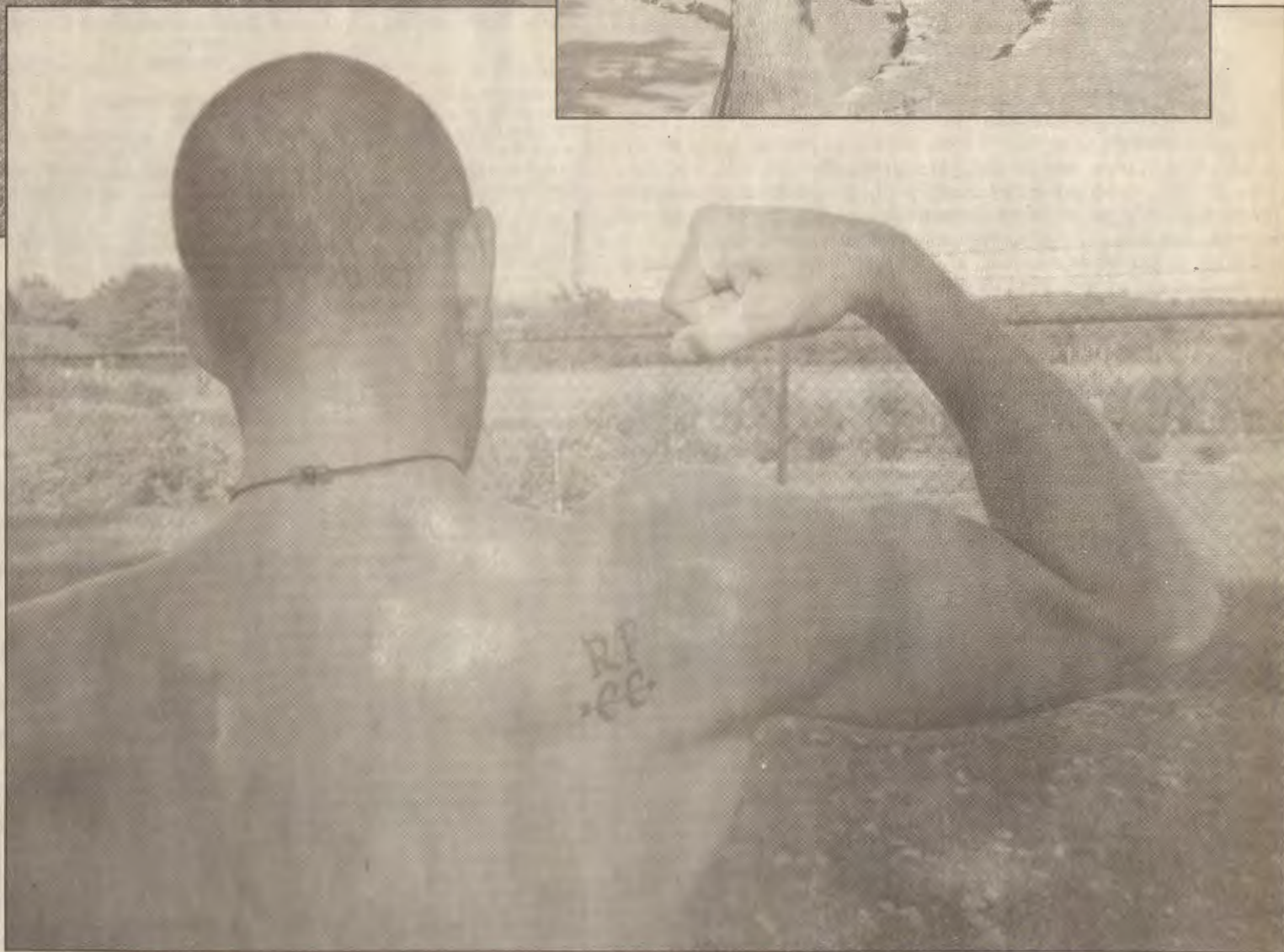
UW-RIVER FALLS cross training



Kory Duerst **Fr**
Kris Evans **Fr**
Link Hanson **Sr**
Mark Hartwig **Fr**
Matt Hartwig **Sr**
Chris Henning **Sr**
Daniel Kessenich **Fr**
Kevin McDonough **Fr**
Eric Nordgren **Fr**
Tyler Odden **Jr**
Matt Olson **Fr**
Nathan Ostrenga **Fr**
BJ Poore **Sr**
Adam Puhl **Jr**
Mike Sonn **So**
Lok Tual **Fr**
Jarrod Vonderharr **Fr**

2002

Lisa Barnes Jr	Sr Meghan McGree
Jessica Campbell Sr	So Amy Roalson
Colleen Cantlon So	So Sara Rudesill
Marian Christen Jr	Sr Gina Schinde
Tiffany Collins So	Fr Sarah Schoville
Katie Frozer Fr	So Amy Schultz
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Traxler sets new school record as runners outpace WIAC competition

Christina Zinck
Sports Information

In their second race of the season, the UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams displayed grit and potential as evidenced by the results from the St. Olaf Invitational held Saturday in Northfield, Minn.

