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serves ice cream.
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Chiefs announce return to River Falls



Photo submitted by Jens Gunelson

The Kansas City Chiefs announced they are coming back to River Falls next summer for their training camp.

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

On Nov. 3, Mary Halada, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, found out through e-mail that the Kansas City Chiefs professional football team has agreed to return for the second year of its four-year option to hold its training camp at UW-River Falls.

The remaining contract consists of two option years, meaning the team can still leave if a better offer is made. The Chiefs held out to sign for the upcoming year, because they were wrapping up camp and focusing on the direct season.

"We don't take the Chiefs coming here for granted," Halada said. "Including our school, the team received 12 different proposals, mainly around the Kansas City area, for facilities for their training camp."

Of everything the campus has to offer, the team found its personnel most valuable.

"We chose to come back to River Falls because we are very appreciative of the campus' work ethics," Bob Moore, the Kansas City Chiefs public relations representative said. "They have never lost their attention to detail."

Halada agrees with Moore on the University's attention.

"It's everything from the iceman, to the vendors, to the shuttle driver that keeps them coming back," Halada said. "It is important that we provide for their needs and pay close attention to detail."

The team needs housing for 160 people, which includes players, coaches and training staff Halada

said. She also said, the team needs at least eight classrooms for meetings, video analysis and athletic care stations. These needs are met by UW-RF.

The size of the campus is another factor the Chiefs are returning to UW-RF.

"They like the proximity of the buildings and the distance from lodging to the food court," Halada said.

The Chiefs also enjoy the cooler weather in River Falls, compared to the weather around Kansas City, Halada said. This allows the team to practice and not have to worry about being overheated as much as they would in a more Southern environment.

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The team benefits from training in River Falls because of the proximity of another professional team to scrimmage against during training camp. The Minnesota Vikings hold their camp in Mankato Minn., making it a yearly tradition to either scrimmage the Vikings in Mankato, or in River Falls. This alone gives the coaches an idea of progress made in off-season training.

Finally, the idea of the new facility is definitely on the Chiefs' minds. The new project for Hunt/Knowles complex is going right on track, Halada said.

"It should be completed by the time the team arrives here this summer," Halada said. "The use of South Fork Suites, which is for the coaching staff, not for the players, is still up in the air but we'll invite some of the staff to tour the facility once it is completed."

The team does like the offers the University has

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DLC dodges dilemma

Sarah Matara
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls is one step closer to getting its long-awaited Dairy Learning Center (DLC). The UW System Board of Regents approved to increase the budget from \$7.2 million to \$10.4 million at its meeting Nov. 5.

UW-RF campus planner Dale Braun was happy the Regents showed so much support for the project.

"I was very encouraged by the Regents' support," Braun said. "They realized it was a very important project for Ann Lydecker and that if she were here, she'd be pushing for it."

"They also know that we have one of the largest undergraduate dairy programs in the nation and we have to support it," Braun said.

The August bids for the DLC came in \$2.3 million over budget, said Mary Halada, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance.

Halada said when that happened, the University looked to see if there were ways to decrease the budget.

"We did not think that was a viable alternative because then

we don't get what we need," Halada said.

That left the option of asking the Board of Regents and the Wisconsin State Building Commission for more money. This is the third time the project has gone up for approval.

Halada said some residual funding from a completed building project in Madison was found and UW-RF is asking if that money can be reallocated to the DLC project.

The next step in this 10-year DLC plan is to go before the Building Commission Nov. 17 and seek its approval for an increased budget.

"Then hopefully the bids will come in and we can begin construction," Halada said.

Halada is optimistic the University will finally see the DLC project become a reality. Steve Ridley, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences Dean, is cautiously optimistic.

"You want to be optimistic," Ridley said. "This is a dairy state

and we have a really good dairy program here at UW-RF."

He also said the students deserve a better facility to learn in.

"We're getting students that come from better farms than we have," Ridley said.

One reason the new DLC is so important is because prospective students might be turned off by the outdated facilities that are in use now, Ridley said.

"How can they get further training in a facility like that?" Ridley said. "It's a realistic concern."

The dairy facilities at Lab Farm 1 have been in use since the 1950s. The staff and students milk about 60 cows as of now.

The facilities are too small and the technology is obsolete. It would be easier for the students and staff if the technology were up to date.

If the new DLC comes to be, the dairy science staff has the intentions of giving the students

*"The name of the
game is cow comfort.
The more comfortable
they are, the more
productive they are."*

Steve Ridley
CAFES Dean

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VETERANS DAY SALUTE



Photo by Micheal Foley

Members of the American Legion Post 121 perform a rifle salute as the flag is raised to full staff during the annual UW-River Falls Veterans Day Ceremony at the North Hall lawn Thursday morning.

Contract dispute stymies UW-RF student teaching



Photo by Eric Ebert

Carol Hudson, a long term substitute teacher at Meyer Middle School in River Falls is one of the few teachers still at school after quitting time.

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

Four years of teachers not having a negotiated contract has caused many things to stop in the River Falls School District.

Administrators have stopped negotiating with teachers. Teachers have stopped taking work home. Parents have stopped calling about it to princi-

pals. Principals have stopped hoping for a quick resolution. River Falls School District has stopped accepting UW-River Falls student teachers.

One thing that hasn't stopped are the ripples caused by the impasse that continues to move away from the administrators and union officials and closer to the students of River Falls School District and UW-RF.

Teachers are not allowed to strike, according to state law. In response to not having a negotiated contract for the last four years, teachers represented by the West Central Education Association (WCEA) union have implemented a policy known as "Work-To-Rule."

Work-To-Rule means teachers

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Core courses closer to change

Gen ed course
requirements
get facelift

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

If all goes according to plan, general education requirements will undergo a major overhaul as early as next fall.

Upon review of the current gen ed program in 2000, Faculty Senate found that the program, which was last updated 15 years ago, lacked clearly defined outcomes, which made it hard to evaluate its success.

David Trechter, a member of Faculty Senate and the general education committee, said it did-

n't allow for growth either.

"The current program didn't have a clear and defined means of evolving, no way to delete courses, no clear way of adding them," Trechter said.

Last year Faculty Senate decided it was time for a change and created the committee, which is made up of faculty from each college and one student representative, to revamp the program.

Under the new requirements, the gen ed program will be reduced from 41 to 38 credits. Courses in global perspectives, ethical citizenship and multi-disciplinary inquiry will be added. Science and English will both eliminate one course; the existing pair of freshman English courses, 111 and 112, will become one reading and writing

course.

According to its mission statement, the new program aims to "facilitate the acquisition and integration of knowledge, abilities, and ethics in order to form a foundation for lifelong learning."

The committee felt the gen ed courses needed to be tweaked to create that foundation.

"We essentially wiped the slate clean and said if you want to be in the gen ed program... here are five categories in which your course will have to fit," Trechter said.

The committee has defined those categories, or goals, it feels courses should meet to qualify as general education courses. Gen eds should enable students to

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LOCAL

Campus immunizations date change

Due to Thanksgiving, vaccinations at the campus clinic will be offered one week earlier. They are scheduled for Nov. 17 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic River room in the Student Center.

There is no appointment necessary, and there are tetanus and MMR vaccines available for free. If students are unable to make it to the clinic on Wednesday there will be additional clinics available on the last Wednesday of every month during the spring semester .

The clinics are sponsored by the University of Wisconsin- River Falls Student Health Services and Pierce County Reproductive Health Services. Other services and vaccinations are available through both services and more information is available at the Student Health Services Web site, www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness is sponsoring campus events to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in the United States.

One of the events includes sleeping outside, giving a brief glimpse into the lives that many Americans. They also wish to raise \$2,004 to help people facing these issues.

To donate money to this organization simply send information through campus mail to CCFHH. Questions can be directed to Stephanie McLaughlin.

Operation Christmas Child

A service project to help children worldwide celebrate Christmas is happening on campus. There are drop off boxes in the residence halls as well as the library.

The boxes are categorized into six different box types, including age ranges and girl/boy boxes. Items could include toys, school supplies, hygiene items, or other things like hard candy or gum.

Bloodmobile

Donating blood saves lives, and students and River Falls Community members will have the opportunity to donate on Nov. 17 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the River Room in Rodli Commons. Sign up to donate blood or to volunteer with the Bloodmobile in the Leadership Center. There is no fee to donate.

REGIONAL

U of M smoking declines

Fewer students at the University of Minnesota are smoking than in the last five years. A study revealed that while as a whole the numbers are dropping, the number of males smoking has risen from 29 percent to 35 percent in just one year. Explanations for the increase are not available but surprise researchers.

Other information gathered from the study shows that 40 percent of 18-to 24-year-olds smoke at least once in a while, one-third smokes daily. That is nearly twice the rates of older smoking adults.

One reason is that the younger group is the group that is the youngest that can be legally marketed to. The tobacco companies market to them by setting up promotional activities and giving away prizes in bars and especially on college campuses. High school kids, looking to college kids are repeating what they see so they also become smokers at an early age. However, at the U, first year students coming out of high school are smoking significantly less than they were in 1998.

While some of the students are exposed to second hand smoke from being on campus, most of it is coming from exposure in bars and restaurants. Sometime during next year's state legislation period the University plans on lobbying for a statewide smoking ban.

Basketball lottery ticket problem

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has a program set up to alleviate long lines at the men's home basketball games. They have set up a lottery-ticket that allows students to enter and get season tickets.

About 3,000 or more students applied for the tickets. The lottery is entered via the internet, but with so many students applying, the server crashed and more than 600 entries were not recorded.

To win the lottery, a formula calculates the class and the history that each individual has of buying tickets. Students had called to ask about the order they had made, and some were not on record. The athletic department was unsure of how to handle the situation.

Regular-season ticket holders were unaffected by the computer glitch.

NATIONAL

Textbooks re-worded in Texas

The Texas Board of Education has voted to change the wording in its health textbooks that will be used in middle and high school classes.

Last year Texas passed a law that put a ban on same sex marriage. The Board felt it would be running contradictory to the ideals set by the state if it allowed the textbooks to stay with the words they had been using.

Some of the examples included using words such as "married partners" in place of "husband and wife." The Board also asked that the definition of marriage be "a lifelong union between a husband and a wife." Also from "when two people marry" and "partners" to wording more specific such as "when a man and a woman marry" and "husband and wife."

They got two different publishing companies to accommodate to them, despite disapproval from some of the Board members, and lobbyist for lesbian and gay rights. Some felt that it was overstepping its boundaries and dabbling in political issues that it is not responsible for.

How these books will be implemented is up to the school district boards when they receive the list that was compiled by the state.

This rewording is the tail end of issues the Board has had with health textbooks for the past few months, most of the other issues that were covered dealt with how sex education would be covered.

Intercollegiate streakers

All across the nation there are colleges rooting for their team and hoping that they will beat the competition. When they are declared champions, the college is well represented and proud of their students. At Hamilton college, however, that may not be the case.

After declaring that they are the schools' varsity streaking team, ranked No. 1 among national competition, the team has recently decided to switch its focus, even though they have no endorsement or recognition from Hamilton College of the NCAA They had been focused for years primarily on streaking at campus events and entertaining fellow Hamilton students. Now, however, they have made almost exclusive appearances at New England and upstate New York colleges.

They were spotted giving a co-ed, naked campus tour at Connecticut College, as well as running across the field at a rugby game at Middlebury College. They can declare victory when they are successful in getting students from the other university to join them in the streaking escapade. This typically calls for aligning themselves in the V formation, and squawking and flapping their arms like birds while "flying" around the campus.

