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Griggs good for universities, governor says

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S&E EDITOR

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson traveled across the state Wednesday, Oct. 23 promoting Republican candidates for the state legislature.

On his journey he stopped in Hudson to talk to citizens who gathered to support State Senate Candidate Jay Griggs.

Griggs, who is the Republican candidate for the 10th Congressional District, is running against Democrat incumbent Alice Clausing.

Thompson said he supports Griggs because he is an articulate, respected businessman, and he believes in the Hudson, River Falls and New Richmond area.

He said he feels Griggs will do his best to make District 10 a better place to live for university students as well.

Griggs said he will have the opportunity to represent the universities in River Falls, Eau Claire and Menomonie.

"I have met with Chancellor Thibodeau, and I will continue to meet with the (UW) Board of Regents and the (UW-RF) administration to make sure our schools get the highest quality of education," Griggs said.

Griggs said he believes throughout people's lives, they will change their career many times, and in turn they will be going back to the universities for extended education. The university system has to gear itself by offering new educational opportunities, Griggs said.

Thompson said he has many plans to work to form a new budget to allow new technology into the UW-System.

"We realize our university system is one of the most successful in the nation, thanks to what we have done in our administration," Thompson said. "We will have a quantum step forward in the university systems in the next four years."

Thompson admits there will be bugs to work out, as with any new program. He feels that with Griggs' help the plan will be incorporated more smoothly.

"I believe we must be compassionate. We must help our people to get that interview, get the opportunity to work and earn a living. Everyone should have the chance to live the American dream," Thompson said.

Thompson talked to approximately 150 people Wednesday afternoon. He touched on issues such as the recent property tax reductions, proposed advances in university technology, a new plan that has been created for welfare recipients and about the importance of Griggs gaining a seat in the State Senate.

People can bring leadership from Hudson, River Falls and New Richmond to Madison by voting for Griggs, Thompson said.

Thompson said he needs a strong team to accomplish goals for the university system and to keep Wisconsin a great place to live.

"I want to send this state into the 21st century as the number one state in the nation," Thompson said. "What I need is the people power. Gaining people such as Jay Griggs can help me to accomplish this goal."



Gov. Tommy Thompson endorses State Senate Candidate Jay Griggs on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Hudson. Thompson said he hopes to work with Griggs in bringing new technologies to the university system.

Tina Ruhland photo

Construction to improve KFA air quality set for April

JEN SELLMEYER
FRONT PAGE EDITOR

If you thought that construction on the UW-River Falls campus would end with the completion of the library, think again.

Construction will begin April 15, 1997 on a project to "improve safety for students and staff in the (Kleinpell) Fine Arts building," Campus Planner Dale Braun said.

The west wing of KFA, where the art classrooms and studios are located, will be the major area of construction. Because of the clay dust and fumes that exist in the classrooms on the first floor and basement, the building needs a new ventilation system, Braun said.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Neal Prochnow said last semester that a high-voltage air conditioning system had to be installed.

A mechanical room to house that system is the reason some faculty offices on the first floor will have to be moved to the current Dean of Arts and Sciences office complex.

As a result, the dean's offices will be moved to the south wing of KFA, where the four "fishbowl" or glass-walled classrooms are located. Two classrooms and a small mailroom will be affected.

Other parts of the project include replacement of all the aluminum wiring in KFA with copper wiring and the addition of a 1,100 square foot fire-walled room to the west side of

the building to house the art department's kilns and glass furnaces.

To make up for the lost classroom space in KFA, a 4,500 square foot area of South Hall's third floor is being remodeled to create four new classrooms.

The space on South Hall's third floor has all services necessary for classrooms to function, such as electricity, heat and air conditioning. Classroom space is being remodeled directly above the math help center and the writing center on the second floor, Braun said.

Braun said.

A shortage of funds is the reason South Hall was not completely finished in 1991. Lack of money is also the reason the renovation

KFA could not take place until now.

There wasn't any money available for such renovations until Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson signed the new budget bill into effect last August.

The bill gave more money to the capital budget, which provides money to repair existing state facilities and build new ones, Braun said.

The Wisconsin State Building Commission has released funds to begin renovation in KFA and South Hall, but the project is still in the design phase.

Braun said that it is important to note that the construction will be done in a building where classes are held.

"We ask for people's patience as there will be a lot of banging, noise and dust," he said. "As a result, though, we will have a safer Fine Arts building."

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-Campus Planner Dale Braun

Bridge plans halted for environmental study; bids on hold

MELISSA ROUSSEAU
NEWS EDITOR

For more than 20 years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has been trying to build a bridge to bring the people of Stillwater, Minn. together with the people of Houlton, Wis.

And for those 20 years, the DOT has run into obstacles.

Now, just weeks before contractors were able to submit bids, the DOT has run into yet another problem - the National Park Service.

The proposed bridge would be four lanes wide (two in each direction) and one mile long. The construction would also include a six-mile highway grade of Minnesota Highway 36 and Wisconsin Highway 64 to New Richmond.

Mark Benson, Minnesota DOT (MnDOT) project manager for the new St. Croix River crossing, said that the existing bridge in Stillwater is not capable of carrying the current traffic load.

The existing bridge is more than 65 years old and only has a few years left of its life expectancy, Benson said.

Benson estimates the total cost of the bridge and highway upgrades to be more than \$100 million. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 1997 and completed in the fall of 1999.

"If (the final federal) approval goes much later, the staging schedule gets extended," Benson said.

But the National Park Service is freezing the issuing of construction permits until they complete a final environmental impact study.

"We'd love to not see a bridge built," said John Dougherty, chief of interpretation for the National Park Service.

Meanwhile, a suit pending by the Sierra Club North Star Chapter, an environmental protection organization, and Voyageurs Region National Park Association (VRNPA) may lead to a hold on construction.

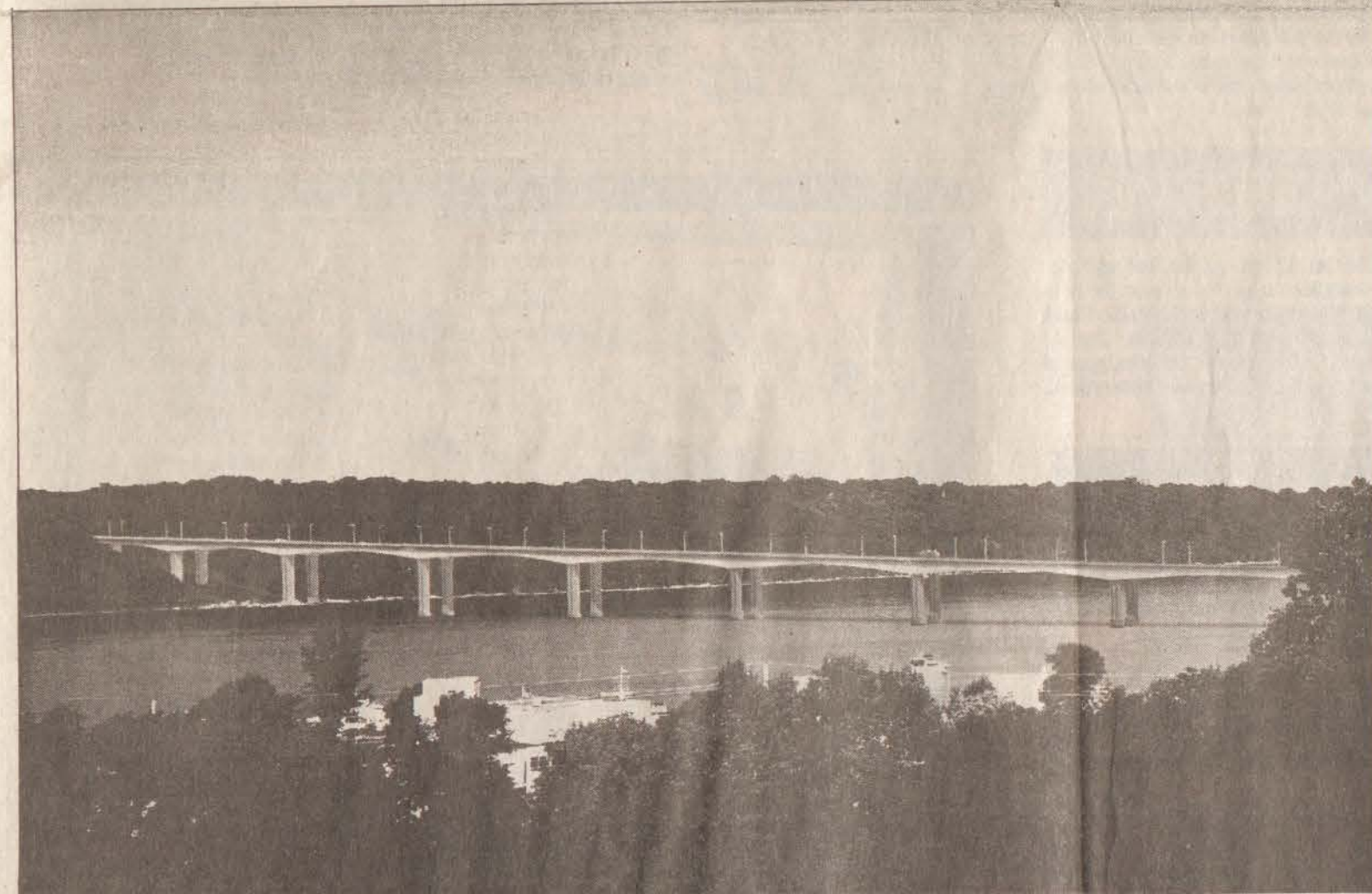
These opponents of the new bridge cite several reasons why federal officials should stop the project.

"If the project gets built, it will spur urban development," said Tom Clarke, local activist and former chair of the St. Croix Valley Interstate chapter of the Sierra Club.

Sierra Club members fear that the proposed bridge will promote urban sprawl into rural western Wisconsin, destroying farmlands and wildlife habitat while encouraging more long distance commuting from Wisconsin into the Twin Cities.

"This is a domino effect," said Chris Marnell, a junior broad field science

Bridge-2



Submitted photo

This computer-simulated picture of the proposed bridge between Stillwater, Minn. and Houlton, Wis. is all that residents will see for a while. The project is on hold while an environmental impact study is completed by the National Park Service.

Packer/Viking rivalry intense on campus

JASON EGERSTROM
STAFF WRITER

Mondays around the UW-River Falls campus usually bring about one of two things: a sea of green and gold or a sea of purple and gold.

The color scheme changes from week to week, depending on the scores of the Packers and Vikings games.

If Green Bay was victorious, Packers jerseys and sweatshirts abound; if Minnesota dominated their game, Vikings clothing is the fashion of the day.

A good rivalry such as the Packers/Vikings clash is all about the fans and their bragging rights.

The rivalry is intensified at a border school such as UW-RF, said Andy Lucht, a 20-year-old Packers fan from Antigo, Wis.

"I remember my freshman year for the Packers and Vikings game people would draw on the sidewalks," Lucht said. "That got me going."

However, Lucht said he only saw writing on the sidewalks by Vikings fans.

"Packer fans didn't stoop to that level," Lucht said,

laughing with his green and gold Packers blanket at his side.

Lucht said the rivalry between the teams became more intense about three years ago after Packer quarterback Brett Favre was taken out of a game against Minnesota because of an injury.

"It was like they were out to get our favorite man," Lucht said.

So how important is it to defeat the rival team?

John Ireland, 18, a Vikings fan from Buffalo, Minn., said that defeating the Packers is crucial.

"I don't care if (the Vikings) win the rest of their games," Ireland said. "They just have to win one more, the last game of the season." He was referring to the Dec. 22 regular season finale in Green Bay.

Despite what many people were taught growing up, winning seems awfully important to the fans of the rival teams.