The Falcon women "gave a pretty tough performance and ran really well," Falcon coach Don Glover said. They placed sixth in the 17-team field. The Falcon men also fared well, placing 12th, with Glover noting, "The men tried to pace and lost focus on racing, although they improved from the previous meet in a pack between the top seven runners."

"We're coming on little by little," Glover said. "Improvement is the name of the game, right?"

Apparently it is. Both teams improved their times over the first meet, with some runners improving their times by over two minutes. The improvement leaders include Lisa Traxler, who dropped her time by 1:35; and Jarrod Vonderharr, who shaved 2:19 off his time.

In the women's race, Traxler and Marlene Yaeger had an outstanding day as they finished 12th and 17th, respectively, out of a field of more than 200 competitors. Traxler set a new school record for the 6K in a time of 23:31. Not far behind was Yaeger, who fell during the race

around the 5K mark, but got up to finish 16 seconds behind Traxler in 23:47.

Next across the line for the Falcons was Lisa Barnes in 33rd with a time of 24:43. Although only seven seconds would separate the next four runners, Glover said the one thing the women have to do a little better is close the gap between the top seven, to pack it in a little closer to the top runners. However, he was also quick to add that all seven improved over the first meet.

The second pack of runners was led by Candy Kroells in 66th (26:00), followed by Marian Christen (69th in 26:04), Dana Martin (70th in 26:06) and Molly Larson (71st in 26:07). The Falcons were without Sara Rudesill, who is normally their fifth place runner, but Glover said of Christen, "she had a real good day as it was the first time she was in the top five for us."

The other notables for the UW-RF lady harriers was their overall team performance. Not only did they best two Division II schools in their sixth place effort, but they also outdistanced WIAC opponents UW-Stout, UW-Superior, and UW-Platteville. Stout was the nearest WIAC-place finisher, 62 points behind the Falcons in 10th place. Washington University easily won the title with 46 points, followed by St. Olaf with 74.

The Falcon men were paced by Erik Hanson in 57th, with a time of

27:41 and Tyler Odden in 74th in 28:17. Odden's time narrowed the gap between UW-RF's first and second runners from the last meet by 54 seconds, a feat Glover was indeed pleased with. Not far behind Odden was Adam Puhl in 78th in a time of 28:36.

Next across the line was "a real big surprise," said Glover, freshman Dan Kessenich in 86th place with a time of 29:15. Glover raved of Kessenich's performance, commenting on how well he did in the race. Like the women's squad, the men's fourth through seventh runners also came in a pack as only six places separated them. Following

Kessenich in 88th place was Matt Hartwig in 29:18, Matt Olson (90th in 29:20), and Chris Henning (91st in 29:22).

Glover praised the men's team, saying, "The guys' pack ran much better and improved a lot from Duluth in a pack. There was only 1:37 between runners one and seven."

North Central walked away from the field, winning the title with just 27 points. UW-Stevens Point was second with 79, and MIT third with 100.

The Falcons will next run at the Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota, Saturday.

RF tennis posts first WIAC win

Sports Information

The Falcon women's tennis team picked up its first WIAC win of the season with a 6-3 win at UW-Stevens Point last weekend.

Saturday the Falcons lost a 9-0 WIAC match at UW-Oshkosh. Earlier in the week, the Falcons won two non-conference matches - over

St. Mary's and Bethel - both by 7-2 scores.

At Oshkosh, No. 3 singles player Mary Metzger and No. 4 singles player Meredith Verberne played three sets before falling.

The Falcons, now 7-3 overall and 1-2 in the WIAC, were scheduled for Thursday before taking the weekend off.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Sept. 27 - Oct. 3, 2002	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Football		at St. Ambrose 1 p.m.					
Volleyball	at Eau Claire 4 p.m.	at Eau Claire 9 a.m.				vs. Superior 7 p.m.	
Soccer		vs. Oshkosh 4 p.m.					at LaCrosse 4 p.m.
Cross Country		at Griak Invit. 10 a.m.					
Tennis						vs. Hamline 3:30 p.m.	
Golf						at Augsburg 1:30 p.m.	

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mary Metzger

Tennis
(Sr., Coleraine, Minn)

Metzger, the number 4 player, had a solid week for the Falcons and played well in her four matches. She won three of the four. She beat her Bethel opponent, 8-5, her St. Mary's opponent, 4-6, 6-1 (10-5) and her Stevens Point opponent, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Her only loss was against Oshkosh in three sets, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2. "Mary is the team's "blue collar" player. She works hard and never gives in!" Coach Lee Lueck said.



Mary Metzger

Tyler Odden

Cross Country
(Jr., Barronett, Wis.)

Odden had a strong race at the St. Olaf Invitational. He finished the 8,000-meter race in 28:17. Falcon Coach Don Glover was very pleased with Odden's race, saying, "he really closed the gap to our No. 1 runner. We're hoping he can come closer to Erik (Hanson) as the season progresses. Last meet their was 1:29 between the top two runners, and this week it was only 35 seconds so he really brought that down."