Punishment has been limited to a few detentions from local police at the away games, as well as university public safety concerns. None have been charged with anything other than disorderly conduct, and only in rare situations. They have justified the behavior with the ideal that they will only live once.

STUDENT SENATE

Smithback appointed as new senator

Rachel Gaynor
Assistant Editor

The Student Senate filled another seat as of the Nov. 9 meeting. Student Cali Smithback was appointed as a new senator when a motion made by Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services chair and seconded by President Matt Scheulke passed by acclamation for the remainder of the 2004-05 academic term.

"She will make a fine addition to the Student Senate," Cluppert said.

Other students across campus have been appointed to different committees across campus in areas such as enrollment management, external relations, joint foods, LDPB entertainment, LDPB leadership and training, parking, recreation, recruitment admissions and retention, residential living, special events and university centers. About 30 students are on the various committees. The

motion was made by shared governance chair Jon Gavin and seconded by Vice President Emilee Driscoll.

"These people would be the best for the job," Gavin said.

In other senate news:

• Legislative issues chair Joe Eggers said he is preparing a letter to send to United States Student Association regarding the dissatisfaction that UW-River Falls has with USSA as discussed in the Oct. 26 meeting.

• Women's initiative chair Kendra Plant is still looking for three more people to go to the Women's Leadership Conference Nov. 19-21. Contact her if you are still interested on attending the free event.

• Cluppert gave a presentation about his involvement with the United Council's Strategic Planning committee. The United Council is considering the options of a restructure on how things are working right now and how they might be made better. One

suggestion was to have a student president that would take a year off school to move to Madison to act in this position. Cluppert said he is against it because it sends the wrong message to the state that school isn't the first priority and that it would be unfair to UW-RF and northern schools because it would be less likely for a student up here to uproot and move down there.

• Cluppert also said that student affairs and academic services is working on the skateboard policy and the sign policy on campus.

• Eggers and Cluppert said they are working on getting letters out, a petition started and possibly a trip to Madison to lobby legislatures about the budget.

•LDPB is reviewing the segregated fees on this campus and will have a proposal ready in the next few weeks to possibly raise the fees for the next few years so we would be consistent with schools of our comparable size.

Quiz bowl team wins in Louisville

Sara Tischeauer
News Editor

The UW-River Falls quiz bowl team placed first of 17 teams at the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference.

Four UW-RF students participated in the quiz bowl contest at the conference. The conference was held with the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., Oct. 27-30, more than 50,000 students and agricultural supporters attended.

This year's quiz bowl team consisted of four agricultural education majors: Sonja Stoterau, senior; Crystal Heath, senior; Sandra Miskowiak, junior; and Andy Klein, senior.

The contest consists of students answering questions from three areas: technical agriculture, professional education and agricultural education organizations.

Each of the areas has questions on a specific topic, said Tim Buttles, agricultural education professor.

The topics covered this year were animal science, agricultural foundations and the National FFA Organization.

Klein said his UW-RF classes prepared him for the contest.

"It was kind of like a big final exam," Klein said.

Besides participating in the quiz bowl contest, UW-RF also had four agricultural education students participate in the debate contest, which allows a team to debate a predetermined topic.

This year's debate team consisted of Jared Acker, freshman; Daniel Buchholtz, sophomore; Denise Burce, freshman; and Bristol Donahoo, sophomore. The team debated whether the National FFA Organization should recognize electronic.

This topic stems from home-

school students and some high schools without agricultural education programs trying to form electronic FFA chapters, Buttles said.

Besides participating in contests, UW-RF students stayed busy doing other things.

Three years ago, the College volunteered to organize the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and ATA Conclave in 2004.

Melanie Moon, UW-RF agricultural education major, was the student coordinator for the conference. She was responsible for registering participants, making meal arrangements and getting sponsors and speakers.

The experience of organizing

this event helped Moon learn about time management.

"It taught me how to organize my time," Moon said.

In addition to learning time management, Moon learned lessons from the speakers at the conference.

"I learned I am going into the right profession," Moon said. "No matter who is in my classroom, they will be included."

She said the speakers helped her realize how she can include all of her students in her classes and FFA chapter when she becomes an agricultural instructor.

As well as running the conference, UW-RF also had a student serving as a National ATA



Submitted photo by Melissa Mateske
(Left to right) Laura Hasselquist, Sarah Kirchner, Andy Klein, Sandra Miskowiak and Melissa Mateske participated in the National Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference and Alpha Tau Alpha Conclave.

DARS lets students map degree options

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

Dozens of questions are on the minds of students every day regarding future goals, registration plans and major/minor choices.

A new program offers the option to scout multiple possibilities for a student's academic career at UW-RF without any obligation or adviser approval.

This is what the new "What If" Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) does. It is available to all interested students and advisers and members of the campus community.

The "What If" functionality was added in October, just in time for spring 2005 advising and registration. The program was a service available under the former student information systems. It was available to students and advisers, but only through certain administrative offices.

"When we upgraded the new eSIS system, we wanted to bring this functionality to all students

and advisers," DARS coordinator Sue Walton said.

"What If" DARS enables a student considering changing their major, declaring a major or upgrading to a more current catalog year to see how the courses they have taken will be applied, Walton said.

"I find the 'What If' DARS particularly helpful when working with students who were pre-majors and would like to declare a major," said College of Business and Economics (CBE) academic adviser Ellen Schultz. "They leave my office with something concrete in hand to think about prior to making a decision about selecting a major."

The program helps interested faculty advisers and students quickly see where courses already taken will apply into a new program.

The "What If" program may help students save time and money.

"This option may help student graduate sooner and can elimi-

nate taking unnecessary courses," Schultz said.

The "What If" program answers these questions:

• What if I was a different major?

• What if I switched to a newer catalog year?

• What if I add a second minor?

The "What If" is part of the DARS program. To access the program, log on to eSIS and click on "View DAR." Click on the "here" for DARS information and problem solving. Then click on "New" What if DARS" for explanation on how to use "What If."

Go back to DARS and insert changes to your major or minor. Then generate a report from the DARS screen by clicking on the box "to run a What-If DAR report."

Marketing communications major Katie Flaherty said the program was not easy to use because there was no direct link from the DARS screen to the "What-If" help information.

Although the information on

"What If" DARS can be found in the University's course catalog and on the Web site, the DARS puts it all together so advisers and students can get a quick and comprehensive report.

"It's definitely a good thing. It helps me decide more easily if I want to switch emphasis of my minor," Flaherty said.

UW-River Falls CBE student Jessica Grant, who used the program at the suggestion of her adviser after she changed her minor, said the steps in the program were easy to follow and understand.

"It was not too bad," Grant said. "It's a lot better than looking at the course catalog."

The functionality of the "What If" DARS is designed to assist academic advisers in planning and advising students and help students plan ahead.

"It is an advising tool, a planning tool," Walton said.

Schultz agrees.

"It's a great advising tool and much appreciated," Schultz said.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Nov. 2

Jonathan A. Fisher reported damage to two stereo speakers (valued at \$450) at 1063 Cascade Ave. #5.

Nov. 3

Patrice M. Wernlund reported the theft of wire draw plate, steel lock, six pliers, a hacksaw and 15 saw frames (valued at \$750) from B108 Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Nov. 4

Robert L. Predmore reported damage to his vehicle parked in the 200 block of Cascade Ave. The driver's side window (valued at

\$200) was broken.

Nov. 5

David R. Urbaniak was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Kleinpell Fine Arts.

David S. Budzynski reported damage to a vehicle owned by Patrick T. McKasy. Budzynski observed a male and a female kicking and hitting the vehicle with a crow-bar-type object. Police recorded damage to the vehicle's roof, lights, spoiler and mirrors.

Nov. 6

Jessica E. Haton was fined \$305 for pos-

session of drug paraphernalia at 125 Parker Hall.

Nov. 7

Anna M. Brown reported the theft of a red Huffy bike (valued at \$70) at 227 South Fourth St.

Nov. 8

Cindy A. Townsend reported a graffiti death threat to the president written on a bathroom wall at Kleinpell Fine Arts. The case was forwarded to the Secret Service.

Survey assesses parking around campus



Nick Koehler
Staff Writer

A new survey on transportation is on the way to study parking and transportation at UW-River Falls.

Campus planner Dale Braun is leading a committee that is working to assess parking and transportation for students and faculty of the University. The committee is working in conjunction with the city to figure out how to alleviate the problems of parking at UW-RF.

The study aims to determine how much of a problem parking at UW-RF has become. It will look into things such as how many stalls are needed overall, convenience and other things. This is a year-long study that started in September and will continue until next summer.

The last parking survey was

done 10 years ago. The current study is more thorough than the previous study.

In the new survey, more 90 different zones around the campus and city must be monitored whereas in the previous survey, only approximately 60 zones were monitored.

Teams of students from Public Safety have been assembled to count the number of parked vehicles on campus. The teams also count cars off campus in places that students have been known to park. The teams count throughout the day Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Exactly how much parking needed will not be known until research is complete.

The transportation survey is being assembled by the Survey Research Center and will be randomly distributed to people within the four groups: on-cam-

pus, off-campus (but live in town), commuters and faculty/staff.

The survey is scheduled to be complete and ready for random distribution at the end of the semester.

"This is a really important study," Braun said.

The study aims to look at what people view as "convenient" in terms of parking location along with affordable. Study results will also include information about alternative forms of transportation like busing, walking, biking, and if a vehicle is necessary.

"If you get a survey, please return it," Braun said. "It helps us determine how much parking we really need."

Based on permit sales, an increase is needed.

"All parking spots on campus are sold," director of Public

Safety Priscilla Stevens said.

Braun recommends students walk or bike to campus. Braun either walks or bikes to campus instead of driving himself.

"Students need to make sure they plan enough time to find a parking spot," Stevens said.

Braun said Ramer Field was never meant to be a parking lot for students. It was originally to ensure that there was enough parking for sports spectators. While every available parking spot on campus has been sold, the demand for additional parking exists and will continue to grow in the near future.

When all the research is completed, all surveys returned and analyzed, results will be made available to the public. Most likely, the results will be in Adobe PDF format or a Web site will be created.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Parking on Cascade Avenue gets cramped during the day.

Spring registration adds extra stress to schedule

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

The semester is past its midway point, and while students are cramming for tests and cranking out papers, there is one more thing that they must fit into their busy schedules - registration.

All students coming back for another semester must register for classes, but several things must be done before they pick the classes they want.

There are several reasons students must meet with their adviser prior to class registration. The first is to talk about a class schedule. Advisers can provide feedback and keep students on track to graduation. Advisers must provide students with their PIN which is used on eSIS to register.

To see what requirements still need to be fulfilled, students must access their DAR (Degree Audit Report) through eSIS. Once inside eSIS select: SA Self Service > Learner Services > Academics > View DAR (Degree Audit Report).

Mary-Alice Muraski, eSIS project manager, is optimistic the registration process will go smoothly because of the new updates and features that eSIS continues to add.

"New functionality will continue to be set up, tested and rolled out to students as we explore the vast functionality provided in eSIS by PeopleSoft," Muraski said.

Gary Smith, director of Information Technology Services (ITS) believes registration on eSIS will run smoothly.

"My personal perspective is that these products and services are working quite well together and

providing a tremendous advantage to students that they didn't have just a few short years ago," Smith said.

Biology professor E. Katherine Miller has 87 official advisees and works with three students that are seeking a second degree or doing prerequisites for medical school. Miller generally sees about 15-20 students unofficially who, for various reasons, are unable to talk to their adviser.

Miller feels that awareness for the registration process could be improved.

