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Soggy start for sleep out doesn't stop students



Students participated in the fifth annual sleep out by sleeping in cardboard boxes outside the Student Center this week. Tyler Stevens, Tim Barnett and Nick Peterson slept out on Tuesday night.

Group hopes to raise \$2,004

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The Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness (CCFHH) kicked off its fifth annual sleep out in front of the Student Center Monday night. The CCFHH hopes to raise \$2,004 in donations and raise awareness of homelessness before the week-long event is over.

Construction of the cardboard homes for the students to sleep in began on the lawn in front of the student center in the late afternoon, but the bulk of the first volunteers to sleep outside came between 9 and 10 p.m. as the temperature hovered around 44 degrees.

Students sipped on hot chocolate as they worked on setting up their homes and tried to build a fire in an uncooperative breeze.

All cardboard boxes are not created equal. Event organizer Stephanie Mc Laughlin said half of the cardboard was donated by Gregerson Hardware of Baldwin, but the heavy-duty boxes donated by St. Croix Harley Davidson of New Richmond, "were the best" for anyone wanting to participate.

By Tuesday morning, many of the cardboard homes sagged from the weight of the previous night's mist and looked uncomfortable, at best, after partici-

pants vacated to go to class.

Sigma Sigma Sigma made participation in the sleep out mandatory.

"I think it's a good cause, so we're doing it," said member Katie Monsour.

Each of the sorority's members either slept out side this week to raise donations or personally donated \$10, Monsour said.

Anyone may donate money during or after the event. Donations to CCFHH may be mailed to or dropped off at the Leadership Center between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. All money raised will go directly to the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and the Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Inc.

CCFHH has a large "neighborhood" poster in the Student Center with the names of donors written on "houses." The group had not made its goal of \$2,004 as of Monday evening, but was still hopeful because participation and donations typically continue to increase during the entire week.

Participation has increased each year since its inception with 109 sleeping out in 2003.

"We hope for an even better turnout this year," Mc Laughlin said.

The group is also collecting non-perishable food. CCFHH held a food sculpture event Tuesday in the Student Center, and will donate all the food collected. Anyone wishing to donate non-perishable food may do so at the Leadership Center.

CAS screening committee begins hunt for new dean

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After seven years of being the Dean of College of Arts (CAS), Gorden Hedahl is stepping down from the position at the end of the summer, and a search for his replacement is currently underway.

The changing of chancellors felt like an appropriate time to step down, Hedahl said, due to his future plans of retirement, and he wanted the new chancellor to be able to plan things with someone who intends to be around for a longer period of time.

With Hedahl's decision finalized, a 13-member search committee headed by Interim Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) Connie Foster was put together and meet weekly to search for the new dean.

The committee consists of members from departments that fall under the CAS umbrella like history, art and journalism all being a part of the search com-

mittee along with two students to voice the interests of the student body.

"The committee represents the diverse campus population," Foster said.

The committee is currently reaching out to students and faculty in order to decide what some qualities that are desired for a dean are.

"We're still looking for input on what skills they should have," Foster said.

After gathering the viewpoints of faculty and students, the committee will apply both the opinions learned and a general set of standards for the position of dean. The standards include such points as the dean should have earned a doctorate degree, has scholarly achievements, leadership abilities and an ability to generate support from external funding.

The rigorous progress will narrow the field of candidates down from five to ten, with those few going through phone interviews and reference checks. After that,



Gorden Hedahl

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3 state FFA officers resign amid allegations of alcohol consumption

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The consumption of alcohol can be blamed for the Wisconsin FFA Association's reduction of three members. The organization will only have eight State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Officers instead of 11 until new officers are elected in June.

At a special meeting of the State FFA Executive Board three state officers resigned, according to a Nov. 12 press release from

the Wisconsin Association of FFA.

Three Wisconsin State FFA Officers were accused of consuming alcohol at a private residence in River Falls after the Greenhand Conference held at UW-River Falls in mid-October, said Dean Gagnon, Wisconsin State FFA Adviser.

Agriculture education professor Tim Buttle said the three officers in question were Jake Kramer and Josh Duley of UW-RF and Kristian Schmalzer.

Two of the officers admitted to the offense while the third one denied it, Gagnon said.

The meeting was called to allow the two officers who admitted to the violation have a chance to resign their positions for violating part of the State FFA Officer Policy, according to the press release.