Tyler Odden

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McKuras said.

Penalties were also a problem for the Falcons. "We got called off-sides way too much, but we finished strong, putting lots of goals in the back of the net," McClanahan said.

In spite of the blowout, the Falcons still searched for ways to improve. "We pushed the ball forward very well. We have been working on that and took care of some of our chances, but we still need to get that final pass into the attacking third. We use our defense well in back, we just need to get the ball up front," McKuras said.

Gilfillan scored twice in the first half. DeMartino and McGuire added goals of their own before the break. In the second half, Gilfillan added one more goal, while DeMartino and Emily Rodgers each added two. Pinewski and Hawkins put the icing on the cake.

"The game started off a bit slow," junior defender Amy Soud said. "It took us quite a long time to get it together. It was only 4-0 after the first half."

"I think we picked it up in the second half," Soud said. "We're finally figuring out our own team's strengths and weaknesses and working together to be a more successful soccer team."

Attendance for the game was 75. "We had a huge turnout. It was my first parent's day, so I was very pleased," McKuras said.

For parent's day, all parents received flowers from their daughters at half-time and got their picture taken on the field. Following the game, the team and their families ate a potluck team lunch at the Karges Center.

"I think the parents enjoyed it a lot," said sophomore Molly McClanahan. "It was a good time with great food!"

The Falcons are now 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the WIAC. They host UW-Oshkosh Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Sophomore Ellen Berndt plays a ball from the fairway Friday. Berndt tallied the meet's second-best score at 88.

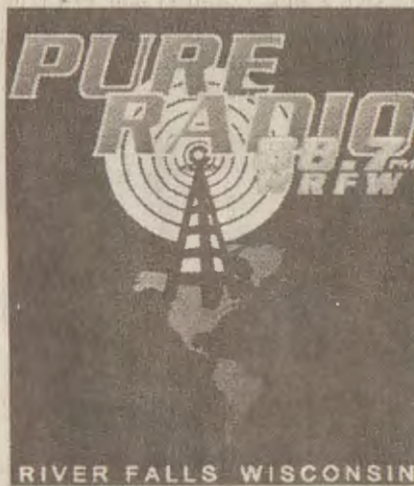


WIAC Volleyball Player of the Week

Karen ZumMallen

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Senior Sarah Johnson boots the ball during Saturday's trumph over UW-Superior, 11-0, at Ramer Field.



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WIAC STANDINGS

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Oshkosh (2-1)	0	0
Stevens Point (2-1)	0	0
Platteville (1-1)	0	0
LaCrosse (1-2)	0	0
Whitewater (1-2)	0	0
River Falls (0-2)	0	0
Eau Claire (2-1)	0	1

VOLLEYBALL

WIAC STANDINGS

LaCrosse (9-2)	2	0
River Falls (11-3)	2	0
Stevens Point (3-11)	1	0
Stout (14-2)	1	1
Whitewater (11-2)	1	1
Eau Claire (10-4)	1	1
Superior (5-6)	1	1
Oshkosh (6-8)	0	2
Platteville (2-10)	0	3

Sept. 21 results

River Falls	23	30	30	15	15	— 3
UW-Whitewater	30	28	19	30	13	— 2

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 0-10-1-0-0 Braun 0-1-0-18-0, Brune 6-0-0-7-1.5, Halverson 0-0-0-16-0, Brandt 8-0-0-5-1.5, Oberholtzer 1-43-2-12-5, ZumMallen 12-0-1-21-5, Petersen 13-2-0-2-1.5, Keene 0-0-1-16-0, Trvdik 15-0-1-5-2.5, Hinz 1-0-0-0-1.5

Sept. 20 results

River Falls	30	33	30	30	— 3
UW-Oshkosh	26	35	27	20	— 1

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 0-0-1-0-0, Braun 0-2-0-25-0, Brune 18-0-0-3-3, Halverson 0-0-0-10-0, Brandt 3-1-1-8-3, Oberholtzer 3-53-1-13-5, ZumMallen 13-1-3-24-2, Petersen 13-1-1-0-6-1.5, Trvdik 16-0-0-10-5, Keene 1-2-1-11-0

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WIAC STANDINGS

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

Superior (1-7-0)

0 3 0

Sept. 15 results

Superior	0	0	— 0
River Falls	4	7	— 11

Scoring Summary

1st Half

20:00 RF Gilfillan (Shultheisz)

24:00 RF Gilfillan (King)

35:00 RF McGuire

43:00 RF De Martino (Hoffmann)

2nd Half

52:00 RF Gilfillan (Rodgers)

64:00 RF Rodgers (King)

65:00 RF Rodgers (King)

74:00 RF Pinewski (Johnson)

85:00 RF De Martino (Penalty kick)

86:00 RF De Martino (Hawkins)

99:00 RF Hawkins (Hoffmann)