"I feel that too much time at freshman orientation is devoted to social activities and not enough time is devoted to explaining the registration process to incoming freshmen and transfer students," Miller said.

"Many students don't know the importance of the catalog; they are given a catalog and then throw them away," Miller said.

In order to enhance awareness, the biology department has dedicated the day before the fall semester starts to introducing freshmen to their professors and advisers.

"This has had a very positive impact in helping to form the adviser (and) advisee relationship," Miller said.

The consistent problem Miller sees with registration is class availability and scheduling.

Miller said her biggest challenges are her high number of advisees and getting freshmen and sophomore students to come to her for academic advice after registration and advising are over.

Senior Jennifer Allen has been through the registration process a number of times.



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Adviser Justin Hauer helps junior Holly Hyatt figure out what classes to take.

The transfer to eSIS was a difficult student transition, but it ended up making the registration process easier, Allen said.

Despite this, Allen feels that the current eSIS system could be improved.

"I wish we didn't have to go through so many steps on the eSIS system to look for classes," Allen said.

Allen feels professors are doing their part to support the registration process and would like to see the registrar's office step up its effort.

"I am always surprised how helpful profs are when you have concerns about what classes to take and when they will be offered," Allen said. "I wish the registrar could have the same concern because they are the ones that have all the information."

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Smokers can take part in not lighting up next Thursday

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

On Nov. 18, smokers and non-smokers alike will have the opportunity to participate in the Great American Smoke Out.

The Great American Smoke Out, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will take place not only to challenge tobacco users to kick the habit, but also to raise awareness of the dangers of tobacco usage and effective ways to quit.

Some students agree that the smoke out is a positive thing.

"I think that raising awareness of the negative aspects of tobacco use is a positive thing to do," said Molly N. Buck, a UW-River Falls senior who is a non-smoker. "I realize that smoking is addictive, but it is a bad habit, so hopefully the Great American Smoke Out will help some people kick it."

Other students, however, are not in favor of the day.

"I think that attempting to get smokers to stop smoking has good intentions behind it, but I really don't think that one day is going to make a difference to someone who smokes all that much," said Genna M. Martinez, a smoker for the past six years. "If a person wants to quit, they have to do it in their own way. One day out of the year isn't going to change my mind."

Student Health Services will be encouraging smokers around UW-RF and in the community to smoke fewer cigarettes or get rid of their butts altogether for at least a day, in hopes that it will encourage them to quit for good.

"It's a national event, a day that smokers can quit," said Jennifer Elssesser, UW-RF tobacco education coordinator.

Student Health Services will sponsor a booth in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where students -- smoker or non-smoker -- can tie-dye a "nice lungs" T-shirt, receive freebies like water bottles and piggy

banks and different types of stress relievers. Students will also have the opportunity to adopt a smoker.

"This is a booth where non-smokers can adopt a smoker friend and sign adoption papers and basically support them through the quitting process," Elssesser said. "We will give them quit kits and incentives for that."

High student turnouts in the past prompt organizers to hope for a big crowd this year, as well.

"It's a friend kind of encouraging another friend to quit," said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of student health services. "That's really helpful to have somebody like that, that you can go to."

Student Health Services puts an emphasis on smoking cessation not only with the Great American Smoke Out, but year-round with advertisements such as the "you know you want to" ads that can be seen around campus, tobacco cessation counseling and also protecting non-smokers from secondhand smoke by enacting the 25-foot smoking radius in front of campus buildings.

Student Health Services also offers Quit Kits to smokers attempting to stop smoking that comes with tobacco cessation information, stress relievers, and candy --- all things that can help ensure success to a smoker in transition.

Smokers who are trying to quit can also call the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line at 1-877-270-STOP.

"I think it is a disgusting habit, and we should all try to quit," said Ashley M. Prey, a UW-RF junior who smokes. "I think participating in the day is a good idea, and if it will help anyone quit, it's a good cause. I wish more people would participate."

Student Health Services
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EDITORIAL

Choices wear thin as registration frustration mounts

Not only are young people paying more for their college degrees, but they also enjoy fewer choices on what they get for their money. Students at UW-River Falls are paying thousands of dollars for something they don't even want - uninteresting courses.

The unavailability of many elective course options force degree seekers into classroom seats they would rather leave empty, even though the catalogs are filled with many desirable courses. The problem is that a lot of what's in the catalog isn't offered each semester or even at all anymore.

Degree Audit Reports are filled with plenty of diverse course options one can choose to fill a graduation requirement, but most courses on the DAR can't be found in the course offerings when students are mapping their degrees. Classes that are offered are often

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only available in one section and overlap with other required courses, forcing students into a predetermined course schedule.

General education courses are the exception. Though many general education courses fill early during registration week, there is always something available. With an abundance of underclassmen attending UW-RF, faculty spends most of its teaching time on these low-level introductory courses. These students are served very

well, but when they pick a major and develop an interest in it, their choices wane. Students who chose to wait for the courses they want to take often find themselves spending an extra semester or two at school before joining the workforce.

Of course each degree program is mapped out so that it is possible to complete it in four years, but that's only if the student chooses the cookie-cutter degree. Students have no other way to escape college than to take classes that fit their schedules, not their interests. The process is very impersonal and can leave a bad taste in alumni mouths.

Reasons for the shortfall in course offerings include shortage of qualified faculty, lack of classroom space and low numbers of returning students.

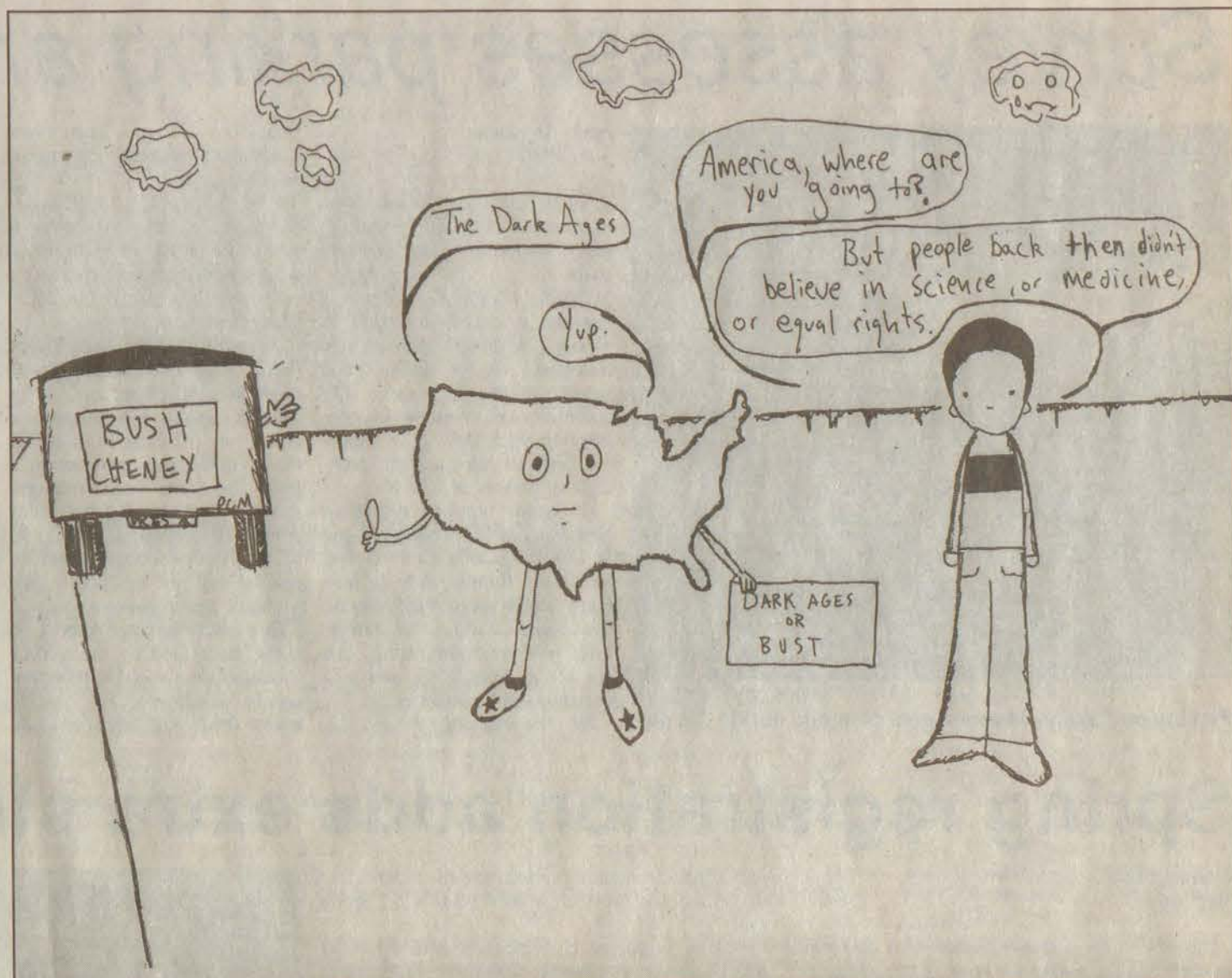
Don't blame the record-high numbers of incoming freshmen. Don't blame the University's poor second-year retention rates. Don't blame the department heads or the campus planners. This is another student problem that can be chalked up to state budget cuts.

Fewer state dollars flowing into the UW System has created similar problems at each UW campus. When budget cuts hit a few years ago, professors weren't replaced after retirement. Many departments looked to adjuncts to fill voids. The faculty shake ups not only shift who teaches which courses, but also shift which courses are and aren't available. This uncertainty puts students in an impossible position when trying to scout which classes to take more than a semester ahead.

Not planning ahead puts students at risk of taking courses they don't need, but planning ahead can be just as dangerous with unpredictable scheduling. If a student plans to take a course now and another course the following semester, it is a gamble. Every student now has to ask him or herself, "can I afford to wait if I want to take this course?"

The only way to stop the uncertainty for future students is to hold the governor responsible for what he is doing to the state's higher education system.

The next biennial budget sits on Gov. Jim Doyle's desk right now. With a flick of the wrist he can sign a budget that keeps Wisconsin among the nation's best-educated. Or he can approve a budget that further frustrates students, faculty and university administrators and causes a real brain drain in Wisconsin.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise abounds for student-voter turnout

Long lines show democracy at work at UW-RF

The students at UW-River Falls have had their voices heard. In 2000, there were 852 votes cast on campus at Rodli. This year, there were 1,708.

A great deal of recognition goes to the New Voters Project (NVP). The NVP was composed of many people acting in a non-partisan role. There was, however, only one known College Republican working for the cause, and many College Democrats, including the president, vice president and treasurer. As a united group, we pre-registered 837 students. Due to our great voter turnout, Politicians from Madison to Washington will be listening to what the students at UW-RF have to say.

Every Democratic candidate on the ballot won on campus. John Kerry received 56 percent of the vote, and our beloved Sen. Russ Feingold received 66 per-

cent of the vote. Pierce County went to Kerry, as did the state of Wisconsin.

The College Democrats wish to thank everyone who voted, and recognize those of you who waited hours in line to cast your vote. The elections are over, and our voices will still be heard. We must all work to ensure the equal rights of every American.

*UW-River Falls
College Democrats*

Students must not abandon political interest after polls close

I would like to extend my greatest thanks to the student body of River Falls who showed great democratic spirit. Enduring lines at the polls of two hours or longer, students showed what it really means to be an American and exercise their basic right to vote.