Nineteen-year-old Monica Mayer, a Packers fan from Balsam Lake, Wis. says it's important for the Packers to win every week.

"It determines how the week goes," Mayer said.

Rivals-10



Firefighters hurt as winds lessen

MATTHEW FORDHAL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - The powerful, erratic winds that propelled flames through 35,000 acres of Southern California weakened yesterday, giving firefighters a chance to contain the destructive wildfires.

Four major fires, spread by gusts up to 71 mph and fueled by oil-rich eucalyptus trees, have destroyed more than 100 homes in Malibu and other communities since Monday.

Six firefighters were badly burned Tuesday when a flare-up caught them on their stalled truck in a Malibu canyon. One of the firefighters, William Jensen, 52, of the Glendale Fire Department, was in critical condition today with burns over 70 percent of his body. Doctors said the 52-year-old man may not survive.

Scott French, 41, of the Glendale Fire Department was in good condition today, and Ross Torstenbo, 42,

along with Surgey Tomlinson, 29, both of the Los Angeles City Fire Department, were both in serious condition at a Sherman Oaks burn center.

A civilian burned Monday in a San Diego County fire was in critical condition.

The wildfires, driven by the helter-skelter Santa Ana winds, exploded across four counties Monday, chasing thousands of people from homes, schools and businesses.

Forecasters called for sustained winds of just 10-20 mph today, with even less wind by afternoon. Stronger winds, however, could return this weekend, forecasters said.

Gov. Pete Wilson declared a state of emergency in San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties. There also was damage in San Bernardino County. Wilson asked President Clinton for a federal declaration to enable victims to qualify for disaster aid.

The Malibu fire was the largest of four major blazes, scorching about 14,000 acres and destroying at least

six homes. Among those fleeing the celebrity enclave was actress Loretta Swit of the TV series "MASH."

"This was very scary. When I opened my door, I was surrounded by flames, the smoke was so thick you couldn't keep your eyes open," she told the syndicated TV show "Access Hollywood."

The town hardest hit by the wildfires was Carlsbad, in northern San Diego County, where flames destroyed at least 98 houses. Many residents returning Tuesday found homes reduced to charred hulks.

"I saw the news and they were standing in the rubble of our home," said Lou Stark.

Margaret Anne Lozuk clutched her teen-age daughter's blackened jacket and pointed to a smudged cheerleader outfit in the driveway.

"She was supposed to cheer Friday night. She's so upset," Lozuk said.

Another 10 homes were destroyed

Fires-10

BRIEFS

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE Is now taking place at textbook services. The sale will continue until finals week. Textbooks in all subject areas are available at prices ranging from \$0.25 to several dollars per copy.

FALL CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the fall textbook sale. This will take place Oct. 10 thru Nov. 15, a 20-40% discount will be given.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES Influenza vaccines are available at the River Falls Medical Clinic beginning Oct. 2, 1996 for \$8.00 per dose. Payment is required at the time of service unless covered by health insurance. Please call ahead for an appointment to 425-6701. Influenza vaccines are also available beginning mid-October through Pierce County (273-6755, \$6.00 per dose) and Saint Croix County (246-8263, \$8.00 per dose) Public Health Departments. Please call for times and locations of immunization clinics. For your information, both Pierce and Saint Croix County Health Departments cover the Hepatitis B vaccine series for persons who start the series before turning age 19. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is also available at the River Falls Medical Clinic. Hepatitis B and influenza vaccines are not covered by Student Health Services. For questions, call Student Health services at 425-3293/3292.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TO FACE OFF The league of Women Voters of St. Croix and Pierce counties, the River Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women, and the UW-RF Student Senate, Faculty Senate, College Democrats, College Republicans, Political Science Department, and Social Work program will be sponsoring a forum for the candidates candidate for the Third Congressional District. The forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tues. Oct. 29 in the Abbott Concert Hall of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Candidates participating are Jim Harsdorf, R-Beldenville, and Ron Kind, D-LaCrosse. The forum is free and open to the public. Written questions from the audience will be given to candidates to answer.

FACULTY RECITAL Will be held on Oct. 27 at 3:00 p.m. Carolyn Britton, pianist will perform in Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST Open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top five poems. Deadline is Oct. 31. For contest rules send a self-addressed/stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS Students interested in participating in the program in the Spring 1997 semester should contact the Office of International Programs at 425-4891 or stop by the office, 225 East Hathorn Hall for information and application forms. The deadline is Nov. 1.

AWA HALLOWEEN DANCE AT PR'S Will be held on Thurs. Oct. 31 from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Admission is \$4 or \$3 with a costume. Cash awards will be given for the best costume (group or individual) Need not be twenty-one to attend.

"UP WITH PARENTS" Is an exciting and fun-packed night of poking fun at parenthood and learning some extra-ordinarily helpful things about discipline and self-esteem. For parents of children of any age. Held at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, 202 S. Second St., River Falls WI 54022. The program will be held on Sat. Oct. 26, 7 p.m., the cost is \$7 per person. Call Ezekiel Lutheran Church now at 425-8294 to register.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1997 PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward a MS or Ph.D in the biological sciences are eligible to apply. For more information contact the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington DC 20418 or phone (202) 334-2872. Applications are also available on the Internet at <http://fellowships.nas.edu>. Deadline for application is Nov. 15, 1996.

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MEETINGS

Monday:
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/FAMILY OF ORIGIN GROUP Meets every Monday throughout the semester, 3-4:30 p.m., Career and Counseling Services, 24E. Hathorn, Contact Gretchen Link at 425-3884 prior to attending.
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS Will meet at Lil' Booda's at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, pool and weekly meeting on Nov. 4 Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday:
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Will hold meetings at 8:15 p.m. in the International Room of the student center. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday:
ECO CLUB Meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room.
LATINO STUDENT ORGANIZATION Meets every Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. in 101 Hathorn. Everyone is Welcome.

Friday:
NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL Meets every Friday at noon in 101 Hathorn. Everyone is welcome.

Personal choices impact community

Advertising, popular television aiding society ills

MELISSA ROUSSEAU
News Editor

College students have trouble making healthy decisions.

Often times, the choices they make on a daily basis are more difficult than choosing a major or deciding what career path to follow.

That's according to Dr. Richard Keeling, director of University Health Services and professor of Medicine at UW-Madison. He added that college students should be able to rely on their community for support in the decisions they make.

"Each of us makes major decisions in the context of decisions made by everybody else," he said. "This becomes our boundary of customs and traditions."

Because customs and traditions grow from a partnership between decisions made by individuals and by the community, Keeling stressed the importance of beginning the process of community building. He explained that it is not easy work.

"It's painful and bloody," he said.

"It's rough stuff working out differences."

According to Keeling, as interdependent, integrated people, we are woven together. Every time one person makes a decision, he said, we are all there.

"We have a responsibility to each other, to not make (our friends) drink more than they should, or to have (our friends) try drugs that may harm them," Keeling said.

The biggest hindrance to the community, however, is advertising and television. Keeling called stations like MTV and VH1 the "voice of our culture."

"We see between 40-50,000 images a week that show us how to live," he said.

Keeling flashed slide after slide of advertisements that try to romanticize alcohol and sex with slide after slide of news accounts of women being victimized when alcohol was included in the mix.

The fine line between the "real world" and fantasy blurs between the flashing of an ad for Cristol scotch suggesting that a young lady may need

a little "Cristol persuasion" and a cover of *Newsweek* that tells the tale of a female college student who was raped. "Maybe we are told to say no (to sex or drinking), but Nike tells us to 'Just do it,'" Keeling said.

According to Keeling, it is this "Vir-

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-Dr. Richard Keeling
Professor of Medicine at
UW-Madison

tual Reality" that makes it difficult for students to make decisions.

"The fantasy world doesn't look that far away," he said. "Out there things don't connect—it looks a lot easier."

But Keeling pointed out that it is possible to create an integrated community that focuses on health and

learning.

The first step, he said, requires reality.

"We must be in each other's faces, engaged and talking," he said.

The second step requires everyone to do community service. If people do community service, he said, something in them changes and they return as a stronger problem-solver.

"When you invest a little, you get back a lot," he said.

Finally, Keeling said that we must change the context that students use to make their decisions.

"Someone has to stop looking the other way and respond to advocacy," he said. "One of us will have to be the leader and the leader will shift the context for the rest of us."

But before this can happen, Keeling said that we all must ask ourselves what we are willing to give up. Every little thing you give up is a small act of leadership.

"Confronting prejudice, telling the truth and listening with respect are (examples of) small acts of leadership," Keeling said. "After several small acts, we'll have large changes."

Bridge/Opposition causes delay

From 1

major and member of the Eco Club at UW-River Falls. "In 20 years, I think a lot of the river could change (if the bridge is constructed)."

Concern over the fate of the existing lift bridge in Stillwater, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is another issue that many groups want resolved before construction can begin on a new bridge.

"River Town Restoration Inc. is probably going to sue," Clarke said. "They want a decision now about what will happen to the old bridge."

The lawsuit states that the construction of a new bridge violates policies set by the Lower St. Croix Management Commission. According to the policies, new structures will be allowed only when pre-existing structures have been removed.

The suit also states that the federal agents failed to administer the St. Croix River in a manner that will protect and enhance the reasons why the riverway was designated as a wild and scenic river as required by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 and 1972.

Dougherty said that bridges are always considered to be water resource projects, and therefore the construction must be examined to ensure that it will not violate the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

"We are just responding to MnDOT's request to build," he said.

Benson disagrees.

"We have built four other bridges across the St. Croix and we are not aware that any of them have been considered water resource projects," he said.

Benson is not clear on how the National Park Service became involved with the project.

"I don't know the link," he said. "I don't know what caused the decision for them (National Park Service) to do this—the lawsuit from the Sierra Club may have caused it."

Benson said the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act only protects free-flowing rivers from dams. By calling the new St. Croix River crossing a water resource project, the National Park Service can block construction and deny the permit.

"The NPS will determine if the bridge will create an adverse impact on the river," Benson said.

For now, all MnDOT can do is wait for the National Park Service's environmental study results. No one knows for sure how long it will be until the study is completed.

"We stand committed to (the project)," Benson said. "We will do whatever it takes."

CORRECTION

The Oct. 17 issue of the *Student Voice* contained an advertisement for two-for-99-cent rentals at the RadioShack Superstore in River Falls. The ad should have stated that the special price is offered only on Wednesdays.

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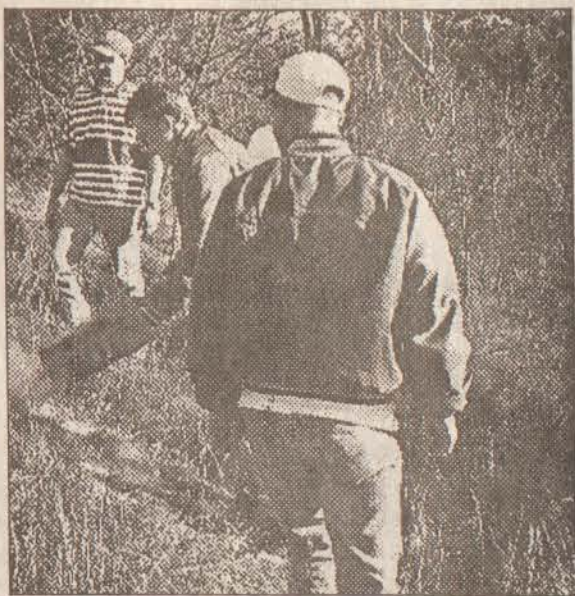
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Liming the "R"



Melissa Rousseau photos

Members of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity and the Student Alumni Association created an "R" on a hilltop on Oct. 18. The "R" could be seen from Ramer Field during the Homecoming football game against UW-Whitewater on Oct. 19. The two groups have carried out the tradition of liming an "R" the day before the Homecoming football game since 1986. The process involves a weedwacker cutting out an outline of the letter and students following pouring bags of lime.