TENNIS

Oshkosh 9, River Falls 0

Singles

No. 1: Debra Aschenbrenner (O) defeated Jordan Anderson (RF), 6-1, 6-1

No. 2: Mercedes Blanch (O) defeated Amanda Gray (RF), 6-3, 6-2

No. 3: Diana Treu (O) Mary Metzger (RF), 7-6, 3-6, 6-2

No. 4: Lauren Young (O) defeated Meredith Verberne (RF), 7-6, 6-7, 7-5

No. 5: Michelle Bauer (O) defeated Megan Knobloch (RF), 6-3, 6-4

No. 6: Allison Orzech (O) defeated Amber Weissinger (RF), 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1: Aschenbrenner-Blanch (O) defeated Anderson-Gray (RF), 8-6

No. 2: Treu-Young (O) defeated Metzger-Verberne (RF), 8-2

No. 3: Lane Drechsler-Katie Pouba (O) defeated Weissinger-Knobloch (RF), 9-7

River Falls 6, Stevens Point 3

Singles

No. 1: Jordan Anderson (RF) defeated Violet Adams (SP), 6-2, 6-4

No. 2: Amanda Gray (RF) defeated Amber Wilkowski (SP), 6-1, 6-4

No. 3: Mary Metzger (RF) defeated Gina Lamer (SP), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4

No. 4: Tiffany Serpico (SP) defeated Meredith Verberne (RF), 6-2, 6-1

No. 5: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Gretchen Weddig (SP), 6-1, 6-2

No. 6: Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Kim Goron (SP), 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1)

Doubles

No. 1: Anderson-Gray (RF) defeated

Adams-Wilkowski (SP), 8-5

No. 2: Forge-Braam (SP) defeated Metzger-Verberne (RF), 8-5

No. 3: Goron-Serpico (SP) defeated Weissinger-Knobloch (RF), 8-3

River Falls 7, St. Mary's 2

Singles

No. 1: Jordan Anderson (RF) defeated Joni Peterson (SM), 6-2, forfeit

No. 2: Amanda Gray (RF) defeated Jennifer Dutty (SM), 6-3, 6-0

No. 3: Mary Metzger (RF) defeated Angie Beissel (SM), 4-6, 6-1 (10-5)

No. 4: Meredith Verberne (RF) defeated Cassie Check (SM), 6-3, 6-1

No. 5: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Amanda Clark (SM), 6-1, 6-4

No. 6: Lisa Thompson (SM) defeated Amber Weissinger (RF), 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1: Anderson-Gray (RF) defeated Peterson-Clark (SM), 9-7

No. 2: Metzger-Verberne (RF) defeated Dutty-Beissel (SM), 8-4

No. 3: Czech-Thompson (SM) defeated Weissinger-Knobloch (RF), 8-1

River Falls 7, Bethel 2

Singles

No. 1: Jen Kastner (B) defeated Jordan Anderson (RF), 8-1

No. 2: Amanda Gray (RF) defeated Amy Velasco (B), 8-3

No. 3: Mary Metzger (RF) defeated Becky Trickett (B), 8-5

No. 4: Meredith Verberne (RF) defeated Courtney Kelly (B), 8-3

No. 5: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Lindsey Chapman (B), 8-1

No. 6: Amber Weissinger (RF) defeated Tasha Otterness (B), 8-4

Exh: Keri Oslin (B) defeated Michelle Cook (RF), 8-4

Exh: Maite Oyarbide-Sanchez (RF) defeated Molly Otterness (B), 8-5

Doubles

No. 1: Kastner-Velasco (B) defeated Anderson-Gray (RF), 8-3

No. 2: Metzger-Verberne (RF) defeated Trickett-Kelly (B), 8-5

No. 3: Weissinger-Knobloch (RF) defeated Chapman-T Otterness (B), 9-8 (11-9)

Exh: Cook-Oyarbide-Sanchez (RF) defeated Oslin-M Otterness (B), 8-6

Golf

Results

Team Scores

St. Mary's 378, Wis.-Stevens Point 384, Wis.-

River Falls 403

Individuals

Ellen Berndt 47-41 - 88
Kara Coughlin 51-50 - 101
Casey Ambers 53-53 - 106
Kristen Berreau 55-53 - 108
Meghann Mulligan 58-54 - 112