With well over half the student

population on campus taking the time out of their busy schedules to vote, and voter turn out in Wisconsin reaching almost 70 percent - second only Minnesota - we demonstrated that America's young adults are just as concerned about our nation's future as are the adults.

I would just like to commend the students on their commitment to the democratic process. I would hope that students do not lose their interest in politics that they had during this election cycle. There is a Wisconsin budget coming up that will directly affect students' tuition prices and financial aid. Students showed politicians how much they care. Now it's time to put that in action.

Thank you to all who voted.

The battle is over but the war still rages on until politicians pay attention to us.

*Joe Eggers
Student Senator*

Give yourself a pat on the back

The level of participation in last week's election was astounding and heartening.

By voting, the students of UW-River Falls have shown that they care about our nation and will work toward making a better future. Great work citizens.

*Ben Plunkett
Student*

You know you want to...

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Talking speaks volumes when 'crushing'

I had a dream the other day. Actually, it was more nostalgic because I was dreaming about an experience I had a few years ago. Of course, any lessons learned here apply to both guys and gals. If you like a person, talk to them. Otherwise all hell breaks loose.

The dream was about my first girl conundrum, and it made me think about how easy things are now that I have a girlfriend.

My trouble arose midway through my junior year of high school in 1997. Like all guys in school, I developed an infatuation with a girl. I found my infatuation in my second period English class. I use the word infatuation because it developed into much more than a crush. It was a feeling that altered the basic functions of my being. Irrationality to the point of stupidity was by far the biggest of these altered functions, assuming you include lack of judgment in the category of irrationality. Other maladies in this state include butterflies that don't go away and result in nausea, as well



as an affliction known as "impressionism" where one will begin to do things in order to impress a girl, such as write poetry. Like I said, all guys who experienced high school also dealt with the temporary insanity over a girl, that was far more than a crush, described above.

I was slowly muddling through the latter portion of my tofu burger. God forbid they use beef, when my friend Ben began to ask his typical "say what" questions. A "say what" question is the type of question a 4-year-old asks an adult in order to clarify something. Most of the time the adult really

doesn't care and is genuinely annoyed by

DERRICK WILLIAMS

being asked. The "say what" question of this day was, "Why is Stillwater called Stillwater if the water isn't still?" That is why, when he turned to me and, through his own burger, asked if I thought there were any good-looking girls in any of my classes I simply answered "No, Ben. Girls are gross." Annoyed, he got up and emptied his tray.

We were somewhere in the dog days of the school year. It was impossible to look forward because the end of the year seemed

ridiculously far away. So did the beginning of the year as it simply blended into the monotony of the previous 10 years' reproduction to a point that you couldn't reproduce a tangible beginning. This, coupled with a four-foot snow pack, relegated one to keeping life interesting in the only logical way for a teenage boy - girls. At this point of the school year, if you hadn't been dating, you've at least found a crush. If you didn't by this time, you simply hadn't realized it yet.

My crush stumbled upon me quite literally, tripping and tossing a textbook into my gut. After the initial shock of nearly getting run over subsided, the only thing in the world that mattered was her eyes. Just as I was struck, the crush-bug invaded me and I went temporarily insane. This insanity led me to avoid my crush at all costs because I was nervous as hell around her.

You can probably guess that for the remainder of my junior year I was irrational, nauseous, full of butterflies and I became a poet. But I learned a valuable lesson through this.

Talk to the girl and you will circumvent all of the functional issues associated with your crush. If nothing else, it serves as a means to an end.

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On Sept. 11, 2001, our nation lost more than 3,000 citizens in an attack on our own soil. That changed our world forever. Terrorism is the most pressing threat of this young millennium and it needs to be dealt with. After 9/11, partisanship was put aside. The whole country and the whole world banded together to give President Bush the support he needed to deal with the threat of terrorism. The invasion of Afghanistan to root out Al Qaeda and topple the Taliban regime was supported by both parties and was initially a great success for those serving our country. But the President took his eye off the ball. He took us into a quagmire in Iraq, a country that has never attacked the United

States, never threatened to attack the United States and had no capabilities to attack the United States. Unfortunately, enough Congressman and Senators voted irresponsibly to give Bush the authority to go to Iraq. Iraq has only hindered our struggle against terrorism. Due to our unjustified invasion, much of the world views us as the terrorists. Iraq has become a magnificent breeding ground for terrorist recruits, making us less safe from terrorist attacks. Thank you, Mr. President.

TWO SIDES OF Terrorism

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Contrary to popular belief, 9/11 wasn't an isolated incident. America has been attacked multiple times in the past. Terrorists attacked a Pan Am Flight over Scotland killing 244, in 1993 the World Trade Center was attacked killing six, when the Khobar Towers were downed in 1996, 19 died and when the USS Cole was bombed 17 servicemen died. Those are just five of the last 64 attacks against the United States and its interests in the past 20 years.

George W. Bush took the initiative to address this problem. Multi-networks of terrorist organizations were using Iraq as a safe haven. Saddam funded terrorism by giving \$25,000 to families of suicide bombers. Since Saddam's removal a previously sheltered America now hears the everyday brutality delivered by these individuals, even though suicide bombings have actually gone down by 30 percent in Iraq. Iraqi university students and scholars are now able to communicate and travel abroad freely. A year and a half ago, Iraq was an enemy of America and the civilized world, today it is an ally of both. Iraq is not a quagmire but a stepping stone to a safer world.

Bush voters must prepare to accept dangerous consequences of victory

Before I begin, congratulations to President Bush and the Republicans on their various victories last week.

My hope for the second Bush term is that he will be able to unite the massive divide in this country between left and right, rich and poor, rural and urban, etc. But I'm also a realist and understand politics. Bush's 3.5 million popular vote win and having control of the House and Senate give him a mandate for his second-term agenda. Without having to face re-election again, he has no reason to reach across the aisle. He can do whatever the hell he wants. And why shouldn't he?

Exit polls showed that 22 percent of voters based their votes

on moral values, more than terrorism or the economy. And 78 percent of evangelical

Christians used that basis to vote for Bush. That really perplexes me. Isn't helping the poor a moral value? Being good stewards of the land? How about caring for the sick? Isn't loving your neighbor as yourself, regardless of religious or cultural differences, a moral value? What happened to those values? Are homophobia and bigotry moral values? Is killing more than 100,000 Iraqis in a war based on lies, plus nearly 1,200 of our own troops a moral value? If yes, then the loving God I grew up knowing is no longer.



BRIAN HOGENSON

That said, the American people have made their choice. To those of you who voted for Bush, you've made your bed and now you must lie in it. When your friends and relatives die in Iraq, I don't want to hear any complaining. When women lose their reproductive freedoms and control of their bodies, I don't want to hear any bitching. I don't want to see any perplexed looks on your faces when you're spit on while traveling abroad. When we're attacked by terrorists again, due to the groundswell of terrorist recruiting created by the unjust Iraq war, I don't want to hear cries of shock and outrage. When Chevron stock is worth \$50 a share and you're paying \$2.50 a gallon at the pump, don't come crying to me. For those of you who think killing Arabs in the Middle East seems

like a great endeavor and love having an arrogant cowboy in the oval office, don't tell me how fearful you are when you get drafted. When you can't get a job after graduation, please don't whine about it. When you can't afford healthcare for your children, don't scream and yell about our health care system. When ideology trumps science and possible cures for life-altering diseases are never explored, don't cry to me about your grandmother's Parkinson's. Please don't get me wrong. I pray that none of those terrible things happen during the next four years because I want to see this great country succeed. But Bush has had a four-year record of incompetence, lack of compassion and disrespect for the lives and the views of others. The voters have made their beds.

Only the diploma will fatten this grad's pocketbook

After about 10 years of traveling the highways and byways - sometimes going to college, sometimes not - I'm finally at the threshold of a journey that began with a simple goal: Go get yourself a college degree, boy.

My first couple cracks at college were tapped at UW-Eau Claire where journalism wasn't so much a field of study, rather an excuse to major in good times. In 1996, my last shot at UW-EC pattered out when I took up an ill-advised study of the opposite sex that ended up sidetracking me for roughly six years.

But after squaring away all the bills and headaches that came along with that debacle, I decided against being a paper-pusher at an insurance company for the rest of my life. I made the choice to go back and finish what I started.

So here I am, standing on the precipice, and I'm wondering if these last couple years at UW-River Falls were worth it.

See, I recently took a look at some college loan figures that really put a knot in my stomach. The numbers left me grippin'.

As a non-traditional student - and as a person who's notoriously easily distracted - I decided the best way to shackle up my degree wouldn't be to work 40 hours a week while going to school. Not if I wanted to get decent grades, anyway.

So I let it all ride on college loans.

Well, I've made good to myself on the "decent grades" portion. I got some solid news writing experience last year at the Student Voice, which I was able to parlay into a fulfilling internship at the River Falls Journal. All things considered,

the decision to come back to college has been pretty damned fruitful.

Then I open up the Pioneer Press. According to a source in a story called "Generation Broke," new college grads paying off loans get scarcely more than 30 bucks a month to play

with after all the bills are paid. But that's based on a starting salary of \$36,000.

The average starting salary for a journalist is a full third less than that - \$24,000. Oh, and I can't tell how grateful I am that journalists were also one of the occupations recently deemed unfit



MIKE LONGAECKER

for overtime pay.

So if someone making 36 grand has nary enough to buy a case of beer and a pizza a month, where's that leave me? I'll tell you where. In addition to bringing people the news, I'll also be delivering them some Chicago-style deep dish.

Feel free to tip generously.

My only saving grace is that I'll be able to say what I've never said before - that I have a job I love. I've always been able to lay pen to paper and put one word after another without much difficulty. Then I learned there's not much interest in that skill when you look at insurance applications all day long.

So I'm here - for another month anyway.

That gives me just enough time to pump out my last few research papers and slug down just enough beers to numb the encroaching financial gut shot.

If I have any leftover loan money come December, I'm using it to bribe the diploma printers to put me down for a business degree. Who knows - it could be the best investment of my life.

Hindsight is 20-funny with election in bag

There has never been a better time to laugh at politics than this last election. We had a "have gun will vote" candidate and the "I sleep with women for money" candidate, but for some reason some people are not laughing and they are taking politics to both extremes.

In Washington ultra-liberals broke into and vandalized a GOP headquarters. First off, Washington voted for Kerry. Secondly, how do you call yourself the "Party of Peace" while destroying a building that had nothing to do with Bush's re-election?

How does that thought process evolve? "Hey, you know that vacant building that didn't help with Bush's re-election and will go back to being a merchant shop in a week with the Bush sign in the window? Let's destroy it, that'll show Bush!"

Give me a break. The election is over. You may not have voted for him but a majority of voters did. Bush is the Commander-in-

Chief and no amount of petty theft and spray paint is going to stop that.

These people have lost sight of everything fun in politics. Yep, I said it. Politics are fun. The debates that spark up out of nowhere, the ugly commercials that end with "I am an old white guy who has no idea what is going on and I approve this message" and not to mention the barrage of baseless attacks.

The attacks are my favorite, all of them ranging from "John Kerry hates babies" to "Bush peed in his pants every night while serving the guard." You can't help but laugh just because people actually buy into this stuff. It just keeps coming and coming and I love it.

People even yell at me for having a Bush sticker on my car - apparently not only am I fascist but also a racist pig who hates gay people. I didn't know that, but luckily some hippie in the Cities informed me before it was too late.

People like that have ripped the fun out of politics. Either they forgot why they got into politics or they are in it for the wrong reason.

