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Commuter student's family, friends mourn loss

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Lost in thought, Derrek Orf probably walked quietly past many UW-River Falls students on his way to class.

Derrek, who died Oct. 24, did not pass unnoticed by his family and friends.

Approximately 282 people signed the registry at Derrek's wake, a fact that would have surprised him, said Julie Orf, his mother.

"He was very loved," Julie said. "He wouldn't have had a clue."

Held just three days after his death, the wake's attendance was a tribute to how much the New Richmond native meant to his family and community.

"We didn't have a chance to get it in the [New Richmond] paper," Julie said. "It was all word of mouth."

For Derrek's grandmother, Joyce Amdahl, the attendance at the wake wasn't surprising in the least.

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Joyce Amdahl,
Derrek's grandmother

Derrek," Amdahl said. "All thought they had a special connection with him."

Described by his family as a quiet conversationalist, a study bug and a hard worker, 20-year-old Derrek was a sophomore commuter student. Though his major was still undecided, Derrek studied hard and was considering an ag major.

"He wasn't in a hurry to decide," Amdahl said. "He didn't get pushed into anything."

Whatever course of study he chose, Derrek's work ethic and passion for academics would have ensured his success.

"He always talked about hitting the books," Julie said. "He focused on getting good grades."

Amdahl agreed. "It was endless for Derrek," Amdahl said. "He never stopped at one thing."

For Derrek studying wasn't a job, it was his hobby.

Derrek was a big reader and he was always learning, particularly about history, government and geography. Despite his shy person-

ality, Derrek had an ability to make conversation that made Orf family gatherings difficult to leave.

"He was so interesting to talk to," Julie said. "He really contributed to the flavor of every gathering."

In addition to his passion for academics, Derrek was an avid outdoorsman.

Growing up, Derrek lived next to a lake, where he fished for bass and swam during the summer months. Derrek also enjoyed hunting, jogging and was a licensed scuba diver.

"He was a back-to-nature kid," his father Daniel Orf said. "He always threw his fish back."

To Derrek, family was always the most important thing, a notion he shared with others through his actions. When his grandfather was ill, Derrek helped out wherever possible around the house. Another time, his grandparents hosted guests from Poland. Derrek was the first to greet them at the airport.

"Derrek was there to show them that families make a difference," Amdahl said.

But really, it was Derrek who made the difference to his family. And it is his family who will miss him most.

"It's rough to find the right words," Daniel said. "I can still see him walking in the house."



Submitted Photo

Derrek Orf was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting. He was also a licensed scuba diver.

Student referendum will determine UW-RF's United Council membership

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For most college students, \$1.35 is not much money. But \$16,000 is a nice chunk of change.

After several controversial issues surfaced recently within United Council, some UW-River Falls students have started to wonder whether the \$16,000 UW-RF pays into United Council could be used for issues more important to this campus.

As a result, Student Senate voted last Tuesday to have a referendum, a student vote, about pulling out of UC. The vote will take place online Nov. 17 and 18.

Currently, each student at UW-RF pays \$1.35 a semester to be a part of United Council. That adds up to about \$16,000 a year.

If students vote to pull out of the UC, the money can be used for UW-RF issues, rather than statewide issues.

"With the extra money we can do things more applicable to our campus, more important to us and where we can actually see it," said Katie Kneissel, Student Senate legislative issues director.

Pulling out would mean UW-RF would no

longer have a say in what the UC does.

That's something UC Organizing and Communications Director Matthew McFeeley doesn't want to see happen.

Although the majority, 23 out of the 26 schools in the UW System are members, two other UW System schools in the past four years, UW-Stout and UW-Richland Center, have pulled out.

McFeeley hopes students at UW-RF realize how important the relationship they have with the UC really is.

"UW-RF is very important to the UC as a whole," McFeeley said. "UC would be less effective if UW-RF were no longer a member campus."

While many students are just starting to hear about alleged problems with the UC, some individual students and past senators have had the idea of the pulling out of the UC for a while now.

"I've been fighting the UC for two and a half years now," said Andy Parrish, a member of College Republicans and former Senate Vice President. "There is no way I will let it pass this year."

This year, senators decided to take action on opinions from students that they have heard from.

"We are following through with the idea that students aren't happy with the UC," Kneissel said.

The proposal for a referendum that Kneissel wrote was signed by senators Nick Cluppert and Sam Hanson.

"I feel that students' opinions are tilting towards feelings of discontent with the UC and their voice should be heard," Cluppert said.

One of the main goals of the UC, as stated on its Web-site, is to be an "active voice for student needs and concerns, addressing them before the UW System and the state government."

This is a goal senators and students at UW-RF continue to be up in the air about.

For some Senators, the advantages of being a UC campus are crystal clear.

"UC has done a good job in the past helping the UW System as a whole dealing with tuition issues for students," said Joan Wierzbna, Student Senate finance director.

On the other hand, some aren't as pleased with the issues being taken on by the UC.

With only seven votes at the general assembly,

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Lawyer needs help

Boles answers more questions each day

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Staff Writer

Last week, the Student Senate Legislative Issues Committee sent letters to every lawyer in River Falls and Hudson asking for help.

They need help because Joseph Boles, the lawyer currently working with Senate to give students legal advice, is receiving more calls than initially expected.

"He expressed off the bat that he doesn't want a lot of people," said Student Senator Katie Kneissel. "We assume that 10 to 15 people right away is a lot of people."

Boles receives about two to three calls a week from students looking for advice.

"So far it hasn't been overly burdensome," Boles said.

Most calls only last about 10 to 15

minutes. Boles said he is happy to take them.

Every question Boles has received to date pertains to landlord/tenant issues.

Students have asked Boles about issues ranging from getting security deposits back, to landlords to having a problem roommate removed. Before Boles consults with a student, he first makes sure that his firm does not also represent their landlord.

The program, developed by the Legislative Issues Committee, should only be used by students in emergency situations, Kneissel said.

"We need to be cautious so we don't abuse him and his willingness to help out," Kneissel said.

Boles, a board certified civil trial advocate specializing in personal injury, general litigation, worker's compensation, family law and bank and creditor rights, is from River Falls and works with students most

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HONORING VETERANS



Photos by Jen Cullen and Eric Ebert

Members of the American Legion Post 121 from River Falls stand at attention during the Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday morning outside North Hall. The ceremony included an invocation by retired Col. Tom Weiss, a flag-raising ceremony, a student veteran speaker, a ceremonial rifle volley and the sounding of "Taps." Student Veteran Jim King, in his speech to the crowd, said Veterans teach others something invaluable: "A respect and reverence for America, her history, her traditions and her freedoms." The UW-River Falls Veterans' Service Office sponsored the event.



Murray powers WRFW

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The word "engineer" conjures an image of bib overalls and a floppy hat set back on a coal-stained brow. Perhaps even an arm that itches to blast the whistle of a steam engine.

Al Murray, WRFW's chief engineer, doesn't quite fit that profile.

For 32 years, Murray, 57, has been the steam behind the locomotive that is WRFW-FM. Through four decades, he has kept the UW-River Falls student radio station on track and on the air.

"I wrote the original application for the radio station in 1966 when I was a student here," Murray said. "Then I had a little diversion working for my rich uncle from 1967-71, and I have worked here ever since."

The uncle to whom Murray refers is "Uncle Sam." He served in the United States Navy on the USS Tidewater, a repair ship, during the Vietnam War. He credits his experiences in the navy for leading him down a road of continued service.

"On the Tidewater we learned how to be of service to others—to be experts in our craft," Murray said. "I am here working for students with the same mindset I had then; it's all about the service."

The service Murray has provided since 1971 has been invaluable to the continued success of WRFW and, more importantly to him, the continued education and experience of the students.

The day-in and day-out challenges Murray has overcome at UW-RF have been funneled into one broad

job description.

"To keep the station's equipment running so students can do what they love to do," he said.

Working with second, third, and sometimes fourth-hand equipment, Murray inspired a proverb. It's not dead unless Al Murray declares it so.

"I just took a control board out up there that was over 35 years old," Murray said. "That piece of junk was on its third lifetime."

Murray said the difference between WRFW and other campus radio stations is that students here are able to independently run the station free of puppet strings. His duty is to the students—to enable their sovereignty.

WRFW Station Manager Andy Kagol said it is more than that.

"If we didn't have Al Murray, we would not have a radio station," Kagol said. "He has been in the business long enough to know everything we need to know. He is always there to answer our questions."

Kagol, a senior broadcast journalism major, has worked with Murray at WRFW since his sophomore year.

"I remember my first time engineering for a basketball game," Kagol said. "We had technical difficulties and I was able to call Al at home and he walked me through fixing it."

WRFW Program Director Jason Hausler said he has worked "hand-in-hand" with Murray since taking

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BRIEFS

United Council debate

The Society of Professional Journalists is sponsoring a formal debate between those for and against United Council. The current referendum issue will be addressed. Both sides will be equally represented and students and faculty are invited to attend with any questions they might have. The debate will take place Nov. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons. Refreshments will be provided.

Education majors

Education majors and alumni can request their credential file and/or references from Career Services before they are destroyed. Those who are interested must register or update on the resume referral service. Career services used this referral system to connect UW-RF students and alumni with employers who are seeking full time employees. The system allows students/alumni to upload their resume or credential template to a database to be sent to organizations and school districts who have position vacancies. Visit <http://www.uwrf.edu/ccs/resume-referral.htm>.

Faces of Homelessness

"Faces of Homelessness" is a program designed to educate participants about poverty, enabling them to create change. The program begins with a presentation displaying vivid images of homelessness through the eyes of those living it. Following the slide show, a panel of homeless and formerly homeless individuals will share their stories of homelessness. It will be held on Nov. 19 at the Abbot Concert Hall at 7 p.m.

Sleeping Out

Starting Nov. 17 at 10 p.m. students are invited and encouraged to sleep outside on the Student Center lawn for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Box shelters will be provided, as well as s'mores and hot chocolate. Students will sleep outside until a goal of \$2003 is raised.

Food Sculpture

Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. there will be a food sculpting event that will generate food for the local food pantry. It takes place in the Falcon's Nest. Bring non-perishable food items and be ready to create. It will be judged and a prize will be awarded. All of the food will be taken to the local River Falls Food Pantry. Organizations can enter as a team and compete against other groups. Registration is preferred but not required and forms can be picked up in the Leadership Center, located in the Student Center.

Group leader search

The Semester Abroad program is beginning a search for faculty or academic staff to lead groups of students to Europe during fall semester, beginning 2005. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please send your application materials to Katrina Larsen, 105 Regional Development Institute. The deadline is November 14, 2003 and the selection will be made by early December, 2003. For more information email katrina.larsen@uwrf.edu.

Education in Afghanistan

Nov. 19, at 7 p.m., Dr. A. Ghafar Lakanwal, Executive Director of the Minnesota Cultural Diversity Center, will be speaking at UW-RF, in Room 137 or Rodli Commons. Dr. Lakanwal will discuss the challenges facing the educational system of Afghanistan. He will illustrate the conditions of this war-torn country, and what effect this devastation has had on Afghani children. The visit is being sponsored by Tomorrow's Educators and everyone is invited to attend.

Fall String Extravaganza

UW-River Falls Orchestra will present its Fall String Extravaganza on Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of KFA. Students from around the St. Croix Valley Area will have the opportunity to work with the legendary bluegrass and jazz artist Randy Sabien from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The concert is free to the public.

Open-ended questions inching along

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Students may be closer to giving anonymously written feedback to their professors, pending the legal approval of public disclosure of open-ended questions.

Open-ended questions, a controversial topic first brought before Faculty Senate last year, would be distributed along with the new instructor evaluation forms, where students would have space to write responses to questions about their instructor.

About two weeks ago, an e-mail was sent to UW System Legal by Faculty Senate Chair David Trechter. The e-mail concerned whether the information written by students on the forms could only be reviewed by faculty. This would eliminate the possibility the information would become public record, a concern held by many faculty members.

"Student Senate is more concerned right now with faculty getting constructive comments or criticism on their work rather than this being made public record or not," said Student Affairs and Academic Services Director

Nick Cluppert.

Trechter has not received a response to his email.

The issue of open-ended questions has been met with conflicting opinions in Faculty Senate, Trechter said. He said that the Faculty Welfare and Personal Policy Committee shot the issue down, while the Instructional Improvement Committee continues to work on it.

Although Trechter said most faculty "would welcome meaningful feedback on their teaching performance," he said some instructors are concerned that students might use the opportunity to smear them.

"Research indicates people on either end of the spectrum," Trechter said. "It turns out to be either a love or a hate thing."

Trechter said some of the stumbling

blocks associated with open-ended questions include whether or not the information written by students becomes public record, and what he called "practical issues."

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STUDENT SENATE

United Council issue remains hot topic

Senators, students voice opinions about Senate's actions

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Addressing Student Senate at last Tuesday's meeting, former Senator Eric Dodge voiced his belief that current senators have violated their neutral stance policy on the United Council (UC) issue.

Dodge said senators cannot speak in official Senate capacity one moment and then give their personal feelings on a matter the next. Additionally, Dodge said by having the UC referendum, Senate would be nullifying last year's vote to stay in UC.

He also commented on those who questioned whether or not changing Columbus Day to

Indigenous People's Day was a student issue.

"How dare some of you make the statement that it is not a student issue," Dodge said. "We have 14 Native American students going to school here, and for anyone to make that statement is racist."

Questions were also raised about a Senate-produced, informational brochure on UC. Senator Leon Gbee felt the examples of events displayed on the back of the brochure would cast a false light on UC because most of them were diversity-specific events. Additionally, these events—which were free in the past—will no longer be free, so students might feel slighted in some way.

Other senators, such as Senator Joan Wierzbza, felt such concerns should have been aired before the 700 brochures were printed. Printing the brochures approximately cost \$48.

Senator Jim King wished to withdraw his previous support for the UC referendum because he also believed senators' personal opinions had tainted the vote's potential outcome.

But King continued by saying that the

The matter of hand-entering the data collected from students, Trechter said, poses "a real problem from my perspective."

Trechter said that approximately 3,700 student evaluations are currently collected every semester. By adding two open-ended questions, up to 7,400 responses would have to be entered by hand, he said.

But for Cluppert, the opportunity for constructive criticism offered by the questions is what's keeping Student Senate hopeful.

"We hope that System Legal will let this fly, so that professors are getting some type of written feedback, so faculty will know what to improve upon, or to continue to do," Cluppert said.

Members from both Senates said that the issue of open-ended questions isn't the highest priority.

"I haven't put a lot of pressure on committees to deal with this now," Trechter said. "Right now, we're dealing with more 'nuts and bolts' type of stuff."

Although Student Senate Legislative Affairs Director Katie Kneissel said the issue of open-ended questions isn't the main focus right now, Cluppert said he'd like to see the questions soon.

"We would like to see it next semester, or, at the latest, the following semester, depending on when Legal Services gets back to us," Cluppert said.

Indigenous People's Day vote only succeeded because of what he felt was unfair, political maneuvering.

Speaking about UW-Madison's influence on the vote, King said, "U-Dub stacked the deck. They brought a disproportionate number of those who would support the change, they contacted people who were sympathetic at other area campuses and they stacked the vote in a way I feel was unfair and, quite frankly, unethical."

In other Senate related news:

—After some debate, Senate overwhelmingly passed a motion to endorse one of its members each week to officially represent it at River Falls City Council meetings.

—Parliamentary and Ethics Chair Charles Packard resigned from his Senate position due to classes that require much of his time. Subsequently, Senate is accepting applications for the vacant seat.

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

Keep in touch: Getting back on track after battling a tough illness

Julia Allen
Staff Writer

The student sitting next to you sent his flu virus into the air when he sneezed and you unknowingly inhale the virus. The virus enters through your nose, throat or lungs and begins to multiply, causing unwanted symptoms in your body. You begin to feel achy, tired and notice the onset of a fever. Congratulations, you have just been infected with the virus known as the flu.

The war of cells raging in your body, fighting to kill off the virus, is merely a fraction of the battle you are about to face. The heart of the war may not even occur until after the illness dies, when you return to classes.

In order to keep your grade point average up, the best advice is to stay in touch with professors.

Roger Ballou, UW-River Falls dean of students, encourages students to make a proactive game plan for dealing with missing classes when ill.

"It will help students' cases if they keep their professors informed," Ballou said. "Put together a faculty e-mail group at the beginning of each semester in case sickness occurs."

In addition to maintaining frequent contact with professors, the Dean of Students Office provides some aid in making your story legitimate.

"If students miss class for more than one day, they can inform our office and we will send out notices to their professors," Ballou said. "That doesn't make it an excused absence, but more of an FYI to professors. It acts like a double check and backs up students' stories."

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, UW-RF director of Student Health Services, agrees.

"It's the considerate thing to do, keeping your professors informed," Reilly-Myklebust said. "If you are extremely incapacitated, Student Health Services will help facilitate notice to them as well."

While the best thing to do is not get sick, Student Health Services offers advice to make it easier in case the flu takes control.

Reilly-Myklebust works to keep UW-RF students and faculty informed of prevention and public health assessments available to them.

"What we provide is highly preventative methods in order to create public awareness," she said. "Methods such as immunization clinics, assistance in contacting clinics and counselors and even where to go to view your immunization records."

James Pratt, UW-RF speech communications professor, said he understands what student life entails, and encourages students to rest up if ill.

"I tend to be pretty trusting if a student tells me he or she is ill," he said. "Students do enough to run down their health as it is, so it's best

to take the time to get better."

Pratt also concurs with Ballou and Reilly-Myklebust: If you miss class, keep the lines of communication open with the faculty.

"As long as students contact me while they're ill, I will let them know what they can do to make up missed work," Pratt said.

While college life may be hectic, the best way for students to stay healthy, Reilly-Myklebust said, is to take care of their bodies and avoid swapping germs with others.

"It sounds simple, but precautionary methods such as covering your mouth when sneezing, washing your hands and not sharing drinks or lip balm are all good ways to avoid illness," she said.

UW-RF dorm dwellers should place the flu shot immunization at the top of their list, Reilly-Myklebust said.

"Because they live in such tight quarters, they're bound to share germs whether they know it or not," she said. "So it is extremely important for students living on campus to be prepared to fight the flu."

And when stress seems to pound at the door, take a time out.

"It pays to take a break," she said. "It's all about balance."

Protect yourself

Immunization Clinic

Influenza immunizations student cost: \$5
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eSIS conversion almost complete, DARS available

Second round of eSIS registration now underway

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Staff Writer

UW-River Falls students began registering for the spring 2004 semester, Nov. 10. It will be the second round for the new eSIS system, which was first introduced to UW-RF students this past spring.

Mary-Alice Muraski, eSIS project manager, said everything should be ready for the upcoming registration.

"There may be some system slowdowns, but that is to be expected with so much usage," Muraski said.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be the busiest time, Muraski said.

"ITS [Information Technology Services] is right on top of things, and always fine tuning it," Muraski said.

Muraski said there were no major changes in the system from last registration period to this one, but some minor things had been altered. Advising functionality was added so students can view their advising information in eSIS.

Everything is in place for students to register, but there are still some things that need to be added for the eSIS changeover to be complete,

Muraski said.

Students should be able to get their transcripts through eSIS by Thanksgiving, Muraski said.

"After we get that up, other things like suspensions, Dean's list, and academic honors are the next things we need to add," she said.

Students will also be able to get their grades for the fall semester from eSIS once their instructors post them, Muraski said.

"The goal of eSIS was to get admissions, financial aid, student finances and student academic records all in one program," Muraski said.

One recent problem involved students' DARS reports not being available until Oct. 31. Muraski said the reports were delayed because of a software upgrade to the eSIS program, which is designed by PeopleSoft, a company that produces administration software.

"A program needed to be written to pull student's information from eSIS and put it in the DARS program, but with the upgrade, it got delayed a bit," Muraski said.

Once the DARS reports became available, students were eager to get them Muraski said.

"On Monday, Nov. 3, we had over 900 requests for DARS," Muraski said.

In comparison, the most requests UW-RF had ever had in a month was 1,500 in the four years that Muraski has been here.

The system was actually down for a short time on Monday, but the ITS team "weaved their magic" and got it running, Muraski said.

Muraski has talked with some students about eSIS, and said the feedback has been mixed.

"The major complaint has been not being able to see the whole class schedule at once, but once we get the important functionality parts up, we will look at adding things like that," Muraski said.

John Whitney, a freshman from Mahtomedi, Minn., liked the system when he registered last summer.

"It was good and easy to use," Whitney said.

Kathy Herbst, a senior majoring in Health and Human Performance, liked the old SOAR [Student On-Line Access to Records] system better.

"It was better because you could scroll through the classes from different departments easier. However, the new registration will probably be just as easy once it is used more," Herbst said.

Sara Rudesill, a junior from River Falls, also enjoyed the ability to view all the classes, but likes eSIS as well.

"It's nice to be able to access the system at night rather than just the 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. SOAR access," Rudesill said.

College of Education and Professional Studies Budget cuts leave students with very few electives

Sarah Day
Staff Writer

The College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) is similar to all of the colleges at UW-River Falls; it's not immune to budget cuts.

The COEPS had to cut \$135,000 out of its budget for this year and \$57,000 out of last year's budget.

Only electives were cut from COEPS. The college only offers required courses and very few electives. This means classes can not be cut without infringing on students' ability to graduate.

Connie Foster, COEPS dean, is trying to find ways for the college to raise money for itself and is hoping to accomplish this through alumni relations. She wants to get more alumni involved with the college by coordinating an Alumni Advisor Council for alumni and former faculty.

Current graduate students and faculty will be included as council members as well. The purpose of the council will be providing input on what's important to alumni, helping to meet the needs of current students within COEPS and maintaining current programs.

Foster wants to have regional-level speakers that will talk on current issues in education and have a reception for alumni.

There are also plans for an alumni newsletter in the near future. This will help keep alumni current on the issues that concern them most and update them on specific things happening within the college.

"When people feel included, they want to give to programs and faculty," Foster said.

Last year COEPS held a telethon in conjunction with the Foundation office and raised \$12,000. It hopes to do another telethon this year.

Foster explained that since COEPS had such enormous success with grants, that is where the college spends the most time and emphasis.

The COEPS has also targeted raising prices on courses. Graduate students in school psychology will pay more for their classes. Instead of paying \$269 per credit, students will now pay \$385 per credit.

The challenge of the budget cuts is to maintain quality programs and keep up with market demand. This is difficult because there is no money to hire new teachers and 92 percent of the college's budget is faculty salaries, which are usually the last things cut.

When the COEPS could afford to hire professors, they could only hire

assistant-level ones.

COEPS can hire adjunct faculty, but they only work on a year-to-year basis. Adjunct faculty do not advise students, so advising falls on the already over-worked full-time faculty.

"Salary is the people and the programs," Foster said.

When salaries are cut, the ability of the college to maintain its quality and standards are hurt as well.

Geoffrey Scheurman, a teacher education professor, feels the effects of budget cuts. "There are minor

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Connie Foster,
College of Education and Professional Studies dean

annoyances; nagging us about copying, and not being able to travel as comfortably as we used to. Instead, that has to come out of our own pockets," Scheurman said. "Frankly, I'm tired of people whining about it."

He says it affects his department because they can often hire only adjunct faculty. The new faculty only teaches students, so the full-time faculty have to pick up advising, program development and extra service commitments, including work in schools and committee assignments on campus.

"On a large scale, I feel the budget cuts are political. We can afford bombs and professional sports facilities and just about anything that better serves cars, but we can't afford teachers and education," Scheurman said.

Scheurman feels that the government should reevaluate their priorities.

"There is always fat that could be cut, including university budgets. Some things are not necessary, but in the end it's a societal choice that politicians and citizens are making."

Foster said most extracurricular activities within COEPS have not been affected by the budget cuts.

However, the athletic programs, which are included in the college, have seen major layoffs over the past two years.

"The athletic department has one foot in the COEPS and the other foot in the University," Foster said.

The Health and Human Performance major is housed in the COEPS college as well as the administration section of the athletic department. Salaries, services and supplies can be cut from the athletic

programs but a sport can only be eliminated through the University.

COEPS has focused on helping existing faculty manage their growing workload.

As a result of budget cuts, 2.02 positions were cut this year. A part-time advising position for \$10,000 was cut, and the college was unable to hire another reading instructor at a cost of \$38,000.

Though there were no faculty pay cuts, there were no raises either. COEPS was forced to give up its salary-savings plan which is money left over when a professor retires and a new teacher is hired. For example, a professor retires at \$60,000 a year and a new teacher is hired at \$45,000.

The leftover \$15,000 is then used for whatever the school needs.

"The salary-savings plan is what colleges use to give themselves the flexibility for money in the budget that wasn't already committed," Foster said.

COEPS also cut 10 percent out of its budget for supplies and equipment. This includes copying, telephone charges, postage and maintenance and repair, among other things.

Students in the college will have to deal with several changes.

"Students will have larger classes, less sections, limited access to faculty and the potential for less teachers," Foster said.

Though students have already seen a tuition hike, "some students on campus indicated they didn't mind paying slightly more to maintain a quality program," Foster said.

Unfortunately this does not include the ability to maintain electives.

"There is no luxury to offer elective courses," Foster said.

The cost increase could potentially eliminate some students because the new cost of tuition will be too high for some students to pay. Students are beginning to pay more throughout UW-RF, for services that were either cheaper or free -- such as the increased cost to live in the residence halls.

Senior Eliza Tessmer, a communicative disorders major, feels the budget cuts have not affected her.

"I honestly don't feel the effects at all. As a senior, I'm in small and specialized classes and I don't feel like the quality of my program has suffered," Tessmer said.

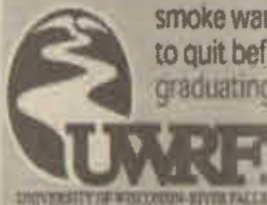
Scheurman said he hasn't heard any students complain about budget cuts affecting them.

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EDITORIAL

Some final thoughts about UC referendum

On Nov. 17 and 18, the fate of \$16,000 in student funding will be decided with a referendum to determine whether the UW-River Falls campus remains a member of United Council (UC).

Debate surrounding the issue thus far, as predicted in a Voice editorial two weeks ago, has been anything but tame. Sidewalk chalkings, for the second time this semester, have hotly debated an issue.

On both sides of the UC issue, some familiar faces have emerged.

Leaders of the anti-UC movement, ultra-conservatives Andy Parrish and Jake Duesenberg, have pursued their interests passionately.

"There was nothing that said UC couldn't recognize both."

Support an Indigenous People's Day if it's necessary, but don't remove Columbus Day just because some are offended by it.

Their competition in the debate, Eric Dodge, spoke in support of UC last Tuesday at the Senate meeting, admonishing senators for supposedly violating Senate's neutral stance.

Determining which of the two opinions is correct now lies mostly in the hands of the students, but there are a few things left to be said.

First and foremost, students should be thanking the Senate for its neutral stance, not criticizing them for it. Senate voted 15 to 2 to address the concerns students had with UC by holding a referendum. They did not vote to remove UW-RF, they voted to give students a choice in the matter.

In his criticism of the Senate, Dodge pointed to the fact that senators remained neutral as official representatives of Senate in one

moment, and then openly shared their opinions the next.

But that's exactly what they should have done.

In striving for neutrality, Senate's collective goal was to inform students without pushing them in one direction or the other, a task more easily said than done. But that's what was asked of them and that's what they did.

Many senators first upheld Senate's neutrality, but then stepped down from their official positions and, as regular students, shared their personal feelings. They separated duty from personal influence and are to be commended for it. Condemning individual senators for sharing personal opinions is unfair. It is their right as U.S. citizens to have and share opinions.

On the other hand, Dodge made some good points at the Senate meeting. Though changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day may offend several students, Dodge was correct to defend its relevance as a student issue. UC had at least a few students in mind when it passed the resolution. What UC didn't have in mind, however, was the idea of compromise.

Just as the presence of an Indigenous People's Day would be a day of celebration for Native Americans, Columbus Day is a day of celebration for others—especially Italian-Americans. By recognizing one and not the other, UC will figuratively oppress one or the other. It's like not recognizing Hannukah because atheists would find it offensive.

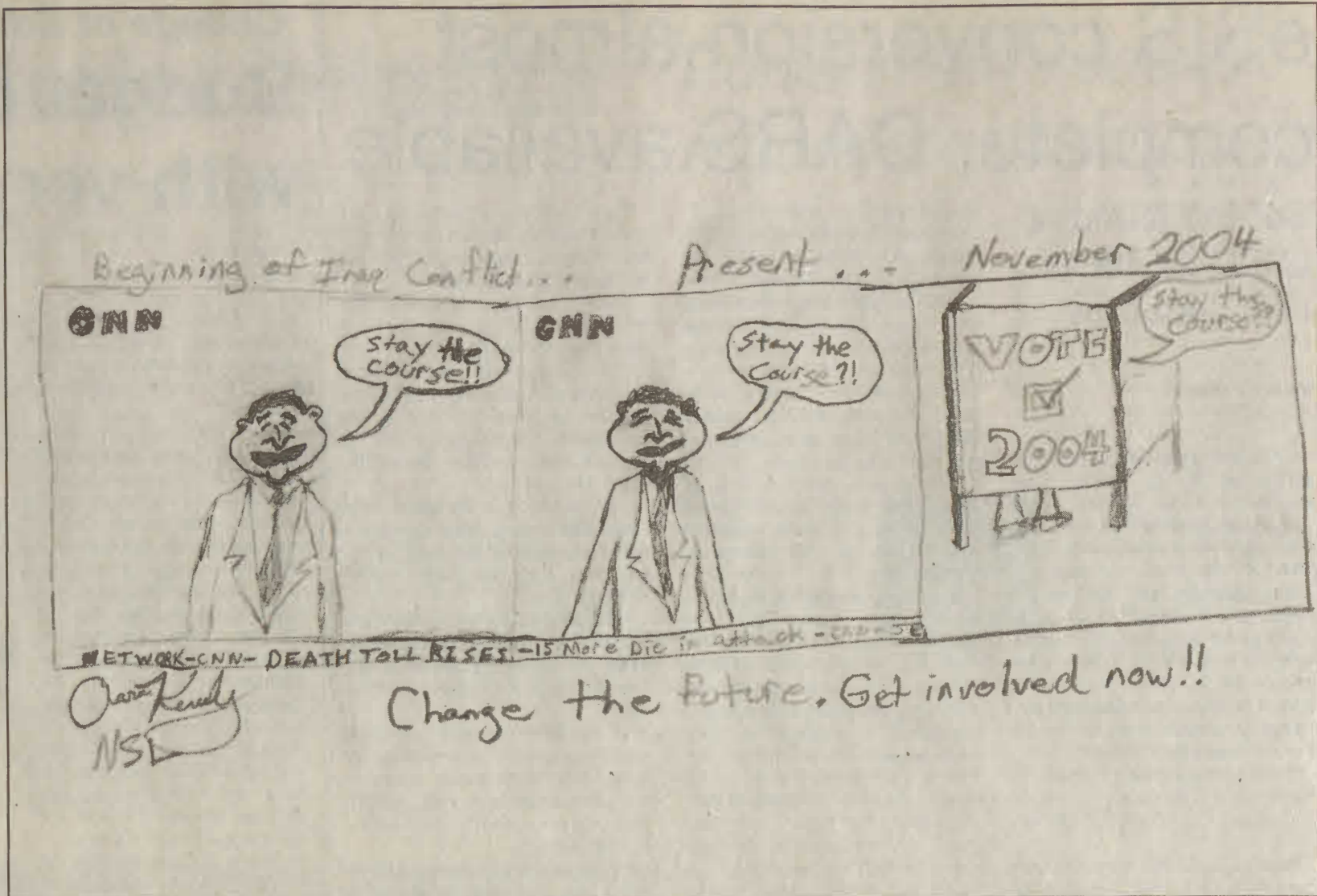
There was nothing that said UC couldn't recognize both. Support an Indigenous People's Day if it's necessary, but don't remove Columbus Day just because some are offended by it.

Of course, the real issue for students isn't Columbus Day itself, it's a perceived misuse of funding and time that they're concerned about. Students feel that UC should be spending resources lobbying for lower tuition and fewer budget cuts. Considering the extent of budget cuts and the potential harm they will have on the quality of students' educational experience, they're absolutely right to be angry. UW System campuses won't be diverse if students can't afford to attend them and instructors can't afford to work at them. They just plain won't exist.

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United Council worth keeping

What does United Council give you for your \$1.35? Until a week ago, I had no clue what United Council is or what they do. United Council is a small staff that works with the students of Wisconsin schools to fight for things that they feel are important. UC fights in favor of Minnesota reciprocity. They also fight to link financial aid increases to tuition increases. Those two things alone were enough for me to be convinced that my \$1.35 is worth it.

How many Minnesota residents would be here if we didn't have reciprocity? I know I would not have come to school here. With tuition increasing every year, I bet many of you are glad somebody is fighting to make sure your financial aid goes up, too. Again, I know I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the great amounts of financial aid helping me out. Still not enough for your \$1.35? UC members are working for the students, so if there is anything that you think they should be doing, then all you have to do is let them know. Columbus Day and gender neutral bathrooms are just two of the many things they are working on that were concerns of the students they work for statewide.

How many of you go home and have a choice between the men's and women's bathrooms? I'm sure it's very far and few. So would it be that bad to have a gender neutral bathroom for a couple with a baby to go into and take care of that dirty diaper together? There are more couples with babies on campus than you may think. Growing up with my father, I know he didn't like sending me into a public restroom by myself, yet he didn't want me going into the men's room.

If there had been gender neutral bathrooms in the majority of public places we went to, my dad would not have had the dilemma of dragging me into the men's room and exposing me to things I was not ready to see or sending me into the women's room hoping I would come out alive or just come out at all.

A gender neutral bathroom would serve many campus community members and visitors. As for the issue of changing the name of Columbus Day, that cost as much as one piece of paper and the ink used to print out the request. That alone didn't take thousands of dollars as previously misstated. This does not come close to what UC does for Wisconsin students, but I could write a book about their many victories and works in

progress. On Nov. 17 and 18, make sure to get online through the Frednet link and vote yes to United Council.

Gayle Poepping, student

United Council wastes time, student funding

Recently, Student Senate passed a motion by a 15 to 2 vote to hold a student referendum to drop financial support for United Council. The UC, which states that it is a lobbying body for UW students, has finally crossed the line. Here is what your money goes to:

The UC changed its recognition of Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. This sort of work is ridiculous and insulting to some. Furthermore, it has wasted time when they should be trying to bring tuition costs down.

The UC, to appease an almost unheard of group on campuses, persuaded people to make "gender-neutral" bathrooms available. The intent was to provide an alternative restroom for those individuals who are unsure of which bathroom to use. The UC stated that it is "potentially dangerous" and "unsafe" for transgender students to use a restroom that they are uncomfortable with. This proposal took time away from ensuring that the bathrooms in the dorms and classroom buildings are properly functioning—which is a more important matter to students.

Finally, the UC supports several agendas that are not favored by a majority of the UW student body. In essence, your money is going toward causes that you may not support. To put it in perspective, would it be fair if the University made the students pay a mandatory fee to the NRA? Even as an NRA member, I cannot see the fairness in taking students' money and putting it toward a one-sided political organization. If you would like more information on this issue, please feel free to join the College Republicans Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center.

Make sure to vote no on Nov. 17 and 18.

Jake Duesenberg, student

Council president urges 'yes' vote

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 17 and 18, there will be a referendum on the ballot for UW-

River Falls students to decide if they want to maintain their membership in the United Council of UW Students.

United Council is Wisconsin's statewide student association. We are a student-run and student-directed organization with a full-time professional staff of nine. The direction and scope of the organization is decided by student representatives who have been selected by their campus.

We have won numerous victories for students over our 43 years of existence. We recently won our campaign linking financial aid increases to tuition increases. This means that financial aid is now required to go up at the same rate as tuition. Working with River Falls Representative Sheila Harsdorf, we won a campus exemption to the concealed weapons bill so that classrooms will be gun-free. We have worked tirelessly with Minnesota's student associations to protect tuition reciprocity between our two states, especially when it has been under attack. Currently, we are on the cusp of getting a second student onto the UW Board of Regents.

While you pay \$1.35 per semester, this is nothing compared to what the organization has saved you through reducing tuition hikes and increasing financial aid. However, our fee is refundable. You can still get your \$1.35 back (plus postage) if you do not like the work we do.

United Council operates as a forum for students across the state. Campuses send representatives to our General Assemblies and these representatives take stances on issues. Some of these issues are controversial, true, but they are all voted on by the students sent to our General Assemblies. Sometimes these issues pass and sometimes they fail. The key point is that students are bringing issues important to them, to the organization, and pushing them on a statewide level. In the end, the organization prioritizes the key issues like tuition and financial aid that mobilize a broad range of students.

River Falls needs to be a part of this process to have its voice heard. The reason that issues like tuition reciprocity stay at the forefront of our agenda is that border campuses like River Falls continue to bring those issues to the attention of the assembly. While there may be some issues that certain people do not agree with, these are best addressed by voicing your campus' concerns rather than removing River Falls from the organization altogether. By removing River Falls' representation you eliminate your voice in the direction of the organization.

United Council is the only voice that students have on a statewide level. But, in addition to this, we have been instrumental in keeping students empowered to tackle the issues that they face on campus. We provide numerous training opportunities and two large conferences per year. All of these things, in themselves, could cost the campus thousands of dollars and they empower students to work on local issues like parking and other campus concerns.

There are very few organizations that can boast saving students hundreds of dollars for a refundable fee of \$1.35 per semester. For these reasons I urge you to vote YES on the United Council referendum and continue River Falls' membership in this great organization.

Jeff Pertl

President,
United Council of UW Students

Previous letter raises questions for writer, others

Man, Jeff, so many points were missed in my letter I felt I had to clear them up.

Point number 1: Those definitions were to show both sides of the argument. Picking the one definition that works for an argument and leaving out the rest of the definitions is just twisted politics. Basically, I wanted to show that not only was heterosexuality left out, once I cross referenced the American heritage dictionary, I found that the definition of "sexual activity" wasn't even the first definition. This means there is a more used definition of both homo and heterosexuality. "Sexual Orientation to people of the same (or opposite) sex." The only difference between the definitions of homosexuality and heterosexuality are the sexes of the people involved. That much is true. So if homosexuality is just a "sexual act" so is heterosexuality. I'm saying tell your girlfriend (or boyfriend) that everything he/she feels for you is nothing more than the drive for sex. Every time you cried over a lost love, every time you felt pride in your lovely date, every time you held your partner close and felt pure joy, I think it would be obvious that you've done more than "sexual acts." It's not something you can just define from a dictionary. Maybe it's a start, but a book can't describe live, vibrant emotions like that.

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Student Voice

Logic lost at Student Health

UW-River Falls' Student Health Services (SHS) has drafted its finalized proposal on the implementation of a smoker-free radius 25 feet around all campus buildings, so it's only a half step away from becoming official. But I'm perplexed as to why smokers made all the concessions in this proposal.

To begin, one should recognize neither smokers nor non-smokers would completely win over the other side, making the opposition irrelevant. Recognizing and respecting each other's differences, the two sides should have compromised.

But Student Health Services has no intention on recognizing the rights or even the existence of smokers who don't wish to quit.

In her column a few weeks back, Jamie Nielsen asked why smokers don't stop whining and request a smoking lounge. I posed the same idea to Student Health Services' Keven Syverson. His initial answer: "I don't quite follow your logic." He couldn't understand why people might think it was the responsibility of SHS to accommodate smokers in any way. Besides, such ideas were too expensive, in his view.



Ignorance is free. Grants from the American Cancer Association allow Student Health Services to focus on second hand smoke reduction. Fine. But the SHS people who sought these grants obviously weren't looking out for the entire campus community because the angle they've taken doesn't even attempt to address smokers' concerns.

Campus Tobacco Coordinator Jennifer Elssesser said SHS has no reason to cater to smokers because their smoke is killing people, yet she, Syverson and director Alice Reilly-Myklebust claim they have no ambitions to impose a smoke-free campus policy. Now it's my turn to say "I don't quite follow your logic." If smokers are killing people with their smoke, how can SHS stop at sending them 25 feet away from buildings? We must still have murderers on our campus, then, if we don't ban it altogether, I guess. Oh wait; maybe that was SHS's concession in the proposal.

Apparently, despite the name, Student Health Services has no conflict of conscious when it thrusts smokers out from under the shelter of buildings, into snow, sleet, sub-zero wind-chill and a good chance of subsequent sickness, yet

ERIC GUADE

Cars, pedestrians must work together

Monday night I was driving to a meeting on campus. It was about 5:45 at night, which, at this time of the year, means it was pitch black I was heading east down Cascade Avenue, driving pretty close to the speed limit. The student crossing Cascade in front of the Student Center must have been doing the speed limit as well because she was suddenly right in front of me.

Luckily for both of us, I have good brakes and even better reflexes, and there was no one behind me. It scared me a little bit because I knew I'd almost become the third River Falls crosswalk accident in less than two weeks. The pedestrian just kept going, unfazed by the event.

Had there been an accident, I would most likely have been the ticketed party. Why? Because I'm bigger than she is, so I should have paid more attention to my surroundings. But would it really have been my fault?

Crosswalk accidents have been all too common lately. The first incident happened Oct. 27 on Cascade Ave. It was a rainy Monday about 5:30 in the afternoon when a UW-River Falls student decided to cross Cascade. He was hit by another student in a car, flipping over and off the windshield. The crash left a modest imprint on the vehicle and a broken windshield. The pedestrian was treated at River Falls Area Hospital and released the next day.

"I didn't see him until he was right in front of the car," the driver said, citing the glare of oncoming headlights to be a factor. I'm not surprised she didn't see him. I had a hard time seeing them and it wasn't even raining. She was cited for failing to yield the



KARYN NELSON

right-of-way to a pedestrian. The second accident was Nov. 6 on Cemetery Road in front of the high school. The sophomore was crossing on her way home from school when she was struck. She was transported to the hospital, but no citations were issued.

What's it going to take for pedestrians, drivers and the City of River Falls to realize crosswalks are dangerous places? Before someone gets killed, we need to review our own behavior. If we want fewer accidents, we need to work together on it.

First, drivers need to understand that the law is to stop. I know in many places that law is routinely broken, and the pedestrians there know it. In my hometown, if you step out in front of a car, you will get hit. Cascade is also State Highway 29, so many drivers are not familiar

it's steadfast in its crusade to stop all possibilities that a person might contract a disease or cancer in the distant future. Its priorities seem a little backwards. Maybe it should be renamed: Student Long-Term Health Services.

In order for Student Health Services to improve its effectiveness, it needs to do a few things:

For starters, fire the current fanatics at SHS, and hire people who incorporate the entire campus community in their plans. The blatantly exclusionary measures in the new policy does not bode well for future policies from these people, nor for the nurturing of compassionate, future leaders.

Narrow the anti-tobacco message. Instead of trying to "save" all smokers, why not focus on helping only those who want to quit. They want to hear from you; the others don't.

Finally, keep health risks in context. Don't sensationalize. SHS is supposed to be a service for the campus community, so go ahead and say smoking may reduce years from your life, but keep risks in context by emphasizing how the amount of smoke in the air, its content and frequency of exposure affect the extent of health hazards.

with the city's habits. Drivers also need to be more cautious at night. Even though the law says 25 m.p.h., cars need to slow down even more for safety when it's dark.

As pedestrians, we need to practice "defensive walking." That means we look both ways before we cross the street. We have to make sure each car is slowing down before we dart out in front of them, especially when it's dark. And if you know you'll be crossing Cascade in the dark, try to wear something brighter than classic black.

And lastly, the City of River Falls. The city could do a lot to make our streets safer. On Cemetery, there needs to be crosswalks and maybe even crossing guards. There are sidewalks and curb cuts indicating there should be crosswalks, but nothing on the road to warn drivers that people could be crossing. The speed limit should be lowered from 35 to 25 as well.

On Cascade, there are already crosswalks with flashing lights because they are known to be dangerous. A few years ago, parking spaces were eliminated on the street for better visibility for both drivers and pedestrians. That helped, but what the street really needs is better lighting. The old yellow lights that sometimes work just aren't cutting it. We need bright white lighting at all intersections so people are visible.

With all these combined, crossing River Falls streets will be less hazardous for all involved.

Punishment needed regardless of outcome

After opening up last week's River Falls Journal many things came to my mind as I read an article about Angie Brenna, a 19 year-old River Falls resident, appearing on Oprah.

For those of you who are unaware, Brenna was involved in a car accident June 26. Brenna was driving down I-94 when she lost control of the van she was driving. The van overturned and she was thrown out, severing her spinal cord. As a result, Brenna is paralyzed from the chest down.

In the most recent article, Brenna talked about her experience being interviewed by Oprah for a segment featuring people whose lives were changed forever by a decision they made.

To my surprise, and I am sure the surprise of many other readers, Brenna's appearance on Oprah was in jeopardy due to her recent drunk driving conviction.

You see, the Journal explains that Brenna not only chose to not wear a seatbelt and use her cell phone while driving; she also chose to drink with friends the night before her accident. But the things the Journal didn't tell you could be much more important.

After some quick researching I came across records stating Brenna was convicted of underage drinking in October and November 2002. With each ticket, Brenna was charged \$225 and her license was suspended for 45 days.

As many of us know, underage drinking at the age of 19 is unfortunately too common these days, but for Brenna and others it should be something much more.

Following Brenna's accident in June, charges surfaced relating to the accident. She was charged with driving after suspension, failure to wear a seatbelt, operating while intoxicated (OWI) and operating with blood alcohol content more than .10 percent. But all were dismissed, and, according to the Journal, the dismissal was due to her "other circumstances." What



TIFFANY SHELMAN

other circumstances? Her being paralyzed?

I know that to some I may come across as heartless, but I seriously don't understand. Brenna went out with friends, drank quite a bit, I am guessing, and made the life-changing decision nine hours later to get behind the wheel of a van and drive—without a license. Why should she not be punished? The \$766 OWI fine was dismissed because she severed her spinal cord? What would have happened if she had severed her spinal cord and killed someone

else? Would the fine have still been dismissed? I would like to think not.

I look back to her underage drinking tickets and license suspension and say to myself she obviously didn't understand consequences are for a reason. The law is meant to help people learn from their mistakes and to deter them from doing wrong things in the first place. If Brenna had abided by her original license suspension, she probably would not have driven after a night of drinking and severed her spinal cord.

I wonder how many times things like dismissals of charges occur nationwide because someone hurts themselves. "I wonder how many times things like dismissals of charges occur nationwide because someone hurts themselves."

If I went out tomorrow, pounded a few beers, jumped in my Grand Am, turned it over on I-94 and walked away with a few broken bones, would I still be charged with an OWI?

I think that people should be charged no matter what the outcome may be. Then they will realize that laws were put in place for a reason and the underage drinking ticket they got as a 19-year-old will carry a little more baggage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS from A4

Using twisted and picked over definitions like what Mr. Duesenberg used is just a crappy argument against gay people. It's blasphemy.

Point number 2: UW-RF may be a state institution, but it caters to the health and well-being of thousands of students. Since people live on campus, UW-RF is obligated to look after the well-being (including the mental health) of those people. If you removed all sexually oriented groups, you'd have to remove the religious ones as well. No, that's not what we should be geared towards. The point was completely missed here. My fault; it may have been unclear. No, I was talking more about government laws telling Americans how they can and can't enjoy getting cozy with their partners. Personally, I don't want W. telling me that what I'm doing in my own bedroom with a consenting adult partner is wrong or illegal because a bunch of old, haughty conservatives squirm at the idea.

Point number 3: Find me an unedited, un-translated version of the Bible and we'll talk. It's been translated into thousands of lan-

guages and been subject to countless re-makings and interpretations. It, like every thing else, is subject to scrutiny and question. The content has most likely changed somewhat in the last 2000 years. Don't worry about me not knowing the Bible though: 18 years in a Catholic household, church on Sunday, catechism—I did the whole works. Confirmed and everything. I'm saying I never read anywhere where Christ said to use His name for war, bigotry, hatred, prejudice and discrimination. I thought he was more along the lines of "Love yourself. Love your neighbor. Do good works. Shut up and go home." And I doubt the original writers wanted their sacred masterpiece to be used as a shield for war, bigotry, hatred, prejudice and discrimination either. If I had to take a guess, I'd say they wanted it to be used as a guide for living a good life. Personally, I don't believe God uses a "tally" system, nor did I say I did, but to say people who do believe in that idea is wrong also. Rather snotty and self righteous, too. You shouldn't say, "Oh, what an uneducated and simple mind." You should be saying, "Thank you

for believing in Him. Welcome friend." Stealing a fabulous line from the movie "Dogma," "It doesn't matter what you have faith in, just that you have faith." How do you know it's wrong anyway? I don't care how religious you are, I doubt you've been up to ask God personally. No one knows until they make that final trip, so don't be so sure you have all the right answers. It's the downfall of plenty of denominations.

Finally, I firmly believe that I have not misrepresented the thoughts of myself or of others. I know with all my heart and believe with my entire mind that the sidewalks really are here so students don't get their sneakers muddy going from class to class.

Amy Schobert, student

Design this page next semester. Stop by 304 North Hall for an application.

Board of Regents deserve criticism

The UW System Board of Regents is an important part of the educational system at UW-River Falls, yet many people don't even know who is on the Board or what it does.

The Board sets admission standards and deals with university budget issues, among other things.

Lately, however, the Board has been under intense media scrutiny for some of its shady actions. And, surprise, some of the regents aren't too happy about all of the negative press.

A few weeks ago, one of the regents, Danae Davis, tore into members of the local media saying the scrutiny has been "offensive" to her.

It all began in September when the Board, without proper public notice of the meeting approved, salary range increases for top UW executives.

Stories in papers across the state have brought to light details about



telephone conferences between regents before meetings. Apparently, they take this time to discuss the meeting's agenda.

She went on to use the lame excuse that everyone makes mistakes so the media should back off; the things the media are focusing on are getting way out of proportion.

It seems Davis has forgotten the role she plays in the UW System. It's a very important one that is kept in check by media questions and scrutiny. If something like the secret phone calls and improper public meeting notices went unnoticed, then groups like the Board of Regents would only be criticized more in the long run when things really got out of hand.

Even if the media is blowing the whole thing out of proportion, I'm glad something was mentioned. As a result of the media coverage, many in the UW System have probably been taking a closer look at what the Board does. Not only does this help students become more educated, it prevents further questionable activity from going on

under the table.

Instead of turning around and pointing her finger back at the media—which conveniently takes the focus off all the wrong things the Board is doing under the table—Davis should be thanking the media for helping the Board become more educated about the proper operating procedures it needs to follow.

Davis' fellow regent Gerard Randal seemed to have the opposite point of view—not to mention the correct one.

In a Nov. 13 article in the River Falls Journal Davis said, "The Board is certainly more aware of the proper procedures and should seize this opportunity to reaffirm its role as a public body that invites public discussion and encourages public scrutiny."

Hopefully more than just Regent Davis share this viewpoint because it's an important one to keep in mind.

Such powerful bodies as the Board of Regents need to be looked at with a magnifying glass from every angle. If that offends you, get a new job.

How do you feel about Student Senate's proposed movement to abandon United Council?



Jessica Dauffenbach, Senior

"I think that as long as the student senate represents the students and not just their personal agendas I would support any decision they made about United Council."



Jerred Martinson, Senior

"I think we should be represented at a government level. Our voice should be heard as well as anyone else's."



Jamie Molschenbacher, Freshman

"I don't think they should abandon it. I don't agree with that at all. I think they should get people to join it rather than take it away."



Jackie Carpenter, Junior

"Kind of sounds like if they want to get rid of it they need to have some sort of connection to the outside. What does Student Senate propose we have instead of the United Council lobbyists?"



Justin Misiewicz, Freshman

"I think we should know more about the situation. They should tell us why they're getting rid of them. I've never even heard of it."

PHOTO POLL by Eric Ebert

UNITED COUNCIL from A1

some students feel forgotten.

"The UC wastes our time," Parrish said. "Our voice isn't being heard anyways. We have our own issues."

Kneissel said Senate is putting out a pamphlet stating the pros and cons of being a UC campus.

It will also include the mission of the UC.

The UC lobbies for issues representing campuses statewide. Students are welcome to bring up any issue at general assemblies they feel UC needs to support.

McFeeley said one student from Madison felt it was important Columbus Day be changed to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Although many rumors circulated, there was "no piece of legislation supporting this issue," McFeeley said. "UC is not working on the issue and no significant organizational funds are being used."

While the UC has no power to officially change the name of a federal holiday, the UC no longer recognizes a holiday by the name of Columbus Day. Instead, they recognize Indigenous People's Day.

Individual student issues aren't all the UC deals with. The UC is dealing with other issues including trying to add a second student to the Board of Regents. The bill passed the Wisconsin State Senate and it must pass the Wisconsin Assembly. If the Assembly passes the bill, the governor has said he will sign it, McFeeley said.

The UC tries to provide a forum for networking to gain ideas and gain knowledge on how to deal with local issues.

LAWYER from A1

ly pro bono.

He will consult with students about issues and tell them their options.

When the workload begins to get

too heavy, he speaks with them and will begin to charge. None of the students that have called have become clients.

"I see my role not as trying to get work, but as letting students know what their rights are," Boles said.

As for returning next year, Boles said he will wait and see how this year goes.

Students interested in contacting Boles can do so through the Student Senate office located in the Leadership Center.

In hopes of reaching more students and lightening Boles' work load, Kneissel hopes to have Boles come to campus every semester for an hour or two and consult with students who have questions.

MURRAY from A1

over the position this fall.

Hausler shared Kagol's reference to Murray's vitality to the existence of a student radio station on campus.

"We had a problem with the phones while doing interviews on the air for Journalism 241," Hausler said. "I mentioned it to Al and it was fixed the next day."

Hausler said that although Murray reflects an aura of seriousness, he does bring a light-hearted attitude to the station.

"We had a directors meeting recently and Al was talking about the quality of the new processors and he said, 'They're fat, with a P-H,'" Hausler said. "We all looked at each other and busted out laughing."

Murray, who lives in Hudson with his wife Lois, takes a parental pride in the students who have moved on to graze radio's greener pastures. He was recently interviewed by one, Cathy Wurzer of Minnesota Public Radio, to share his experiences on the Tidewater.

For a man who has never known the fraternity of fatherhood, he has spawned a radio station and nurtured it through maturation.

"Nope. No kids," Murray said. "Well one, WRFW."

He spends his days working as the supervisor of technological services in the basement of North Hall. He listens to a radio, as a parent to an infant monitor, and Hausler said Murray checks into the station at least twice a day.

"River Falls is really a very special place," Murray said. "I feel very rewarded for just having the opportunity to work here."

River Falls is a special place, made by special people.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

On the third floor of North Hall, Al Murray, WRFW's chief engineer checks gauges at the station for freezing. Murray has kept WRFW on track and on air for four decades.

Murray is one of them.

The man is fat. With a P-H.

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Section B

Living at-large

After the Eagles swept UW-RF in the WIAC finals, the Falcons were revived by the tournament selection committee

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls volleyball team earned a bid to the NCAA Div. III National playoffs despite failing to automatically qualify by winning the WIAC tournament on their home court.

The UW-La Crosse Eagles swept the Falcons, 3-0, at Karges Center Saturday afternoon to earn the WIAC tournament trophy and secure the conference's automatic bid to the postseason dance. The Falcons had to wait for a call from the selection committee late Sunday to find out their season was extended. Now UW-RF has new life, and head coach Patti Ford is confident the team will go far.

"I think we're good enough to be in the elite eight," Ford said. "We have as good a chance as anybody. All we need is a solid weekend."

UW-Whitewater, the WIAC third-place team, joins the two conference finalists in the field of 48 teams vying for the national championship. A year ago, UW-Whitewater beat the Falcons in the WIAC finals and earned the automatic bid, while the Falcons wait-

ed for a call that never came. The Warhawks went on to win the national championship by beating Washington (Mo.) University in the NCAA finals at Whitewater.

"It's a great tribute to the WIAC that three teams were selected," Ford said. "That really shows the national power of our conference. We will have great representation in the Midwest regional."

The three other teams rounding out the Midwest regional are Concordia-Moorhead, Elmhurst and Lakeland. La Crosse will be the host site and both the Eagles and the Falcons will receive first-round byes. The Eagles will play the winner of the Concordia-Moorhead/Elmhurst match. The Falcons will play the winner of the Whitewater/Lakeland match. The first round is scheduled for Thursday, the second round for Friday and the regional final for Saturday.

To make it to the WIAC finals, the Falcons took down Oshkosh Friday night at Karges Center. The Falcons stung the Yellowjackets, 3-0. Then they dismantled the Titans, 3-1.

Friday night against Oshkosh, Logan Kiesch had 15 kills and three service aces. Nina Petersen had 11 kills and five block assists. Erin Oberholtzer set 38 assists and collected 11 digs. Jen

"I think we're good enough to be in the elite eight. We have as good a chance as anybody. All we need is a solid weekend."

Patti Ford,
head volleyball coach

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SIGN LANGUAGE



Photo by Mike Foley

John Smits, ITS network administrator, and his sons, Michael, 5, and Andrew, 3, establish a Logan Kiesch cheering section at the WIAC semi-final match against UW-Oshkosh in Karges Center Friday night. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee is sponsoring a bus to La Crosse so UW-RF students can see the volleyball Falcons play in the national tournament. The Falcons will play the winner of the UW-Whitewater/Lakeland match Nov. 14 at 4:30 in La Crosse. The bus will leave from Karges Center at 2 p.m.

Crowd must be sixth man for men's basketball team

How many of you were at the final men's basketball game of the season last year? Not enough.

If you were, you weren't loud enough – or drunk enough. Either way, the UW-Eau Claire fans who made the trip – most of them a couple hours early to convene at our local watering holes to calm their pre-game jitters – embarrassed you on your home turf.

By the way, the Falcons lost that game to the Bluegolds, 68-65, and were ousted from the WIAC tournament.

As they say, that was then, and this is now. Let me get you up to speed.

Last Wednesday, the sports information directors of the WIAC voted your Falcons as the conference favorites going into the season. That hasn't happened since ... well, never.

The Falcons haven't won a conference title since the 1949-50 campaign when they cut down the peach baskets in back-to-back seasons.

They haven't won more than 10 conference games, or finished higher than third place, in coach Rick

Bowen's 17-year tenure.

So what's new?

Let's get it out in the open. We have NCAA Div. III Preseason Player of the Year Rich Melzer. The 6-foot-8-inch, 230-pound weapon of mass destruction is just waiting to explode on the rest of the conference. It ain't gonna be that easy.

You think the rest of the conference's studs aren't going to be out to prove that they can measure up with a potential NBA draft pick every game? So now we are not only the preseason favorite, which always gets an opponent up, we also have

ERIC A. PAGE

The conference knows that Melzer is the best player in the league. They may even be willing to let him score 30 a night because they know the Falcons don't have any other consistent threat.

Matt Kukla has dazzled at times and been indifferent at others. Micah Helfrey, while leading the WIAC in assists a year ago, needs to control the game from the point. Someone, anyone, needs to step in and patrol

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Men's hockey team wins two more

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team won its first home game of the season Nov. 7 and another on the road Nov. 8.

In UW-RF's home opener on Friday night, the Falcons beat Augsburg, 6-3. On Saturday, the Falcons traveled to Concordia-Moorhead and beat the Cobbers, 3-1. The wins raise the fifth-ranked Falcons' record to 4-0 on the young season.

After taking care of business on the road with two wins against the Milwaukee School of Engineering, UW-RF showcased its 2003-04 team in front of the Falcon faithful at Hunt Arena Friday night. Head coach Steve Freeman said the home fans provided an exciting setting for hockey.

"The fans definitely gave us an edge," Freeman said. "It was a super atmosphere. It was really exciting for everybody to play in. Hunt Arena was really rockin'. It was one of the best crowds we've had in a long, long time. It just makes it that much more fun for everybody to go out and be part of that atmosphere."

The Falcons used the atmosphere to put six goals in the net. Jim Murphy scored twice, and Jamie Steinert, Tony Sikich, Matt Elsen and Aaron Degerness each scored once.

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men's hockey coach
Steve Freeman

UW-RF goalie Dan Meneghin stopped 20 of the 23 shots he faced while, the Falcons had 30 shots on goal. Freeman was pleased with the win, but he noticed several things the Falcons needed to improve on down the stretch.

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Clock strikes midnight on Falcon soccer cinderellas

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's soccer team played its heart out in the WIAC tournament held at Ramer Field Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons topped UW-Oshkosh on Friday 1-0 to gain a spot in the championship game against UW-Stevens Point. The Pointers advanced to the finals with a 5-0 win over UW-La Crosse on Friday. UW-SP won six straight WIAC playoff

titles and had a 32-1 record in WIAC playoff games entering the title match against the Falcons.

Earlier in the year at UW-SP, the Pointers beat the Falcons, 5-0.

The title game went down to the wire and UW-SP finished with a 2-1

double overtime win over the Falcons to claim the 2003 playoff title.

After a scoreless first half, the Falcons grabbed a 1-0 lead at 74:23 when Katie Rooney scored her fifth goal of the season. Sarah Carlson

got the lone assist. UW-SP tied the game at 79:31 when Jenny Bruce scored with an assist to Melissa Becker. That's how regulation ended.

UW-SP's Andie Oswald got the game winner at 104:52 with an assist to Megan Frey. UW-SP outshot the Falcons 38-4. Falcon goalie Apryl Jennrich made 20 saves and UW-SP's Melissa Meister stopped three shots. Even with being outshot in the contest, the Falcons had what they were playing for – a chance to win.

"We knew we were in for a tough game against Stevens Point and we planned for it," Falcon Coach Sean McKuras said. "We absolutely came out and performed well. Once again, Apryl was fantastic and as a team we played like a veteran group."

In the semifinal win over Oshkosh, Rooney scored the only goal in the match at 39:20. She was assisted by Carlson. The Falcons had 10 shots on goal and Oshkosh finished with 20. UW-O outshot the Falcons 10-1 in the second half. But Jennrich played her usual stalwart game in goal. She finished with 13 saves in the game, six coming in the second half. It was her ninth shutout of the year.

"Against Oshkosh we finished one of a few chances we got," McKuras

said. "We played fantastic defense and Apryl was fantastic in goal. It was a tribute to the team that we play with such composure."

The Falcons finish their exciting and successful season with a 17-4 overall record.



Photo by Mike Foley

Falcon goalkeeper Apryl Jennrich dives to cover a loose ball near the goal in the WIAC semi-final match against UW-Oshkosh at Ramer Field Friday morning. Jennrich got the shutout, 1-0, and the Falcons advanced to the final against UW-Stevens Point.



Photo by Mike Foley

In the WIAC championship match, the Falcons fell to the Pointers, 2-1, in double overtime to end UW-RF soccer's most successful season in school history. UW-SP has never lost the WIAC tourney.

Falcon football team can't ground Eagles' air attack



UW-La Crosse defenders struggle to take down Falcon freshman fullback Owen Schmitt. The big back picked up 125 yards in the game Saturday afternoon at Ramer Field.

Photo by Eric A. Page

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

On a frigid day at Ramer Field, the UW-River Falls Falcon football team was unable to warm up enough to keep pace with the Eagles of La Crosse, losing 34-22. The loss was the Falcons' ninth straight to the Eagles.

The Eagles (8-1, 5-1 WIAC) used a methodical offense and a stubborn defense to upend the Falcons (2-6, 2-4) for the thirteenth time in the last fifteen meetings.

"They're better than we are," Falcon coach John O'Grady said. "They have kids with size and speed. We played almost a flawless game, but they just out-executed us."

Eagle halfback Andrew Mocadlo, the WIAC's leading rusher, ran for 241 yards on 35 carries, and Ben Dorsey caught six passes for 147 yards and two touchdowns to help La Crosse to the win.

The Falcons spotted the Eagles a 19-0 lead halfway through the second quarter before senior quarterback Tom Pulford, who started the game for the Falcons, scored from three yards out to pull within 19-6 and give the Falcons momentum

heading into halftime.

"Pulford made a great read on the play. I was happy to see him do it," O'Grady said of the senior's effort in his last home game.

A scoreless third quarter set the stage for another classic finish in the storied rivalry between the two programs. Eagle quarterback Steve Tennies had different ideas.

Tennies, a sophomore who threw for 239 yards and three touchdowns, scored on a bootleg run from two yards out with 11 minutes remaining in the game to put the Eagles in front 26-6.

"I think our guys felt really good at halftime," O'Grady said. "We knew what they were doing, and our guys had confidence that we could move the ball."

The Falcons put together two of their most impressive drives of the season in the fourth quarter. With freshman quarterback Troy Foss navigating a precise wishbone attack, the Falcons sandwiched a 10-play drive and a 12-play drive around the Eagles final score.

Without calling a single pass play, the Falcons marched 62 yards in 10 plays, capped by a Foss 4-yard touchdown run, to pull within 26-12 with seven minutes to play. A two-

point conversion run by Foss pulled the Falcons within 26-14.

An on-side kick attempt failed and the Eagles gained possession at the Falcon 42-yard line. On third-and-eight from the 40, with the Falcons again gaining momentum, Tennies hit Dorsey in the flat and the speedy receiver did the rest of the work himself, streaking to the endzone to put the Eagles back up by 20.

"That one hurt," O'Grady said. "It was a dramatic play. We missed a tackle in the flat, and the kid goes all the way. It just changed the whole thing."

The Falcons, again without calling a pass play, responded with a 12-play 67-yard drive to score the games final touchdown on a Foss seven-yard option play. A two-point conversion pass from Foss to Jeremy Wolff capped the scoring.

A last ditch on-side kick effort again came up short, and the Eagles ran out the clock.

Owen Schmitt was one of two Falcon rushers to gain 100 yards, piling up 125 on 26 carries. John Peterlik went for 117 on 13 carries. Foss contributed 77 yards on 17 carries and scored two touchdowns.

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Men's swim team wins one, women split over weekend

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's swimming teams were back in action after a two-week break with meets against MSU-Moorhead and Macalester last weekend.

Against MSU-Moorhead, the Falcon women lost, 178-114. MSU doesn't have a men's team, so the UW-RF men swam a series of time trials.

Abby Olson, Rachel Clark and Kelly Deters led the Falcons with two first-place finishes each. Deters won the 100 free in 58.64 and the 50 free in 26.47. Olson won the 200 back in 2:28.72 and the 100 back in 1:10.24. Clark won the 200 fly in 2:29.8 and the 400 IM in 5:08.78. Laura Schultz won the 100 breaststroke in 1:19.84.

Saturday at Macalester, the men took home a 116-54 win while the Scot women took a 118-95 win.

For the men, the Falcons took nine

individual first places and also won two relay events.

Chad Goetsch won the 1,500 free in 18:55.81 and the 400 free in 4:45.7. Brandon Van Vleet won the 50 free in 24.43 and the 100 free in 54.74. Ryan Smaagard won the 200 free in 2:16.4 and the 100 fly in 1:06.83. Jon Jarvis won the 200 IM in 2:28.05 while Ryan Hawke took the top spot in the 100 back in 1:11.86. Kyle Palmer took first place in the 100 breaststroke in 1:16.49. The Falcon 200 medley relay team took first in 2:04.17 and the 400 free relay team won in 4:22.13.

Clark led the women with two first place finishes. She won the 200 IM in 2:41.24 and the 100 fly in 1:12.29. Deters took the top finish in the 50 free in 29.62. Schultz won the 400 free in 5:19.67. The Falcon 400 free relay team also won first place in 4:50.02.

UW-RF will next swim in the WIAC Relays Nov. 22 at UW-La Crosse.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Rachel Clark swims backstroke portion of the 200 IM at the River Falls High School pool Friday. Clark won the event with a time of 2:41.24. She also won the 100 fly.

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team won for the first time, 3-1 over Augsburg, Saturday night at Hunt Arena and overpowered St. Catherine, 5-1, Wednesday night.

Against St. Catherine, UW-RF led 1-0 after one and 4-1 after two. Lindsay O'Keefe gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead at 17:48 of the first period with an unassisted goal. The Falcons went ahead, 2-0, at 2:45 of the second period when Leah Baron scored with an assist from Emily Nierenhausen. SC made it a 2-1 game at 10:09 when Laurel Volenec scored an unassisted goal.

The Falcons made it 3-1 at 11:48 when Nicole Magnuson scored with an assist to Nierenhausen. At 18:18 the Falcons scored again, just one second after a SC penalty expired. Allison Schaber scored with assists to Lindsay Carlson and Kristen Hurley. The Falcons scored the only goal of the third period at 8:00 when

Amy Gilbertson scored with an assist to Jenny Wallace.

Falcon goalie Amber Lindner made her first collegiate start a success by picking up the win. She made 16 saves.

Against Augsburg, the Falcons opened the scoring at 10:17 of the first period when Amy Gilbertson scored her first collegiate goal. She was assisted by Nicole Magnuson and Lindsay Carlson. Augsburg tied the game at 16:31 when Lauren Chezick scored a power-play goal. The Falcons got the lead for good at 14:37 of the second period when Carlson scored a power-play goal assisted by Kelly Hurley.

In the third, Jodi Hensch scored a power-play goal at 5:15 to put the Falcons ahead, 3-1. UW-RF goalie

Marlene Yaeger made 21 saves to get the win. The Falcons had 33 shots on goal.

The 33 shots in the game were the most by the Falcons in a game this year. The 22 shots allowed was the fewest in a game this season.

On Friday the Falcons were on the road at Gustavus Adolphus where they lost a 3-1 decision.

The score was 1-1 until Gustavus-Adolphus scored two third-period goals. Lindsay O'Keefe scored the Falcons goal at 18:00 off an assist from Lou Paulson.

Yaeger collected 32 saves on 35 shots on goal. UW-RF had 19 shots. UW-RF, now 2-3-0 overall and 0-2-0 in the NCHA, will travel to St. Benedict Friday. Saturday they travel to St. Thomas.

Falcon goalie closes rollercoaster career

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

Many UW-River Falls athletes have seen good times and bad times, but Falcon soccer goalie Apryl Jennrich has stayed with the team through some of the lowest of the low times to enjoy the highest of the high times this season.

As the team's captain and one of very few seniors on the team, Jennrich remembers what Falcon soccer was like before head coach Sean Mc Kuras took over. Her stats as a goaltender were far less admirable than they are now, despite being a good enough player to start as a freshman.

The team went 3-14 and only scored six goals the entire season. Jennrich's goals against average was more than four goals per game, but she stayed with it even though team didn't play well.

"I didn't play just to win," Jennrich said. "I wanted to have fun. Winning does make it more fun though."

As Jennrich improved as a leader and communicator, the team responded.

"Apryl has improved her skills in three big areas - her footwork, communication and leadership," Mc Kuras said.

This season, Jennrich has poured it on. Her goals against average is way under one goal per game and she has orchestrated 9.5 shutouts. The team enjoyed its most successful season in school history and became the first team in the WIAC to knock UW-Stevens Point off the top spot in the regular season standings with an overall record of 17-4.

Next year the Falcons will have to take the field without her in goal.

"It will be a big loss," Mc Kuras said. "Just losing her communication and field organization will leave a mark, not to mention."

The four-year starter holds several Falcon records despite struggling her first two years.

She holds several single-season records and with her performances this year, she secured several career records. Some records are for nega-



Senior Falcon soccer goalie Apryl Jennrich embraces a teammate after the UW-RF players presented her with a soccer ball with all their signatures. Jennrich said she has played with many talented players at UW-RF, but this is the first year she has been on a talented team.

tive performances and serve as a reminder of how persistent she was despite two tough seasons.

She holds Falcon career records for the most goalie games played (99), most wins (38) and most losses (27). Jennrich has the most goals against (120), but also has the most saves (725). Even though she had two rough seasons with goals against averages in the stratosphere, she recovered as an upperclassman to record the best career goals

against average in school history (1.21).

While Jennrich has piled up the individual records this year, the accomplishment she is most proud of is team-oriented.

"I'm proud of how the team has come together. I haven't played on a good team in a long time, but I've played with a bunch of good players. This year we are a good team."

Jennrich began playing soccer when she was 6 years-old. She

learned to play goalie when she was 12, only because she was the tallest girl on the team and the coach's daughter.

Jennrich cites Mc Kuras and one of her junior varsity high school coaches as important figures in her soccer development, but her father, Ken, still holds the lead role.

"He's been a huge part of my life," Jennrich said. "He encouraged me to go to camps and has been supportive every day."

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Eau Claire (4-5)	3	3
River Falls (2-6)	2	4
Oshkosh (4-5)	1	5
Platteville (3-6)	1	5

Nov. 8 results		
La Crosse	06 13 00 15	-34
River Falls	00 06 00 16	-22

1st Quarter
08:18 LC Jensen 30-yard field goal, 13 plays, 46 yards, TOP 4:43, LC 3 - RF 0
02:46 LC Jensen 37-yard field goal, 6 plays, 58 yards, TOP 3:01, LC 6 - RF 0
2nd Quarter
12:10 LC Dorsey 74-yard pass from Tennes (pass failed) 5 plays, 97 yards, TOP 2:40, LC 12 - RF 0
05:32 LC Burnoski 13-yard pass from Tennes (Jensen kick) 8 plays, 65 yards, TOP 3:26, LC 19 - RF 0
01:33 RF Pulford 3-yard run (kick failed) 8 plays, 76 yards, TOP 3:53, LC 19 - RF 6
3rd Quarter
No scoring
4th Quarter
11:01 LC Tennes 2-yard run (Jensen kick) 12 plays, 63 yards, TOP 5:44, LC 26 - RF 6
07:15 RF Foss 4-yard run (Foss run) 10 plays, 62 yards, TOP 3:40, LC 26 - RF 14
06:22 LC Dorsey 40-yard pass from Tennes (Schams pass from Tennes) 3 plays, 42 yards, TOP 0:52, LC 34 - RF 14
02:05 RF Foss 7-yard run (Wolff pass from Foss) 12 plays, 67 yards, TOP 4:10, LC 34 - RF 22

	RF	LC
First Downs	16	24
Rushing	60-344	51-286
Passing	2-5-6	14-23-239
Total Offense	65-350	74-525
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	2-10	5-42
Possession	30:01	29:59

Individual leaders
Rushing
RF - Schmitt 26-125, Peterlik 13-117, 17-77, Jeremy Wolff 3-22, Pulford 1-3
Passing
RF - Foss 2-5-6
Receiving
RF - Wolff 2-6
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
RF - Hoegh 5-6, Buker 7-2, Johnson 7-2, Farmer 4-3, Greisen 4-2, Hampton 4-2, Hendrickson 2-3, Horton 3-1, Parish 3-0, Mueller 3-0, Gray 2-1, Jordan 2-0, Retzlaff

Volleyball

WIAC Tournament		
Nov. 8 results		
La Crosse	30 30 30	-3
River Falls	21 17 28	-0

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Krtnick 1-0-0-1-0, Schock 0-3-1-15-0, Kiesch 2-0-1-5-0, Braun 0-0-0-14-0, Brune 16-0-0-2-0, Halverson 0-0-0-9-0, Brandt 4-0-0-2-0, Oberholtzer 1-35-0-8-0, Geehan 2-1-0-1-0, Petersen 6-0-0-2-1, Tvrdik 10-0-1-2-1.

Nov. 7 results		
Oshkosh	17 30 19	19 - 1
River Falls	30 26 30	30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)
Lundberg 0-0-0-0-0, Krtnick 0-0-0-0-0, Schock 0-2-1-7-0, Kiesch 15-1-3-6-2, Braun 0-0-0-13-0, Brune 8-0-0-0-4, Halverson 0-0-1-9-0, Brandt 3-0-1-3-3, Oberholtzer 1-38-0-11-0, Geehan 4-0-0-1-4, Petersen 11-2-0-2-5, Tvrdik 8-2-2-2-3.

Soccer

WIAC Tournament		
Nov. 8 results		
Stevens Point	0 1 0 1	-2
River Falls	0 1 0 0	-1

1st half
No scoring
2nd half
74:28 RF Rooney (5) (Carlson)
79:31 SP Bruce (16) (Becker)
Overtime 1
No scoring
Overtime 2
104:52 SP Oswald (8) (Frey)

Nov. 7 results		
Oshkosh	0 0 0	-0
River Falls	1 0 0	-1

1st half
39:20 RF Rooney (4) (Carlson)
2nd half
No scoring

Men's Hockey

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

0-2, Rue 0-2, Gillett 1-0, Meyer 1-0	St. Scholastica (2-2-1)	0 0 0
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Nov. 8 results		
River Falls	2 0 1	-3
Conc.-Moorhead	1 0 0	-1

1st period
04:46 RF Lalande (1) (Schlipp, Novak)
05:12 CM Law (2) (Berggren, Vlasak)
13:41 RF Degerness (3) (Elsen)
2nd period
No scoring
3rd period
19:46 RF Novak (1) (Steinert) empty net

Nov. 7 results		
Augsburg	0 1 2	-3
River Falls	2 1 3	-6

1st period
08:08 RF Steinert (1) (Schlipp, Dwyer)
11:08 RF Sikich (1) (Johnson, Degerness)
2nd period
02:44 AG Baldwin (1) (Nagurski)
17:32 RF Murphy (2) (Sikich)
3rd period
02:38 RF Elsen (2) (Degerness)
08:44 RF Degerness (2) (Sikich, Elsen)
14:44 AG Bjorgum (1) (Dronen, Swanson)
19:30 AG May (1) (Baldwin, Fougner)
19:34 RF Murphy (3) (Elsen)

Women's Hockey

NCHA Standings		
Superior (4-0-0)	2 0 0	
Stevens Point (2-0-1)	2 0 0	
River Falls (2-3-0)	0 2 0	
Lake Forest (1-2-1)	0 2 0	
Eau Claire (1-0-1)	0 0 0	

Nov. 12 results		
St. Catherine	0 1 0	-1
River Falls	1 3 1	-5

1st period
17:48 RF Lindsay O'Keefe (2)
2nd period
02:45 RF Baron (1) (Nierenhausen)
10:09 SC Volenec (1)
11:48 RF Magnuson (3) (Nierenhausen)
18:18 RF Schaber (1) (Carlson, Hurley)
3rd period
08:00 RF Gilbertson (5) (Wallace)

Nov. 8 results		
Augsburg	1 0 0	-1
River Falls	1 1 1	-3

1st period
10:07 RF Gilbertson (1) (Magnuson, Carlson)
16:31 AG Czechik (1) (Kleeweine, Prasek) (pp)
2nd period
14:37 RF Carlson (1) (Hurley) (pp)
3rd period

05:15 RF Hensch (1) (pp)

Nov. 7 results		
River Falls	1 0 0	-1
Gustavus	1 0 2	-3

1st period
18:00 RF O'Keefe (1) (Paulson)
19:55 GA Guimond (1) (Petterson, Randall)
2nd period
No scoring
3rd period
13:03 GA Erickson (1) (Deschneau)
14:11 GA Stypulkowski (1) (Brandanger, Peterson)

Swimming

Women		
Nov. 8 results		
River Falls	95	
Macalester	118	

First Place Finishers (event-name-time)
50 Freestyle - Deters - 29.62
200 IM - Clark - 2:41.24
100 Butterfly - Clark - 1:12.29
400 Freestyle - Schultz - 5:19.67
100 Breaststroke - Miesen - 1:32.16
400 Freestyle Relay - UW-RF - 4:50.02

Nov. 7 results		
Moorhead	178	
River Falls	114	

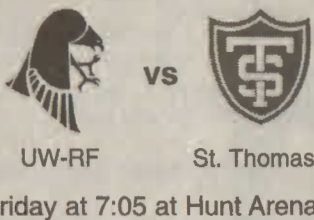
First Place Finishers (event-name-time)
100 Backstroke - Olson - 1:10.24
100 Breaststroke - Schultz - 1:19.84
200 Butterfly - Clark - 2:29.80
50 Freestyle - Deters - 26.47
100 Freestyle - Deters - 58.64
200 Backstroke - Olson - 2:28.72
400 IM - Clark - 5:08.78

Men		
Nov. 8 results		
River Falls	116	
Macalester	54	

First Place Finishers (event-name-time)
200 Medley Relay - UW-RF - 2:04.17
1500 Freestyle - Goetsch - 18:55.81
200 Freestyle - Smaagard - 2:16.40
50 Freestyle - Van Vleet - 24.43
200 IM - Jarvis - 2:28.05
100 Butterfly - Smaagard - 1:06.83
100 Backstroke - Hawke - 1:11.86
100 Freestyle - Van Vleet - 54.74
400 Freestyle - Goetsch - 4:45.70
100 Breaststroke - Palmer - 1:16.49
400 Freestyle Relay - UW-RF - 4:22.13

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Hockey



The Falcons are 4-0 coming into this weekend's game against the St. Thomas at Hunt Arena. The Falcons are No. 5 in the nation according to USCHO.com. The Tommies also received a vote in the top 15 poll. A new wave of talented Falcon skaters will make Hunt an exciting place to be.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Nov. 14

Volleyball	at NCAA Regionals	TBD
Women's Hockey	at St. Benedict	7:30 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. St Thomas	7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Volleyball	at NCAA Regionals	TBD
Cross Country	at NCAA Regionals	11 a.m.
Football	at Stevens Point	1 p.m. on WRFW
Women's Hockey	at St. Thomas	7:05 p.m.
Men's Hockey	vs. St. Mary's	7:05 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Jim Murphy
Men's Hockey



Lindsay Carlson
Women's Hockey

Murphy scored two goals in the Falcons home opener on Friday night in a 6-3 win over Augsburg. In four games this year he has scored three goals and recorded one assist.

Carlson, a two-time All-American for the Falcons, scored the game-winning goal on Saturday night in a 3-1 win over Augsburg. She also assisted on the teams first goal of the game.

HOCKEY from B1

"We had a solid win going with a 5-1 lead late in the third, and we gave up a couple late goals that took the luster off the win for us," Freeman said. "I thought we did a lot of good things during the game, but we had a lot of flat spots too." At Concordia-Moorhead Saturday night, the Falcons cleaned up their play on defense, but didn't provide the same fireworks on offense. The Falcons and the Cobbers traded goals early in the first period,

with Marc-Andre Lalande scoring first for the Falcons. Late in the first, Degerness netted the game-winner. Rob Novak put in an empty-netter with less than a minute remaining. First-year Falcon goalie Andy Scanlon held Concordia-Moorhead scoreless for the final 54 minutes of the game to pick up his second win of the season. He stopped 16 of the 17 shots he faced, while UW-RF put 30 shots on goal. Freeman said Scanlon is accustomed to facing more shots than he saw at Concordia-Moorhead. "Sometimes it's hard to play when you don't have a lot of work,"

Freeman said. "After the game Scanlon was saying, 'It was tough. I'm not used to playing with such few shots.'" Both goalies should see a fair amount of work Nov. 14 and 15 when they face MIAC powers St. Thomas and St. Mary's at Hunt Arena. The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. both nights. "Right now, we're playing real hard, but we're not firing on all cylinders yet," Freeman said. "We just have to keep fine-tuning the machine and driving ourselves to get better and better performances."

FOOTBALL from B2

Kyle Hoegh led the defense with 11 tackles including one for a loss of yardage. Dan Buker and Roman Johnson were each in on nine stops and Matt Farmer was in on seven. The Falcons travel to Stevens Point to close out the season on Nov. 15. Kickoff against the Pointers is set for 1 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL from B1

Braun led the team with 13 digs. Saturday afternoon against La Crosse for the WIAC championship, Krystle Brune hit 16 kills while Melissa Tvrdik had 10. Oberholtzer found her hitters for 35 assists. Molly Schock and Braun shared most of the digging duties with 15 and 14 digs respectively.

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the backboards to ease the pressure on Melzer in the post. Opposing defenders are going to be hypnotized by the hype surrounding Melzer, leaving games to be decided by his supporting cast. He is not going to win or lose this thing on his own - it doesn't happen that way. With Melzer facing a tripod of defenders in the post, Kukla, Helfrey and the rest of the Falcons will play a game of four-on-two all season long. I like their odds. Back to the bleachers. Last season the Falcons went 8-5 (5-3 WIAC) at home. Four-time defending WIAC champion UW-Stevens Point didn't lose a single regular season home game all year. Had the Falcons managed an 8-0 home record in conference play, they would have tied for the title. The WIAC is a tough conference; you're going to drop a few on the road. Not at home though. Not if you want to bring home the brass.

It's going to take a perfect season in the Karges Center to win this thing. On to the sixth man. Melzer is going to get his 30 points and 10 rebounds. Kukla is going to hit open threes. Helfrey is going to collect assists like new state quarters. Home games though, will be won by the crowd. Attendance wasn't the problem last year. The bleachers were full. It just seemed like the student section totally dropped the spirit stick. Anyone will tell you that Karges is a "shooter's gym." Teams come in and shoot like their playing their niece in a game of horse. They wrack up threes like vowels on "Wheel of Fortune" and steal the home court advantage. Junior forward Jesse Lam, an art major, designed "Karges Crazies" T-shirts for fans to unleash this season. Buy a shirt, and live up to it. Get a little crazy. Wear red and get to the game early. Establish a student section in the gym and stand for the whole

game. Learn opposing players' names and badger them from the time they step on the floor until they head for the bus. Jump up and down and yell when the Falcons are on defense and chant when they are on offense. Give Karges a little atmosphere and the players an electric environment to feed their emotions. Bowen would tell you out of one side of his mouth - as Athletic Director - to be courteous to the opponent. You can bet that he would trade those sentiments for a conference title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in March. He'd be kicking Jiminy Cricket's ass all the way to the Final Four. You all have a unique opportunity to be a part of something that hasn't happened here in 54 years, and it won't happen without you. Don't be vulgar, be creative. Just don't be passive observers. Take pride in your team and your school. Remember, no one voted you the preseason favorite for the WIAC sportsmanship award. Circle Jan. 7 and Feb. 7 on your calendars. That's when the Falcons trade venues with the Bugolds. Get a little redemption for the pathetic showing at Karges last spring. Jump on the bandwagon; get crazy, there's room for everyone.

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