The policy states, "State FFA Officers will forego all alcohol while involved in official or unofficial FFA activities from the day the officer is elected until

he/she installs a new state officer. This means 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for 365 days."

According to the policy, infractions can lead to dismissal from the State FFA Officer Team.

The executive board listened to the two officers and then went into an "executive session" without them, according to the press release.

The board voted by secret bal-

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Final grades pass testing of their own

B+ students have hope for higher GPAs with proposed change

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For students who frequently miss an A by just a couple of points or always come so close to getting Bs on tests, dreams of better grades may soon become realities.

UW-River Falls could change from the standard straight letter grading system to a plus or minus system as early as next fall.

"The pros are that basically there are more boxes into which to put people," said Ian

Williams, a faculty member of the academic standards committee, the Faculty Senate subcommittee reviewing the possible change.

As opposed to the current system's five grading categories, the new system would offer 11: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D and F. A+ will not be an option because it could raise a student's GPA above the standard 4.0, which would remain the same under the new system. To even the scale, there would also be no D-.

The straight letter grading scale has been standard since UW-RF was founded more than 100 years ago. UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater are the only other schools in the UW System with similar scales. There's been talk of changing to a plus or minus scale here since at least the 1970s, but the

complexity of making the change has kept it under wraps.

"If this issue was so clear cut, this issue wouldn't be here," Williams said. "We'd have done this years ago."

A major roadblock to a grading overhaul has been campus division.

Sophomore Kyle Reimann, an English major, is in favor of the change.

Reimann said just a few points often result in his getting a B over an A. If he has to get a B, he said he'd be much happier with a B+.

"It better represents the grade you got in the class," Reimann said.

But Aaron Hall, a senior biology major, likes the system how it is.

"I think I'd be opposed to a plus or minus

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Excited by expansion, city favors swap of land with UW-RF

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UW-River Falls is currently in negotiations with K & S Developers about a possible land swap with Mann Valley Farm (Lab Farm 2) in Troy Township.

The University is negotiating a deal in which it would trade land south of County Road MM and tentatively receive land west of the current farm, said Steve Ridley, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES).

The developer is working with land owners in the vicinity of the lab farm to get parcels of land that it can swap with the University, said Mike Turner, general manager of K & S Developers.

The City of River Falls is inter-

ested in creating an urban area on the land because water and sewer are available from the city, said Buddy Lucero, planning director for the City of River Falls. However, Lucero said that the city is not involved with the negotiations between UW-RF and K & S Developer.

"Basically [the] city has defined this area as needed for city expansion," Turner said.

The developer would like to obtain the land from the lab farm because K & S currently owns the land in its immediate vicinity and does not want to have University-owned land in the middle of K & S land, Turner said.

"Whatever we do, we aren't sure on that, we don't want the University spreading manure in the middle of the land," Turner said.

Lucero said that the University's agricultural land is in an undesirable location.

"[It is] hard to develop residential area around agricultural land," Lucero said.

The University wants to work with those involved with the swap but also get the best result for the University, Ridley said.

"We want to cooperate and not hold back development," Ridley said. "We need to protect our investment in the farm."

There is thought that if a development is built, it could prevent further urban expansion into Troy Township, Ridley said.

"In planning, we are setting an urban boundary land for the next 50 years," Lucero said.

If the area is developed it could have the potential to save agri-

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The Mann Valley Farm (Lab Farm 2) could trade land to the City of River Falls. In exchange, the University would receive a plot west of the farm.

Photo by Eric Ebert

LOCAL

Relay for Life 2005

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a way to help fight cancer by raising money to find a cure. There will be a Relay on April 15, 2005, at River Falls high school and a captain's kick-off meeting on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the River Falls High School. Anyone can form a team and become a team captain. This year there are incentives for people who wish to become captains of teams who register early. For more information contact Ashley Le Clair at Relay4Life2004@hotmail.com.

Christmas benefit concert

The River Falls Church Choirs is holding its second annual Christmas Benefit Concert. The title this year is "It Takes a Village." The concert is a community effort to raise money in support of River Falls "sister village" in Haiti. St. Bridget's Catholic Church is the location for the concert that will be held Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Student campus employment

The Leadership Center is looking to fill nearly 175 employment and volunteer positions this spring semester. There is a variety of positions being offered. They range from involvement in the residence halls to intramurals. The skills acquired in working for the Leadership Center not only enhance the college experience, but also give qualities that students can take along with them after graduation. Nomination forms are available at the Leadership Center for student organization leaders to fill out and are due Dec. 3.