Emily Kunesch and the College Democrats worked at a ridiculous pace to kick Bush out of office. Liberals holding Kerry/Edwards signs on the street corner countless times and I loved it. Just because Kerry lost doesn't make their efforts worthless. Who knows, maybe Kerry can get lucky and start pitching Viagra with Bob Dole.

Sometimes people need to step back and look at what is going on. Look at what we, as a society, are doing and just laugh. I am pretty sure Kerry doesn't hate babies, just as I am sure Bush didn't pee his bed at the military base. We can't get so wrapped up in the whole "well a guy who knew a brother of the guy who shared a bunk with a guy heard that Bush peed in his bed" bit. I know Dan Rather will put it on the air anyway but that doesn't mean that it's true.

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A.J. OSCARSON

Re-election obligates president to re-evaluate narrow values

"You asked, do I feel free. Let me put it to you this way: I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it. It is my style." - President Bush

Dangerous is a word that comes to mind after reading this quote. In his first term President Bush had absolutely no "political capital" because he won the election on technicalities and had to focus on decisions that would help him get re-elected. For many, his decisions hurt his bid for re-election, but for some reason or another, they still voted him back into office. His next four years now will be free from worrying about getting re-elected and will focus on his own agenda to create a lasting legacy.

His agenda is what we should be worried about. His arrogant and dreadful decision-making in his first term can only get worse. He is now on his

pedestal and we all must brace for whatever repercussions result.

Our administration will probably flex and unleash our military might on anyone who is looked upon negatively. We went to war with Iraq because it allegedly had weapons of mass destruction. It doesn't, but North Korea does and Iran might, so if the precedent stands, our country will probably unload some Tomahawk Cruise missiles in their general direction within the next four years.

Our administration will also try to push their views and values on the citizens of this country. Don't question them either because if you do you are

very unpatriotic.

Abortion and gay marriage issues have already been brought up. They'll once again try to tell people what to do and how to act. Many of their views on these issues come from a religious standpoint, which Bush brings up whenever he makes a controversial decision or statement. Therefore, if you question him you also question God, so you're not only unpatriotic but blasphemous.

Moral values seemed to play a part in this year's election. These values then resulted in policy views and standpoints. Bush's views are black and white. There is no gray area and no room for possibilities. It is a simple type of thinking that many people in this country adhere to so they don't

have to think further on an issue.

They'll value life and therefore be anti-abortion, which is fine. It's their view. They won't, however, think further on certain circumstances that may come out of an anti-abortion law. What if it comes down to the life of the mother? Who would then make the decision of which life is more important? White, rich males in Washington shouldn't make the decision. The woman should have the right to decide.

They'll try to pass an amendment banning gay marriage. This is also grounded in religion. Musician Ben Harper once wrote, "...my choice is what I choose to do, and if I'm causing no harm it shouldn't bother you, your choice is who you choose to be, and if your cousin's no harm then you're all right with me."

All people should have full, equal rights under the law and by no means

should be discriminated against for who they are. Separation of church and state needs to be enforced so citizens of this country get equal treatment under the law. Two people should be allowed to get married if they want. Let them make their own decision on what their "title" is, whether it's marriage or a civil union. A heterosexual male from Texas shouldn't decide.

The last thing Bush should have obtained was "political capital." He should have received many years of retirement on his Texas ranch, far away from any decision-making capabilities but that didn't happen. For now, we have four more years with a man who now has this new "political capital," and a little more swagger or "style" as he would put it to help him "spend" it.

Brace yourself because the rodeo of poor decisions and arrogance is here for a few more years.



NELS THORESON

What do you think about UW-RF general requirements?



Rebekah McKinley, senior
"I think they're OK. There's too much emphasis on math and science. There should be more on English."



Jay Fahl, sophomore
"It's important. I think it's pretty sufficient the way it is."



Belinda Miller, junior
"It's good because it brings in variety. It should be more open so we have more choice."



Justin Richardson, senior
"They create a well-rounded student. They should be made so we take more of a variety, not specific classes."

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Men's hockey remains strong in weekend battles

Mike Klees
Sports Information

After a first week when everything went its way, the fourth-ranked Falcons men's hockey team (3-0-1) came back to earth this week. In its first road game of the year, the team had to rally late to get a tie. The Falcons continued their dominance at home the next night, but will need to learn to play better on the road with a difficult road trip coming up this weekend.

Friday night the Falcons traveled to Augsburg College for their first road game of the year. After falling behind 3-1, the Falcons needed two goals in the final eight minutes by senior transfer Garrett Larson to escape with a tie. Senior Marc-Andre Lalande also played well, getting two assists. Junior goalie Andy Scanlon had 32 saves in the game.

"We played below our expectations," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said. "To us a tie is almost like a loss."

The Falcons returned home Saturday night to a rowdy crowd at Hunt Arena. They took out their frustrations from the previous night on Concordia-Moorhead, scoring a 6-2 victory. The Falcons got two goals from

freshman Brent Cooper, and one goal and one assist from both Matt Jackson and Tony Sikich. Junior goalie Dan Meneghin had 36 saves in a strong effort for the Falcons.

"We played with a great deal of urgency and emotion," Freeman said. "The young guys got involved and they are continuing to develop."

The Falcons are getting a lot of contributions from the freshmen on the team. This is something that Freeman expected, and he hopes they continue to develop into great players.

"We see them in practice and we know what they can do, but they need to learn to be more consistent," Freeman said.

The Falcons will go on what Freeman says may be the toughest road trip of the year this weekend. They will start Friday night with a game against St. Thomas, which is coming off a win against second-ranked St. Norbert.

"St. Thomas might be playing the best out of anyone in the country right now," Freeman said.

Saturday night the Falcons will travel to St. Mary's, which according to Freeman is always a tough place to play.



Photo by Corey Hargreaves
The Falcons battled with Concordia-Moorhead during a second period fight. The Falcons defeated their competition 6-2 at the Nov. 6 game.

Turkey Trot attracts many for a day of recreational activities



Photo by Jens Gunelson
About 150 people turned out for the annual UW-River Falls Turkey Trot. The event was put on by the students of the Sports Fitness Recreation Management course, that fulfilled their requirements to put on a recreational activity.

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

Saturday, the annual Turkey Trot took place at UW-River Falls. This is the sixth year of the student-organized event that gives students valuable real-world experience and benefits local charities in the process.

The event was considered a success by the student organizers.

"It was good," said Ryan Everson, student chair of the event. "We had 90 pre-registered and 40 to 50 walk-ups. I think the weather had a lot to do with the high turnout."

The Turkey Trot consisted of a 5K run and a walk. There were six age divisions, with the top three finishers in each category getting a turkey as a prize, hence the name Turkey Trot.

"If there was more participation in one or the other, there were a few more walkers," Everson said.

The donations given by the various local sponsors this year are going to help benefit the River Falls area Big Brother and Big

Sister organizations.

The Turkey Trot is put on by the students of the P ED 450 course (sports fitness recreation management). It gives those students the opportunity to take charge of a recreational event.

"Each year the students come up with new ideas on how to make the event a success," Health and Human Performance professor Debra Allyn said.

Not only does the Turkey Trot provide valuable experience for the students involved, but also an opportunity for the community to get involved and get some exercise in the process.

"The Turkey Trot provides the University and the community with a chance to work together," Allyn said. "It is a time for some people to race, for some people to be active and for many people to be social. It has become an event to encourage physical activity among the University employees and provide an opportunity for some of the local runners."

Organizing the Turkey Trot is a first-time experience for most of the students, and in the past that

has been evident at times. One year timing was a problem.

Another year there was a problem with the ordering of the T-shirts.

Different problems pop up each year, which allows for the student organizers to gain experience under pressure.

In years past, despite the difficulties, the Turkey Trot has ended successfully.

"Each year, although I know of some problems and the students can identify a few problems during the event, most of the participants comment about the success of the event and how much they enjoyed it," Allyn said.

"Once we're out there, it's a wonderful experience for everybody."

Everson echoed those sentiments when asked if the sixth annual Turkey Trot met his expectations that he was looking for.

"I think it did," Everson said. "We had a good turnout. Our class members, we all came together and helped each other out to make it a success."

Soccer ends season with loss to Point in Semifinals

Andrew Sinykin
Sports Information

On Nov. 5 the UW-River Falls soccer team ended its season with in a 1-0 loss to perennial national powerhouse UW-Stevens Point in the WIAC semifinals.

The game was played very close in the first half, with the Falcons holding Stevens Point to only four shots and the Pointers holding the Falcons to only two. In the second half the Pointers took control.

Mary Donohoo scored at 65:23 on a pass from Kimie Wieps to

give Stevens Point the win and send them into the finals versus UW-Oshkosh.

Gina Hawkins, Amy Jensen and Amy Piersak all had shots for the Falcons, none of which were on goal. Hannah Tvedt had 10 saves during the Falcons loss to UW-Stevens Point.

Women's swim team dominates against Whitewater competition

Katie Bild
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed against UW-Whitewater on Friday. The women's teams won with a score of 163.5-116.5 and the men's teams lost 109-142.

The women had several first place finishes. Danielle Cesare, Marissa Merchant, Maggie Olson and Kelly Deters made up the 200 medley relay that won with a time of 1:58.74. Cesare won the 100 back (1:05.11). Merchant took both the 100 breast (1:15.61) and 200 breast (2:46.53). Rachel Clark took both the 100 fly (1:03.67) and the 200 fly by nearly seven seconds over the second place finisher (2:32.2).

Maggie Olson won the 200 back (2:21.76), Deters tied for first in the 100 free (59.07) and the relay consisting of Cesare, Deters, Jamie Hatch and Laura Schultz took the 400 free relay (3:55.51). In the 50 free, Deters, Cesare and Hatch

took the top three spots.

The women's diving team competed in their first meet as well, adding crucial points to the final score.

"[It was a] super team effort. The vets and newcomers really have come together well have a great team attitude," head coach Bill Henderson said.

The men also had some great finishes. Chad Goetsch, the team's designated distance swimmer, placed first in the 1000 free with a time of 11:11.25, nearly seven seconds over the second spot, and second in the 200 fly (2:18.33). Ryan Smaagard took second in the 100 free (52.58) and the 100 fly (58.22).

"Good swims and lots of improvement for the new guys on the team [Jacob Moe, Sean Gamlin and Troy Wuollet]," Henderson said.

The swimmers and at home at the River Falls High School pool against Macalaster on Saturday. The action starts at 1 p.m.

Spikers named to All-WIAC teams

Falcon volleyball players Nina Petersen (Sr., Byron, Minn.), Andrea Geehan (So., St. Paul, Minn. Como Park HS), Kat Krtnick (So., Fridley, Minn.) and Katie Thompson (So., Forest Lake, Minn.) have all been named to 2004 All-WIAC teams.

Petersen was named to the first

team and Geehan, Krtnick and Thompson all earned honorable mention.

Petersen, a right side hitter, was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2003 and earned honorable mention in 2002. She led the Falcons in 2004 with 462 kills, averaging 3.4 per match.