Cross Country

Results

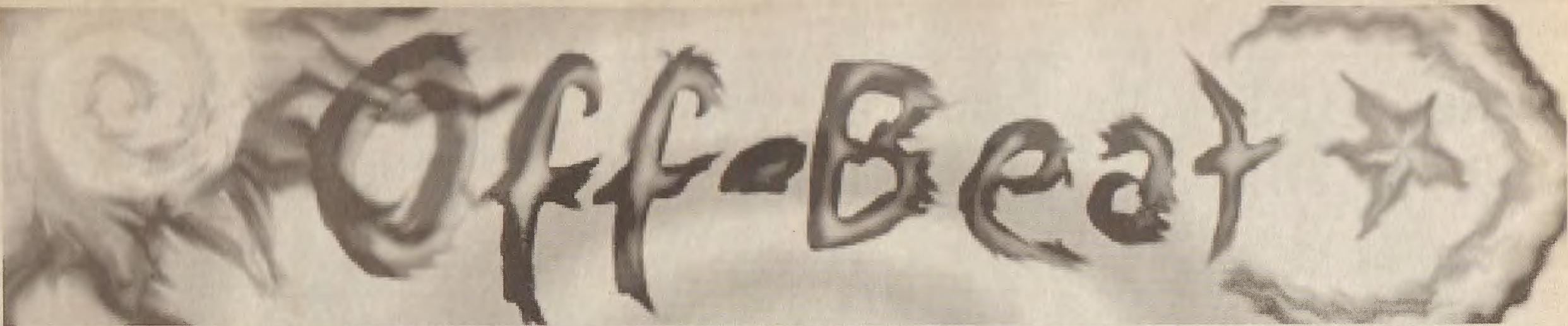
St. Olaf Invitational Individual

Women's Individual Results

12. Lisa Traxler, 23:31
17. Marlene Yaeger, 23:47
33. Lisa Barnes, 24:43
66. Candy Kroells, 26:00
69. Marian Christen, 26:04
70. Dana Martin, 26:06
71. Molly Larson, 26:07
106. Sarah Schovilla, 26:25
112. Stephanie Jicinsky, 26:38
125. Katie Frazer, 26:49
130. Gina Schindel, 26:55
143. Colleen Cantrion, 27:14
152. Jill Laber, 27:48
167. Amy Schultz, 28:00
Women's Team Scores
Washington 46, St. Olaf 74, Elmhurst 85, St. Thomas 114, MSU-Mankato 164, River Falls 197, Carthage 224, Hamline 237, Winona 238, Stout 259, Bethel 301, Superior 309, Platteville 311, MSU-Moorhead 382, Martin Luther 420, North Central 452, Crown 497

Men's Team Scores

North Central 27, Stevens Point 79, MIT 100, Platteville 113, St. Olaf 148, Elmhurst 155, Washington 166, Carthage 200, St. Thomas 316, Stout 338, Superior 358, River Falls 383, Martin Luther 403, MSU-Moorhead 418, Vermillion CC 450, North Central 467, Winona 505, Crown 552
Men's Individual Results
57. Erik Hanson, 27:41
74. Tyler Odden, 28:17
78. Adam Puhl, 28:36
86. Daniel Kessenich, 29:15
88. Matt Hartwig, 29:18
90. Matt Olson, 29:20
91. Chris Henning, 29:22
158. Mark Hartwig, 29:31
167. Kevin McDonough, 29:47
178. Eric Nordgren, 30:07
191. Jarrod Vonderharr, 30:36
197. B.J. Poore, 31:23
225. Kory Duerst, 34:29



Homecoming: time to play

Tiffany Shelman
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls homecoming, themed "Dare to be a player?" is just around the corner.

The events kick off Sept. 30, with a medallion hunt and "penny wars." The week-long festivities end Oct. 5 with the Falcons football game vs. UW-Whitewater at Ramer Field.

The medallion hunt begins Monday at 8 a.m. and ends Friday afternoon. Clues for the hunt will be posted at the student center information desk. Any UW-RF student is eligible to win the \$50 prize.

Penny Wars will begin Monday at 8 a.m. The winners will be announced during halftime at the football game Saturday. Each student organization will have a jar labeled with its name located on a cart outside the leadership center. Each penny put into the jar is worth one point; the organization with the most points will win the competition. For every piece of silver or paper currency put into the jar,



File photo Andrea Caudill / Student Voice
Ann Keims bobbs for apples during last year's homecoming.

points will be subtracted for the value of that coin or paper currency. All proceeds from penny wars will be donated to a charity determined by the Special Events Committee.

Throughout the week, game pieces will be on display in the student

center. Each organization is allowed one game piece in the competition. The pieces will be judged on how well they promote their organization, UW-RF and the homecoming 2002 theme: "Dare to be a Player?" The winners will be announced during the Coronation and DJ dance on Friday.

Monday at noon, students, faculty and staff are invited to gather in the student center mall for a concert by the Casablanca Orchestra. The Minneapolis band will play popular music dating from the 1950s to the present.

Anna Meres, homecoming committee chair, said everyone should come out to see the band.

"There will be sax players and costumes," Meres said. "It will be a lot of fun."

Royalty voting will take place Oct. 2 and 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Ballots will be located in the student center and Rodli Commons. Coronation will occur during the DJ dance Friday evening at Brandy's.

The Lip Sync contest, hosted by Four Shadow, will be held in the North Hall Auditorium Wednesday at 7 p.m. The contestants will be judged on stage presence, creativity, lip-syncing ability, costumes, props and use of the homecoming theme.

All royalty and organization competition winners will be announced Oct. 5, during the football game.



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Chris Thomas and Sheri Jilek take part in the three-legged race outside of the Student Center as a part of last year's activities. Homecoming week begins Monday.