Student art exhibit

Matthew Fischer and Nathaniel Robinson will be exhibiting artwork in the art gallery in Kleinpell Fine Arts through Nov. 24. The opening reception for the art will be held in the gallery on Nov. 19 from 5-9 p.m. Original work for both artists will be displayed and available to view daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.-7-9 p.m. with no admission fee.

Softball coach receives recognition

Faye Perkins, UW-River Falls softball coach, has received a Citation Award from Wisconsin Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (WAHPERD) for her community contribution. Perkins has influenced future professionals, program development and has presented numerous programs at conferences concerning health and physical education. WAHPERD is grateful to have Perkins in their association.

REGIONAL

St. Olaf radio station to be sold

Classical 89.3 WCAL is being sold by St. Olaf College to Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). Before the transfer could be finalized the Federal Communications Commission must approve. The FCC approved of the transfer on Nov. 15, and it will soon be put into effect.

MPR will take over and has not made any promises to the staff based as Classical 89.3, but it is considering and interviewing staffers there. It will also determine the content of the radio station and how it will be run. They have intentions to run WCAL different from both their news-and-information and classical music stations, but has yet to reveal exactly how they plan on running it. What the closemouthed MPR president, Bill Kling, has leaked is that it will add to the programming and have deep local roots.

This transaction was not uncontested. An organization, SaveWCAL, emerged shortly after the selling was announced in August. The FCC overlooked the arguments set forth by SaveWCAL by deeming them frivolous and without merit.

St. Olaf explained the selling with the hopes that with the revenue it will boost the lower-than-average endowment at the college.

UW-M employee looked to sell paper on black market

UW-Madison former employee in the print shop has been convicted of stealing paper and other supplies valued at being worth thousands of dollars. He had planned on selling his loot to buyers in the black market.

Gregory Grisle, 43, pleaded guilty to a felony charge. The charge was of misconduct in office for pilfering the paper while employed by the UW-M print shop.

He was caught when he attempted to sell paper and flat screen monitors to a private school while wearing his UW-M uniform. After this situation was discovered UW-M did an inventory and discovered that there were 2.8 million sheets of white paper missing, in monetary value it would be \$11,205.60.

Grisle faces a possible three-and-a-half year prison sentence.

NATIONAL

Bush's Cabinet emptying

President Bush's personal advisers, whom he turns to for guidance in their specialized areas, are fleeing. Post-election Bush has lost to date five cabinet members, and the Attorney General.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Secretary of Education Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Commerce Don Evans and Attorney General John Ashcroft have all left the Bush Administration.

Some concern has risen with many of these officials leaving. Americans are questioning why advisers to the President would be leaving and what their reasons were.

Powell said that he had previously thought that he would only serve one term under Bush before resigning, but then thought that if the President asked him to he would serve the second term as well. He was never asked. Ashcroft, who had suffered from gallstone pancreatitis in March and was unable to work for a month said that he was leaving for personal reasons. He believed that America would benefit from a fresh view and also that it would give him the opportunity to enjoy other parts of his life. One of Bush's closest advisers and friends, Evans, explained in his resignation letter that he was leaving after serving the President due to his personal wishes to return home. He also said that he was pleased to serve the country with a friend of his.

It is expected that National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice will replace Powell as Secretary of State. White House legal counsel, Alberto Gonzales was nominated and is expected to replace Ashcroft as Attorney General.

Cereal one of students' favorite meals

Many food service industries on college campuses across the country have noted the quick consumption of cereal from their cafeterias. Some reported that the ones that go the fastest are usually the sugary and fruity kind.

When asked college students gave a few reasons for the breakfast cereal being a meal three times a day. One was that it is easy to make. In a generation of rudimentary food preparation skills they find that cereal is easy, just add milk. Another reason is that it is cheap. Anyone knows that what is cheap is usually a safe bet for a company seeking to market the college students. They also mentioned that is has a bit of nostalgic quality about it. Eating cereal brings them back to the days when they sat around the table in the morning with their family before elementary school. In a natural state of transition this becomes a comfort food. Some also reported the "sure thing" factor cereal displayed. While one may be unsure about the quality of tatertot hot dish, there is no doubt as to what Cap'n Crunch will taste like.