She had a .227 hitting percentage. Petersen completed her four-year career with 1,217 kills, fifth on the Falcon all-time career kill list. She led the Falcons with 48 service aces and 134 total blocks. She had 16 solo and 118

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Falcon women's hockey dominates against weekend rivals

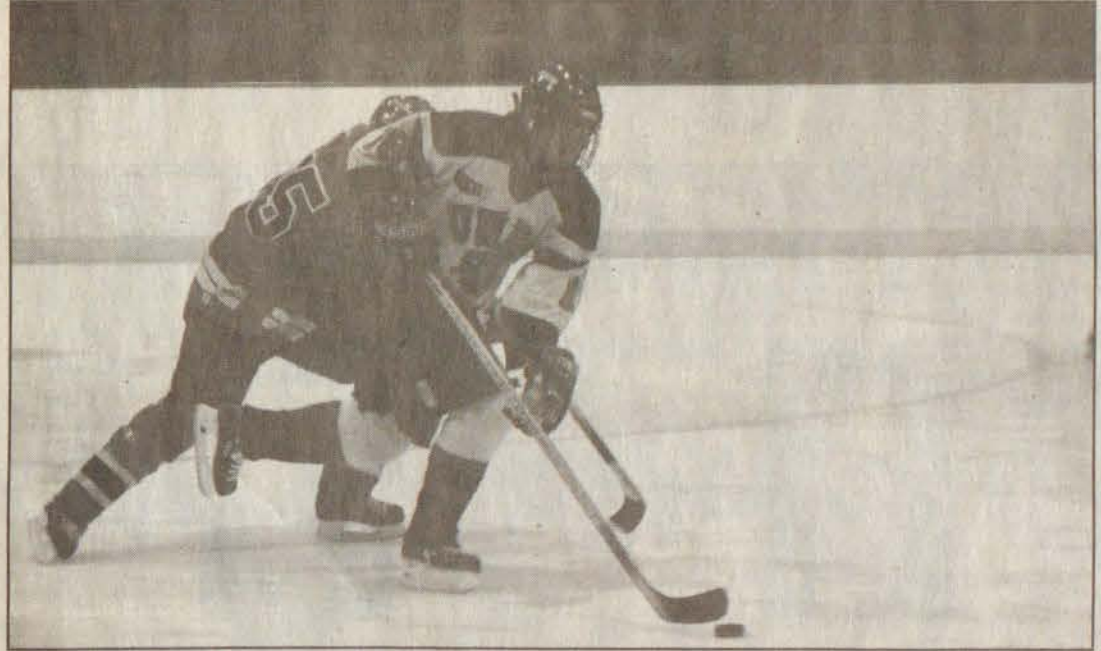


Photo by Corey Hargreaves
Jenny Wallace lines up for a goal in the Nov. 6 game. Women's hockey defeated their Saturday competition St. Benedict finishing with a 7-0 victory.

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team soundly defeated both St. Catherine and St. Benedict on the opening weekend of the season.

The Falcons came out in full force Friday night when they defeated St. Catherine 6-2 with the team's six goals coming from six different Falcons.

The Falcons were down 1-0 after the first period, but when the second period started they took over.

Leah Baron scored the first Falcon goal at 6:57 into the second period with

Jenny Wallace following suit scoring her first goal at 8:44. Lindsay

O'Keefe received assists from Wallace and Kelly Hurley to score at 9:43.

Renae Bergh scored at 16:37 off an assist from Kristen Juven. Emily Nierenhausen had the first goal in the third period at 7:17 receiving assists from both Wallace and Baron. Amy Bruggeman had the final goal for the game at 15:04 with an assist from Hurley. Amber Lindner controlled the goalie spot all 60 minutes, making eight saves, while two goalies for St. Catherine made 50 saves.

"We out-shot them 60-10," Falcon head coach

Joe Cranston said. "As long as we keep working we'll win a lot of games."

The Falcons held their first home game on Saturday against St. Benedict. The Falcons dominated the match by defeating St. Benedict 7-0.

"We got the jitters out from the game before and were able to dominate this game," Cranston said.

Jenson opened the first period with two consecutive goals - at 5:53 with an assist from Snedeker and then again at 8:13 with help from Bruggeman. O'Keefe netted the next two goals with assists from Hurley at 17:11 during the first period and 2:46 in the second period.

Even senior goalie Marlene Yaeger got in on the scoring when she assisted Wallace on a goal at 5:30 in the second period for the team's fifth goal. Emily Nierenhausen had her second goal of the season at 9:31 to close the second period. Hurley had the last goal of the game at 7:40 with assists from O'Keefe and Nierenhausen.

Yaeger played all 60 minutes earning her 11th career shutout. She made 13 saves for the night, while St. Benedict's goalie made 44.

The Falcons next face Bethel 7:05 p.m. Nov. 5 at Hunt Arena.

SCOREBOARD

Football
WIAC Standings

Eau Claire (6-2)	3-2
Whitewater (6-2)	3-2
Stevens Point (5-3)	3-2
La Crosse (4-3)	3-2
Oshkosh (5-3)	2-3
Platteville (5-3)	2-3
Stout (4-3)	2-3
River Falls (2-6)	2-3

Oct. 23 results
UW-River Falls..... 0 7 0 7 - 14
UW-La Crosse..... 7 14 7 10 - 38

1st Quarter
05:20 UW-L - Scott Bumroski 6 yd pass from Steve Tennies (Jedediah Jensen kick), 9-74 2:39, RF 0 - UW-L 7

2nd quarter
08:27 UW-L - Robin Finco 47 yd pass from Steve Tennies (Jedediah Jensen kick), 2-51 0:45, RF 0 - UW-L 14
03:34 RF - John Peterlik 51 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 9-81 4:46, RF 7 - UW-L 14
01:59 UW-L - C. Geldernick 45 yd run (Jedediah Jensen kick), 5-80 1:35, RF 7 - UW-L 21

3rd Quarter
06:36 UW-L - Andrew Lehman 18 yd pass from Steve Tennies (Jedediah Jensen kick), 9-76 4:27, RF 7 - UW-L 28

4th Quarter
10:48 RF - Nathan Anderson 25 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 3-35 1:09, RF 14 - UW-L 28
05:23 UW-L - Robin Finco 60 yd run (Jedediah Jensen kick), 7-93 3:41, RF 14 - UW-L 35
01:20 UW-L - Jedediah Jensen 43 yd field goal, 4-4 2:17, RF 14 - UW-L 38

	RF	UWL
First Downs	23	21
Rushing	68-391	43-347
Passing	29	114
Total Offense	71-420	63-465
Fumbles-Lost	6-5	1-0
Interceptions	1	1
Penalties	2-20	7-49
Possession	32:20	27:40

Individual leaders

Rushing
RF - Anderson 29-185; Peterlik 15-111; Ward 13-42; Affeldt 7-24; Bittner 2-23; Secrist 1-3; Wolff 1-3

Passing
Bittner 1-3-1-29.

Receiving
RF-Anderson 1-29

Tackling (Solo-Assist)

Gillett 6-11; Farmer 1-6; Jordan 3-3; Buker 1-5; Hampton 1-4; Meyer 1-4; Hoegh 3-1; Hanson 0-4; Gray 2-1; Cassellius 1-2; B. Baillargeon 0-3; Graham 1-1; Neumann 1-1; Agrimson 1-0; Dabrowski 1-0; Cook 1-0; TEAM 1-0; Fjerstad 0-1; Nesvig 0-1

Soccer

WIAC Standings

Stevens Point* (15-4-1)	7-1
Stout (13-3-2)	6-1-1
Oshkosh (15-4-3)	5-1-2
River Falls (12-5-1)	4-3-1
La Crosse (11-7-1)	4-4
Whitewater (9-9-1)	3-4-1
Eau Claire (7-10-1)	3-4-1
Platteville (8-12-0)	1-7
Superior (6-8-4)	0-8

* 2004 WIAC Champion

Nov. 5 Results

Postseason Tournament

UW-River Falls..... 0 0 - 0

UW-Stevens Point...0 1 - 1

2nd Half

65:23 UWSP - Donohoo (4) (Wiepiz)

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings

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

Nov. 6 results
Concordia-Moorhead.. 1 1 0 - 2
UW-River Falls..... 2 2 2 - 6

1st period

02:20 RF Pulnera (1) (Cooper)

14:52 RF Cooper (1) (Henkemeyer/Sikich)

19:47 CC Hansen (3) (Ronning/Wothe)

2nd Period

00:40 RF Jackson (1) (Schlipp/Dwyer)

15:37 RF Sikich (3) (Dwyer/Schlipp)

18:12 CC Mackner (1) (unassisted)

Third period

13:32 RF Cooper (2) (Kostiuk/Pulnera)

16:37 RF Hansen (1) (Kostiuk/Jackson)

Nov. 5 results

UW-River Falls..... 0 1 2 0 - 3

Augsburg College...0 3 0 0 - 3

2nd period

01:15 AUG Fleck (1) (Haeahn)

07:13 AUG May (1) (Nagurski/Johnson)

12:18 RF Dahl (1) (Lalande/Usher)

9:29 AUG Nagurski (1)

3rd period

12:58 RF Larson (2) (Sikich)

18:04 RF Larson (3) (Lalande)

Women's Hockey

NCHA Standings

River Falls (2-0-0)	0-0
UW-Superior (1-0-1)	0-0
UW-Stevens Point (0-0-0)	0-0
UW-Eau Claire (1-1-0)	0-0
Lake Forest (0-0-2)	0-0
Finlandia (0-2-0)	0-0

Nov. 6 results

St. Benedict..... 0 0 0 - 0

UW-River Falls.....3 1 - 7

1st period

05:53 RF Jensen (1) (Snedeker)

08:13 RF Jensen (2) (Bruggeman)

17:11 RF O'Keefe (2) (Hurley)

2nd period

02:46 RF O'Keefe (3) (Hurley)

05:30 RF Wallace (2) (Yaeger)

09:31 RF Nierenhausen (2)

3rd period

07:40 Hurley (1) (O'Keefe/Nierenhausen)

Nov. 5 results

UW-River Falls..... 0 4 2 - 6

St. Kates..... 1 1 0 - 2

1st period

19:28 CSC Volenec (Johnson)

2nd period

06:57 RF Baron (unassisted)

08:44 RF Wallace (Unassisted)

09:43 RF O'Keefe (Wallace/Hurley)

12:23 CSC Volenec (Unassisted)

16:37 RF Bergh (Unassisted)

3rd period

07:17 RF Nierenhausen (Wallace/Baron)

15:04 RF Bruggeman (Hurley)

Swimming

Nov. 5 results

Men

River Falls 109

Whitewater 142

Falcons top finishers

(place, name, event-time)

1. Goetsch, 1,000 free- 11:11.25

1. Goetsch, 200 fly- 2:18.33

2. Smaagard, 100 fly- :52.58

2. Smaagard, 100 fly- :58.22

Women

River Falls 163.5

Whitewater 116.5

Top Falcon finishers

(place, name, event-time)

1. UWRF, 200 medly relay- 1:58.74

1. Cesare, 100 back- 1:05.11

1. Merchant, 100 breaststroke- 1:15.61

1. Merchant, 200 breaststroke- 2:46.53

1. Clark, 200 fly- 2:32.2

1. Clark, 100 fly- 1:03.67

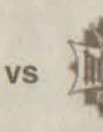
1. Deters, 50 free- :26.43

1. Olson, 200 back- 2:21.76

1. UWRF 400 free relay- 3:55.51

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Women's Hockey



UW-RF

Bethel

7:05 p.m. Nov. 16
Hunt Arena

The Falcons put their unbeaten record on the line against Bethel (0-1). The Falcons are currently leading the NCHA conference after a 2-0 start. Last weekend the Falcons won 7-0 at home against St. Benedict and 6-2 at St. Catherine. With an impressive win the Falcons could gain a national ranking.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Nov. 12

Women's Hockey vs. Bethel, 7:05 p.m.

Men's Hockey at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13

Swimming vs. Macalester, 1 p.m.

Football vs. Stevens Point, 2 p.m.

Cross Country at NCAA Midwest Regionals (at Rock Island, Ill.)