Social work the Swedish way



Submitted photo

Students pose for a picture during last year's trip to Scandanavia. Pictured are Bobbi Prinsen, Jodi Heiny, Bridgette Jackelen, Suzanne Beberg, Professor Ruth Kalms, Britney Hanson, Rachel Longfellow, Gina Greske, Krista Nyren and Lisa Melby from left to right.

Kyle Weaver
Staff Writer

Last spring eight UW-River Falls social work students, along with one professor, and one student from Viterbo University in La Crosse got the rare opportunity to study abroad in Sweden and Norway.

Leaving at the end of May, the 16-day tour was an opportunity for UW-RF students to learn about the social welfare and educational programs of the two Scandinavian countries. The tour, which cost the group approximately \$4,200 each, included visits to the cities of Bergen, Trondheim, Lillehammer, Oslo, Goteburg and Stockholm.

The class selected the countries of Norway and Sweden because of their strong tradition of social programs.

"Norway and Sweden's approaches [to social welfare] are very different [from those in the United States]," said Ruth Kalms, the tour's director and an associate professor of the social work program. "They really have a strong emphasis on children and family. They are very peace-loving nations."

The students learned that in Norway, for instance, medical care is guaranteed to its citizens. Also, working mothers in Norway who become pregnant can choose between 42 weeks of work leave with full pay or 52 weeks with 78 percent pay. In addition, the father of the child must also take a mini-

mum of four weeks leave or the mother may lose four weeks of her leave.

During the tour the students gained first-hand experience with the countries' social welfare programs by visiting five different agencies such as a child welfare agency, a nursing home and a battered women's shelter.

"It is interesting to see the similarities and differences between the countries," said Bobbi Prinsen, a UW-RF senior who has an internship with child protection inn Washington County, Minn.

The students also visited universities in Oslo and Trondheim to learn how the two countries educate their citizens about social welfare and social work.

"We got to speak with a lot of professors about their social work programs," said Britney Hanson, a social work student from Lakeville, Minn. "It really was a good learning experience."

The experience was also one that social work students here at UW-RF don't usually get. Because of the smaller size and rigorous scheduling of the UW-RF Social Work program, such opportunities for travel are rare, Kalms said.

"Social work students don't normally get the opportunity to explore other countries," Kalms said. "Their degree programs simply do not allow it."

Although she has conducted smaller tours before, Kalms said that she had never gone overseas with students before.

Though the tour was primarily an educational experience, the students were given free time to explore the cities and sample the local cuisine. The students took guided sight-seeing tours of each city, a fjord cruise through Bergen, several museum tours, a visit to the site of the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, and five traditional Scandinavian meals.

During the tour Lisa Melby, a senior majoring in broad area agriculture, discovered that she dislikes salmon, because that was "basically all we ate."

More importantly, though, the trip provided Melby with an opportunity to fulfill her "biggest dream ever."

"I understand and have seen where my ancestors came from," said Melby, who is, ironically, from Scandinavia, Wis. "Though Norway has changed since then, I got to visit the homeland."

Gina Greske, a UW-RF senior from Ellsworth, called the tour "incredible."

"My favorite part of the trip was [the city of] Lillehammer," Greske said. "Even though we were only there for a day, they had a really nice town."

As part of their class requirement for the tour each of the students was asked to pick a country or social welfare topic on which to write a paper. Each of the students will present their work on Sept. 26 at 3 p.m. in room 118 of the Wyman Education Building.

Horoscopes

By Staff Psychic Jenny Cullen, who's single by the way

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Hoyt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

The case of beer you had on Monday night definitely put a damper on the rest of your week. When you woke up Tuesday morning still drunk it should have given you a clue that maybe starting off the week with alcohol isn't the best idea. Don't worry, you will start feeling better by the end of the week and will be able to catch up on your drinking on Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Making a dance club in your garage was fun at first, but you will feel the repercussions by the end of the week. You probably don't remember, but there was some bumping and grinding going on that should have been avoided. Tip: It's OK to have fun with your roommates, but it's not OK to have "fun" with your roommates. Just make sure you all go to sleep in your own beds this weekend or things could get uncomfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Just because you got a new cell phone doesn't mean you are cool. What is "cool" anyway? You are only truly cool if you pee your pants. So instead of paying \$39.95 a month for 1500 minutes, you should go to class or another social event and pee your pants. You will make a lot of friends that way and then you can put their numbers in your new cell phone. Now you're cool, baby.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You will find the love of your life at McDonald's. Just make sure that whenever you order something that you biggie-size it. That will give the person working the drive-thru a hint of what you look like before you pull up to the window. Also, be sure that when you are paying that you caress that sexy burger-flipper's hands. If it's greasy, so what? You can always get a napkin. Remember, you are what you eat.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