Technology money not secured yet

JASON EGERSTROM
STAFF WRITER

A report that appeared in the Oct. 17 issue of the *Student Voice* was the center of discussion at Tuesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The article reported that \$148,000 was set aside by the Reach for the Future Committee for technology. However, Senate President Grant Staszak stressed that this amount was not definite.

"It's just drafted and will not be definite until Feb. 1," Staszak said.

Staszak also discussed possible ways to help drivers be more aware of pedestrians walking near campus.

In other action, Staszak said a yield for pedestrians sign on Cascade Avenue may be moved to a location making it more visible for drivers. He added that, "yield for pedestrians" may also be painted on Cascade Avenue as early as this fall if weather permits. Both suggestions are pending a decision from the River Falls City Council.

The River Falls Police Department has attempted to slow drivers near the busy pedestrian areas on Cascade Avenue by using a digital sign displaying a driver's speed.

In other news, a budget has been set aside for the Stratton Hall remodeling project; however, Staszak is looking into adding projects to the budget.

Suggested projects include replacing all of the room doors in the hall and replacing the closets. Staszak planned to tour the hall late Tuesday evening.

Theresa Zirbel, legislative issues chair, gave an update on the Senate's effort to urge students to vote.

Zirbel said 725 students have registered to vote through the Student Senate.

The senate also looked into parking and housing appeals, as numerous housing appeals have been made this year, said Facilities and Fees Chair Heidi Hullopeter.

She said the appeals are coming from students who say they cannot afford to live on campus.

Staszak also reminded faculty and staff that they can be ticketed if they park in any faculty or staff lot that doesn't coincide with their designated lot permit.

Remember...



set clocks back 1 hour
on Saturday

Contracts up for grabs

MELISSA ROUSSEAU
NEWS EDITOR

The City of River Falls will soon be accepting bids for possible new providers of several public services.

The City Council decided Tuesday night not to extend contracts currently held with St. Croix Tree Service and Tri-County Disposal.

Alderman Tom O'Connell questioned the time period between bids and suggested to the council that other contractors be allowed to put in bids for the contracts.

Although the contracts were not extended, City Administrator Larry Thompson pointed out that the city has been happy with the services that had been provided thus far.

In other business:

• Margaret Ann Dravis was sworn in as Alderperson for the 4th Aldermanic District. Dravis was appointed by the council at the last meeting and will hold the position until elections in April. Dravis replaced Neil Ruddy who moved out of the area.

• State Senate candidate Jay Griggs introduced himself to the council and offered to hear concerns the council may have that he should be aware of as a potential State Senator.

• Alderman Lorin Frey requested a more detailed breakdown of the 1997 budget. He said he was uncomfortable passing a \$9.5 million budget based on 5 1/2 pages. Mayor Pederson announced that that information is available for any council members who want it.

Calendar changes denied

JIM LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate denied a motion by Calendar Committee member Stan Schraufnagel that would repeal a 1988 policy requiring spring semester classes to start after the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

If the motion had passed, Schraufnagel would have proposed the changes to the 1998-99 calendar, and students would have cut one week from winter break and also cut one week from spring semester.

Schraufnagel said the change would have benefited students.

"It's hard to get a job for a month," he said. "Getting school going a week earlier and getting out a week sooner would generate an extra week of income for students in the summer."

However, Sen. Rik Seefeldt, who voted against the motion, saw downsides to the proposal.

"First of all, you're trading one week of spring driving for a week of winter driving for commuters," he said. "Secondly, it's more costly to run pro-

grams in the middle of January than it is in the middle of May due to heating costs.

"Third, the Reach For The Future process has put a lot more responsibility on the shoulders of each faculty member and it doesn't make sense to decrease the preparation time each faculty member has for the semester. Finally, the main reason why the Calendar Committee wanted to do this was to end spring semester earlier, and there are other ways to do that."

Seefeldt also added that 10 of the 13 UW campuses start after the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Senate Chair Don Leake, citing the many hours that calendar issues command, sees a possible solution.

"I don't see why the entire system doesn't just adopt a uniform calendar," he said.

In other action, Leake relayed the goals of the Reach For The Future Steering Committee regarding admission standards.

The goals include having 76 percent of the freshman class of 2000 be in the top 40 percent of their class and 36 percent be in the top 20 percent. Fur-

thermore, the committee would like mean ACT scores of incoming freshmen to exceed Wisconsin averages in each of the four subfields of the test.

"Roughly speaking, we achieved these standards with this year's freshman class," Leake said. "We're looking to maintain the quality of the freshman class we recruited this year."

The Senate also approved a new sabbatical leave proposal evaluation form. The new form will evaluate faculty proposals on academic contributions to the university and quality of the sabbatical proposal. The proposals are evaluated by the Faculty and Academic Staff Development Board.

In other Senate news:

• David Milne was appointed to the Student Senate Music Arts Committee.

• Deb Allyn was appointed to the Faculty Senate Affirmative Action Committee, replacing Faye Perkins.

• Promotions to assistant professor, associate professor, and professor will now be accompanied with salary raises of \$700, \$1000, and \$1500 respectively.

SG 2000 overlooks organization

Lack of funds may cause loss of Forensics team

PENNY HUNTINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Without a spot on the new Shared Governance 2000 document, the future for the UW-River Falls Forensics teams looks rather grim.

How the team was overlooked is not known, but the Forensics team is struggling for money.

Without a spot on the SG 2000 plan, the team can't receive funds from the University, therefore making it almost impossible to operate and remain an organization, said Mitchell (Bucky) Fay, professor in the speech communications and theatre arts department and Forensics adviser.

"It is difficult to have a large team when the funds aren't there," Fay said. SG 2000 is the process adopted by the University last year that organized the distribution of funds to all campus organizations. For some reason, the Forensics team was not included in the document.

Regardless of the situation, a bound-and-determined group of students makes up this year's Forensics team.

By size, the UW-RF Forensics team is relatively small, but its 10-to-15 members are dedicated to a large extent.

Forensics team members focus on competitive speech and debate, con-

centrating on speech elements such as educational testing and some parliamentary debates.

Forensics is about dealing with real-life events and the effect that communication has on people, said Sara Gauthier, an English education major. Forensics is equivalent to speech in that it enhances speaking and talking skills.

"It's a learning experience," she said. "You learn not only about debate, but you learn how to orate."

Learning the right tools for communication is essential today in that every career deals with aspects of communication, she said.

Fay agreed.

"Businesses say that communication is the most important element in today's world," Fay said. "There is no question in my mind that forensics teaches communication more than any class can."

The team competes in various events at tournaments. The schedule is flexible, and it is a student's decision whether or not they want to compete in certain tournaments.

"Not everyone competes at every meet," Gauthier said.

Students can compete in three types of events, which include reading from literature, presenting prepared speeches and presenting limited preparation speeches.

The River Falls team is also part of the Twin Cities Forensics League. The league has tournaments on eight Tuesday afternoons and evenings a semester, giving students an extra opportunity to strengthen their communication skills.

Fay said the River Falls team spends ample time practicing to gain experience because it's the experience that proves successful in the competitions.

Though a lot of time is spent practicing for competitions, it is difficult for organizations outside of sports to spend a large amount of time practicing for events, he said.

The UW-RF Forensics team is hosting a tournament Oct. 26 in the Klempell Fine Arts building starting at 8:30 a.m. More than 20 schools will participate in the 25th annual festival, titled "Heart of the Southwest Metro Fringe."

Traditional guests include UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire, Winona State, Mankato State and St. Olaf College and others.

Fay said teams such as UW-Eau Claire, Cornell and Arizona State are the toughest competitors.

"For the last 10-12 years these teams have taken first or second in competitions," Gauthier said. "(Forensics) isn't so much a competition against other, but more against yourself."

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Editorial

Misinformed voters

"TV commercials would be a perfect opportunity for candidates to state where they stand on issues that matter to the voters. But they don't."

One of the things that marks this election season is the abundance of campaign advertising. The major medium for this advertising is television, in the form of commercials.

Candidates pay thousands and thousands of dollars to plaster their faces and voices across the airwaves. Since they're an ideal way to reach millions of people quickly, TV commercials would be a perfect opportunity for candidates to state where they stand on issues that matter to the voters.

But they don't.

Candidates normally don't get into the issues of their elections. Where they stand on abortion, what they'll do about unemployment and which government programs they support don't usually make it into a TV spot.

Maybe it's because those things take too long to explain. Or maybe the candidates don't feel that those things are important enough. What does make it into campaign commercials is bashing of the candidate's opponent.

Granted, it may be bashing of the opponent's voting record in the legislature. That in itself may be OK for a few of those commercials. But many of the advertisements poke fun at an opponent's character; his or her personal characteristics are criticized for all to see.

What's really surprising is how many of these negative commercials are still on the air. Studies have shown that people don't like all the candidate bashing. Negative ads turn people off.

People who are running for office should concentrate on promoting the positives of their own campaign. Commercials that tell voters what the candidate plans to do for them could make a much greater impact.

Of course, there are already some positive ads out there on TV. But stations have only recently started airing those commercials. For weeks, all the electorate has seen is negative advertising.

Maybe candidates think they have to lay a foundation of doubt about their opponents before plugging their own platform. What might be a more viable alternative is starting positive advertising from the beginning. Positive ads that discuss the issues help to inform voters and make them think about who and what they're voting for. Negative ads just cast a bad light on politics and often spread irrelevant information and misguide voters.

Only an informed public can cast an informed vote.

Voters may actually listen to positive commercials and gain some information about a candidate through them. Negative ads start to sound the same after a while, and it's very easy to just tune them out. If the current backstabbing trend continues, people may just start to tune out elections altogether.

Gender Equity opens new world to women

Patti Warrington



"I see no reason for this stubborn resistance to a rule that clearly had to be enacted to a rule that clearly had to be enacted to protect the rights of women."

One of the things I like about being 50 years of age is that I have managed to achieve a level of objectivity or perhaps apathy to keep control of myself no matter what comes up. One thing that does raise my hackles, though, is when someone in the media or sports professions criticizes the issue of Gender Equity or Title IX. Phrases like: they (women) are not using the program anyway or women's sports just don't generate the revenue that men's sports do irritate me no end.

A case in point is last year when the issue surfaced here in River Falls. Advocates of a soccer program in the River Falls High School sought to add it as a men's competitive sport. It seems that the high school was already in violation of Title IX because it had one more men's sport than women's. In order to add men's

soccer, they would have to add women's as well and there just did not seem to be enough money to do that. I observed the debate with interest wondering if what seemed like the obvious solution to me would ever be proposed. To me it seemed logical to add women's soccer, thus complying with Title IX and bringing soccer to River Falls High School. To my knowledge, that solution was not proposed. The debate centered around adding men's and women's soccer or no soccer program at all. Funding women's soccer became the issue and the reason for the success or failure of the addition.

It is more than 20 years since Title IX was enacted in 1972. Yet there seemingly is a debate each time a sports program has to make adjustments to come into compliance. It happened here at UW-River Falls only two years ago. I see no reason for this stubborn resistance to a rule that clearly had to be enacted to protect the rights of women. They have the same rights to education, competition in sports and equal pay for equal work and they should be able to participate without harassment. In this era, the equal pay for equal work is especially important because so many women have become sole providers for their children.

I come from an era when gender equity was not a consideration. In my high school, extra-curricular activities included sports for boys and Future Homemakers of America for girls. If students wanted to explore their artistic and creative abilities they could sing in

choir or play in the band.

I was considered a tomboy because I preferred softball to sewing and cooking. I was good, too. I wonder today how different my life might have been if I had been allowed the opportunity to do something in high school sports that might have given me a chance to build some self-esteem? I will never know.

I went to college after high school for the same reason most of the girls I knew at that time did. We went to college to get ourselves a college man. Marrying a man who went to college was one of the few ways we knew to insure a chance at a good materialistic life. At 18, that was our idea of a kind of life we wanted. After your "college man" graduated-it was not necessary that you do so-you got married, had children and became a housewife (yep-that is what they called us).

Fortunately, today women have more options. But these options have not been handed to them. They have had to fight for them. In many cases they have had to bring the pressure of the law to bear in order to guarantee themselves the rights they are entitled. History tells of the struggles many individuals have had to make to guarantee those rights. Thankfully, there are people who have been willing to undertake the struggles because when they win their individual rights, we all win.

There will be many more debates; I am sure of that. Gender Equity will be an issue for some time. But I feel that eventually it will come and when it does we will all benefit from the change.

Campus parking questions need answers

Todd Shierenbeck



"But with the parking space crunch reaching epic proportions, it has grown from a mild irritation to a major annoyance."

Not to piss and moan too much, but I would like to beef about something that affects almost all of us on campus. I'm talking, of course, about parking.

If you don't have a car on campus, you may think that this doesn't affect you. Wrong. Chances are that you will have a car on campus at some point. Even if you don't, it is inevitable that someone you know will be driven to gibbering madness by the parking office eventually.

First, let me qualify this column a little. The parking office at UW-River Falls does a pretty good job considering what they have to work with on campus. UW-RF is undergoing one of the largest growth phases since the early 1980's, and the fact that they are able to accommodate all the cars currently here (so far) without building another parking lot is admirable. Have you ever tried parking out at the U of Minnesota - Minneapolis campus? You are lucky to find a parking spot within ten blocks of your class, and when you do find it, you have to pay an amount roughly equivalent to a good seven-course dinner before you can head on your merry way.

However, just because UW-RF has a better parking system than the black hole of the U of M is no reason

to pat ourselves on the back. Compared to their system, ours is pretty darn good. Then again, anything would look good compared to that rat race and our commuter population faces some of the same problems that theirs does. I can't count the number of times I have seen the same car circle the block three times, searching fruitlessly for a spot of curb big enough to squeeze a car into. It is a bad situation that needs to be fixed.

When I first arrived here this year there were signs that the situation might actually be improving. Sure, the price of a parking permit had gone up for the second straight year (just like tuition!), but the permits were now good in any of the parking lots on campus. "Any parking lot?" I asked the freshly scrubbed underclassman who handed me the permit. It sounded too good to be true. "Oh yeah," she chirped. "All of 'em."

It was too good to be true. The school year was not two weeks old before I had received my first parking ticket. I had parked next to one of the many "Fire Lane - No Parking" signs in the lot, since those were the only spaces open in the whole parking lot. I had tried to park my car, a monstrous station wagon, in two other student lots that were close enough to my dorm to walk to. No go. The only parking lot that had open spaces was the lot behind Crabtree, and I wasn't going to park there since the Ramey field parking lot (which doesn't even require a permit) was closer than that. I received a parking ticket for parking in the lot I was supposed to put my car in.

Since I was parked in the fire lane, I rationalized to myself that maybe I deserved the ticket. I've also received a parking ticket for parking in a faculty lot, which is understandable, I suppose. I have received four more parking tickets in the lot by my dorm, however, and I've ceased trying to rationalize it. Why did I bother paying 70 dollars for a permit when I still get tickets every time I try and park there?

Many of the cars parked in student lots overnight do not even have permits, and I'm sure that they get parking tickets as well. But they take up spaces that have already been paid for by other students, and we get fined unnecessarily whenever this happens. This has always gone on, but with the parking space crunch reaching epic proportions, it has grown from a mild irritation to a major annoyance. Why should I have to pay an extra twenty bucks for every night that there are no open parking spaces in a lot that I paid to park in?

Something should be done about people who park in lots overnight without permits. What should be done, I have no clue; maybe higher fines for repeat offenders. But what if there are not that many people who park without permits? If that happens to be the case, why did the university over-stuff the parking lots by issuing more permits than they had space for? These are questions I would really like to have answered. Since these questions are not answered, I've come up with my own theory: since the UW-System has been losing state funding steadily in recent years (though not nearly as quickly as the UM-System), the schools are being hard-pressed to make up the extra money. That is why we get incremental increases in tuition, room and board every year and that is why the parking lots are overstuffed. Even if only three parking tickets are issued a night in all the lots, that is still 60 dollars a night that the university gets, tax-free and for relatively little expense on their part.

I would love for someone to answer all the questions and prove my pet theory wrong. I'd love it even more if they would fix the situation, or at least turn a blind eye to those students with permits who park illegally because there are no other parking spots available. I don't know if there is an answer. All I know is that the only time I never have any trouble finding a parking space is during the weekends. Go figure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gang activity article creates hype and fear out of situation that does not exist in River Falls

I am writing in response to the article published on Oct. 17 concerning the potential gang activity in River Falls. What message is the *Student Voice* attempting to send its readers? Is this a viable article, or is it misguided?

First of all, a key point was, in my opinion, left out of this article: we are told the city has begun community education programs, but we are not given any insight as to what those programs are about. This is the key attempt to resolve whatever problem is out there and the readers are told nothing about it.

As to the actual question at hand, why is the key phrase "Gang Activity" used? I don't care if you placed "potential" in front of it, the phrase is a hot bed of anxiety with too many associations surrounding it that do not apply to our problem. In using this phrase, you have done nothing for the public except incite paranoia and unnecessary distress over the issue. Nothing will be solved if people be-

lieve that the problem is too threatening for them to handle, and by emphasizing gang activity, your article makes the problem look larger than it is.

I am not arguing that there is not a problem in River Falls. Yet, I lived in St. Paul for my entire life before coming to school here and believe me, there are not any gangs in this town. The police should know this and if they wish to solve the actual problems, they should cease using "gang activity" in their reports. The only outcome of this label is over-reaction and paranoia.

Also, why does every activity involving weapons have to be gang related? This is a stereotype that must be eliminated if we are to solve the problem at hand. Sgt. Linehan is doing nothing for the problems of this city by inciting the excess fear and anger produced with the gang and drug labels. His erroneous statements coupled with the coverage of the *Voice* and *River Falls Journal* are doing

more harm than good because they are stereotyping the problem instead of dealing with it.

The message the *Voice* is sending is a misguided one. Not only does this article not focus on the attempts to solve the problem (which it should), but it misleads its readers by blowing the issue at hand out of proportion. If this city wishes to address its problems, it better first detach itself from the labels and issues of the Twin Cities. If this is not done, there will never be a clear picture of problems at hand.

Nathan G. Thompson,
UW-RF Student

Homecoming picture layout very poor quality

I am writing in response to the page of homecoming candidates. The way in which this page was set-up makes me wonder how your paper won all those awards for excellence.

The page is set-up in a hap-hazard way that looks like the pictures were dropped on the page, flipped over like jigsaw puzzle pieces and printed. Two groups were shown without any names and/or organizations. The candidates for Sigma Tau Gamma were shown without organization names or candidate names. I'm not speaking for Matt or Tanya, let alone the Dairy Club candidates, but I'm sure that your lack of organization is not appreciated.

I believe a published apology to both groups is in order. A thought to check and double-check your page lay-outs before sending them to print may prevent similar mess-ups in future competitions.

Thank you for your time.
Raymond V. Egan,
Sigma Tau Gamma

Would the NFL be more fun if the Refs learned the Macarena?



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Chad Urdahl

Hockey players prove they aren't spineless



"Two seasons ago, the UW-RF campus felt the impact of spinal injuries in hockey."

There are going to be injuries in college hockey. You have players hitting each other at what can be called break-neck speeds.

It seems as if recently these speeds have earned their name.

A rash of neck or back injuries in college hockey makes you wonder if something can be done.

Last season, Boston University freshman Travis Roy tried to hit a North Dakota player along the boards. Only 11 seconds into his collegiate career, he missed his target, and went headlong into the boards and landed himself in a wheel chair. He is completely paralyzed and still in the chair today.

Derek Drygas, a sophomore at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, was paralyzed when he also crashed into the boards. He wasn't even involved in contact with another player. It was during practice when he lost an edge and tumbled to the ice. Drygas broke his neck and has only slight movement in his upper body. His lower body remains motionless.

In a game Friday, Colorado College freshman defenseman Dan Peters was cross-checked by Minnesota's Ryan Kraft. The hit was illegal, but not malicious or even uncommon.

When a player is standing several feet away from the boards and gets blasted, it is a scary sight because the player hits the boards in an awkward position. That was not the case with Peters, he was relatively close to the wall and hit the boards in an upright position.

That might be the silver lining in this cloud. After Peters wilted, he was immobilized and hauled off the ice on a stretcher, but it appears he will be just fine. He was diagnosed with a strained neck and should return to the Tigers' lineup soon.

Two seasons ago, the UW-RF campus felt the impact of spinal injuries in hockey.

Jeff Lovell, a junior at the time, was playing defense for the Falcons in a game at St. Norberts. What nobody realized was that it would be his last college game.

A St. Norberts player dumped the puck into the Falcons' zone and two Green Knights skated down the ice in pursuit. As Lovell skated with his back to the forecheckers, he retrieved the puck and turned to pass it up ice. When he turned, he was drilled by one of the St. Norberts players. Lovell went down in a freak way and shattered his second lumbar vertebra.

It was a horrible sight for anybody in the building who saw Lovell go down and momentarily lose movement in his legs.

After a couple years of rehab, he has been able to regain much of his mobility and strength. But the scars still remain, and he will never be able to play contact hockey again.

Ironically, Peter's parents ran across Lovell after their son's injury.

They were doing some shopping and wound up in Lovell's workplace. Lovell and his customers stumbled upon a conversation, and before they knew it they were swapping stories.

That is almost as eerie as the injuries themselves.

The question remains: What can be done to prevent injuries like the ones we have seen?

Hockey is a contact sport, so injuries will always be a part of the game.

You can make rules to help eliminate dangerous checks, but the strange thing is, contact with another player isn't always an ingredient. Just ask Drygas.

You have guys playing the game they love only to end up in wheel chairs, or lucky ones like Lovell or Peters who recover. Yes, Lovell and Peters are lucky. They could have wound up paralyzed like Roy or Drygas.

That's the hard thing about this rash of injuries. It's hard to see situations like these arise, but I don't see any concrete solutions. It does provoke a couple of thoughts, however.

First, it makes you wonder what cheap-shot artists are thinking when they run someone over from behind. There is no room for that kind of play in hockey.

It also makes you wish you could do more than shake your head and pray for the people involved.

FALCONS win, keep playoff hopes alive

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SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

To win in the WSUC, teams need to capitalize on opponents' miscues.

If opportunity knocks, you better answer or you'll be holding the short end of the stick when the clock reads 0:00.

This was the case Saturday afternoon as River Falls rebounded from last week's loss to LaCrosse to knock-off previously unbeaten Whitewater 21-20.

The Falcons were able to take advantage of Whitewater mistakes, while the Warhawks will look back on this game as one of missed chances.

There was no opportunity any bigger than the one Whitewater let slip by with 8:09 remaining in the game. Trailing 21-20, Warhawk kicker Bryan Mauder lined-up for a 34-yard field goal, but the kick sailed wide right and the Falcons took over at their own 20.

A couple of first downs was all River Falls would need to run out the clock.

But Whitewater had dominated the trenches during the entire second half. That was until this juncture of the game.

River Falls (5-1 overall, 3-1 WSUC) engineered an unheard of 17-play drive, which included four third-down conversions, and consumed the final 8:09 of the game.

"We got a little better feel for what they were doing and made a couple of adjustments," head Coach John O'Grady said of his team's game-clinching drive. "We were able to get first downs, and our guys did a great job of staying in bounds and using the clock."

Sophomore fullback Dave Letourneau was O'Grady's go-to guy on third down, and he did not disappoint. Letourneau collected 27 yards and four first downs on the drive.

"David did a nice job for us when it really counted," O'Grady said.

Mauder's missed field goal was just one of a handful of costly mishaps that went in favor of the Falcons.

River Falls drew first blood when starting line-up newcomer Broc Threinen made his presence felt as he came flying out of nowhere to deck Warhawk running back Eddie McKennie and jar the ball loose. Linebacker Jeremy Gazdik grabbed the ball and rumbled 31 yards for his second score in two weeks to give the Falcons a 7-0 lead just 1:08 into the game.

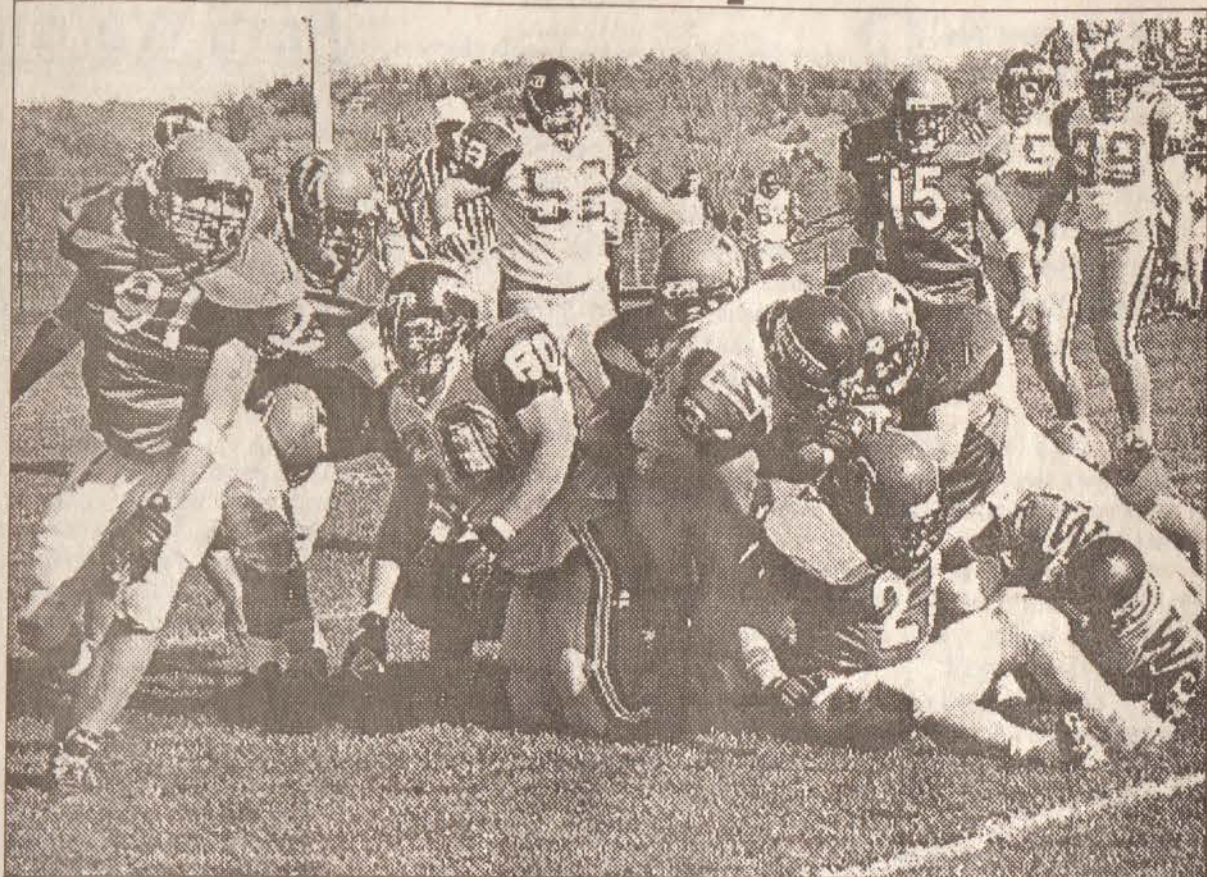
Following a Pat Simones 11-yard run to make the score 14-0, Whitewater signal-caller Ty Grovesteen went to the air in an attempt to get his team back in the game. On back-to-back plays Grovesteen found Anthony Wooden and John Gutierrez wide open and five yards behind the Falcon defense. Very wide open. And as easy as it was to get open, Wooden and Gutierrez both dropped sure touchdowns.

Whitewater punted the ball on that possession, but would get into the end zone on its next series as junior running back John Damato squirted through his mammoth offensive line and scampered 39 yards to reduce the margin to four. With 4:07 left in the half, the Falcons answered Damato's touchdown with one of their own.

Using a balanced, ball-control offense, River Falls methodically made its way down field, and three and a half minutes later the Falcons were back in the lead with a commanding 21-10 halftime margin.

"Without a doubt, after the debacle last week, there's a definite feeling that we've lost a little bit of confidence," O'Grady said. "When we are able to respond in that fashion, that is tremendous for our kids' emotions."

Keeping in mind that the Warhawks



Eric Dahlberg photo

The Falcon defense shows that gang tackling is the way to go as they engulf a Whitewater player.

have outscored their 1996 opponents by an average of 47-15, O'Grady was not about to lose perspective and think that the game was in control. And just like he believed, Whitewater (6-1 overall, 3-1 WSUC) stormed back in the second half with 10 third quarter points to tighten the game even more.

"Whitewater is a great team," O'Grady said. "Our defense held them to under half of their average scoring. They have the capability of coming up with some huge plays, and they did. But our defense was able to overcome that."

Before Mauder's misfire at the midpoint of the fourth quarter, there was one other missed opportunity that the Warhawks let go by the wayside. Grovesteen had a wide open Jamal Patterson in the end zone, but like the two attempts prior to that, the pass fell incomplete.

Instead of taking a 24-21 lead, the Warhawks still trailed 21-20 after settling for a field goal.

The Falcon win, coupled with a Stevens Point loss to LaCrosse, produces a log jam with River Falls, Whitewater and the Pointers for second

place in the WSUC. River Falls travels to Platteville Saturday for a contest with the 1-6 Pioneers.

Although Platteville is winless in conference action (0-4), O'Grady knows this is a team that can't be taken lightly.

"Jim Kinder is a great football coach," he said. They always play us tough. "They have a good scheme against our wishbone. I feel very good about our defense. We came up with some ideas a year ago against the Wing-T and we feel very confident that we can execute it."

Roy still ailing from back injury, hopes to skate

BOSTON (AP)—On Travis Roy's desk are a hockey puck with the word "Hope" pasted on it and a photo of his girlfriend.

They symbolize his dreams—to rise from his wheelchair and skate again, and to enjoy a bright future with the woman who has stood by his side from the moment he was paralyzed.

The public knew little of Roy when the freshman first stepped on the ice in Boston University's season opener a year ago Sunday. Just 11 seconds into his first shift, he crashed headfirst into the boards, ending his hockey career. Roy says he never wondered: Why me?

"It's a waste of time to start asking that," he says. "It happened, and you deal with it."

From the beginning, the tragedy of the small-town, clean-cut boy from a tight-knit family touched people throughout the country. With the goal for which he practiced so many years snuffed out in an instant, his courage in the aftermath drew admiration.

He still has no feeling beneath the level of his amputations, yet he is convinced that medical research will find a cure that will allow him, someday, to glide on the ice again.

"You can say, 'Trav, you're fooling yourself,'" he says, his voice soft but steady. "I know I most likely won't function the same way I did before, and my body won't be as strong. I'll take what I can get, and I'll make the best of it, but I'll have enough to skate again."

His girlfriend, Maija Langeland, thinks that will happen, but if it doesn't she'll still be with him.

"Yeah," she says without hesitation, "forever."

She rushed to his side as he lay on the ice on Oct. 20, 1995. She wiped tears from his cheek at a news conference in March. She danced with him last April at his sister's wedding.

"He was spinning around, it was terrific."

They met as high school juniors. Now a sophomore at Holy Cross, she makes the one-hour trip from Worcester at least once a week to be with Roy. They go to shopping malls, have dinner out

and take in movies. And they have long conversations in which they share their feelings openly.

"We have a blast together. We laugh even more than we did before," Langeland says. "If I had known when the accident happened that things were going to be this good, I would have been a lot happier then."

The blond, boy-next-door from Yarmouth, Maine, is back in school, a 21-year-old BU freshman. After a hectic year of hospitals, travel, public appearances and fund-raisers, he wants the normal life of a college kid.

Days in classes. Nights out with his buddies. He wishes he wasn't such a celebrity. People recognize him and sometimes seem intimidated, an irony not lost on the approachable young man.

"One of the reasons why this story struck so many people is because I was just an everyday, common boy," he says. "I'm this celebrity now, which stinks."

Yet he appreciates the concern shown by both famous and common people. Wayne Gretzky and Vice President Al Gore visited him in the hospital, and there have been fund-raisers from Maine to North Carolina to Dallas to Los Angeles.

Roy, who can move his right bicep, flicks the small white lever with his right hand to maneuver his motorized wheelchair so it faces his second-floor dormitory window.

"I have one of the better views," he says, looking at the Charles River beneath a bright sun.

There are sailboats on the blue water, a reminder of one of his favorite activities.

A stereo system sits on his desk; he says his tastes run the gamut from Pearl Jam to Paul Simon. Nearby is a television and some tapes, "Die Hard" and "Back To School" among them.

There is a voice-activated laptop computer he uses for his two courses, English Composition and Introduction to Psychology.

"I was a note-card person. I'd write out the note cards and just go through them," Roy says. "That would take me forever to do that now. Just to flip over a note card could take me five minutes."

He's figuring out new ways to study. With a weekly regimen of three days of classes and three days of therapy, he's trying to settle into a routine.

He's finding which places are accessible to wheelchairs. He's getting to know the aides who are with him around the clock. He's wondering how he can best fulfill coach Jack Parker's offer for a role in the BU hockey program. He knows it will be a year of adjustments.

"There's times where I'll ask all the questions, and I'll have all the answers," he says. "And there's times when I'll ask all the same questions, and I can't come up with any of the answers. The first day of school, it did cross my mind. What am I doing here? but I think I knew it would all work out. Facing life in a wheelchair at college, there's all these first-time things: How am I going to get around? I've got to meet all my new aides. How am I going to eat?"

Roy is secure in his decision to return to school rather than pursue opportunities in the field of paralysis or hockey, although he has talked with other paralysis victims, offering encouragement.

"I want to help out but, I still want to be in college and not talking hockey and spinal cords all day," he says. "I want to be around kids my age, just get the college experience. I'm certainly happier to be doing homework than lying in hospital beds."

"I know I most likely won't function the same way I did before, and my body won't be as strong."

-Travis Roy

V'ball splits in WWIAC
Oshkosh proves tough test in handing out loss

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcon volleyball team took on Stevens Point and highly-touted Oshkosh last weekend. Oshkosh lived up to its name.

The Titans are ranked third nationally in Div. III volleyball and are undefeated. Falcon Coach Patti Ford didn't think her team rose to the challenge, but she was also quick to praise Oshkosh.

"They are very poised and very athletic," Ford said. "I think we were intimidated, point blank."

According to Ford, having already seen Oshkosh might help her team avoid intimidation if they meet them in the playoffs.

"At least we've played them and we know what they're about," she said. "We just didn't perform, we didn't hit well at all."

After losing the first game 15-6, the Falcons played tough in the second, before bowing 15-12. Ford said she expected the team to step it up when the game was close, but that didn't happen.

"I'm a little concerned about our inability to get up. There's a point in time to get a little enthusiastic and get some spark back in the game," Ford said. "This has been a characteristic of the three games we lost, where we didn't play relaxed and enthusiastic like we did against most of our opponents."

The Falcons lost the third game 15-

4 to cap the match in which the Falcons hit just .079. The team has a .226 average on the season.

Jen Frodl led the team with eight kills and Cara Gustafson had seven. Amy Holm had 22 assists and Shantell Erbes had 15 digs. Gustafson had 10 digs, two solo blocks and six block assists.

After dropping the match to Oshkosh, they rebounded to knock off Stevens Point in four games, 15-2, 15-11, 3-15, 15-4.

Gustafson had 13 kills, one block and one block assist.

Frodl slammed 11 kills and had six block assists, her play hasn't gone unnoticed.

"They are very poised and very athletic. I think we were intimidated, point blank."

-Falcon Coach Patti Ford

"Jen continues to be steady," Ford said. "If she continues at this pace, we'll see another kid get 1000 kills."

Anna Schmidt had 10 kills and a team-high 17 digs against the Pointers. Tammy Thompson and Maggie Kukar nailed two service aces each, and Holm led the Falcons with 39 assists.

In the latest NCAA Div. III Coaches

Poll, four of the teams in the top 15 are from the WWIAC, something Ford thrives on.

"I think that says a lot about what our conference has to offer," she said. "The epitome of playing is playing in big matches. We are rated 13th and had everything to gain and nothing to lose and maybe make the players on the other side of the net panic."

Ford also looks forward to the possibility of meeting Oshkosh in the future and eliminating the intimidation factor.

"I saw them push the panic button, and that's frightening for a coach," Ford said. "We have to say 'okay, that's over with.' They just have to get back some rhythm."

If the Falcons do run into Oshkosh again, the stakes will most likely be high.

"If we do, it's going to be in the conference championship. Unless something drastic happens, we won't drop any lower than two," Ford said. "A team that is 27-0 has a little to worry about."

This weekend, the Falcons take their 23-3 record to a Whitewater tournament.

According to Ford, a number of Illinois teams will be at the tourney and she is not sure what they will bring, but says it will be good for her team going down the season's home stretch.

"It's another prime-time tournament to gear ourselves mentally for what's ahead," Ford said.

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Falcons drop puck on new season

Team looks for success under new coach Freeman

UW-RF
SPORTS INFORMATION

After months of anticipation, River Falls' own Freeman Compound is ready for action.

The Falcon hockey team, along with new coach Steve Freeman, opens the 1996-97 season at NCAA Div. I Air Force in a weekend series.

Freeman is the new Falcon's head coach replacing Dean Talafoos who is now the head coach at Alaska-Anchorage. Freeman is hardly new to the Falcons because he served for seven seasons as the team's No. 1 assistant.

The Falcons are coming off one of their most successful seasons when they finished 26-5-2 overall and 16-3-1 in the NCHA. They won the NCHA regular season and playoff championships and earned a fourth straight trip to the NCAA Div. III finals.

Gone are six seniors, including Russ Johnson who tied for the team lead in points with 36. But the next three scorers do return which gives the Falcons a great offensive nucleus.

Brian Wilson (17-19-36), Bill Matzke (18-16-34) and Eddie MacDonald (11-17-28) are all back.

Matzke had a great rookie campaign and led the Falcons in goals. Wilson

and MacDonald are now both seniors and looking forward to their final season.

The Falcons are also in great shape in goal. Both Brady Alstead and Jeff Heil return after sharing duties last year.

Alstead, who was named the NCHA's MVP and to the AHCA first all-American team last year, is just in his second year and finished with a 13-3-2 record, a 1.55 goals against average and a .944 saves percentage.

Heil, who was drafted in the seventh round by the New York Rangers in 1995, finished with a 13-2 record, a 1.78 goals against average and a .923 saves percentage.

Alstead led the entire NCAA Div. III in saves percentage, was second in goals against and eighth in winning percentage.

Heil was third in saves percentage, third in goals against average and third in winning percentage.

Both goalies may see more action this year because four defensemen graduated leaving the Falcons a big hole to fill there.

Joe Smaza (3-16-19) and Brad Nelson (1-5-6) are back and will be looked at for leadership with some inexperienced teammates.

Air Force finished with a 4-24-5 overall record last year under coach Chuck Delich who starts his 12th season. Two of the team's top three scorers return from last year.

Todd Lafortune is back after he scored 15 goals and 24 points including seven power-play goals and two short-handed goals.

Stephen Matuto is also back after scoring seven goals and 21 points. Goalie Pat Klieb returns to head up the Air Force defense. Klieb finished with a 4.70 goals against average and a .851 saves percentage.

The Falcons played at Air Force to start the 1994-95 season. Air Force won the first game, 5-3, and UWRF won the second game in overtime, 5-4.

UW-RF's Mike Schauer, playing in his first collegiate game, scored two goals in the first game. Schauer came back with the game-winner in overtime the second game.

Eddie MacDonald, then a sophomore, scored twice and got the lone assist on the game-winner. Brian Wilson, a sophomore at the time, also scored.

Jeff Heil, also playing in his first collegiate game, picked up the win making 23 saves.



FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
		at Platteville 1:00 p.m.					
	WWIAC Tourney (Oshkosh)	WWIAC Tourney (Oshkosh)	WWIAC Tourney (Oshkosh)				
	White-water Tourney 4:00 p.m.	White-water Tourney 4:00 p.m.					
	WWIAC Meet (Madison)	WWIAC Meet (Madison)					
		at WSUC WWIAC Meets 11:00 a.m.					
	at Air Force 8:00 p.m.	at Air Force 8:00 p.m.					
	Oshkosh 6:00 p.m.	Midwest Relays at E. Claire 1:00 p.m.					

Tennis sees a rise in net losses

DAN HILSGEN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Falcons tennis team extended their losing streak to three matches last Friday when they fell victim 5-4 to UW-Whitewater.

The Falcons record is now 2-6 overall and 0-6 in the WWIAC.

Falcon Katie Schaaf defeated Tricia Strachota, her Whitewater opponent, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Julie Willkom contributed by defeating Renee Butters, her Whitewater

opponent, 6-4, 6-4.

Christine Kraft was moved to the No. 1 singles position and switched doubles partners against Whitewater. The Kraft-Schaaf doubles combination proved to be too tough for Whitewater's Hearn-Larson by defeating them 4-6, 6-4, 7-4.

Also in doubles action, Willkom-Holmquist defeated Ehnert-Butters, their Whitewater opponents, 6-2, 6-3.

Now that the Falcons regular season is over the tennis team is going to prepare for the WWIAC Championships which are Nov. 1-2 at Madison.

Falcon swimmers hit pool for new season

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcon swimmers competed in the Mankato Pentathlon Saturday, in their first meet of the season.

No team scores were kept, but Coach Doug Naylor said the meet was useful.

It was a "good first meet of the year. Now it's time to get ready to swim in the real meets," Naylor said.

Jill Nichols swam in her first meet, and Naylor was happy with her results.

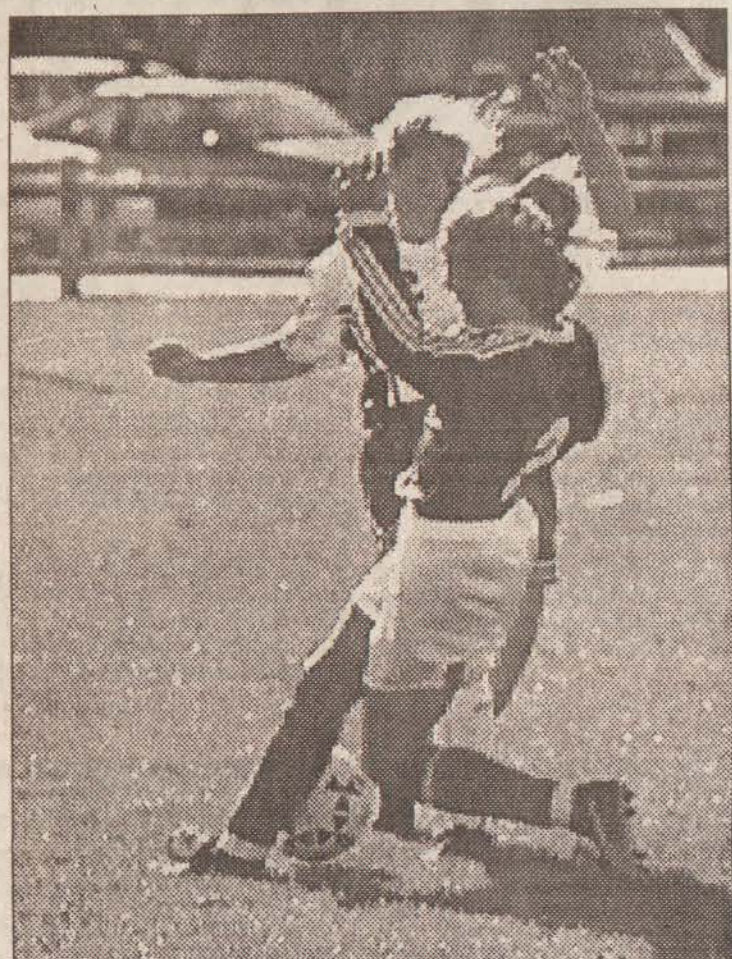
suits.

"She had faster times than a lot of the other swimmers who have been in the meets before," Naylor said. "That is unusual."

The Falcons host Oshkosh at 6 p.m. Friday at the Karges Pool and swim at Eau Claire on Saturday.

On the men's side, Darin Harden finished 11th overall in the meet.

"All of the times he swam were a lot faster than the ones he swam last year in this event," Naylor said. "There was a tremendous amount of improvement."



Eric Dahlberg photo

An unidentified Falcon battles for a loose ball in the team's season-ending loss to St. Thomas on Saturday.

Tourney next for soccer Falcons

ERIC BRANDEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons fell 6-0 to Division II St. Thomas as they closed out the regular season at home on Saturday.

River Falls played the game without starting goalie Sarah Hachey, who sat out the game to rest the leg injury she suffered in the 2-1 win over Mankato St. four days earlier.

Jessica Smith took Hachey's place in nets and was peppered by 30 St. Thomas shots. The Falcons defense was able to hold up rather well until half, but then collapsed under a four goal explosion by the Tommies in the second stanza.

River Falls was able to muster only 13 shots as they were shutout for the fifth time this season.

The game was a disappointing close to an otherwise successful season. The Falcons finished with a 8-8-3 overall record. Their 6-1-1 WWIAC record was good enough for a second place tie with LaCrosse. The team showed improvement from the previous year in which they went 8-8-3, 5-3 in the conference.

The Falcons will be seeded second when they start play in the conference tournament on Friday. The Falcons will play Stout at 2 p.m. in the first round of the single elimination tournament, which will continue at Oshkosh throughout the weekend.

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Harsdorf, Kind pledge for brighter future

HEATHER SCHOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

The race for the 3rd Congressional District has been a hoopla all summer long.

The importance of the seat is important, as Democrat Ron Kind and Republican Jim Harsdorf both know.

Democrats have been waiting for this seat for 16 years, and Harsdorf is ready and fully-qualified to work, and improve on, the agriculture programs Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Osseo, left in Congress.

The seat is now wide open as Gunderson resigned in August after four terms. Gunderson promised supporters he would resign from the position in late 1995, but teetered with a possible write-in bid over the summer backed by local farm supporters, before publicly announcing his recognition in August.

Both Harsdorf and Kind promise citizens something better if elected, but who will best represent students at UW-River Falls?

Kind promises the citizens better representation if he is elected. Though he's never run for office, he has interned and assisted with a number of campaigns in Washington, where he received his political experience.

"I felt a growing sense of frustration with Washington," Kind said. "I felt Washington needed better representation, so I decided to run."

Harsdorf promises citizens hard-working, experienced leadership, and that promise includes students.

Harsdorf said his past puts him in an excellent position to serve students. He worked with student government at the University of Minnesota and taught for a time at UW-RF.

He began his political career at age 26 when he sought the seat for the 30th Assembly District in the Legislature and won. He continued to serve on the Agriculture, Criminal Justice, Public Safety, Transportation and Small Business committees after his re-election in 1978.

Harsdorf has continued his political career by serving on seats such as the 10th State Senate District, Secretary of the Senate Republican Caucus and United States Electoral College. He was also appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board by Gov. Tommy Thompson in 1989. He re-

signed from this seat this past February to concentrate on his congressional campaign.

Kind said he will certainly keep students and their generation in mind while he is in office.

"This generation will inherit a \$5 trillion debt," Kind said. "I am committed to balancing the budget."

Kind said with the help of contributions from corporate America he wishes to return to the citizens what they have put into the government budget.

Harsdorf said he will also support a Balanced Budget Amendment.

He believes that balancing the budget will help students by providing for lower interest rates when it comes time for them to pay off college loans. In Harsdorf's eyes, running up a huge deficit is a form of taxation without representation. The government spends money that, in essence, belongs to future generations that may not have a say in spending issues.

"We're spending their money," he said. "We're borrowing their future."

Kind also wants to prevent the education cuts he said Gingrich would impose on the students. Kind said Gingrich would have eliminated 35,000 student loans in his education cutbacks program.

Kind said he favors reciprocity since he was a participant in it when he attended the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Harsdorf said he will also work to protect reciprocity as well as Pell Grants and direct student loans. He also supports a \$500 child credit. Families could invest this money and use the benefits to provide higher education for their children, he said.

Agricultural issues also play a large part in Harsdorf's campaign. With his past experience in agriculture he understands that family farmers work hard and wants to assist in providing them a reduction in paperwork and wishes to expand the export of American agriculture products.

Although Kind has not had previous political experience, he has served his hometown of LaCrosse in the LaCrosse County District Attorney's Office for the past four and a half years as a prosecutor. Harsdorf resides in Beldenville with his family and manages and operates a 90-cow Registered Holstein herd and a 500-acre crop farm.

SARAH COLBURN
NEWS EDITOR

Students will have to choose between a veteran and a newcomer in this year's 30th district state Assembly race.

Sheila Harsdorf and James Johnson may hold varying political views but when it comes to campus issues they, for the most part, agree on policies that directly affect students.

In the last academic year the University was required to trim down on spending. Both candidates are concerned how further budget cuts would affect the campus.

"There are tremendous challenges facing the university," Harsdorf said. "Budget cuts have forced the university to make tough decisions and I believe further cuts would reduce student access to the University."

Johnson said that the cuts to the UW-System that have been made are already too deep and changes need to be made.

"At this time I am not aware of any areas that can handle further cuts," Johnson said. "They (educational institutions) have been cut to the bone and beyond."

While the views of these two candidates may not be that different when it comes to issues in higher education, Harsdorf said her past experience will give her an edge. She is currently campaigning for her fifth term in the assembly.

While serving on the Assembly, Harsdorf served on the Joint Finance Committee for the past two years. Any bill that requires money must go through Joint Finance. She said her role on the committee has been essential to maintaining a quality campus.

"I brought a recognition of the importance of the University to the committee," Harsdorf said. "In 1993 I was appalled at the lack of support and understanding for the University on

the committee at that time."

Harsdorf is proud of the accomplishments she has made within the past two years.

She points out that recently the University budget was cut by only 2.5-4.5 percent while other state agencies received a 5-10 percent budget cut. She was serving on the Joint Finance Committee when these decisions were made.

In addition to her political history Harsdorf said her farming background has been helpful in relating to the River Falls community.

When Harsdorf first entered the world of politics, she wanted to become involved in things that affected the rural community. She had been active in various farm organizations throughout her life, and she saw a need for reform.

Johnson said he would be a better choice for students and their futures.

"I think a bright economic future depends on a high quality education," Johnson said. "Education can not sustain further cuts."

Wisconsin is going to lose ground as well as students and businesses if budget cuts continue, he said.

"It can not be disputed that education has suffered because of recent cuts," Johnson said. "The University is vital in maintaining a quality system. If we continue to make cuts we will lose our best students to other areas, and we will become the second best in education instead of the first. That would have an adverse effect on our economy."

Johnson became interested in politics at a young age.

"I have always been interested in public policy," Johnson said. "I used to read books about state leaders and saw that one person really could make a difference."

Johnson took his interest in politics all the way to the school doors when he received his bachelor's degree in political science and criminal justice.

Johnson said education and training for the work force are very important. He said more money should be allotted to expand technology for the future.

"Saying it is important is one thing but acts are another," Johnson said. "Last year \$42 million was cut from the UW-System."

Both candidates see the need for increased technology and the ability to maintain student accessibility essential. They both have different ways to achieve the goal of running a quality institution.

During Harsdorf's assembly term the pre-payment college tuition program was passed. The program, which Harsdorf supports, allows parents to pay for their children's education before the cost of tuition rises by purchasing tuition units.

One hundred tuition units equal one year of tuition. The cost of a unit is figured by the average cost of tuition in the UW-System. This program will permit parents to buy tuition units at the current cost of tuition. These units may be used at any UW school.

Johnson disagrees with the pre-payment program because it does not deal with the underlying problem. He would like to see the problem of rising tuition dealt with directly in order to make education more affordable for students.

Johnson said the key element to getting students through the system is proper advising. "I would like to see more specialists in the advising area," Johnson said. "We need to free up the professors for teaching."

Johnson would also like to look into a very different program that would allow students to deduct the interest on their college loans much like mortgage tax deductions.

Both candidates support reciprocity, a neighboring agreement between states that relieves students from paying the high cost of out-of-state tuition.

Harsdorf and Johnson also agree on the 33 percent tuition cap. A cap would make it mandatory for the state and/or taxpayers to pay two-thirds of the cost of tuition for each Wisconsin resident. The other one-third is paid by the student, this cap would also apply to Minnesota residents who receive reciprocity.

The issues you will see these candidates differing on are those issues that are of state-wide interest.

The Brewers' stadium issue is a hot topic in Milwaukee and in politics. Harsdorf supported a package for the southeastern corner of the state to increase their economic quality. Harsdorf saw the stadium as a way to increase jobs as well as promote and maintain a strong economy.

"The reality is if the Milwaukee area doesn't have a good economy crime and unemployment will increase," Harsdorf said. "If that happens money will be pulled from us (the River Falls area). We need to have a strong economy."

Johnson disagrees with Harsdorf's support of the stadium.

"I believe this is a good time to run (for the Assembly) because I don't believe that my opponent's votes are representative of the Western Wisconsin area."

Although Harsdorf and Johnson don't agree on all the issues, both candidates see maintaining the quality of the University as a top priority. They view UW-RF as a strength for improving and maintaining a strong economy.

"We need to continue to support policies to not only attract businesses but to keep them here," Harsdorf said. "The strong growing economy will help us meet needs without increasing taxes."

Johnson agrees on the importance of the University to the economy. "The University educates students in Wisconsin so they will stay here and get jobs and raise families," Johnson said.

RACE	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
3rd U. S. Congressional District	Kind	J. Harsdorf
10th State Senate District	Clausing	Griggs
30th State Assembly District	Johnson	S. Harsdorf

Clausing, Griggs agree to support education

JIM LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

River Falls students who usually base political decisions on candidate stances on campus issues may need to search elsewhere in the 10th District state Senate race between Democratic incumbent Alice Clausing and Republican challenger Jay Griggs.

It seems important campus issues such as reciprocity and tuition rates are the only two things the candidates can agree on.

"I'm a strong supporter of reciprocity," Griggs said. "This Senate district is the only one that has two universities."

Clausing, who sees education as the biggest priority in her campaign, is also in favor of maintaining the reciprocity agreement because of the choices it offers.

"I think it is absolutely necessary to continue that agreement," she said. "I would fight if they ever tried to do anything with that. I am very concerned about access to higher education. I am worried it could get to the point where it is no longer affordable."

In response to tuition hikes, Clausing introduced a bill that would have capped tuition at 33 percent of instructional costs. Although the bill did not pass, Clausing indicated that she is still working on it.

Griggs said he wants to keep college affordable and would like to see tuition account for no more than 33 percent of university revenue.

When it comes to support for UW-River Falls, Clausing points to the

action she took concerning the funding for the Chalmer Davee Library and Ames Education Building construction projects after the State Building Commission tried to scrap parts of the projects.

"I went to bat, and I was very instrumental in getting the funding restored for those buildings," Clausing said.

Griggs is proud of the impact he had in creating economic growth in River Falls, Ellsworth and Hudson.

"I think that there are several hundred jobs in the three communities because I took the initiative to set up the Economic Development Corporations," he said.

Perhaps the most explosive issue in the campaign has been each candidate's feelings on the 1995-96 state budget and the resulting property tax relief and school aid.

The budget passed and has resulted in property tax relief across the board for Wisconsin residents. Griggs cited Clausing's vote against the budget as his main motivation for challenging her.

"People up here work hard for their money, and I couldn't believe our senator voted against property tax relief," Griggs said.

Clausing said the budget was not in the best interest of her constituents due to the effects on school aid for school districts which she represents.

She said Milwaukee suburb residents were the only ones benefiting from the proposed budget.

"I represented our district by voting against it," she said.

Clausing noted that 17 of the 29 school districts she represents are going to court to test the fairness of the

school aid.

Griggs, who said he has attended eight separate forums where Clausing did not show, feels that Clausing is running and hiding from her record.

"I think that voters have a right to know," he said. "I can't understand how she can take a paycheck as a state senator and not show up to meet her constituents. We're paying her salary."

Clausing said Griggs is misrepresenting her voting record as well as the way she represents her constituents.

"I will have at least six or seven face-to-face contacts with my opponent," she said. "This man is without a job. I have a job, and I take it very seriously. I cannot campaign full-time."

Currently, democrats control 17 state senate seats while republicans control 16 seats. It is this slight majority that makes this race such a key one.

Both candidates have big names supporting their campaigns. In July, Gov. Tommy Thompson held a rally for Griggs, while in October, well known author and radio personality Garrison Keillor held a benefit dinner for Clausing.

Griggs said he can't match the huge amount of spending he is up against. Clausing points out that the Griggs campaign is being backed by organizations such as the Wisconsin Farm Bureau.

"I vote for my people," Clausing said. "The real issue in this election is fairness. I do not accept special interest money. I vote for the folks back home."

Jay Griggs

Griggs, 48, was born on a farm in Iowa and grew up in Rochester, Minn. He has a degree in journalism and English from Bemidji State University and a master's degree in management from the University of Oregon. He and his wife, Margaret, have two grown children and live in St. Joseph township, north of Hudson.

Griggs has been in the newspaper business since 1969 and was part owner and publisher of the newspapers in Ellsworth, River Falls, and Hudson. However, Griggs sold all of his newspaper interests after deciding to run for office.

"I don't think it would be fair to run the newspapers and run for office at the same time," he said. "I think there should be a separation between the media and politicians."

Alice Clausing

Clausing, 52, was born and raised in the Port Washington area north of Milwaukee. She earned a degree in physical education from UW-Oshkosh and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from UW-Stout.

Clausing taught at Hamilton High School outside of Milwaukee for 10 years before running the first co-ed residence hall at Stout. She was also president and co-founder of the Tainter-Menominee Lake Improvement Association which worked to clean up area lakes.

Clausing and her husband Howard have resided in Menomonie for over twenty years and have two daughters.

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Christy Nelson

In search of the Model T's



"Since T-shirts are a way of life for students everywhere, I'm sure the art of T-shirt reading won't die anytime soon."

Those of you who read my column every week—and I'm talking to both of you—know I usually write about things happening in the entertainment industry like new movies, video rentals or celebrity gossip. This week, however, I've decided to report on a different kind of entertainment: a kind you can enjoy while in class. No, I'm not talking about sneaking your "watchman" into class and watching "Days." I'm referring to the entertaining hobby of T-shirt reading.

College is the time for young adults to clad themselves in the cliché jeans and T-shirts. And the T-shirts students choose to sport around campus usually say a lot about them. For instance, we've all seen the cocky, yet catchy, sports T's that say things like "The meek shall inherit the earth, but they will not get the ball," or "When a dunk is worth 3 points, I'll start doing it." You don't have to go too far out on a limb to guess that mostly jocks or sports enthusiasts wear these. Also popular are the designer brand-name T-shirts like "CK" or "Girbaud." Most of the time, people wearing these got them free with a pair of jeans. They're cool looking, and it gives designers free advertising. They should actually be paying us to wear them.

Sometimes you will see shirts that display lofty messages like "No man with a good car needs to be justified," and you think "Wow, that's deep." You don't get it, but it makes you think nonetheless. I've missed entire lectures because I was thinking about the possible meaning of the back of the guy's shirt in front of me. Unfortunately, his shirt is rarely what is covered on the exams.

My favorite college kid shirts are the Coed Naked shirts. The only problem is, when you're sitting behind someone in class who is wearing a Coed Naked shirt, the chair back usually hides the all-important punchline. It's so embarrassing when I have to follow someone around campus to finish reading their shirt. I've been subject to more restraining orders this way.

Of course, there are still the standard beer logo and concert tour T-shirts around. You can really tell a lot about a person in these. There are the "I'm still lost in the 80's" tattered and torn Motley Crew shirts, or the "I'm in denial" Grateful Dead T's. I saw a girl walk into a classroom with a black concert T that just had a pair of eyes on the front. I remember thinking "Those look like Jim Morrison's eyes." And wouldn't you know, I forgot to look at the back to see if it really was a Door's shirt. I hate that.

Since T-shirts are a way of life for students everywhere, I'm sure the art of T-shirt reading won't die anytime soon. Just remember, your T-shirt can really label you as a person. Think about that the next time you slip on your "Spam" shirt.

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Best-selling singles of the week:

1. "I Love You Always Forever," Donna Lewis
2. "Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix)," Los Del Rio
3. "It's All Coming Back To Me Now," Celine Dion
4. "Twisted," Keith Sweat
5. "Loungein," LL Cool J
6. "Change The World," (From "Phenomenon") Eric Clapton
7. "Only You," 112
8. "Where Do You Go," No Mercy
9. "If Your Girl Only Knew," Aaliyah
10. "How Do You Want It/ California Love," 2 Pac Feat KC & Jojo

From The Associated Press

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"Limousine Seventeen" tells tale of Wisconsin family with 17 children

MENOMONIE, Wis. (AP) — In 1938, Jack Hebl whispered to his future wife, Janet, that he wanted a dozen children. She didn't bat an eye.

Twenty-four years later, they were the proud parents of 17 children.

In the recently published "Limousine Seventeen," Sharon Hebl of Menomonie chronicled the life of the large Sun Prairie family. She is married to Frank, the eldest of the Hebl children.

"People expect a big family to be all laughs and fun," Mrs. Hebl said. "In reality, a family of this size is a real struggle."

The book "portrays the family as it really is. The difficult times, the death of a child and teen-age rebellion," she said. "The family weathered all these things, and they stayed together."

The book also discusses the laundry and travel. The older Hebl children each did their own laundry to keep

their clothes separate. The latter question is answered in the book's title, which reflects Hebl's purchase of a used 1947 DeSoto airline limo to allow the family to travel together.

"I think the story should be preserved," Mrs. Hebl said. "There are very few middle-class Americans having large families. It is almost a thing of the past."

After son Frank's birth in 1939, Jack told his wife he was glad the child was a boy. "I want lots of boys," Hebl said. "I want enough for my own baseball team."

After Frank came Bill, Judy, Bob, Jim, Tom, Fred, John, Gary, Mary, Paul, Pat, Joe, Jayne, Jeff, Lynn and Jackie. Jeff, who was developmentally disabled, died in infancy. Pat died at the age of 33 in 1988 of a heart attack.

Jack Hebl never got his baseball team, but his sons made up The Hebls,

a basketball team that raised money for charity. His daughters supported the team as cheerleaders.

The book truthfully shows the constant battle his parents faced to keep their brood clothed and fed, said Frank, a University of Wisconsin-Stout math teacher.

Jack ordered food by the caseload and produce that other customers had rejected because of looks. The Hebl children got jobs to earn extra money for treats or if they wanted a new bike. Jim Hebl, who runs a guest house in Rochester, Minn., for those going to the Mayo Clinic, said even he expects to learn a few things about his siblings and parents.

"We were a real typical family, except for the number of children. I wouldn't trade growing up in that family for anything," he said.

An Extragalactic Look

From The Associated Press

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Any family squabbles may come as a result of tensions. Be at your best, and don't let anyone spoil your upbeat mood. Once harmony is restored, turn your attentions to making plans with a few good friends. You are inclined to be jealous and possessive of a mate. Stay cool.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) Think before you speak. That temper of yours may flare without any provocation. Your idealistic side usually wins out, so try real hard to follow your dreams. Hopefully something that has been bothering you for the last several months is now gone for good.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) A friend of yours has a serious problem and is relying on your help to come up with a solution, so think fast. The week will go by pretty smoothly, for it will have plenty of variety. At least you won't have to worry about getting bored.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) It's time to take a serious look at the romance in your life - and ask yourself if your expectations are realistic. Try not to take life too seriously and have fun with those you love. You tend to accomplish a lot, and everyone around will catch your enthusiasm.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) This week brings a welcome relief from recent pressures, so spend time with

those you love. Your strong ego may get you in hot water with a mate, and those old feelings of whether you've made the right choice or not are going to surface again. Your plans for the future are very realistic.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) If you feel that your friends have been difficult to deal with lately, perhaps you should take a good look at yourself. Listen to what a loved one has to say about your personal life; there is more merit there than you are willing to admit. Start improving things on the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) People close to you are charming and agreeable, but not very good about keeping promises, so be realistic at all times. Share some of your more creative ideas with someone who can take them one step further, in a practical way. Keep an eye on the food you're eating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) All you want this week is peace and quiet, but it seems like everyone needs to speak or be with you. Find time to sneak off on your own. Your feelings for a lover are intense, so try and remain as realistic as possible. Concentrate on organizing family matters that need your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) The focus is on your private life for the next month or so. This time you may find it easier to sort out old misunderstandings. Don't take any risks with your money right now; you may

regret it. You can accomplish a lot if you move ahead with confidence and grace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Finish up with routine projects at work or at home as opposed to starting new ones. You will do best with what's familiar right now. You tend to worry about money, so just be extra careful about how and where you spend. With your delightful charm you may get just what you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Even though you try your best to please everyone, you won't be very successful. Maybe you should try to please yourself. You are going to be more thoughtful and introspective than usual. Let your thoughts move to spiritual matters. You have a strong need to help and serve humanity.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20) The people you care about are very receptive to your ideas right now. That's the kind of support you really need. When it comes to your homelife, things have been going in ten different directions; it's time to get organized. Get out and mix with new friends.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Now's time to review projects and former decisions. Re-structuring will be important at this time. It's also ripe for wise investments and business dealings. Some of your most cherished beliefs about security may be tested in the coming year.

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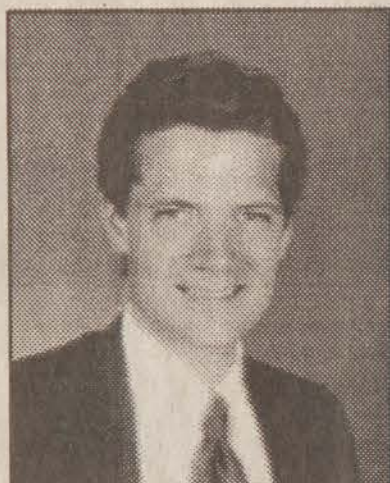
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Rivals/Teams have loyal fans

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Mayer said the playoff standings for the Packers and the Vikings will be determined in the last couple of games. "Between the two it'll be neck-and-neck," Mayer said.

However, Vikings fan Craig Sprowls, 19, from Brooklyn Park, Minn. says otherwise.

"The Packers are probably the best team in football, unfortunately," Sprowls said.

Sprowls' dad grew up in Superior, Wis. and is more of a Vikings fan than a Packers fan.

In contrast, Packers fan Nathan Logterman from Emerald, Wis. says he doesn't have any relatives who cheer for the opposite rival.

"No relatives would ever think about cheering for the Vikings. That's just not cool in our family," Logterman said.

Other Packers fans like Lucht say relatives would be disowned from the family if they were Vikings fans.

So how much do the games affect the fans?

To Logterman, who has to listen to Packers games on the radio because he doesn't receive any local Fox television coverage of Packers games, the game is important only on game day.

"It won't ruin my whole week if (the Packers) lose, but it may ruin my afternoon for two or three hours,"

Logterman said.

Another Packers fan, 20-year-old Chad Rhinehart from Reedsburg, Wis., says he doesn't take the games too seriously.

"I see it as only a game," Rhinehart said. "If the Packers win, that's great. I'm cheering them on to win, but not to a point where it's going to ruin my week if they lose."

Rhinehart said he also believes the Packers/Vikings rivalry of this season may come down to the last play.

But Packers fan Jake Tiry, 19, from Stanley, Wis., has more confidence in his team. Tiry said he believes the Packers will not only make it to the Super Bowl, they will win it.

He also says the Vikings will not be as fortunate as the Packers during the second half of the season.

"I think (the Vikings) are just getting lucky," Tiry said.

Even some Vikings fans give respect to their "cheesehead" rivals. Vikings fan Rory Beyer, 18, from Winona, Minn., agrees with Tiry.

"I see the Packers in the Super Bowl," Beyer said.

Beyer said he has friends from places near his hometown who have been Packers fans their entire lives.

Lakeville, Minn. native and Vikings fan Brian Swedin, 20, knows family friends living in Wisconsin who cheer on the Vikings, Packers and the Chicago Bears.

Having friends or family who cheer for a rival team is what really makes sports fun to watch and to follow, Swedin said.

The Vikings/Packers rivalry is exciting because the games are always competitive, said Vikings fan Dan Schmitz, 19, from Cottage Grove, Minn.

"It's always a close game (between the Vikings and the Packers)," Schmitz said. "Even if one team is doing real good and the other is looking real bad up to that game, it's always a good close game."

So how can one actually despise a rival team?

"I really hate the Vikings," Lucht said. "I don't like their jerseys and I don't like the (Metrodome)."

Vikings fans have the bragging rights over Packers fans right now since Minnesota defeated Green Bay earlier this season.

The Packers will not have their second chance at the Vikings until Dec. 22, when the majority of students are home for the holidays.

Students will have to wait a couple of months and then observe what sea of colors will be dominating campus on the first day of second semester.

Fires

From 1

and 19 damaged in the exclusive Lemon Heights section of Orange County, and one home was destroyed in San Bernardino County.

Marine volunteers were sent from Camp Pendleton to help firefighters. Huge air tankers bombed the flames with water sucked from the ocean and reservoirs, joined by cargo-hauling helicopters fitted with big water tanks.

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