Women's Hockey at Gustavus Adolphus, 2:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Valparaiso, 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey at St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

Women's Hockey at Superior, 7:05 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Garrett Larson
Hockey



Kelly Deters
Swimming

Forward Garrett Larson helped the Falcons this weekend at Augsburg. The senior transfer scored two goals in the final eight minutes of regulation to help the Falcons secure a 3-3 tie, and stay unbeaten this year. Larson also played a physical game against Concordia-Moorhead in the team's 6-2 win.

Deters helped the Falcons to the team's first WIAC dual meet win in four years at UW-Whitewater Friday. Deters won the 50 free in 26.43 and tied for first in the 100 free in 59.07. She was a member of the Falcon 200 medley relay team that placed first in 1:58.74 and the 400 free relay team that placed first in 3:55.5

Halo 2 means less time for sleeping, more time focusing toward gaming

The world of sports has many legends that people will never forget. Basketball has Michael Jordan, baseball has Babe Ruth and football has Walter Payton and John Elway. However, a new breed of legends is being formed as new sports take over - professional video gamers.

As students, we spend most of our time at classes and studying because that is what we are here for, to be educated and to get a career. But sometimes we just need to get away from studying and that is what video games are for.

However, I have a feeling that all is going to change with the release of Halo 2 on Tuesday, which people have been waiting years for, a lot of students will spend most of their time playing video games and occasionally go to classes and study here and there.

To be honest, I'll probably be one of those students who tend to play more video games than study because the release of Halo 2 is like the Super Bowl. It's what gamers have been talking about for months and have been counting down the days until the release. My friends and I have already talked about how we need to arrange our school work around Halo 2.

In fact, the Accusation for Computing Machinery UW-River Falls Chapter brought the leisure time activity of video gaming on campus to a competition level of video gaming when it held a tournament Tuesday, the day of the release. It was there where the true video gamers of UW-RF made their appearance playing Halo 2 for a chance to win a copy of the game. But I don't think the prize meant much to people because if they're like me,

most of them probably already had the game, but it's all about the competition, knowing that you are the best gamer on campus. Campus tournaments are a good start to professional video gaming because, if you win one, it lets you know you are the best and can compete for money.

Students who love to play video games and compete in tournaments may want to know that they can make a living playing video games. The World Cyber Games (WCG) paid out \$20,000 for first place in Halo. While Halo might be a fun game, you might want to get

My friends and I have already talked about how we need to arrange our school work around Halo 2.

interested in playing "Counter-Strike: Condition Zero" because the WCG paid out \$50,000 for first place.

However, this year's WCG championships, which are the world's largest computer and video game festival, has already passed, but there is no time like today to start practicing for next year's WCG championship.

If you really think you're a true video game player then you might want to move to Korea because that is where all the best video

game players are, and if you can win in Korea, then you may just be the best video game player in the world.

Next time you spend hours in front of a TV playing video games and someone tells you, 'you are wasting your day or should be studying,' you tell them that you are studying... to be a professional with a take home income of \$50,000.

While many students will be staying up late and probably playing hours of video games, just remember we are all here for an education and school comes first. But if for some reason your grades drop, there's always an option to take on the life of a professional video gamer.

HUNTING THE COMPETITION



Photo by Corey Hargreaves

The Falcon Face Off club, unleashed the new student section banner at the Nov. 6 game. The banner was designed to label the students' section in Hunt Arena. To support the men's hockey team on Nov. 19, wear blaze orange apparel to the game. Nov. 20 the Face Off club wants the fans to wear camouflage gear.

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block assists. The 118 block assists in sixth all time. She finished with 87 set assists and 354 digs.

Geehan, a middle hitter, finished second on the team with 382 kills. She led the Falcons with a .254 hitting percentage.

Geehan also had 43 aces and 120 blocks on the season, both second on the team. Geehan led UW-RF with 25 solo blocks and had 95 block assists. She had 16 assists and 116 digs.

Krtnick, a setter, led the Falcons with 1575 assists, fourth most in a single season. She had 458 digs and 37 aces, both third on the team. Krtnick had nine solo and 38 total blocks.

Thompson, an outside hitter, had 307 kills and averaged 3.34 per game. She finished with a .172 hitting percentage. She had 36 aces, fourth on the team, 244 digs and 13 assists. She finished with five solo and 22 total blocks.

UW-RF finished their 2004 season with 5-3 WIAC and 24-11 overall records.

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perform only the duties specifically stated in their contracts within contract hours, unless they have an additional contract agreement for additional activities.

Work-To-Rule is called a job action by WCEA. Another job action, implemented by teachers in the River Falls School District in response to not having a negotiated contract, is that they no longer accept student teachers.

"Student teachers will not be accepted by River Falls teachers due to the increase in time and effort required to provide students with a meaningful supervisory relationship," according to WCEA's Web site.

Jeff Horner, WCEA's lead negotiator for the teachers in River Falls, said he understands the frustration student teachers feel about the situation.

"We are not doing this to make it difficult for student teachers," Horner said.

This has caused problems for UW-RF education majors who hoped to student teach in River Falls and also for the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) Dean's office.

Typically, COEPS places 115 - 130 students for student teaching and

approximately 300 more for field experience in area school districts during the fall semester, said COEPS director of field experiences Dee McCollum. During the spring semester the number of student teacher placement ranges from 130 - 155 and the field experience placements remain around 300.

Before Work-To-Rule, the River Falls School District accepted about 20 student teachers and 45 - 60 field experience placements each semester. Now, one UW-RF student is placed for student teaching and none are placed for field experience in the River Falls School District this semester, McCollum said.

"I understand exactly where they are coming from and I support what they want to accomplish, but it makes my job tough," McCollum said.

One concern she has about the situation is that it leaves the students with a bad taste in their mouths when they are going into the profession and the profession isn't helping them, McCollum said.

UW-RF's student organization for education majors, Tomorrow's Educators, has had one of its programs come to an end because of this. Since

Work-To-Rule has come into effect, the club is no longer allowed to send volunteers to tutor students and assist teachers in the River Falls School District, said president Amanda Deering. Deering expressed her concern for the young

students.

"Students are the ones that are hurt," Deering said.

Both teachers and future teachers are realizing the repercussions of the Work-To-Rule contract.

Michael Richter is a UW-RF student who lives in River Falls and is currently student teaching second grade in New Richmond. He would have liked to have been placed in River Falls, where he plans to stay after graduation.

"Since I am living here, it would have been nice," Richter said.

A handful of Richter's student teacher friends were affected by not being able to be placed in River Falls due to Work-To-Rule and didn't get placed for student teaching until August. Richter said the norm is to know by May, as he did, and visit the school well ahead of time.

"Kids should come first," Richter said. Steve Papp has taught fourth grade at Greenwood Elementary for the last four years.

Before Work-To-Rule, Papp brought work home regularly and had established a routine of getting a pop, sitting down in front of the television and correcting papers.

Papp joked that his wife is happier now under Work-To-Rule because he isn't bringing work home, but he said it has not been easy.

The consensus from both student teachers and full-time teachers is that it is affecting the students the most and that is the worst part.

The Student Voice conducted a random survey of 28 River Falls High School students during the students' lunch break on Nov. 4. Eight of 28 high school students surveyed knew what

Work-To-Rule was. Three of the eight who knew what it was said they were directly affected.

The River Falls High School students shared their thoughts about Work-To-Rule and their teachers' situation in general.

Teachers cutting down their involvement in activities have affected forensics and speech for students at the high school, Sam Scherf, 15, said. Scherf knew what Work-To-Rule was and said he understood why the teachers were doing it.

"They have to do it. Otherwise, they get screwed by the school district," Scherf said. "It's a necessary evil."

Sarah McNamara, 18, did not know at first what Work-To-Rule was. When her friends started talking about it, she quickly spoke out in favor of teachers receiving better pay and being compensated for their work done outside of school hours.

"I think it's a good idea," McNamara said. "They are teaching the youth of America."

Of 28 students surveyed, McNamara and nine others empathized with their teachers' situation.

Although the students share empathy and understand they are the ones being hurt, nothing has changed in the last four years.

River Falls High School Principal Elaine Baumann has only been at the school for the last four years. Work-To-

Rule has been in effect the entire time during her tenure.

"What worries me is I'm getting used to it," Baumann said.

In a changing relationship like that between teachers and administration, no easy answer can be found.

Horner said the frustration UW-RF students feel is similar to the frustration teachers in the River Falls school district feel about not being able to settle a contract in four years. Horner advises future teachers to pay attention to state legislature, particularly legislation that affects the budgets of school districts.

"You don't cut budgets without cutting staff - that's the bottom line," Horner said.

River Falls School District Superintendent Boyd McLarty also addressed the effect of Work-To-Rule on student teachers. He said the school district values the relationship with the University and maintains constant contact, but taking student teachers is up to the individual teachers.

"It is a union decision or an individual teacher decision," McLarty said. "It is not anything we control."

McLarty advises future teachers that working with students is very satisfying, and there is always room for good people in the profession.

Teachers, administrators, principals all agreed the contract dispute will not be settled soon.

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made and does plan on returning to the campus, at least for the summer of 2005. Two more years remain on the contract.

"I think it is great," John Peterlik said in about the Chiefs' agreement. "The campus benefits from them."

Jeremy Kerg is a student who has done a lot to try and get the Chiefs to return to River Falls.

"The team supplies our football team with practice pants and other equipment, as well as a great field," Kerg said. "They also advertise for the school, bring people to the town, and overall are very beneficial to the University."

Moore feels that the campus benefits from the team coming, but their return is well deserved to the University.

"The University did a good job of keeping the front office informed of campus renovations," Moore said. "Anything from the new living facility to the sports complex, we were kept in mind the whole time."

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communicate effectively; to demonstrate knowledge of past and present human endeavor; to apply scientific principles to the natural world; to engage in multi-disciplinary inquiry; and to evaluate individual responsibility to self, society, and the world.

"The new program is a lot more well-rounded, more comprehensive," said Molly Magestro, student assistant to the general education committee.

That's because the committee has defined specific criteria and outcomes for courses in each of those disciplines, which haven't existed until now. It is up to each individual department or professor to outline how students will meet these criteria and how their performance will be evaluated.

That's where the course proposals come in. To be included in the general education program

for the next academic year, each course's department or professor must submit a proposal to the committee. Proposals must address course objectives, teaching methodology, evaluation procedures and include an outline of content, among other things.

The committee reviews each proposal to see if it meets the established criteria. If so, the proposal is approved and the course will be offered as a general for the next five years.

If the committee rejects a course, then its department or instructor receives feedback on how to adjust the proposal and may re-submit the amended proposal for inclusion in the next year's program if it meets the May deadline.

Courses that fail to make the cut can still be offered but will not be included in the general education program.

Rather than dumping the current program and starting over with all new classes, Trechter said the committee hopes to approve almost all established

generals.

"I view this as evolutionary rather than revolutionary," Trechter said.

Trechter said the committee is going to work hard to try to get as many courses approved as possible and to make the new program run smoothly for students.

Some committee members admit it's no easy task.

Student member Nick Cluppert said one roadblock is that the committee and faculty members alike are struggling to adapt to the evolving program.

"We're just trying to get a feel of it ourselves," Cluppert said.

Despite the difficulties involved, Cluppert and Trechter agree that one of the program's major benefits is the regular assessment of courses. Trechter said this means a more dynamic and student-friendly system.

The committee is currently working with mostly science and math proposals. All departments or professors have until May to submit their proposals for next year's program.

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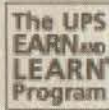
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more hands-on experience, Ridley said.

"[We will do] anything we can do to increase the learning potential for the students," Ridley said.

Dairy science professor Larry Baumann is also optimistic the project will become a reality. He said it would make teaching his dairy science courses much easier to have new facilities.

"First of all, we'd be able to demonstrate the management of cattle in newer updated facilities than we have now," Baumann said.

He also said the new facility would cut out a lot of time in the dairy labs. Right now the students have to do a lot of extra work while preparing the cows for labs and milking.

Baumann said milking takes about four hours in the current facility, but that time would be cut down to about an hour and a half in the new facility thanks to more modern equipment.

"It boils down to the amount of time and labor it takes to do the labs now," Baumann said.

If the DLC is approved, it will be located at Lab Farm 2, which is known as the Mann Valley Farm, east of the hog barn.

The new facilities would include mature cow

housing, a special needs barn, a calf barn, a heifer shed, a milking center with contemporary milking equipment, feed bunkers, a bagged feed area, a feed mixing building, hay storage, a classroom/laboratory building and a manure management system and compost pad.

The facilities would house a 96-cow milking herd and 192 young replacement cows necessary to support instruction and research.

Ridley said the new DLC would allow the staff to improve its methods of managing the dairy herd.

Currently, the cows are housed in a barn with tie-down individual stalls. The new facility would be more free style, which is a modern management method.

There are also plans to house the cattle on sand instead of concrete, which would make cleaning up waste easier and be more comfortable for the cows.

"The name of the game is cow comfort," Ridley said. "The more comfortable they are, the more productive they are."

Ridley said the best case scenario would be going out to bid again in March, with construction beginning in the summer.

"It [the DLC] will give the University a lot of increased visibility," Ridley said.

He believes it would also give the local farm community the opportunity to visit and evaluate opportunities for their children.

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Comic strips of
the week

By:
Neng Yang



ON BEAT

Ride out west with the 'Kid'

Winter is just around the corner. It is sad, but true. Soon the snow will be piling up on my door step, the wind will be flinging said snow in my eyes, and the layer of ever-present ice will expand on the campus sidewalks. It's a glum, cold picture. It's a picture that Minneapolis's Kid Dakota captures all too well on its new Chairkickers release "The West is the Future."



BRYAN HARMELINK

"The West is the Future" is the second release for South Dakota native Darren Jackson, aka Kid Dakota. Kid Dakota's first release "So Pretty," which was first released as an EP and then as an eight-song full-length, received critical acclaim.

While "So Pretty" was very auto-biographical, "The West is the Future" sounds more like a soundtrack for a David Lynch film. Listening to this album makes you feel like you should be riding with the ghost of John Wayne. This album is haunting. It's dark. It's epic: five of the albums' nine songs are more than five minutes long.

The album's first track "Pilgrim" is probably the easiest song for an audience to swallow. "Pilgrim" pounds in anticipatory rhythm and sets the scene for the rest of the album. It starts the journey west into the plains. The track is huge-sounding, with an almost constant barrage of drum rolls that leads up to a solid frenzied breakdown.

"Homesteader" captures the feelings of an evening on a struggling homestead. The sound of cicadas in the background and the creaking of hardwood floors set the scene of an abandoned, haunted western ranch.

"Pine Ridge" is about the trials and tribulations on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. As Jackson says, "Pine Ridge, S.D., has got a lot of good people doing bad things to one another."

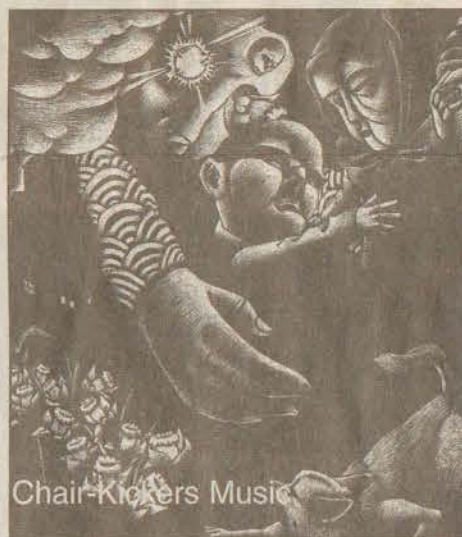
"Ivan" is a break from the dark and depressing tracks that precede it. "Ivan" could fit in Jackson's other project, the super-happy, pop-rock band The Olympic Hopefuls.

"Ten Thousand Lakes" is the only track on which Jackson discusses his drug problems of the past. It is fitting that it is very reminiscent to the style of Elliott Smith. Jackson tries to put a touch of humor on the song by saying that he didn't come to Minnesota because he is Scandinavian or because he is a fan of the Vikings, ice fishing, duck hunters, or Paul Bunyan, he

came to get better. Mission accomplished.

"Starlight Motel" sounds like it is straight out of Twin Peaks. In the middle of the song, a woozy-sounding old-time radio show starts playing in the background. This song makes you feel like you are walking into a vacant room in the Bates Hotel.

"The West is the Future" makes you feel like you are alone with the ghosts of the homestead in the middle of the rolling plains of the South Dakota prairie. It's a haunting album that fans of 16-Horsepower, Neutral Milk Hotel, Elliott Smith, Sparklehorse, and Pink Floyd's "The Wall" will find themselves salivating over.



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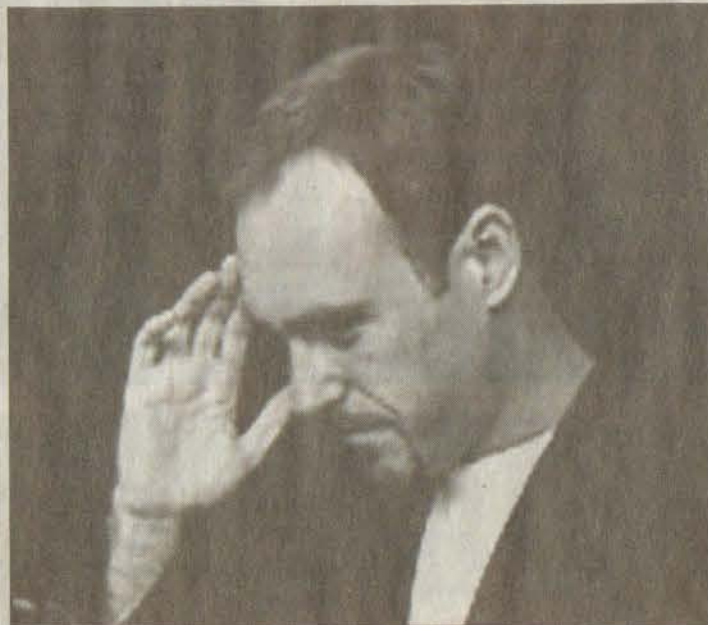


UW-RF students participated in a video game tournament where they vied to win a copy of the 'Halo 2' game. The tournament was held on Nov. 9 in South Hall and was put on by the UW-River Falls chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery. Total participation was 16.

Photo by Sarah Geston

Out 'n' About

Mentalist Chris Carter



When: Tuesday Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.

Where: North Hall Auditorium

Cost: Free

Chris Carter has appeared on the Donny and Marie Show, the Martin Short Show and was nominated for the Performing Arts Entertainer of the Year Award 2000 by the National Association of Campus Activities. Mind reading? ESP? This show is beyond your imagination!

Friday-Saturday

Romeo and Juliet

Where: Blanche Davis Theatre

When: Nov. 12-13 at 8 p.m. and

Cost: \$3 for students and \$7 for adults

UW-RF students and faculty will present this classic tale of star-crossed lovers.

Monday

UW-RF supporting Special Olympics Informational Meeting

Where: International Room, Student Center

When: 7 p.m.

Our goal is to create an organization called UW-RF Supporting Special Olympics in which UW-RF students run. The program will serve individuals (primarily school-aged youth) in the community who are eligible to participate in Special Olympics and give students from UW-RF many opportunities. In the spring we also hope to host a training event for athletes.

Students can become involved by coaching, serving on a committee and/or volunteering for specific events.

Tuesday

Operation Christmas Child

Where: Drop off items in 107 Davee Library or in any residence hall

When: Now through Nov. 16

Operation Christmas Child sends shoe boxes, packed with new toys and hygiene and school supplies to poor children all over the world who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift this holiday season. Items will be wrapped on Nov 16 from 7-9 p.m. in the Presidents Room in the Student Center. All students are asked to donate items and are invited to help wrap the gifts.

Wednesday

The Bridge Series presents "By Noon"

Where: North Hall Auditorium

When: 7 p.m.

Cost: Free for students, \$5 for non-students

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Photos by Rachel Gaynor
Students gussied themselves up in many different ways for the Block and Bridle date auction. Some dressed up, some dressed down, others didn't even bother getting dressed at all. Some showed their better assets by getting down on all fours. All of the lots turned heads, raised fingers and money.



Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

It happens on the big screen all the time. The good looking bachelor standing on stage, strutting his stuff while a group of drooling women mercilessly up-bid one another for the right to be his dinner date.

Lab Farm 2 was the site of one such event last Thursday as the Block and Bridle club held the seventh annual Date Auction.

Lindsay Starr, president of the Block and Bridle couldn't be happier. "We were a bit nervous at first. There were a lot of people that weren't bidding, but then they got into it and it was good."

According to Lisa Kossel, chairwoman of the Date Auction, the auction serves as the major fundraiser for the

Block and Bridle club.

"We pay for our shows that we put on; sheep, horse and beef shows and our annual showmanship royal," Kossel said. "These events can be pricey because we need to pay judges to come to these events and we need to pay for facilities some-times."

The auction raised almost \$1,900 for the club Kossel said.

Bidders were paying high prices for their future dates.

"The highest selling lot went for \$255," Kossel said.

The sale catalog included 30 lots of one or two people being auctioned off, but there were late entries and nine lots not included in the catalog were also

auctioned according to co-chair of the auction, Ashleigh Brummel.

The auction began at 7 p.m. with lot viewing prior to the auction. Every club and organization in the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) is asked to consign lots to the auction.

Brandi Wyse, a sophomore who was auctioned along with Mari Dean for \$75, thought the whole experience was hard on the nerves.

"It was fun," Wyse said. "Actually it was nerve racking at first but once we got out there the crowd got going."

Attendance for the auction was high. The bleachers were full and people were

standing. "We printed 80 catalogs and we ran out," Brummel said. "All the seats were filled and there were people standing. I bet there were at least 100 people watching."

Kossel didn't seem surprised by the turnout though.

"It's a fun and entertaining event," Kossel said.

Contestants filled out a brief biography to put into the catalog. Questions included: "What do you do for fun?", "If you had a million dollars, what would you do with it?" and "If you were a band-aid who would you be stuck to and where on their body?"

"The point of this was to have a good time," Wyse said. "People dressed up like hicks, old men, cowboys, fun stuff. Mari and I dressed up in cowboy boots, a skirt and we had pig tails."

Even though it was a date auction, some contestants didn't go on dates, at least not yet.

"The guy that won my lot didn't take us out yet," Wyse said. "But Mari and I have plans to eventually go with him."

Kossel, who joined the Block and Bridle club as a freshmen has now been a part of three Date Auctions and thinks this one may have hit the nail on the head.

"It was the most successful one since I've been here," Kossel said. "It may have been the most successful auction ever."

Kossel also said that this fundraiser is important to other fundraising activities the Block and Bridle club does.

"It covers the costs of our other fundraisers we do too such as the Ag Olympics in the spring," Kossel said. All proceeds from this event are donated to the Special Olympics."

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