A new environment will provide a world of change for you. What this means is that if you have an opportunity to move somewhere new and different, you should jump on it like a drunken frat boy. Just make sure that you keep in touch with your dawgs back home. If you don't have the chance to move, try hanging out in public restrooms for a change of scenery. It worked for George Micheal. Sort of.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You look like a poorly-trained chimp when you try to dance. Finger snapping may have worked for the Brady Bunch, and some other weird disco hippies, but this is the 21st century for sh*t's sake. Once you start snapping fingers, you could suddenly lapse into the infamous "hand jive" from Grease and, unless you look like John Travolta or Olivia Newton John, you won't make any friends out on the dance floor.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Just because your friends are in a frat or sorority, does not mean you need to join, too. Remember those annoying little cliques in high school? That's exactly what you will be getting yourself into, except you will have to pay for the friendships this time. Just stay cool, be yourself, and you won't ever need to take a pledge or wear a jacket to show that you can hang with the big boys and girls.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Be careful when moving any furniture this week. If the ground is wet or the stairs are a little steep, you could find yourself in a losing battle with a nasty office chair. Your chances are better if you are sober and you have someone to help you. Beer goggles can make a large couch look like a foot stool and a 26-inch TV look like a large cell phone. Metal and wood are tough adversaries, but you should be able to outsmart an inanimate object...right?

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

Now that the first few weeks of school are coming to a close, you should put down the books and relax this weekend. Treat yourself to a shopping spree and buy yourself something you've wanted for awhile but couldn't afford, like a new Playstation game. On the other hand, you are in college, and maybe you should be worried more about paying your bills and getting rid of those debts before you go wild and splurge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The weather is getting colder, and you need start breaking out the long-sleeve shirts and maybe even that windbreaker jacket. Don't worry, you can still look sexy while you try to stay warm. Try wearing a sweater that clings to your torso just right to show off your more inviting curves. Just don't go into denial and pretend its still summer. There is nothing uglier than a pair of white-ass legs shaking in the October wind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You definitely need to update your CD collection. When your collection includes "Ace of Base" and "The Complete Tom Jones," you know you have a problem. At least update the collection so it includes more current dorky CDs like "Titanic" and "Milli Vanilli." Just don't be caught singing in your car like you are in a music video. Then people might think you are a little bit weird.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Start hitting on that tall glass of water in your math class. When they are sitting in class with a dazed look on their face, you can be assured that they are having a fantasy about you involving fractions and decimals. Talk about kinky. Just make sure that your pick-up line doesn't go something like this: "You plus me equals love." You might get a calculator shoved up your butt.

Leichtle leads young students on ‘Journey’ of state history

Professor has book published; first grade-school text of Wisconsin’s past to appear since 1970s

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls history professor Kurt Leichtle recently finished his first textbook, “The Wisconsin Journey,” a state history book written for fourth-grade elementary students.

Two years in the making, the children’s textbook has already sold out its first printing from last spring. It is now being used in fourth-grade curricula across the state, including Hudson’s, Leichtle said.

“The need for the book is there,” said Leichtle, who spoke with several elementary teachers before starting the book. He said the most current Wisconsin state history book for elementary students is from the 1970s.

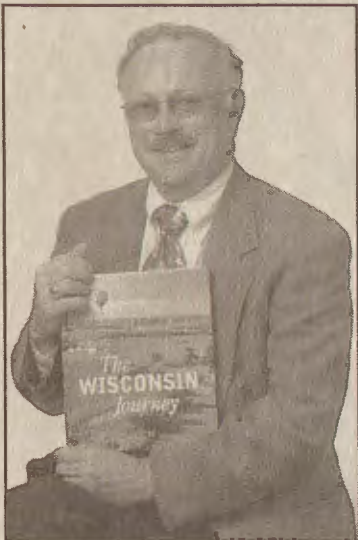
Other state school districts, such as River Falls, are looking into adding the book to their curricula, Leichtle said.

Leichtle said because the book is still new, many teachers haven’t been able to read through it yet. He said he thinks more districts will start to adopt the book after teachers become acquainted with it.

Leichtle said one of the ways he and his publisher, Gibbs Smith, made the book appealing to fourth-grade students was to focus on people and stories.

The book contains information on famous people from Wisconsin’s history, such as Laura Ingalls Wilder, the children’s book author known for her “Little House” series.

The text provides an accurate and detailed history of Native



UW-RF Photo Services
History professor Kurt Leichtle wrote the grade school textbook *The Wisconsin Journey*.

Americans in Wisconsin, said Leichtle, who has a background in Native American history.

“I would like to think the interpretations are up-to-date,” he said.

The text’s Native American section teaches beyond the norm of describing their “hunting and fishing and rustic” lifestyles often found in other children’s textbooks. He said the text offers more “sophisticated interpretations” of the culture of Native Americans.

Leichtle integrated his family history into the text by using his grandfather’s business as an example of Wisconsin small businesses.

Leichtle’s grandfather opened an ice cream parlor, located in the southwestern Wisconsin town of Loganville, in 1929. His grandfather turned it into Burmester’s Grocery, selling groceries instead during the Great Depression.

Leichtle said elementary students identify with the visual design and colors used in the book, as well as the pictures he included.

A challenge for Leichtle was finding and acquiring pictures to complement his stories.

“In one sense it’s nice that it’s partially my job because then you tend

to get pictures that are more accurate,” he said.

For instance, if a publisher wanted a picture of a boat and a harbor, it would probably pick any random picture without attending to the accuracy of the photo. He said somebody would eventually realize it’s not the correct boat or harbor used in that particular example. More accurate pictures were included in the text because Leichtle knew their historical relevance.

He enjoyed the learning process that went into creating a textbook. A lot of editing went into writing for a fourth-grade level of understanding, he said.

“One of the learning experiences was just shifting and learning that it’s their book too,” Leichtle said.

He explained that contracting with publishing companies comes with many limitations. The company, not only the writer, has specific ideas for what the contents of the book should hold.

Gibbs Smith selected Leichtle to write the text after he submitted an article in response to a request the company sent out.

Gibbs Smith plans to publish an entire series of state history texts at a fourth-grade level for all 50 states.

While the textbook was a first for Leichtle, the faculty of the history department has published many books within the past few years.

“We’re always happy when people in the department get published,” said John Buschen, history department chair.

Buschen said other history and philosophy instructors who have been published recently from his department include Betty Bergland, Edward Peterson, David Riggs, Zhiguo Yang, David Peters and Imtiaz Moosa.

Leichtle thinks that a state history book is also needed at the high school level. He would like to eventually put together a supplemental state history textbook for high school students that links Wisconsin’s history to that of the United States.

“Clearly this was something that was needed and I’m really happy with what came out,” Leichtle said.

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Feathers’ not a lightweight film



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Heath Ledger stars as a British officer in the 19th century war film, “The Four Feathers.”

Chris Anderson
Movie critic

A lot of the material coming out of Hollywood lately is either a sequel or a remake. “The Four Feathers” falls into the latter category.



This time around the movie goes like this: Harry Faversham (Heath Ledger), just engaged to Ethne Eustace (Kate Hudson), quits Her Majesty’s Royal Service shortly before his unit is to be shipped to Sudan, because he finds no point in risking his life for a piece of African desert.

Three of his comrades are upset that Harry would abandon them, so they each send him a white feather, the symbol for cowardice. Ethne also believes that Harry is using her as a way to chicken out and also sends him a feather.

Naturally, everybody calling him a wimp really upsets Harry, so he goes off to the Sudan on his own, determined to return each feather.

I’m sure people with strong, realist viewpoints will suggest that someone bypassing the army and going to battle on his own just to

show people up does seem rather improbable. I will agree with that.

I am pleased the filmmakers did not make Harry’s journey and survival impossible. He remains unbathed and unshaven. Faversham lacks desert survival skills. His survival tactics come from an African native named Abou Fatma (Djimon Hounsou), after Faversham’s French guide is savagely murdered by his slaves.

Although “The Four Feathers” progresses chronologically, the geography is often inconsistent, jumping from Harry, to his former regiment, to what is going on in Ethne’s life. Often times, the scenes seem to be interconnected to Harry, suggesting that the universe largely has him as a focal point. Then again, “Feathers” is largely an “escapist” movie, it’s definitely not the first time a character in a movie or novel had the universe tailor-made for his good or bad fortune.

Since “The Four Feathers” is a war movie, it frequently has that annoying cinematography where everything is portrayed in slow motion and there is dramatic music in the background, apparently so the audience understands that what is happening is significant.

(Note to future war film directors: This was unique the first time it was done, maybe improved upon the next few times, but soon became annoying and is now sickening.) If you can get over the hurdles of

slow-motion battle, a few illogical points in the plot, and Harry’s astronomical runs of both good and bad luck, “The Four Feathers” is a pretty decent movie and is better than anything else released last weekend.

The acting is good because the characters are 1800s British or African, but the accents and settings never seem forced.

Shekhar Kapur’s directing is also good. Kapur captures the carnage of war by relying on implied graphic violence rather than splatter. That said, the slow motion war scenes could have been done without.

Most importantly, though, the film focuses on Harry, Ethne, and their friends and acquaintances, making “The Four Feathers” what more movies should be: a character-driven picture.

‘The Four Feathers’

Star rating (out of 4):

☆☆☆

Rated: R

Starring: Heath Ledger, Wes Bentley and Kate Hudson

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Sat/Sun Matinees 12:45, 2:45
Weekdays 4:45, Evenings 7:10, 9:20

****Four Feathers** (PG-13)
Sat/Sun Matinees 1:15
Weekdays 4:15, Evenings 7:00, 9:30

****The Tuxedo** (PG-13)
Sat/Sun Matinees 1:00, 3:00
Weekdays 5:00, Evenings 7:15, 9:20

****Banger Sisters** (R)
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:30, 2:30
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Signs (PG-13)
Sat/Sun Matinees 1:15
Weekdays 4:15, Evenings 7:10, 9:40

Spy Kids 2 (PG)
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:00, 2:20
Weekdays 4:40

Trapped (R)
Evenings 7:15, 9:45

Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever (R)
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:30, 2:30
Weekdays 4:30, Evenings 7:30, 9:45

Prices:
General Admission (13+) \$6.75
Children (4-12) \$4.75
Senior Citizens (62+) \$4.75

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