There are even some cereal bars that are opening on campuses. These places are becoming a great alternative in the eyes of students seeking to avoid the shady cafeteria food.

STUDENT SENATE

Committee reviews structure of Senate

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An Ad Hoc committee was formed at the Student Senate meeting on Nov. 16. Forming the committee are Vice President Emilee Driscoll; Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services chair; Jon Gavin, shared governance chair; Louis Muench and Cali Smithback, senators. The committee was formed with the sole purpose of reviewing the possible structure change of the composition of the Student Senate. The committee will be looking at the possibility of hav-

ing representatives from each college, working somewhat like the Faculty Senate. No motion is on the table about this.

In other Senate news:

• Cluppert, along with Joe Eggers, legislative issues chair, are working to set up times for tabling dealing with issues about the budget cuts. They are working on mock letters that students could sign as well as a petition that would be sent out over J-Term to the governor.

• Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day as well as UW-River Falls recognition of Affirmative Action Day.

Hey you:

Monday, Nov. 22 is really a Thursday so don't go to the wrong class or you'll look like a fool.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Nov. 10
Christine M. Bender reported minor damage to her legally-parked vehicle at the 500 block of Cascade Ave. A vehicle owned by Jeanne M. St. Claire apparently backed into the vehicle while parking. When Bender returned to her vehicle she noted that the two vehicles were still bumped up against each other.

Nov. 11
Chad D. Anderson rear-ended Jennifer R. Schwochert at Cascade Ave. and Fifth St. Anderson was fined \$89.60 for inattentive driving.

Nov. 12
Aubree A. Swenson-Wick, Allison M. Kempainen and Nicole C. Robbins were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.

Cody S. Johnson was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

James C. Salas and Christopher L. Cannon were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall.

Michelle Hogler reported the theft of her purse from the horse arena at Lab Farm 1. The purse contained her driver's license, a credit card, checkbook and \$8 in cash (valued at \$25 total).

Nov. 13
Kelly J. Brosdahl was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at May Hall.

Bethany J. Sievert and Jordan O. Anderson were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Nathaniel R. Jacobsen was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at the Emogene Nelson Center.

Gayle A. Poepping reported criminal damage to property at 1017 E. Cascade Ave. A door

(valued at \$400) was damaged.

Nov. 14
Justin W. Fallon was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall. Fallon was also fined \$129 for resisting/obstructing an officer. Bond was set at \$429.

Kayla R. Zimmerman was fined \$288 for second-offense underage consumption and \$350 for loitering on license premises at 107 East Elm St. (Boomer's Bar).

Matthew C. Schreiner was fined \$164 for disorderly conduct at 211 East Elm St.

Duane R. Hovde was fined \$243 for underage consumption at the Emogene Nelson Center.

Brian J. Burns was fined \$243 for underage consumption at O-Lot.

Amanda E. Hodgman and Wilfred A. Petska were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Paul M. Bartlett and Peter R.E. Henslin were each fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Justin P. Smith was cited for failure to obey a sign.

Joshua P. Ragnes was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Nov. 15
Jenna M. Nuutinen reported a suspicious phone call and possible identity theft at Crabtree Hall.

Erin E. Yeakley was struck by a vehicle driven by Katherine L. Vanschoonhoven while attempting to cross East Cascade Ave. at Oak Street. Yeakley was medically transported from the scene. Vanschoonhoven was fined \$77.20 for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian.

Jill M. Wells was cited for speeding.

Students donate blood, save lives

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The bloodmobile, sponsored by the American Red Cross through the Leadership Center, was held on campus Nov. 17 and Nov. 18. Its goal was to draw 230 pints, or enough blood for 230 people each day. High turnouts in the past prompt organizers to hope for many donors this time.

According to the American Red Cross Web site, www.your-bloodcenter.org, anyone who is at least 17 years of age, weighs at least 110 pounds and is considered to be in good health is eligible to donate.

There are some things, however, that can make a person ineligible to donate. If a person has or has had hepatitis, is HIV/AIDS positive, is anemic, or has had any piercing or tattoos less than a year prior to donating are a few examples.

Each person who donates must go through a confidential screening process to ensure they are eligible and also to ensure their safety. The process includes having blood pressure taken, hemoglobin levels (iron count) checked, and questions asked about donor's medical history.

"The primary goal is to make sure the blood is safe not only for the donor, but also the person receiving the blood," said Jan George, executive director of the St. Croix Valley American Red Cross.

Donating blood is a completely safe way to help others in need.

"There are no medical risks to people from donating blood," George said. "And, I think people generally feel better when they know they've helped someone."



Photo by Sarah Gestson
Freshman Kelly Harri gave blood Wednesday.

Scholars create hands-on research projects

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Staff Writer

A typical UW-River Falls student might take 15 credits per semester, get involved with extracurricular activities and even hold a part-time job. But an increasing number of students are doing something more.

Research, creative and scholarly activity (RSCA) has been on the rise at UW-River Falls in recent years, though exact numbers cannot be provided because UW-RF does not have a single centrally directed RSCA program. Instead, students and faculty form groups as needed.

William Campbell, head of grants administration, believes faculty encouragement for the program has been helpful in getting more students interested.

"We used to just say research, but then we realized that many of the academic departments on campus don't think of themselves as doing research," Campbell said.

The scholarly activities of fine arts, music, speech and theatre are included in the program and faculty has made it a point to emphasize this fact in recent years.

"Changing the way we talked about it has broadened its appeal," Campbell said.

Students have been preparing abstracts in hopes of attending the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in Virginia next April.

Abstracts for scientific research consist of the question or problem the research is trying to answer, the methodology used in answering it and the project results. In the arts, an abstract might be composed of something like an artist statement or a brief explanation of what he or she was attempting to achieve and the methods used, Campbell said.

Campbell sees multiple ways students gain from RSCA.

RSCA allows students to share their findings with students and faculty around the country.

Students are also able to interact with 2,000 students with similar research interests and meet recruiters from graduate programs and national laboratories, Campbell said.

Junior Caroline Martin, a biology major with a pre-med emphasis, is currently researching genes and how they affect animals.

Martin first became interested in RSCA her freshman year when older students talked to her class about their research experiences.

"I think everyone else in my class was half paying attention, but I was really interested in some of the things they were saying," Martin said.

After class, Martin got more information and soon became involved in her own research, which she has been doing for the past three years.

Last year was Martin's first time preparing an abstract, and she has done another for this year. Martin plans to present at the NCUR this spring.

"I just think it's really interesting to be in the lab using never-been-used techniques and really learning about, in my case, genes and how they affect animals," Martin said.

Martin and two classmates have been conducting three types of experiments involving light sensitivity and male fertility of worms, among other things.

"Research is a good way to learn a lot in a short amount of time and to really gain expertise in a subject," Martin said.

Martin enjoys attending conferences and meeting with people who have similar inter-

ests. Martin sees many benefits to her involvement in the RSCA program.

"I have gained a huge amount of confidence in my major because I am actually practically using what I learn, every day," Martin said. "I have also made great connections with other students and faculty members with whom I work."

Junior Mike Salmela, biology major, became involved with RSCA in summer 2003. He was awarded a UW-RF Foundation RSCA summer stipend of \$2,500.

Salmela used the stipend to perform research with Timothy Lyden, a biology professor. His research was on dynamic cytoskeleton in fused cells. He continued his work throughout fall and winter of 2003, doing independent study. Salmela and Lyden presented their work on cytoskeletons in health and disease in October 2003 at Northwestern University at the national conference.

Salmela has used the experience he gained at UW-RF when he was selected for a National Science Foundation Grant in Neuroscience through the University of Minnesota.

Like Martin, Salmela plans to present his research this coming April in Virginia at NCUR.

Salmela credits RSCA with teaching him the hands-on techniques of performing research.

"I have learned how to apply for funding for research," Salmela said. "I also learned how to gather my data and present it at the national level. It has really prepared me for my career and given me valuable experience."

Smokers: targets for change

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One year ago, in the midst of the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out, former Chancellor Ann Lydecker approved the no-smoking radius policy that was brought to her by the University Committee on Health and Wellness. This new policy is just the tip of a massive iceberg representing a new social movement away from framing the smoking issue as a rights issue to that of a health issue.

In a campus-wide e-mailing last year, