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Jury finds man guilty of campus rape

UW-RF female student assaulted 1 year ago, filed report in March

Scott Wente
Editor-in-Chief

A 20-year-old Hudson man was convicted Oct. 25 of sexual assault and battery felonies that stemmed from a rape on the UW-River Falls campus one year ago.

Bobby D. Salas, who was 19 at the time of the assault, could face up to 56 years in prison. A Pierce County jury found him guilty in a two-and-a-half day trial.

Salas was convicted of beating and raping his girlfriend, a then 21-year-old UW-RF student. The attack took place in the early morning of Nov. 15, 2001, outside Hathorn Hall and near the amphitheatre and athletic fields.

According to the criminal complaint, Salas, who had been drinking, beat the woman repeatedly with his fists and an empty beer

bottle. He also slammed her head into parked cars and a tree. The woman suffered visible bruises to her head and neck but initially declined to report the assault to police.

Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle said the case relied on whether the jury understood the couple's complicated relationship and why a complaint wasn't filed sooner.

"It became very clear to us that she fit the profile of a battered woman, clearly," O'Boyle said. "And he fit the profile of a batterer, clearly."

The woman said she had known Salas for five months before the attack.

"This was not a stranger assault," O'Boyle said.

Two days after the attack the victim's roommate and two friends reported the assault to the UW-RF Public Safety office after the woman told them Salas had assaulted her. The woman requested the next day that all paperwork filed during her roommate's report be discarded. She told a police officer she suffered the injuries during an intramural broom-ball game, according to the complaint.

A River Falls police officer learned that Salas had a previous assault conviction in

Minnesota. He encouraged the woman to talk with him after the Thanksgiving break.

Four months later in March of this year, the woman returned to the police with her attorney to file a complaint. Salas was charged with battery and three counts of sexual assault. The jury convicted him on only one of those second-degree assault charges.

O'Boyle said the victim's testimony helped explain the difficulties of the case and why the woman didn't initially go to police.

"It came up in the trial because that was something we presented to the jury," O'Boyle said of battered women's syndrome.

O'Boyle said the woman's testimony was important because there were no other eyewitnesses.

"She had to testify in order to make the case out," he said. "She was a very strong young lady...I was very pleased with her testimony."

The day before the assault, the complaint says Salas and the victim had encountered her ex-boyfriend at the student center. Salas was upset that she didn't introduce them. Later that night Salas drank alcohol in the woman's dorm. In the early morning the two went outside to smoke a cigarette, which is when Salas got upset and forced her to walk to Hathorn

Hall.

Salas pinned her against a tree and asked her repeated questions. He hit her several times with the bottle before he dragged her to a trail behind Hathorn Hall. On the way he hit her head against two parked cars and a building wall, according to the complaint.

The woman said Salas threatened to kill her if she tried to escape. The criminal complaint says Salas then raped her several times. He again punched her repeatedly and tried to choke her.

Afterward, the complaint says Salas threatened to kill the woman and himself but then tried to run away. The woman followed him and tackled him in the grass near the sports fields. She told police she chased after him because she felt that if he killed himself, she would be a suspect.

When she tackled Salas, he injured his throat. The woman, who said she was trained in first-aid, gave Salas mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. They left together. The woman told police she had to carry Salas back to the dorm because he was "barely conscious." The two then slept in the same bed.

See "Rape" on A6

Turning out at the polls



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

UW-RF alumnus Jennifer Zehrgrimm registers to vote at Rodli Commons during Tuesday's general election. More than 400 UW-RF students had registered prior to the Nov. 5 election.

Mayor faces battery count in alley fight

Misdemeanor charge linked to bat attack on UW-RF student

Scott Wente
Editor-in-Chief

River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen was charged Monday with misdemeanor battery in connection with an Oct. 25 fight that involved two UW-River Falls students in a downtown alley.

Amundsen, 32, who issued a statement last week admitting involvement in the fight, told police he hit UW-RF student Robert E. Klingforth, 22, in the back and elbow with a baseball bat during the early morning scuffle, according to the criminal complaint.

Amundsen told police he used the bat as a defense in a "threatening

situation."

The fight also involved UW-RF student Matthew J. Herman and Amundsen's friend, Terry Klasen, of Bagley, Minn. Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle charged only Amundsen.

"We didn't feel that what anyone else did rose to a criminal charge," O'Boyle said.

The complaint says the two UW-RF students had been drinking at Club Kaos, 106 N. Main St., and Boomer's bar, 107 E. Elm St.

Amundsen, who tends bar part-time at Bo's 'n Mine, 110 S. Main St., told police he finished work at midnight. He drank alcohol with Klasen and two female friends first at Bo's and then at Boomer's, according to the complaint.

The four then walked to a vehicle parked behind Bo's. Amundsen told police Klingforth and Herman approached the women and asked if they could take them home. The women told the students to "go away," Amundsen said.

According to the complaint, Amundsen told police he and Klasen intervened when the women and the students were arguing, and a shoving match took place between the four men. During this time he said he called 9-1-1 on his cell phone but the reception was bad.

See "Battery" on A6

Get Out The Vote campaign a 'success'

Eric Henning
Front Page Editor

Organizers say the better than expected voter turnout proved the campus-wide Get Out The Vote campaign a success.

There were 407 students registered before election day, making it one of the best voter turnouts in a non-presidential election at UW-River Falls, said Alexia Kjos, legislative affairs director and coordinator of the Get Out The Vote campaign.

Fifteen students volunteered with Kjos on Election Day to organize the Get Out The Vote campaign. The students worked at voting booths, set up signs around campus reminding students to vote and ran a shuttle transporting students to voting polls around the city. Ten students used the shuttle.

There were no major problems at the polls, but at times the poll located at Rodli Commons had a wait of one-half hour, Kjos said. The poll at Rodli started with 500 registration cards and ran out by 3 p.m. There was a five minute delay while the supply of registration

cards was refilled.

Ninety-two percent of the voters at Rodli were students, Kjos said.

The Get Out The Vote campaign is a Student Senate project.

"The campaign was only a success because of faculty, staff, administration, and of course students," Kjos said.

Election Results

If St. Croix County had its way, Gov. Scott McCallum would have been re-elected in the Governor's race.

McCallum won 52 percent of the county's votes, with Doyle bringing in 41 percent.

A majority of St. Croix County also picked a second losing candidate.

In the state Attorney General race, Vince Biskupic was supported by 52 percent of the county's voters. Peggy Lautenschlager, who won the race statewide, received 47 percent of the votes in St. Croix County.

St. Croix County picked a winner in the Secretary of State

See "Vote" on A6

Wisconsin Governor's Race

✓ Jim Doyle (D)	
794,063.....	45.2%
Scott McCallum (R)	
726,577.....	41.4%
Ed Thompson (LIB)	
183,352.....	10.4%
Jim Young (GRN)	
43,702.....	2.5%
Alan D. Eisenberg (RFM)	
2,779.....	0.2%
Ty A. Bollerud (IND)	
2,570.....	0.1%

Wisconsin Attorney General

✓ Peggy Lautenschlager (D)	
864,015.....	51.6%
Vince Biskupic (R)	
811,726.....	48.4%

Wisconsin Secretary of State

✓ Douglas La Follette (D)	
929,273.....	56.5%
Robert Gerald Lorge (R)	
681,129.....	41.4%
Edward J. Frami (CST)	
34,362.....	2.1%

Wisconsin

U.S. House of Representatives

✓ Ron Kind (D)	
127,818.....	63.3%
Bill Arndt (R)	
67,436.....	33.4%
Jeff Zastrow (Lib)	
6,561.....	3.3%

Minnesota Governor's Race

✓ Tim Pawlenty (R):	
996,204.....	44.38%
Roger Moe (DFL):	
818,223.....	36.45%
Tim Penny (Ind):	
363,359.....	16.19%
Ken Pentel (Grn):	
50,482.....	2.25%

Minnesota U.S. Senator

✓ Norm Coleman (Republican):	
1,063,279.....	49.57%
Walter Mondale (DFL):	
1,011,817.....	47.17%
Jim Moore (Independence)	
43,135.....	2.01%
Ray Tricomo (Green):	
9,689.....	0.45%

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leadership Center is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4.

Students interested in the J-Term Mexico program should contact Tony Jilek at anthonny.f.jilek@uwrf.edu or Terry Mannetter at terrance.mannetter@uwrf.edu.

River Falls Ambulance Service is seeking EMT's for training, beginning January 2003. For more information contact Jeff Rixmann at 425-0370 or e-mail at rfeas@rfaas.org.

Falcon Foods sells products in the Food Science Building. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

Walk-in tutoring hours are provided at www.uwrf.edu/academic-success/Tutoring/tutor.htm. If you are interested in becoming a tutor please contact Rose Rude at rose.a.rude@uwrf.edu

Men's chorus has openings for additional male singers in the spring semester. No audition required. Register for 1344 MusE, course 105, or e-mail paul.schaefer@uwrf.edu for more information. Sing in concerts, sporting events, festivals and tours.

There will be a senior voice recital featuring Drew Way on Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall.

The International Film Festival will begin on Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in room 140 KFA. The festival is kicking off with Akira Kurosawa's classic the "The Seven Samurai."

EVENTS

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held on the North Hall lawn Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Pianist Ian Hobson will perform works by Chopin and Rachmaninoff Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Nov. 9 My Cousin Dallas - quirky folk, pop & rock
Nov. 16 Joe Nirmaier
Nov. 23 The Mighty Limited

Odd/even parking on city streets begins Nov. 1 and will run through March 31. Between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m. you must park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd dates, park on the even numbered side of the street on even dates, remembner to park according to the date after midnight. Vehicles parked in violation of parking regulations may be towed for snow removal, street maintenance or other public safety issues.

Snow and ice removal: The owner/occupant of any lot or parcel shall have snow and ice removed within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases. If the owner/occupant fails to comply with this requirement, the city shall cause the snow and ice to be removed and the cost charged to the property owner. The cost for the city to remove the snow and/or ice shall be billed according to the city's current fee schedule. failure to pay for said services upon billing will result in costs being assessed against the property and placed on the annual tax roll.

Falcon Food cheese gift boxes are now available. They are also posted around campus for students to pick up. Falcon Foods is now carrying shredded cheese. The new holiday ice creams are pumpkin pie, holiday mint fudge and windter wonderland. Falcon Foods is open Tuesday through Friday from 1-5 p.m.

The Walt Disney World College Program will be on campus Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. in President's Room for an Informational Meeting required of all students who want to interview on Friday with Disney for internship positions.

For complete information about the WDW College Program, please go to the web site at: wdwcollegeprogram.com.

MEETINGS

Society for Human Resource Mangement Club is having guest speakers on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the International Room, Student Center.

History Club invites everyone to their movie night Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. in room 353, KFA.

If interested in forming a team for the 6th Annual River Falls Relay for Life, please attend the captains' meeting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 6 in the River Falls High School library if you would like to form a team. Teams are not limited to student organizations or residence halls. Contact Heidi Chirhart at heidi.m.chirhart@uwrf.edu if you have any questions.

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

The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) will be meeting Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. Students can contact Tristan Davis at 426-9703 or at tristan.r.davis@uwrf.edu for more information.

The Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Meetings are confidential and everyone is welcome.

Pharmacy club will be meeting on Thursday Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in Hathorn Hall basement. For more information contact Katie Hiscock at 425-3152.

Got an announcement?
Add a brief to the Student Voice.
Drop off the written
announcement at 304 North Hall
or e-mail: tsveditor@uwrf.edu

City issues

Mail thieves target Theta Chi house

UW-RF fraternity had two packages stolen during citywide string of letter thefts

Maisha Downey
Staff Writer

A wave of mail thefts have been reported by local residents and a UW-River Falls student.

River Falls Post Office supervisor Dan Pittman said somebody tore open pieces of mail, took checks and small packages and stuffed the remains in other mail boxes around town.

Areas struck were on the southwest side of River Falls. Mailboxes on East Johnson Street, High Ridge Road and Nicole Lane were targeted, in addition to a few rural boxes, Pittman said.

Two packages from the Theta Chi fraternity house, 650 Sycamore Street, were stolen on two separate occasions.

UW-River Falls senior Nick Sykora, a Theta Chi member, said he had a DVD stolen from the home's mailbox at the beginning of the school year. The mailbox was also uprooted by the wood post.

Sykora received the DVD from Columbia House Records and was returning it to the company. The outgoing mail was removed from the mailbox and the empty package was later recovered half of a block away.

Another package of Sykora's was stolen from the same mailbox Oct. 12. This time it was a glass candy dish he ordered on Ebay as a gift for his mom.

"The package was stolen the same day it was delivered," Sykora said.

The empty package was later recovered on the other side of town, he said. In the time between the two thefts, the fraternity's mailbox was uprooted a second time but no mail was stolen.

Sykora said Theta Chi residents are considering purchasing a new mailbox that could be attached to their house or getting a lock for the current one. All of their outgoing mail is now dropped off at the post office.

Pittman said the River Falls post office is working on an investigation with officer Dennis Kruezinger of the River Falls Police Department, as well as the United States Postal Service.

Neither of Sykora's cases have been examined yet. Kruezinger said he is currently focusing on the earlier October events. He said he's satisfied with the progress made since the investigation began nearly a month ago.

"These descriptions are not proven leads," Kruezinger said. "But the more we hear similar information reported, the closer we get."

Pittman said after the thieves sorted out the valuable mail they wanted, the remains were then stuffed into other mailboxes on the north end of River Falls.

Most recently, on Oct. 12, High Ridge Road and Eighth Street had outgoing and recently delivered mail stolen.

"I'd like to think that this is an isolated problem," Pittman said. "The thefts earlier this month are not necessarily connected, but when the thieves are apprehended, I think things will go back to normal again."



Jedd Austin / Student Voice

River Falls Post Office Supervisor Dan Pittman and the River Falls Police Department encourage citizens to report any suspicious activity around mailboxes after a series of mail thefts occurred in town. The Theta Chi fraternity house also had packages stolen on two separate occasions.

Kruezinger said he, too, believes the two incidents are unrelated. "The thefts in earlier October are definitely the work of adults," Kruezinger said. "The people connected to the Oct. 12 thefts are not as obvious."

Pittman said it's possible other citizens have had mail stolen and either have not reported the incident or not noticed.

The post office urges residents to track monthly financial statements, promptly remove mail from the boxes and deposit outgoing mail in the post office's supervised collection box.

Both the city post office and police department encourage residents to watch for loitering persons around mailboxes or carriers. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police at 425-0909 or 911 for an emergency.

Student Senate

Bruder named vice president; ICP passed

Campus diversity plan further scrutinized; no active date set

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

Student Senate President Jessica Wermuth introduced Ethics Committee director Brandon Bruder as the Senate's new vice president at Tuesday's meeting.

"Lexi (Kjos) and I have been busy interviewing candidates and they were all wonderful," Wermuth said, "but we chose Brandon."

Bruder fills the vacancy left by former Vice President Andy Parrish who resigned last week for health-related reasons.

At its regular meeting, the Senate also passed the diversity-minded Individual Campus Plan (ICP) Tuesday night. Before the vote, Senator Melissa Baker, director of the Diversity Committee, commented on the ICP.

"It's a good plan that Senate should accept,"

Baker said. "Whether or not UC (United Council) requires us to pass it, it's something we should do."

Reminiscent of last month's debate over the ICP, the diversity initiative did not get through the meeting without criticism. Some senators voiced opposition to the ICP motions, specifically, issues with redundancy between language in the ICP and the Senate's current bylaws.

"The redundancy will cause problems with the bylaws later on, and we'll end up throwing out the whole thing," Senator Jessi Andrews said.

Senators Baker and Ryan Perkl defended the motions.

"This is about accountability," Baker said. "I don't know what the problem is."

Baker continued, "I don't mean to get upset, but our committee worked our tails off on this."

Perkl supported Baker's statements and added that the objections to the ICP based on alleged redundancies were "childish."

After the vote succeeded, Baker and others noticed the motions lacked a date when the ICP would become effective.

"The 'effective immediately' part was accidentally left out, but we might get it changed next week," Baker said.

Without the proposed changes, the ICP would become effective in the fall of 2003.

In other related Senate news:

—Stephanie Hilton spoke before the Senate on behalf of the UC. She was sent by UC to monitor the elections and encourage voters to turn out at the polls. Hilton reported that 305 students had voted on campus by 5 p.m. that day and many more were expected to visit the polls before they closed.

—Baker reported that UW-River Falls Plan 2008 committee "will be up and going soon." The 2008 plan is a diversity initiative pushed by the UW System that tries to address minority retention issues within the System. The System wants to make students of various ethnicities, sexual orientations and genders to feel welcome at UW institutions.

—Newly appointed senators are scheduled for introduction on next week's agenda. The new appointments will fill Senate seats recently vacated.

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

Plan requires senators attend diversity events

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

All of the Individual Campus Plan (ICP) motions brought before the Student Senate at its Tuesday meeting passed. The approving vote means the Senate accepts the ICP's policies and will incorporate them into its bylaws.

The ICP is designed to encourage "traditionally underrepresented" students to participate in student government and the overall campus community. UW-River Falls, as a member of the United Council (UC), is required to accept the UC's version of the ICP.

Traditionally, diversity issues have always been the responsibility of the Senate's Diversity Committee. The committee identifies, informs and initiates actions to corresponding issues for the entire Senate.

Proponents of the ICP believe having one person or one committee on the Senate enlightened on diversity issues is not good enough. They want diversity issues on the minds of every member of Student Senate.

"Diversity issues affect everyone on Senate," said Senate Diversity Committee Director Melissa Baker, "not just people on the Diversity Committee."

One way the ICP aims to improve diversity is through mandate. The ICP requires senators to "attend one cultural or diversity related event per month."

Baker believes the ICP order will merely force all senators into good habits. Mandating senators' attendance at diversity events is new to UW-RF, but Baker believes it is a step in the right direction.

"(Under the ICP) everyone has to go to diversity stuff," Baker said, "not just diversity committee people. It's something we should do anyway."

Baker explained the ICP's definition of a diversity event.

"Basically, anything can be construed as a diversity event."

—Melissa Baker, ICP proponent and diversity committee director

"Basically, anything can be construed as a diversity event," Baker said. "Organization meetings, the Wyman Series, AASA (Asian American Student Association), guest speakers—practically anything."

Baker and ICP proponents think the measures will help senators become more reflective of their constituents — the student body — and more receptive to its various concerns.

Not everyone is so enthusiastic, though. Many senators took objection to the heavy-handed language of the ICP, when it was brought before the Senate for the first time a month ago. Opponents argued it was not fair to threaten senators into attending diversity events — and possibly pushing views with which they do not agree — with disciplinary action by the Senate.

Some senators also question the necessity of the ICP.

"The redundancy will cause problems with the bylaws later on, and we'll end up throwing out the whole thing," Jessi Andrews said during the Senate's meeting Tuesday.

An oversight caused a slight ruckus when Baker noticed the ICP motions did not specify an effective date.

"The 'effective immediately' part was accidentally left out, but we might get it changed next week," Baker said.

Unless changed, the ICP will not take effect until next fall.

The ICP does not carry the same goals for each university. Before it could be voted on, UW-RF's ICP had to be tailored to reflect its relative demographics, and other schools did the same. But Baker believes that these modifications will not translate into lowered standards just because UW-RF might have a smaller minority community than other schools. UW-RF's ICP will translate the generalities of the UC's version into specific, existing diversity programs at UW-RF.

"We didn't have to lower our sights on what we wanted," Baker said. "The original ICP has a lot of generalities in it. We just focused them into realistic goals."

Stormin' North Hall



Jude Kroutil / Freelance Photographer

Students packed the North Hall auditorium Nov. 4 to hear Gaelic Storm, an Irish folk band that returned to UW-RF for a fifth straight year. The group gained prominence after appearing in the movie 'Titanic.' The concert was sponsored by the Wyman Series. The next Wyman Series event will be Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in North Hall. James Stevenson will perform.

Campus Security

DWI citation results in \$700 fine

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

While on routine patrol Oct. 31, a River Falls police officer observed a vehicle perform a U-turn at South Main and Maple streets. According to police reports, the officer continued to follow the vehicle and saw someone get dropped off. The officer proceeded to pull over the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer noticed the strong smell of beer and noticed open beer cans, according to the report.

When the officer asked the driver, Marvin R. Schuft, 21, if he had been drinking, he admitted that he had. The officer administered a field sobriety test and determined Schuft to be intoxicated. Schuft was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and fined \$703. Schuft also received a citation for pos-

sessing an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle. Also in the vehicle was Nathan J. Evers, 20. Evers was cited \$162 for underage drinking.

According to Public Safety reports, an officer responded to an underage drinking complaint in Stratton Hall on Nov. 1. The subject in question then fled the building to Prucha Hall. Officers proceeded to room 324 where the male was believed to be. Officers arrived and Christopher E. Thompson, was cited \$225 for underage drinking.

Vandalism in campus parking lots continued this past week on Nov. 3 with one vehicle in E-lot being damaged. A 1995 Plymouth Neon was kicked in the rear left quarter. Estimated damages are \$500. Other reported vandalism included two broken windows in the breezeway between the two sections of the Agricultural Science Building on Nov. 2.

Phinney named outstanding prof

Tiffany Shelman
Staff Writer

The College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) at UW-River Falls named Margaret Y. Phinney the Outstanding Faculty Member of 2001-02.

Phinney, an undergraduate reading professor and director of the reading program at UW-RF, began in the fall of 1999. Some of Phinney's accomplishments since coming to UW-RF are redesigning the reading program to run in a more effective manner, making major administrative changes, and serving on numerous committees, such as the graduate council.

Each year faculty members in COEPS are asked to nominate one of their peers as a potential outstanding faculty member.

The selection committee for COEPS outstanding faculty member is made up of winners from the previous three years. The selection committee for 2001-02 consisted of Geoff Scheurman, Mary Lundeborg and Judy Emmett.

"Everybody here (COEPS) is hard working and everybody deserves it," Phinney said. "I really wasn't expecting to get it."

Despite Phinney's humility about the award the committee felt she was the most qualified and deserving.

Following close examination of the nominees' portfolios and student

evaluations, committee members take three standards in consideration when choosing a recipient: excellence in teaching; scholarly activity and service within the college and community.

Scheurman said the committee also unofficially has a fourth standard: uniqueness of the teacher within the college.

"The work done by Dr. Phinney across all four categories was overwhelming," Scheurman said.

Connie Foster, dean of COEPS agreed.

"Margaret was certainly deserving, she is very well-rounded with the strengths she brought to the college," Foster said.

Although Phinney was chosen as the outstanding faculty member, Lundeborg and the committee said the decision was not an easy one to make.

"The quality of all the candidates was incredibly high...we were especially impressed with the loyalty and perseverance of several outstanding faculty candidates," Lundeborg said. "Unfortunately, the criteria associated with this honor only allowed us to choose one candidate."

Scheurman said during the selec-



Margaret Phinney

tion process, Phinney's name just kept bubbling up. She is respected by students and colleagues, she is creative and she is tireless in her work, he said.

Being new to the UW-RF and COEPS, Phinney said there were other faculty members she felt were more deserving of this award.

Although Phinney is fairly new to UW-RF, Foster said longevity is not necessarily a prerequisite to winning the award.

Foster said Phinney has shown an outstanding amount of strength as a faculty member and as a professor since beginning at UW-RF.

"She is very hard working and very caring towards her students," Foster said. "She is always willing to do what is asked of her as a department member."

Lundeborg agreed.

"Dr. Phinney was excellent in all three areas, despite brevity of her time at UW-RF," she said.

During free time from teaching and directing the reading program, Phinney writes children's books. Currently six of Phinney's books have been published and the seventh is due for release in the spring.

Scheurman said he is very impressed at Phinney's creativity in and out of the classroom.

"She practices what she preaches and teaches," Scheurman said. "She is never without exuberance and a smile. She is just a really nice person to work with."

Faculty Senate

English 115 could be eliminated

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls Faculty Senate passed a motion Wednesday involving a request from the English department to no longer offer English 115 and replace it with English 112 or 112-Honors.

In the past, English 115 was offered to students who received a score of 525 or above on the English placement test. Students who placed into 115 did not have to take English 111 or 112.

The chair of the English department, Marshall Toman, said the freshman English program would be virtually

unchanged. Students who receive a score of 525 or above will be placed into English 112 and will not have to take 111.

A major reason for the change is that it allows UW-RF Honors Program students to receive three honors credits during their freshman year. In the past honors students were given honors credits only if they were placed into English 115. The change allows all honors students to receive the credits toward the Honors Program.

Toman said he expects the change to go into effect next semester if Chancellor Ann Lydecker approves it. If it does, program exceptions can be issued to students who already qualified for English 115.

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Editorial

Mayor, city suffer in light of recent fight

Regardless of the legal outcome, the Oct. 25 alley fight involving River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen and UW-River Falls students Robert Klingforth and Matthew Herman and others reflects poorly on both the city and the university.

Amundsen was charged Monday with one count of misdemeanor battery. The criminal complaint says Amundsen, mayor since April, admitted to police that he hit Klingforth twice with a baseball bat in behind a downtown bar.

The mayor said he picked up the bat and used it because the situation was threatening.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said this week that the men involved in the incident likely will receive disorderly conduct citations.

Amundsen has yet to be convicted of the misdemeanor, and the circumstances surrounding the incident remain unclear — nobody seems to know where the bat came from or where it disappeared to — but we know this much: Amundsen was there, as were the students.

In response to the incident, Amundsen issued a statement Oct. 29, in which he said he was acting in his "capacity as a citizen of this city" at the time of the fight.

Unfortunately, as the highest elected official in River Falls, Amundsen is no ordinary citizen; he's a public official and is expected by the residents to act in a dignified way.

Sure, it's not easy being an elected official; you want to serve the people, and your actions are put under the microscope of public opinion.

Such was the case when the story broke about the mayor's involvement in the fight. Negative attention was drawn by the local media, as well as a Twin Cities TV station. The major dailies picked up the story, too.

If it weren't for the mayor's involvement, the fight would not have been major news. The fact that an elected official was part of it, and that university students also were involved, makes it newsworthy.

As mayor, Amundsen doesn't have the option of turning off his responsibilities and his title when it suits him, regardless of how that situation developed. Amundsen is an elected official whether he's seated in the City Council chambers, shopping at the grocery store, perusing the local library or mowing his lawn. He may differentiate, but the public doesn't.

Not all the fault lies with Amundsen, and by all accounts he cooperated with the police department's investigation.

What seems to have been lost in the rumors around town is that there were three other men involved, and according to the report they all engaged in the fight. Amundsen's name sticks out because of his role as mayor, but both River Falls and the university pay the price for a senseless, late-night brawl.

The university has had its share of negative publicity already this year, and it needs no more. It's not much to ask students to act responsibly when they patronize downtown bars.

Some have said it's too early to paint the mayor in a dim light, that he hasn't been proven guilty yet. That's right, but on the same token, we can't overlook the fact that he admitted involvement in the fight and seems not to understand the consequences of his position as mayor.

Among those unrepairable consequences is the fact that the city's name suffers along with his own.

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Senate should re-examine its purpose

At times, it seems like a secret society. Few students know what it does, what it discusses, who it is made up of or what impact it has on student life, even though its primary function is to represent students.

The Student Senate does not lurk in shadows or hide in smoke-filled rooms; nevertheless, in the campus community, it has certainly fallen into obscurity.

The Student Senate lacks prominence for many reasons. For one, there are no major disputes between the students and the administration. There are no student uprisings today like there were back in the heydays of Berkeley in 1965. People are too apathetic now. Though the Student Senate's main function is to counter the administration, students apparently feel the administration does an adequate job minding their concerns (or students flat-out don't care) and see little reason to unite against a nonexistent threat.

Secondly, most students avoid student governance every chance they get because there is nothing more mind-numbing, more backstabbing, or more evil, in their minds, than politics. A lifetime of political mudslinging ads and doublespeak rhetoric has effectively turned off students from anything political. Hence, their likeliness to give politicians a split-second of their time remains nil.

Lastly, political activism went out of style when disco started grooving. Nobody gets worked up about politics anymore, which goes back to the Berkeley point.

So, if student governance means next to nothing in students' minds, then why should UW-River Falls keep it around? Maybe it's time to accept the fact that the Student Senate model is outdated and in need of an overhaul...at best.

For starters, the Senate could try advocating student views instead of trying to impose views. Diversity and political participation are great

the Senate could attempt to redefine itself in a positive way. Instead of simply giving students another reason to ignore the world around them, wouldn't it make sense to disband the Senate and force students to take responsibility for their surroundings? Instead of students delegating their concerns to a swarm of committees, why not teach them some life skills by leav-

"Get Out the Vote, breast cancer awareness, the campus survey... the Wisconsin statute allowing student governance are all things we've been working on," Wermuth said.

UW-RF Chancellor Ann Lydecker also spoke favorably about the Senate.

"It's a place where students can work together and come to a consensus," Lydecker said. "Get Out the Vote has been very successful for them."

Amazingly, the Get Out the Vote campaign was the first thing mentioned out of Wermuth and Lydecker's mouths pertaining to the Senate's specific accomplishments. But why keep the Senate around, when its most notable achievement thus far this semester was the registration of 407 people to vote?

Students don't care about voting, senators. Stop wasting everyone's time and money with voting registration when all students want is a place to park. At least when the Senate and the administration worked together to conceive the fruitless "trolley solution," they were focused on a legitimate issue.

Naturally, UW-RF's establishment sees the status quo and says everything is running on-track. Both Wermuth and Lydecker enthusiastically agree that Get Out the Vote is the highlight of Senate activity thus far this semester and that the Senate represents students.

Can't UW-RF do better? The Senate should examine its conduct and rethink what student governance really means.

ERIC QUADE

"So, if student governance means next to nothing in students' minds, then why should UW-River Falls keep it around?"



causes, but they should be left for special interest groups to advocate and individuals to decide. Student Senate should spend a lot more time looking outward — keeping the administration honest — than looking to change the students they represent. The average weekly attendance, in my estimation, of roughly two students per Senate meeting (excluding senators and students present only as an assignment) should indicate to senators that there is a problem needing attention.

There are many ways in which

ing the ball in their court? If students do not like a policy, then force them to act like mature adults and organize an opposition. If a student does not feel that the administration hears his or her voice, then why not let that student grow by protesting in his or her own way?

Important people within the Senate and UW-RF administration do not see a problem. Despite suffering six recent resignations, Student Senate President Jessica Wermuth maintains the Senate is still getting things done.

Democrats: Find a platform, take a stand

The American public has quite literally sent the Democrats packing.

George W. Bush's popularity can see no end right now, and that helped his party win back the U.S. Senate. This has, in effect, led to a trio of Republican interests in Washington — the White House, the Senate, and the House.

House Minority Leader, Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., defended his party's losses in the mid-term elections.

"We ran as good a campaign as we knew how and could," Gephardt said. "The President's popularity is very high, and that undoubtedly was a factor in some of these elections."

But what if the Democrats didn't run as good a campaign as they could? What were the issues the Democrats were pushing? I can't think of one strong issue they pushed in the weeks leading up to the elections.

Late Sen. Paul Wellstone's last vote in the Senate before his recent death was against a bill authorizing the use of force in Iraq. In a mid-term election with high approval

ratings for the President, perhaps it wouldn't have been wise to run on an anti-war stance. But I still don't believe no stance is better than a marginally unpopular one. There are citizens against the use of force

last year, yet President Bush's approval rating in regards to the economy remains high. And, although tax cuts are nice, the recent tax cuts are about equal to the growing budget deficit. One of

that platform also, but they didn't.

What about the Enrons, Andersons and Martha Stewarts? Although all this could have backlashed, I still ask, would it have been better than the no-platform platform?

What about the strong ties between the Democrats and the quality of the environment, the quality of education, or foreign diplomacy? Any of these many topics could have been a platform, or together could have built a larger platform.

The Democrats didn't define themselves in these mid-term elections and the voters responded in choosing a party that thoroughly defined where they stood. It didn't matter if it was the definition that all Americans found themselves fitting into — but at least it was a definition.

Two years sit between America and the next major election. I hope the Democrats can find a way to define themselves to the voting public between now and then. Obviously, the no-platform platform was not an effective campaign method.

JEN CARLTON

"The Democrats didn't define themselves in these mid-term elections and the voters responded..."



in Iraq, and by running on that platform maybe the increased voter turnout would have been more liberal than conservative.

What about the economy? More than 2 million Americans lost jobs

my professors was quick to note today that President Bill Clinton spent eight years getting America out of the budget deficit that Presidents Reagan and Bush created. Democrats could have run on

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Letter to the Editor

Anti-war protests open to UW-RF campus, community

Dear Editor:

The UW-RF Student Amnesty International chapter has invited the entire campus, church, and local community to join in a weekly peaceful march to protest U.S. war with Iraq. The first march will take place on Thursday, Nov. 14, and will continue on Thursdays indefinitely thereafter.

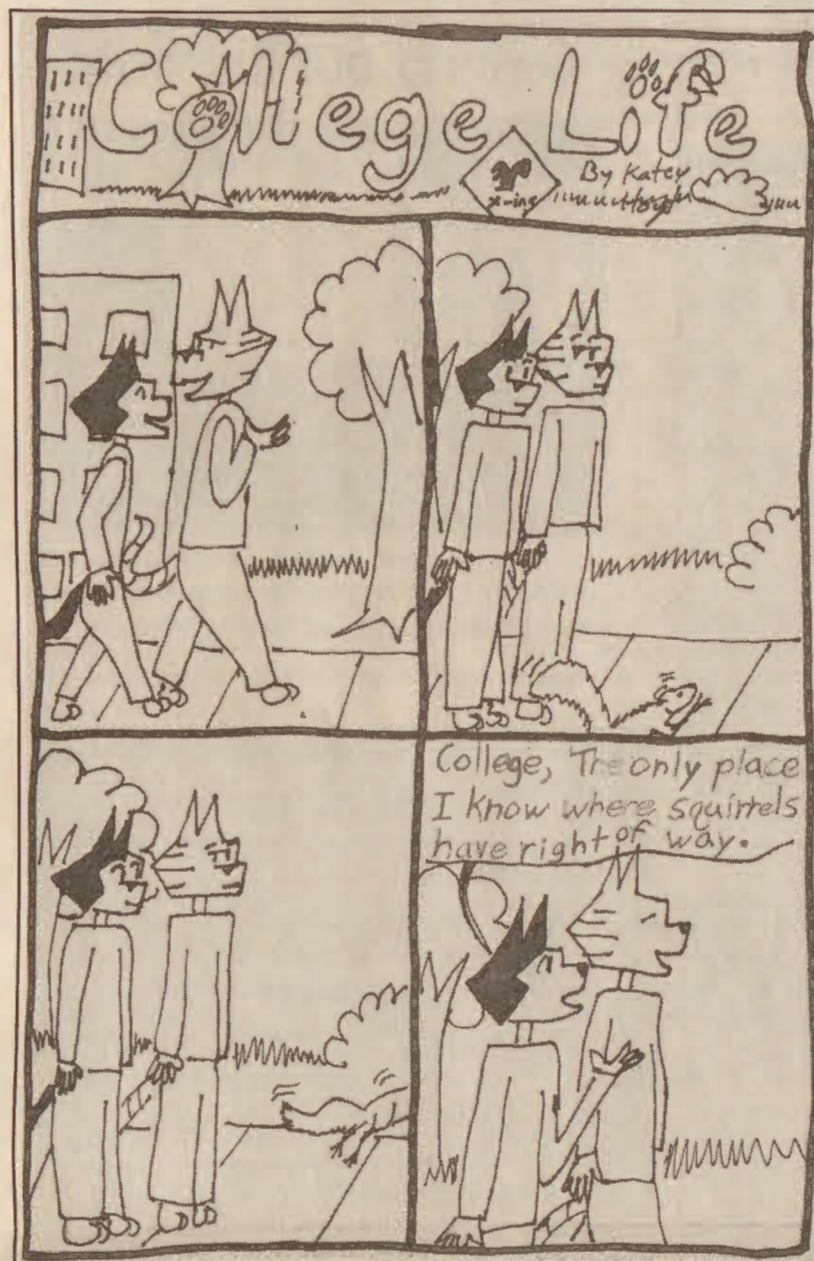
People will congregate outside the Student Center at UW-RF at 4 p.m. and proceed to walk north on

the sidewalk of Main Street and then turn and walk south on the sidewalk of Second Street, returning to the Student Center.

All are welcome to join us. The march will be low-key and respectful, and we will not disrupt businesses, pedestrians or vehicles.

Participants are requested to keep this in mind as they prepare posters and join our march.

Jackie Brux
professor of economics



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Voters lured by good, bad, tasty tactics

To those who fall on the left side of the political picket fence, Tuesday's nationwide election results were terribly unsettling.

For the most part, the same could be said for us Midwestern liberals. With the exception of a changing of the gubernatorial guard here in Wisconsin, Republicans cleaned up.

Sure, I'm a bit concerned about what's in store for us in the next two years — be wary when either major party controls all three federal branches of government — but I found solace in the campaign circus that enthralled us the past few months.

Things got ugly between Gov.-elect Jim Doyle and outgoing Gov. Scott McCallum. On many occasions each had choice words for his opponent. My favorite was the accusation that Doyle's campaign wooed mentally disabled bingo players with quarters and kringle, a tasty pastry I'd willingly be bribed with.

Did the nasty verbal sparring between Doyle and McCallum turn voters away? Probably not. The two gentlemen saw eye-to-eye on very little; voters had a clear choice.

Closer to home, voters had no trouble distinguishing between candidates for state representative. Incumbent Kitty Rhoades, a Hudson republican who's got a personal story for every legislative issue, easily beat her Democratic opponent, Bob Feickert, who was a bit too plainspoken — and that's

putting it nicely.

Though a nice guy with good intentions, Feickert had little comprehension of what goes on in Madison. Case in point: During a recent radio debate the moderator asked Feickert how he'd trim state spending and the first thing he mentioned was cutting the Lt. Governor's office budget. Yeah, that would've put a dent in that \$2.8 billion deficit.



SCOTT WENTE

"My favorite was the accusation that Doyle's campaign wooed mentally disabled bingo players with quarters and kringle, a tasty pastry I'd willingly be bribed with."

But if you were looking for pre-election excitement, Minnesota was the place to be. Never shy of political titillation, the great border state had swaggering candidates, harsh and humorous attack ads and a few good scandals of its own.

The result of this rigorous campaign chaos? The blue-haired election judges must have been stunned by the impressive turnout. The state's electorate always turn out in

above-average numbers, but this year voters crawled out from every nook and cranny. At latest count, more than 60 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot in Minnesota. That nearly set a record for a mid-term election.

Obviously we can throw out the notion that voters were turned off by two bickering political establishments.

The excitement of several neck-

and-neck races — and sadness of Paul Wellstone's unfortunate tragedy — was apparently what we needed to 'get out the vote.'

It was easy to get all wrapped up in the Minnesota stories. (And if you live in western Wisconsin, you no doubt saw more coverage of the bordering state's campaigns than your own.)

We had it all: vigorous campaigning; gut-wrenching tragedy; far-

fetched dirty campaign tactics; heated-but-respectful debates; and just a smidgen of attack ads. We endured, and some of us were even able to laugh at the quirkiness of it all.

There was that stunt last summer by a Sierra Club die-hard who filed for candidacy under the No New Taxes party just to siphon votes from the congressional race's Republican candidate, John Kline, and into the hands of DFL incumbent Bill Luther. And don't forget Gov.-elect Tim Pawlenty's scandal involving illegal campaign ads, which cost his campaign most of its cash on-hand but obviously not the election.

The debate between U.S. Senate candidates Norm Coleman and former Vice President Walter Mondale was effective and dignified, but the best part was the 74-year-old Mondale calling the slick, young former St. Paul mayor "Norman," in a tone suggesting a father-son dinner table showdown. And we couldn't talk theatrics without a mention of Gov. Ventura, who threw a tantrum the same day and ordered Wellstone's vacant senate seat be filled by his Independence party pal, Dean Barkley. It was clearly a case of returning a political favor and the most inappropriate of times to do so.

By Nov. 5, we were tired of politics, but we did the important thing: We cast our ballots.

And to think, it didn't even take kringle to convince us.

East coast trip proves scary, educational

A little more than two weeks ago, the D.C. area was struck with fear by the sniper attacks, while back here in River Falls we were sympathetic but safe. We were comfortable — not that we didn't wonder about the endless possibilities of this horrifying situation. Those who thought about traveling out to that part of the country were considered a little crazy and heavily warned to be very cautious.

Two weeks ago, my boyfriend and I packed our bags and headed out to Virginia along with thousands of others to attend the World Percheron Draft Horse Show. We were hired to help a crew out of Ashland, Va., with its horses. Among those in attendance were exhibitors from all over the United States, Canada, France and Australia.

Our parents were a little on edge about us traveling to such a hot zone. We were only going to Lexington, Va., which was well over 100 miles out of the considered danger zone. We were also nowhere close to Hwy. 95 where many of the shootings took place. Although we were not worried, the sniper attacks were never far from conversation. You really couldn't escape it. Newspapers, radios and television covered all the details of the attacks.

It was when we stopped at a gas station in rural Kentucky at about midnight that we began to see the change in attitude about the sniper situation. While gassing up, I went in to buy something to drink and got into a conversation with a policeman. He asked us what brought a couple of Wisconsin kids out his way. After hearing why he remarked with heavy warning: "Well, that's not really the safest place to be taking a trip to."

He continued to talk about his take on the situation. Before departing he warned us to be very careful.

When we finally made it to Lexington, Va., it was 8 a.m. Wednesday morning (Oct. 23.) We joined our crew, who was busy at work and chatting about the morning news. Listening to them talk about the sniper shootings was fairly intense. We quickly learned that the second to last shooting took place not three miles from where the owner of the horses we were showing lived. As we listened to his account of hearing the heli-

not from out east to start singing the same tune. It wasn't that many of us who were attending from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, etc, who didn't wholeheartedly concur with the feelings those from the states that had been deeply affected. We did. The fact was for most of us, this was the first time we had been so close to where it was all happening.

Throughout the show, I conversed with several people from the Canadian, Australian, and French delegations. Hearing the opinions on the sniper situation was quite interesting. It ranged from deep

An overwhelming peace flooded the grounds when the news spread that the snipers had been captured. Our crew members spoke openly about the trials to follow, including how the snipers should be punished. The call for the death penalty echoed loud and clear. However, many felt the death penalty wasn't enough. Lucky for the two accused, they are protected from cruel and unusual punishment.

Upon returning from our trip, we were both extremely grateful that the sniper ordeal was done. We picked up a paper at a McDonalds somewhere in West Virginia and read some of the details. This whole thing has so many aspects that were both scary and saddening. Overall the ordeal seemed preventable. Some of the questions we mulled over were why, and what, drove these two to such extremes. Where were the parents in Malvo's case?

In the end, we were happy to return to Wisconsin and our families. But we didn't by any means return from our trip naïve and thinking that this could never happen to us. It could have been anyone, anywhere.

Not that we should live in fear or paranoia because I don't think that we should. Maybe we just need to pay attention to the details a little more. My thought is that maybe we couldn't have stopped Mohammad, from acting out but I really believe that Malvo could have been saved had his parents only been what they were supposed to be; responsible, loving, and nurturing parents. I understand that parenting isn't the only thing to blame in this whole event and in the end. We all are accountable for our actions. I know that they will pay the appropriate price.

MAILE ILAC

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copters overhead and the unending sound of sirens, it really made a person think about just how much we take safety and security for granted. I could hear both the fear and anger in his voice.

It wasn't just our crew that was laden about the issue. The sniper was heard throughout the dull roar of conversation in all the barns. Many were heavily tinged with fear, anger and a deep desire to catch whoever was behind this terror. It didn't take long for any of us

concern about safety to one person saying, "This was yet one more situation where the U.S. is overreacting." I was a little taken back by this comment. Overall, most of the people I talked to said they were concerned, but didn't think twice about coming over here for the show. A member of the French delegation actually remarked that there were really no worries because they were coming to the United States, one of the safest places in the world.

PHOTO POLL

by Jedd Austin

If you were in a band, what would you call it and what type of music would you play?

Seth Holst, Junior

"I would be in a thrash-metal band and call it... 'The bleeding fetuses.'"



Cassie Wilds, sophomore (l) and Jenny Atkinson, freshman (r).

"We'd wanna be in a pop band like 3LW and call it 'SK8 GR8.'"



Derek McMurchie. "It would be a 3-person boy band with the name 'Perzusion.'"



Jake Norby, Junior. "I'd be in a rap group and call it 'Gold Tooth.'"



Dave Kapping, sophomore. "I'd be hard-core rock and our name would be 'Bong Resin.'"

April Berkheimer, senior (l) and Nikki Hanson, senior (r). "It's would be 80s music... like Cindy Lauper. We'd be called 'Curled and Crimped.'"

Rape

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The woman attended classes the next day. She apparently had a black eye but told her professor she had suffered the injury in a car accident.

Later that day the woman went with Salas to his mother's house in Hudson. The victim said she did not seek medical treatment because she thought she was in a state of shock. She told police she "honestly wanted to

believe it never happened," according to the complaint.

The incident was the only reported sexual assault on the UW-RF campus last year, according to the Campus Security Annual Report.

The 22-year-old woman is enrolled at UW-RF this fall.

"She's starting to move forward and she's a very strong woman," O'Boyle said.

Salas is being held in Pierce County Jail. He was tried as a "repeater" because he was on probation at the time of the rape. He is to be sentenced Dec. 9.

Battery

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Amundsen said that during the fight "from somewhere a baseball bat appeared."

Amundsen told police he picked the bat up off the ground and used it to hit Klingforth because he felt threatened.

A police report says, "Amundsen was advised that I had some doubt as to the sudden appearance of the baseball bat and he became very defensive and he stated he did not have any idea as to where the bat had come from."

The complaint says Klingforth told police that Herman made a suggestive remark to the women and in response Klasen made a sarcastic comment about the UW-RF Rugby team. Both Klingforth and Herman were wearing black rugby jackets.

Klingforth said he and Herman approached Klasen and the women when words were exchanged between the two groups. Klingforth said he was trying to get Herman to leave when he was hit twice with a bat. He said Amundsen was holding the bat. Klingforth said he grabbed the bat and threw it aside and then tried to punch Amundsen at least four times, according to the complaint.

Klingforth said during the fight Amundsen mentioned something about the mayor and that police were en route, the complaint says.

River Falls police officers arrived in the alley shortly

after 2 p.m. and the men were standing in a group pointing at each other.

Klingforth received three stitches on his elbow as a result of the blow, which police say drew a "significant" amount of blood.

O'Boyle said Amundsen's position as a first-term mayor — he won an April election — did not influence his interpretation of the investigation.

"The assessment is the same when it's the mayor or somebody else," O'Boyle said. "My analysis isn't any different."

Early last week Amundsen released a statement in which he said he was cooperating fully with the police department's investigation.

"I trust that upon the conclusion of the investigation I will be in a position to explain what did, indeed, occur, as well as the nature of my involvement in it," Amundsen wrote.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said the type of bat used is unknown.

"We have not recovered the bat," Leque said Wednesday.

O'Boyle said he recommended to the police department that municipal disorderly conduct citations be considered against the other men.

"We are considering that but that has not happened as of yet," Leque said. "Our plans are to follow up on his request."

Amundsen is scheduled to appear in Pierce County circuit court Dec. 2. If found guilty of the Class A misdemeanor, he could face a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or nine months in prison.

Vote

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race.

Douglas La Follette, Wisconsin's newly elected Secretary of State, received 50 percent of voter support in St. Croix County. Robert Gerald Lorge had 48 percent and Constitution Party candidate Edward J. Frami received two percent of the county's vote.

Across the county line, Pierce County voted Democrat.

Pierce County gave Doyle 49 percent of its votes. McCallum received 44 percent of the votes.

Lautenschlager received 54 percent and Biskupic brought in 46 percent of the votes in the state Attorney General race.

In the Secretary of State race, La Follette received 56 percent support from Pierce County voters, while Lorge got 43 percent and Frami received one percent.

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13,621.....	
Rich Meyer (D)	35%
7,054.....	
Write-in votes	1%
19.....	

Clerk

✓ Cindy Campbell (D)	53%
10,913.....	
Donald Mc Gee (R)	47%
9,751.....	

Pierce County-Wide Races

Sheriff

✓ Everett Muhlhausen (R)	99%
8,077.....	
Write-in votes	1%
93.....	

Clerk

✓ Jamie Feuerhelm (D)	54%
6,227.....	
Melissa Dettling-Griggs (R)	46%
5,274.....	

30th State Assembly District

✓ Kitty Rhoades (R)	69%
11,763.....	
Bob Feickert (D)	31%
5,199.....	

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OPINION



Just a fantasy pick?

After half the NFL season is up, teams are beginning to show their hands. By now, the good teams are pretty evident and the bad teams are equally obvious. So with the league's unquestionably dominant rusher, Priest Holmes, well atop the stat columns in yards and especially touchdowns, one would fairly expect to see the Kansas City Chiefs doing quite well, especially considering the nature of the rushing game in today's NFL. With

RYAN BRINKS

the majority of teams flexing their offensive muscles through the air, the ground game — while still a must — is a logical means to open up the passing strategy. So when a team is able to utilize their leg man to league-leading success, they should be able to claim a good deal of Ws. Unfortunately, that's not the case, and it's somewhat puzzling.

Of the seven most productive rushers in the game, only two are not members of winning teams: Priest Holmes (No. 1) and Marshall Faulk (4). LaDainian Tomlinson (2), Ricky Williams (5) and Ahman Green (7) all belong to programs that are sitting on top of their conferences. Travis Henry's (6) Bills are swinging fists at Williams' Dolphins, and Deuce McAllister's (3) Saints are right behind the NFC South-leading Bucs.

So what's up with Faulk and Holmes? Well, Faulk's Rams may be an exception — they're struggling to put considerable numbers on the scoreboard — but not so in the case of Holmes. His Chiefs are scoring more points than anyone in the NFL, and he's living large in the end zone. Yet Kansas City is merely 4-4 and has beaten just one winning team all year. Despite all the pre-season hype surrounding a Johnnie Morton and Eddie Kennison combo, the duo have done nothing. Morton isn't even on pace to accumulate half the receptions Carl Peterson expected in bringing him aboard. Franchise star Tony Gonzalez can't top Holmes in receiving. And the Chiefs defense is a whole other story.

So while KC continues to rack up yards and points through their one-man team, really all it's good for is the avid armchair quarterback that snagged Holmes for thier fantasy team."

Ryan Brinks is a senior majoring in journalism

Volleyball on to semis

Katie Vangsness
Sports Information

After a tough week that saw the UW-River Falls volleyball team drop from fifth in the national rankings to 13th, the Falcons rebounded to go 4-0 last weekend and then top UW-Superior 30-14, 30-24 and 30-11 in the first round of the WIAC play-offs Tuesday at the Karges Center.

UW-RF will host the WIAC semifinals and finals this weekend at the Karges Center.

Against Superior, Krystle Brune led the Falcons in kills with 15, and Melissa Tvrdik followed with 14. Karen ZumMallen had 15 defensive digs for the Falcons; Jennifer Braun and Erin Oberholtzer both had 14 defensive digs. Oberholtzer led the Falcons with 36 assists and Molly Schock led the team with three service aces. Kristen Brandt had two solo and two block assists.

The first Falcon match of Bob & Steve's BP Amoco Classic last weekend was a 30-26, 30-17, 30-22 defeat of St. Olaf.

"This was our toughest match of the weekend, but we were able to take control of the match and play solid," Head Coach Patti Ford said.

Tvrdik led the Falcons with 13 kills and sophomore Nina Petersen had 11. Oberholtzer led the team with 36 assists. ZumMallen and Schock each had three aces. ZumMallen had 10 digs and Braun added nine. Tvrdik had five block assists.

The Falcons closed Friday's action with a 30-12, 30-18, 30-22 win over Illinois College. Brune and Tvrdik each had 13 kills and ZumMallen had 10. Oberholtzer led the team with 37 assists and four aces.



Middle hitter Melissa Tvrdik takes a swing in midair during Saturday's Falcon win over UW-Superior at the Karges Center.

ZumMallen had 21 digs and Tvrdik had four block assists.

"We played very good volleyball the entire weekend by not committing a lot of errors and instead forcing the other teams to commit the errors," Ford said.

In a preview of Tuesday's first round of the WIAC, UW-RF defeated

Superior 30-20, 30-23, 30-17. Tvrdik led the Falcons with 12 kills and Oberholtzer led the team with 32 assists. Junior Sarah Halverson led the Falcons with four aces and ZumMallen led the team with 14 digs. Tvrdik led the team with four block

See "Volleyball" on page B3

Playoffs: Soccer still alive

Sports Information

After a 4-1 win over UM-Crookston Saturday ended the women's soccer regular season, the Falcons defeated UW-Whitewater 2-1 Tuesday to advance to the second round of the WIAC playoffs.

Amy Gilfillan, who had six shots on goal, scored both the Falcon goals. Gilfillan scored in the sixth minute of the game, with Erin Pinewski on the assist. Stephanie

Thompson scored Whitewater's only goal in the 33rd minute. Gilfillan scored again in the 71st minute with Caroline Benson on the assist.

UW-River Falls goalkeeper Apryl Jennrich had 17 saves, allowing only one goal in 90 minutes of play. Whitewater goalkeeper Jamie Corollo had seven saves and allowed two goals.

See "Soccer" on page B2

Falcon skaters out-muscle national giants

Women topple No. 6 Gustavus for the first time ever; Men plow over No. 10 UW-Stevens Point

Sports Information

Two wins do not make a season, but the UW-River Falls women's hockey team got off to a great start. The Falcons beat Augsburg 5-3 Friday and then triumphed over Gustavus Adolphus, 1-0, for the first time ever last weekend at Hunt Arena. Gustavus was ranked No. 6 in the nation prior to the game, according to the USCHO poll.

Ali Slinden scored the only goal of the game and UW-RF goalie Marlene Yaeger made 23 saves to help the Falcons to the 1-0 win.

Slinden scored on a breakaway at 5:31 of the second period. Both teams had good chances to score in the game, but both goalies played well. Yaeger made 12 saves in the second period when the Gusties out-shot the Falcons, 12-7. The Falcons killed off all four GAC power plays, and UW-RF was 0-1 with the player advantage.

Lindsay Carlson scored twice to help lead the Falcons to the 5-3 win over Augsburg Friday.

UW-RF led 3-1 after one period and 4-3 after two. Carlson started the scoring at 2:16 of the first period with an unassisted goal. At 11:25, AC tied the game with a power play goal. Slinden scored at 12:31 to give the Falcons the lead for good. Tiff Stencil got the assist. UW-RF went ahead 3-1 at 15:40 when Carlson scored her second, a power play goal, with an assist from Slinden.

UW-RF went ahead 4-1 at 2:56 of the second period when Heather Egeness scored with an assist from Lou Paulson. AC then scored two



Sophomore forward Annie Shanahan fires a shot on goal Saturday at Hunt Arena in the Falcons' 1-0 upset of Gustavus Adolphus.

quick goals, at 10:33 and 10:49, to make it a 4-3 game.

In the third, Lisa McGuire scored an insurance goal at 7:06 with assists from Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler and Courtney Canniff.

Yaeger made 19 saves and the Falcons had 35 shots on goal in the

win.

"It was a great way to start the season," Head Coach Joe Cranston said. "Gustavus is one of the top teams in the MIAC, and this is the first time we've ever beaten them."

"St. Thomas is another top team in the MIAC, and we'll need to play as

well on Saturday to win."

The Falcons play at St. Mary's Friday and at St. Thomas Saturday in two more non-conference games against MIAC teams. Friday's game starts at 7:05 p.m. and Saturday's at 2:05 p.m.



UW-Platteville Sports Information

Leading the Falcon women's team with a 23:43 sixth place, senior Lisa Traxler, third on the outside, raced to a place on the All-WIAC team at Saturday's conference meet in Platteville.

Christina Zinck
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's cross country team ran to a fifth-place finish with two runners among the 2002 season conference elite at last weekend's WIAC meet in Platteville.

Senior Lisa Traxler raced to a sixth-place finish in 23:43 while sophomore two-sport standout Marlene Yaeger split time over the weekend with hockey and stepped up to place 11th in 24:06. Both runners earned all-conference honors - as the top 14 runners are named to the All-WIAC team.

On the men's side, UW-RF didn't fare quite as well, placing ninth with 273 points. Erik Hanson placed 67th in 28:33 to pace the Falcons. Ryan Kleimnighagen of UW-Platteville was the individual champion with a time of 25:33 on his home course at Memorial Park. UW-Oshkosh bested UW-La Crosse for the team title 38-48. Platteville was third with 59.

The women's team champion was La Crosse with 45 points. The real

battle was for second place as less than 30 points separated places two through four. UW-Stevens Point emerged as the conference runner-up with 72 points, followed by Oshkosh, 88, and UW-Eau Claire, 101. UW-RF was alone in the middle of the standings with 138. UW-Whitewater was next with 164. The race was won by Julia Rudd of La Crosse in a time of 23:20.

Although the women's team has not yet reached its goal of beating Eau Claire, Head Coach Don Glover said his team was pleased with the results and notes there are still two weeks until the Midwest Region meet where the Falcons placed eighth a year ago.

"There are four conference teams ranked nationally, so for the women to run that well, it's pretty amazing," he said.

Glover was especially thrilled with his two all-conference runners. This is the first time in his tenure he recalls having two all-conference runners in the same year.

"Lisa had a fantastic race," he said

See "Runners" on page B3

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

The Falcon men's hockey team proved its legitimacy last weekend against the first considerable threat of the season. UW-River Falls broke a 2-2 third period tie with five unanswered goals to defeat No. 10 in the nation, UW-Stevens Point, in NCHA play Saturday on the road. Friday the Falcons beat the Blugolds 10-1 at UW-Eau Claire in the conference opener.

"When everything was on the line, with a tie game in the third period on the road, we held our composure and executed our team system and used our speed and blew the game open with five third period goals against a strong Stevens Point team," Head Coach Steve Freeman said.

Seven different Falcons scored, and freshman goalie Dan Meneghin stopped 23 of 25 Pointer shots to give UW-RF the win.

"There's no better place or time to check out a rookie goaltender, I didn't think - the way he's got to play under pressure - and see how he handles it," Freeman said of his decision to start Meneghin instead of veteran Jacques Vezina. "Certainly Dan was up to the task, and he was as cool as they come."

The two teams alternated goals through the first and second periods. Falcon Steve Moe put his first goal in the net at 13:14 of the first period, followed by Pointer Adam Kostichka midway through the second. Shortly after, Rob Novak put

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Falcons play tough against tougher Stout

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

Despite generating 269 rushing yards - the most this season against a conference opponent - the Falcon football squad was unable to keep WIAC-leading UW-La Crosse at bay, faltering for the tenth consecutive meeting between the two teams, 29-16 Saturday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in La Crosse.

"I feel very good about the physical nature with which we played on Saturday, particularly later in the game on offense. We played very physically against a pretty physical defense and had some success," Head Coach John O'Grady said. "But man, I don't ever want to get caught feeling anything good about a loss. You can't ever feel comfortable with it, you can't ever learn to accept it, and so we're not."

The Eagles took the opening drive into scoring position, but UW-River Falls turned them back by blocking Bryan Morris' 38-yard field goal attempt. Two drives later, at the end of the quarter, UW-L came up with a pair of strikes leading straight to the end zone. Matt Makaryk found Matt Rizzo for 34 yards on first down and then connected with Jason Kettenhofen for 21 yards and the 7-0 lead.

In the first quarter, the Falcons offense failed to get out of its own territory, but early in the second quarter a big play set off a spark. Halting another productive Eagle

drive, Falcon cornerback Lewie Parish picked up a fumble and scampered 71 yards the other way to tie the game.

UW-L then struggled through the ensuing drive, but the Falcons followed suit, and quickly the Eagles were back on track. A long 72-yard drive in nine plays put UW-L rushing star Ross Moline in for six. Moline rushed 23 times on the afternoon for 169 yards.

"It seems as though people have found that the draw play is really effective against us," O'Grady said. "...That really gave us problems, and then they were running some perimeter toss sweeps and things like that, and I don't think we're getting proper support out there."

Rushing to get on the board again before the end of the half, the Falcons followed by marching a productive drive of their own 53 yards to the Eagle nine-yard line. From there a 27-yard Adam Bergdahl field goal made it 14-10.

The third quarter began with an unusual exchange as UW-RF's Dustin Vogelgesang had one of his seven passes on the day intercepted and subsequently fumbled back to the Falcons. The drive then went 33 yards before stalling at midfield.

UW-RF, though, got it right back when Parish made another big play intercepting Makaryk but gave it quickly away again after three plays; nevertheless they pinned UW-L at the five-yard line.

Just as quickly, however, the Eagles earned back that yardage and

a lot more. In four plays, UW-L flashed 95 yards and scored on a 40-yard jaunt by Andrew Mocadlo. Mocadlo complemented Moline's big rushing day with 100 yards of his own on eight carries.

Down 21-10, the Falcons finished off the third quarter with the start of

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— Head Coach
John O'Grady

a six-minute drive that fought across 75 yards in 17 plays and ended in the end zone in the hands of Vogelgesang. A UW-RF two-point attempt to trail by just three failed.

With the game narrowed to 21-16 and nearly half of the final quarter already gone, the Eagles made quick and efficient use of six plays and

landed Mocadlo into paydirt from a yard out. A two-point conversion boosted the score to 29-16.

The Falcons came up short on their last-chance drive, punting from well in their own territory.

A big hindrance to the Falcons was their 12 penalties for 82 yards.

"When we get up into double-digit penalties, that isn't good. That isn't good for a team that's struggling and not being able to score a lot," O'Grady said.

John Peterlik led UW-RF rushers with 25 carries for 126 yards. Bryon Grossenbacher rushed 11 times for 53 yards and fullback Adam Halvorson went 51 yards on 15 runs. The Falcons' 34 to 26 minute time of possession advantage wasn't enough.

The Falcon defense yielded 158 yards through the air but sacked Makaryk twice — by Ben Gillett and Jeff Horton. Gillett led all Falcon tacklers with eight, followed by Kyle Hoegh with seven and Parish with six. Four others had four tackles.

The final home game of the 2002 season will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ramer Field when UW-Oshkosh, sixth in the WIAC at 1-4, meets the 0-5 Falcons.

"I think that [our guys] know they probably have played the best people in the league," O'Grady said, "and if they keep working, they've got a real shot here this next week."

Swimmers top Hamline

Wendy Czuprynski
Sports Information

Competition resumed for the men's and women's swim teams after a 12-day break. They hosted the Pipers of Hamline Friday night at River Falls High School's indoor swimming pool for a dual long course competition. The men were able to swim past the Pipers with final team scores of 89 to 68. The women were unable to stop the Pipers, who barely swam past the Falcons with a score of 114 to 108.

The 200-yard butterfly is sometimes described as the "hardest event ever." Swimming in the event for the Falcons was sophomore Rebekah Goodspeed. She came into the wall with a time of 2:59.19, good for second. With whatever energy she had left, she was able to take a third-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:57.55.

Senior MacKenzie Flanscha came away with a first-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke (2:25.27) and a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle (2:13.05). She was also a member of the first-place 400-yard medley relay team (4:26.13).

Freshman Laura Schultz finished ahead of the field in the 400-yard individual medley. She came in just under seven seconds better than the second-place finisher. Her final time was 5:19.57. Schultz also scored four points with her second-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (5:57.54).

Kelly Deters, a Falcon sophomore, touched out Piper Logan Thompson in the 50-yard freestyle by .41 for the first-place finish. Deters was also part of both first-place finishing relay teams.

Sara Dado swam the 1000-yard freestyle for the first time ever. She came in with a time of 13:23.80, well under her practice time earlier in the week.

Against the Pipers, the men finally had a great match-up with comparable numbers of participants. The Pipers had six swimmers and the Falcons had seven on the roster. Junior Brandon Van Vleet took first in both of his individual events. In the 50-yard freestyle, he came in with a time of 22.37 and in his 500-yard freestyle, 5:13.20.

Freshman Tedd Chapman took first in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:47.50. He was the only

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FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Nov. 8-14 2002	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Football		vs. Oshkosh 1 p.m.					
Volleyball	WIAC Tourney TBA	WIAC Tourney TBA					
Soccer	WIAC Tourney TBA	WIAC Tourney TBA					
Cross Country							
Men's Hockey	at St. Schol. 7 p.m.	at Superior 7:30 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	at St. Mary's 7:05 p.m.	at St. Thomas 2 p.m.					
Swimming		vs. Macalester 1 p.m.					

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Marlene Yaeger
Hockey

(So., Medina, Minn)

Yaeger helped the Falcons to a 5-3 win over Augsburg and a 1-0 win over Gustavus Adolphus last weekend. In the 5-3 win over Augsburg, Yaeger stopped 19 shots, and in the 1-0 win over Gustavus Adolphus she stopped all 23 shots she faced. For the week, she stopped 42 of the 45 shots she faced, for a .933 saves percentage. Gustavus was ranked No. 6 in the USCHO pre-season poll.



Marlene Yaeger

Lewis Parish

Football

(Fr., Onalaska, Wis.)

The cornerback was one of the best players on the field at La Crosse on Saturday. He got the Falcons on the scoreboard when he returned a fumble 71-yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter that tied the game at the time, 7-7. In the third quarter he intercepted a La Crosse pass that gave UW-RF the ball at the UW-L 41. He finished the game with six solo tackles and a pass defended.



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FOOTBALL

WIAC STANDINGS

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

Oct. 26 results
River Falls 0 10 0 6-16
LaCrosse 7 7 7 8-29

1st Quarter
01:35 UW-L - J. Kettenhofen 21 yd pass from Matt Makaryk (Bryan Morris kick), 2-55 0:30, RF 0 - UW-L 7

2nd Quarter
12:23 RF - Lewis Parish 71 yd fumble recovery (Adam Bergdahl kick), RF 7 - UW-L 7

03:33 UW-L - Ross Moline 6 yd run (Bryan Morris kick), 9-72 4:18, RF 7 - UW-L 14

00:20 RF - Adam Bergdahl 27-yd field goal, 11-53 3:13, RF 10 - UW-L 14

3rd Quarter
03:48 UW-L - Andrew Mocadlo 40 yd run (Bryan Morris kick), 4-95 1:34, RF 10 - UW-L 21

4th Quarter
09:09 RF - D. Vogelgesang 4 yd run (Adam Halvorson rush failed), 17-75 6:00, RF 16 - UW-L 21

06:58 UW-L - Andrew Mocadlo 1 yd run (Ross Moline rush), 6-53 1:59, RF 16 - UW-L 29

TOTALS	RF	LX
First Downs	15	24
Rushing	66-269	42-301
Passing (Att-Comp-Int)	7-1-1	20-10-1
Total Offense	73-282	62-459
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	3-2
Time of Possession	33:53	26:07

Rushing Leaders
RF- Peterlik 25-126; Grossenbacher 11-53; Halvorson 15-51
LX- Moline 23-169; Mocadlo 8-100; Smith 3-46

Passing Leaders
RF- Vogelgesang 1-7-1-13
LX- Makaryk 10-20-1-158

Receiving Leaders
RF- Peterlik 1-13
LX- Rizzo 3-75; Kettenhofen 2-50; Janke 2-14

Tackle Leaders
RF- Gillett 6-2; Hoegh 5-2; Parish 6-0
LX- Schneider 10-3; Powell 6-5; Duerr 6-3

VOLLEYBALL

WIAC STANDINGS

*Whitewater (28-4)	7	1
*River Falls (29-7)	7	1
Stout (29-5)	6	2
Eau Claire (23-9)	5	3
LaCrosse (25-9)	4	4
Oshkosh (20-15)	4	4
Stevens Point (8-25)	2	6
Superior (6-23)	1	7
Platteville (11-22)	0	8

*Clinched Share of WIAC Title

Nov. 02 Results
Augsburg 13 17 15—0
River Falls 30 30 30—3

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 1-5-2-0-0, Shock 1-3-3-1-0, Goranowski 5-0-4-2-0, Braun 1-0-1-7-0, Brune 12-0-0-2-0, Halverson 0-0-0-0-0, Oberholtzer 2-26-2-10-0, ZumMallen 6-0-3-19-0, Petersen 10-2-0-2-1, Hinz 0-1-0-0-0, Keene 0-0-0-6-0, Tvrdik 8-1-3-3-1,

Nov. 02 Results
Superior 20 23 17 — 0
River Falls 30 30 30 — 0

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 0-3-0-0-0, Schock 0-2-1-9-0, Braun 0-0-0-2-0, Brune 9-0-0-1-5, Anderson 6-0-0-0-1, Oberholtzer 1-32-2-10-1, Halverson 0-0-4-10-0, ZumMallen 9-0-2-14-2, Petersen 7-1-0-1-0, Tvrdik 12-1-0-3-2, Keene 0-0-0-2-0

Nov. 02 Results
Illios College 12 18 22 — 0
River Falls 30 30 30 — 0

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 0-6-0-1-0, Goranowski 4-0-0-1-1, Schock 0-0-1-1-0, Braun 0-1-0-9-0, Brune 13-0-0-1-5, Anderson 2-0-0-0-0, Oberholtzer 1-37-4-4-1, Halverson 1-0-1-9-0, ZumMallen 10-0-3-21-5, Petersen 6-0-0-0-1, Tvrdik 13-0-1-4-2, Keene 0-0-0-1-0

Nov. 1 Results
St. Olaf 26 17 22 — 0
River Falls 30 30 30 — 3

RF Individuals (kills-assts-aces-digs-blks)
Lundberg 0-5-1-0-0, Goranowski 0-0-0-1-0, Schock 0-0-3-8-0, Braun 0-0-0-9-0, Brune 9-0-0-1-5, Anderson 2-0-1-1-0, Oberholtzer 0-36-0-8-1, Halverson 0-1-0-4-0, ZumMallen 10-0-3-10-0, Hinz 0-0-0-0-0, Petersen 11-0-0-2-1, Tvrdik

13-1-1-1-2.5, Keene 0-0-0-7-0

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WIAC STANDINGS

*Stevens Point (14-0-2)	8	0	0
Eau Claire (15-3-1)	6	1	1
River Falls (12-4-2)	4	3	1
Whitewater (10-7-2)	4	3	1
Oshkosh (9-9-1)	4	3	1
Stout (7-4-5)	2	2	4
LaCrosse (6-11-0)	3	5	0
Platteville (2-15-0)	1	7	0
Superior (1-19-0)	0	8	0

*WIAC Champion

Nov. 2 Results
River Falls 2 2—4
Minn-Crookston 1 0—1

Scoring Summary

1st Half
RF Gilfillan (Pinewski)
RF Gilfillan (Hoffmann)
UMCOSG Glaume (Chappell)

2nd Half
RF Gilfillan (Rodgers)
RF Rodgers

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings (W-L-T-Pts.)

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

Nov. 2 Results
River Falls 1 1 5 - 7
Stevens Point 0 2 0 - 2

1st Period
RF - Moe 1 (Dustin, Kotewa) - 1st 13:14

2nd Period
SP - Kostichika 1 (Goral, Leahy) - 2nd 11:25.
RF - Novak 3 (Evan Stensrud) - 2nd 12:16.
SP - Broisma 1 (Micek) - 2nd 19:58 (pp)

3rd Period
RF - Salmela 1 (Novak, Stensrud) - 3rd 01:23.
RF - Murphy 2 (Schlipp, Degerness) - 3rd 05:56 (pp).
RF - Johnson 4 (Modahl, Schlipp) - 3rd 09:58.
RF - Schlipp 2 (Johnson) - 3rd 16:10.
RF - Magnuson 3 (Moe, Lalande) - 3rd 18:58 (pp)

Swimming

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one in the pool to swim the event. He also took fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (56.83). Sophomore Eli Eschenbauch was all about the second-place finishes. He came in second in his 200-yard freestyle swim with a time of 2:14.21. He also claimed second place in the dreaded 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:46.87. And for his 200-yard breaststroke swim, he placed second with a time of 2:48.43. Junior Jon Jarvis's only individual swim was the 400-yard individual medley. He took second place with a time of 4:58.90. Chad Goetsch accompanied Jarvis

in the 400-yard individual medley, finishing third with a time of 5:07.54. Goetsch was able to move up a place in his 500-yard freestyle swim, coming in second (5:29.19). Freshman Ryan Smaagard had two individual swims. In a close race, he took second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.44. He was able to come away with the win in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:34.11. Piper James Dietz was disqualified in the 200-yard breaststroke. Ryan Hawke had only one swim and was the No. 1 swimmer in the event. He took first place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:22.73. The Falcons will compete against Macalester Saturday at 1 p.m. at the River Falls High School.

Volleyball

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assists. In the final match of the weekend, UW-RF shut down Augsburg 30-13, 30-17, 30-15. Brune had 12 kills and Petersen 10 to lead the Falcons. Oberholtzer had 26 assists, and freshman Shannon Goranowski led the team with four aces. ZumMallen again led the Falcons with 19 digs. Petersen and Tvrdik each had two block assists. "We again played a solid match

and we were able to get a lot of girls in the game, which will help us this coming week," Ford said. Two Falcons were named to the all-tournament team, Tvrdik and ZumMallen. Friday at 5 p.m., UW-Whitewater plays UW-Stout, and the Falcons play UW-Eau Claire at 7:30 p.m. A third-place match will be played Saturday at noon with the championship match to follow at 2:30 p.m. The Falcons advance to the WIAC semifinals with a 30-7 overall record.

Runners

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of Traxler, who was only six seconds away from fourth place. He was extremely happy, though not altogether surprised at her performance. "That was her best conference finish ever. She has been running with the top women all season. She just ran a really great race." While not surprised at her capability, Glover did appear somewhat amazed at the race turned in by Yaeger, considering her busy Friday-Saturday schedule. Yaeger is also the starting goalie for Falcon hockey. "The (women's hockey) coach said he needed Marlene for the game Friday night, but we needed her too, and she really wanted to run," Glover said. "So after the game in River Falls Friday night, she left for Platteville around 9:30 p.m., got to the hotel around 4:30 a.m., had breakfast around 7:30, slept a little more 'til about 10, then got up and had the race of her life ...to just get back on the road to be in River Falls for another hockey game Saturday night. It's amazing." As she had done all season, junior Lisa Barnes continued to run strong but alone as the Falcons third runner, finishing 36th in 25:17.

"Lisa ran a great race," Glover said, noting that she has done a good job trying to move up closer to Traxler and Yaeger, a commendable feat when noting the recent status of the two all-conference runners. On this day, it was Candace Kroells leading the "pack" of Falcon runners behind Barnes, as Kroells placed 49th in 25:53. Marian Christen had a good race and rounded out the Falcons team scoring as she came in 54th in 26:09. Sarah Schoville was next across the line, 68th in 27:04, followed closely by Dana Martin, 70th in 27:15. "Sarah and Dana both ran real well," Glover said. "I asked [Sarah] to go out a little faster, and she wasn't totally comfortable with that, but she did, and it paid off. And Dana had her best race of the season." Glover also credits Gina Schindel and Steph Jicinsky with helping to beat other teams, even though their places don't count toward the Falcons' total team score. "When you get more of your runners ahead of other teams' fifth and sixth runners, that pushes back their team scores," Glover said. Schindel, 75th in 27:28, and Jicinsky, 77th in 27:35, both beat Platteville's third runner as well as UW-Superior's No. 6 runner. He was also happy to

see Katie Frazer move up as Molly Larson and Sara Rudesill were not running at 100 percent. Larson finished 84th in 28:07, Frazer 86th in 28:14, and Rudesill 93rd in 29:30. Despite training well and working hard, the UW-RF men couldn't quite put it all together to move up in the conference ranks. "They have yet to run a race with everyone being 100 percent and all [top seven] runners having their best race at the same meet," Glover said. With Hanson leading the way as he has done all season, next came senior Tyler Odden who, despite not having trained all week due to injury, still finished second to lead a pack of four Falcons, placing 82nd in 29:37. The freshman duo of Matt Olson, 83rd in 29:43, and Kevin McDonough, 84th in 29:50, and senior Chris Henning, 85th in 30:00, rounded out the Falcons' scoring. In addition to Odden not being 100 percent healthy, another setback came when Falcon senior co-captain Matt Hartwig did not finish the race. Glover is somewhat mystified, if not a little disappointed, at the men's result. "They train really well and work hard in practice," he said, "but when it comes to meets ... we just haven't put it all together." The next pack of runners was another group of freshmen, led by

Jarrold Vonderhar, 87th in 30:10, followed by Dan Kessenich, 89th in 30:24, and Mark Hartwig, 90th in 30:29. Adam Puhl was just behind Hartwig, placing 92nd in 30:48, Eric Nordgren next, 96th in 31:37, and B.J. Poore, 97th in 32:03. Despite the outcome, Glover does credit seniors Hanson, Odden and Henning for their consistency this season: Hanson for being the top runner, Odden for being a solid No. 2 guy (when he's healthy), and Henning for being among the top five runners. He also notes the freshmen for their hard work and competitiveness in pushing each other at every race. "They've all been taking turns at being in the top five, but Matt Olson has been running well and Kevin was probably the biggest surprise of the meet as he finished fourth for us," Glover said. Glover now hopes that his team will accomplish its ultimate goal of the season. With the upcoming Midwest Region meet, "We just want to have one meet where they all run their best race. If we do that, we could be in the top 20 [at the Region meet]."

For the women, "It'd be nice to do as well as last year, or even better. But to accomplish that, everyone has to have their best race of the year."

Hockey

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the Falcons on top again, but UW-SP's Mike Brolsma matched the effort on a power play two seconds before the expiration of the period. "I guess I was worried about how the guys would handle it, if we'd sink a little bit or if we'd just come back more determined," Freeman said of the situation. "It was kind of hard to read in the locker room, but we were able to compose ourselves and come back." Mike Salmela led the final period onslaught at 1:23, and two other Falcons scored before the midpoint of the period. Jim Murphy took advantage of a power play opportunity to score at 5:56 and then Jess Johnson put his fourth goal of the season in the net at 9:58. Josh Schlipp and Josh Magnuson both added to the Falcon total after that, Magnuson's goal coming on a

power play. The Falcons finished the night at .500 in the power play category, scoring on two of four chances. They outshot the Pointers 27-25. UW-SP was 1-of-6 on power plays. Friday the Falcons overwhelmed Eau Claire 10-1, and like the UW-SP game, the UW-RF squad saw significant variety in the scoring column. Nine players scored goals in the win. A week before nine of 11 and six of seven goals were scored by different skaters. "We're really playing with a team concept, accepting roles and understanding the different contributions guys can give," Freeman said. "When you really look at it, a very important part of our game so far has been the unselfishness." The Falcons took a 2-0 lead after the first period via a power play goal by Schlipp at 14:01 and a score by Joe Dustin a minute later. At 3:39 of the second period, Matt Elsen netted the first of two goals for him on the night, and the

Blugolds then responded with their only goal by Matt Gehr at 5:22. Freshman Jess Modahl scored his third goal of the season in as many games at 9:29 and fellow freshman Aaron Degerness followed suit on a power play just eight seconds before

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– Coach Steve Freeman

the midpoint of the period. Already on top 5-1, the Falcons added much more in the latter half of the period. In all, UW-RF scored seven goals in the second period, and four found the net as the third period approached. Elsen, Nate Kotewa, Novak and Murphy each added to the scoreboard, Murphy

clinching the team's third power play success. Evan Stensrud put the Falcons into double digits late in the third period. Vezina manned the net for UW-RF and stopped 32 Blugold shots on goal; UW-EC split crease time between Scott Sutton and Chris Nelson, both of whom gave up five goals. UW-RF totaled 32 shots on goal. The Falcons, No. 7 in the nation as of Monday's USCHO poll, are now 4-0-0 and will face defending national champs UW-Superior Saturday in their last of four road games. So far the road trip has gone well, and Freeman expects it to test his players even more this weekend. "You're on the bus together, getting to know each other pretty good and going through some ups and downs playing on the road," Freeman said. "It's a lot tougher playing, but if you're going to win anything big, you need to be able to play on the road and win games on the road."



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A Falcon hitter stretches to spike the ball Saturday.

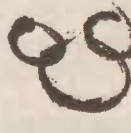
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Building outdoor connections



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Many activities are offered by KinniConnections, including outdoor trips and field trips.

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Poet Robert Frost wrote that taking the road less traveled would make all the difference.

The idea is one that KinniConnections, the UW-River Falls outdoor recreational program, has taken to heart.

KinniConnections is a student-led group that puts together outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, canoeing and rock climbing trips for UW-RF students.

In the past, the group has led trips to Montana, Colorado, Utah and Cumberland Island in Georgia.

"Our main focus is getting people out and involved, breathing fresh air, and having fun," said Katie Perrott, KinniConnections manager.

The group's nine staff members, hired through the Leadership Center, are responsible for researching locations, planning equipment and food needs, determining costs and leading trips.

"We work as hard as we can to make costs as low as possible," Perrott said.

KinniConnections is, however, much more than a guide service. The group strives to be an informational and equipment resource as well.

The staff puts on informational sessions throughout the year, such

as its "Leave No Trace Camping and Knot Tying, Too!" clinic held Thursday in the Falcon's Nest.

Other information sessions will include topics such as rock climbing techniques, bicycle maintenance, kite-making and outdoor cooking.

In addition to informational sessions, the staff aids UW-RF students in planning their own trips by finding and sharing information about locations, Perrott said. The program also has equipment such as sleeping bags, tents, cooking equipment and backpacks available for rent.

Perrott said the group has helped with a lot of different organizations and events in the past, including several residence hall wing functions and team building events. The group is continuing to expand its offerings.

"We're really a good resource to go to for all sorts of things," Perrott said.

UW-RF Recreational Leadership Coordinator Lance Ross said he is pleased with the direction KinniConnections is going.

Ross, the program's supervisor, said the program is now in its third year at UW-RF.

Ross, who has experience as a recreational supervisor at community centers, brought KinniConnections to UW-RF.

Fitting such a program to UW-RF took a lot of researching other programs and site visits, Ross said.

Student research and implementa-

tion was made a key part of the program because students are the people most likely to know what other students want to do.

"That's why we have student workers," Ross said.

Emily Critzman, a student member of the staff, said she loves the job.

"It's like getting paid to have fun," Critzman said.

Critzman was one of two KinniConnections staff members who led a three-day trip to the north shore of Lake Superior in September.

John Conboy, the other staff member, said the trip was "awesome." Conboy said the group hiked from Finland to Silver Bay, camping out two nights along the 12-mile trek.

"We camped right next to a lake with the clearest water I've ever seen," Conboy said of the trip. "It was really cool."

KinniConnections has several events scheduled for this semester, including a horseback riding trip Nov. 16 and a "Full Moon Hike" Nov. 20. A five-day dog sledding trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area is also on the calendar in January.

For more information about KinniConnections upcoming events, stop by the Leadership Center in the Student Center or send an email to KinniConnections@uwrf.edu.

MOVIE CRITIC

Not playing at a theater near you

Chris Anderson
Movie critic

Greetings, folks. I was looking in the Pioneer Press on Friday in order to decide which movie to review. "I Spy" was called a waste of time and talent, and I sure as hell wasn't going to "Santa Clause 2," as it was a kiddie movie (probably with a lot of fart jokes and creepy ongoingings) and a sequel with pseudo-actor and pseudo-comedian Tim Allen.

The other three movies that were apparently released this weekend which most of you have probably never heard of were "The Weight of Water," "Roger Dodger," and "The Grey Zone," all of which received positive reviews. I looked at the "Now Playing in This Theater" part of the paper and saw that not one theater in the Twin Cities seemed to have heard of those three movies, minus the Lagoon Cinema, which is located somewhere in Minneapolis, so ambiguous that I wonder if it's really at the bottom of a lagoon.

Most theaters seemed to think the public wanted more explosions, lame comedians, and "Jackass: The Movie," not because these reach high filmmaking standards, but because they will draw in the cash crop of teenagers.

Before a movie is released, the financial wizards in Hollywood usually put out a blitzkrieg of advertising; it's much like brainwashing, informing potential moviegoers that they will be societal outcasts if they don't see a particular movie.

Tactics used to ensure that a certain film becomes fixated in the public's mind include constant commercial repetition on TV networks and having one of the 24-hour news networks talk up a movie until

opening day. (Apparently it's more important to send people to the theater than it is to inform them about Al-Qaida or accounting scandals.)

With the exception of Johnny Knoxville, most of us are not the big dopes Hollywood executives think we are. Likewise, we are not the young, inexperienced and underdeveloped teenagers they think we are. Any potential movie audience is divided into three groups: youngsters and teens, oldsters and everyone between. No one in Hollywood has deduced they could reach more

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people (and more money) if they concentrated on the latter two groups. Nevertheless, we variously-aged and largely intellectual people do need something to do in our free time, so why not go to a movie? However the movies advertised the most heavily are likely to be the ones we are the most aware of and, thus, go to even though we may harbor serious reservations about their quality.

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On Mondays the weekend box office report comes out. It's such an important feature of society that it is usually the third thing mentioned in the broadcast news, and low and behold, a hyped-up-until-you-want people-to-shut-up movie makes it into the Top 5.

Alternative and vaguely known movies released the same weekend

seldom make it into the top ten, but either way it is pointed out that the film did not make an enormous profit. Therefore, it's supposedly worthless and is pulled from movie theaters, making its way to video tape while the open spots are then overtaken by the next batch of new Hollywood releases.

Now, we could ask that theater owners show a wider variety of films, or they could do it out of their own free will, but I doubt that's going to happen. As soon as theater A shows "unprofitable, independent, nonweekend-winning" film B, someone in Hollywood probably calls up and demands the immediate withdrawal of "that piece of crap." Looking at the theater listings for this past weekend it was clear that movie theaters often try not to create this problem by not offering independent movies in the first place.

Granted, the movie industry isn't the only one that feels the public doesn't need variety. It isn't unheard of for radio stations to fire disc jockeys who veer from the standard 12 songs playlist, for television network executives to constantly play follow-the-leader when they look at Nielsen ratings, or for politicians to refuse to participate in debates when it is found out a third party will be present. Also, independent films aren't total salvation for clichéd movie material as many often apply meaningless action, annoying zingers, excessive profanity, and tend to believe that sex appeal will solve all of life's problems.

But if we have more than 50 movie screens in the surrounding area, there should be a wide choice of material and more than the same five lackluster Hollywood movies.

I have made my impassioned plea for more variety, but I suspect it has fallen on deaf ears. I'll even suspect if River Falls ever gets a multiplex, the same movie that is on one of the screens there will also be playing downtown.

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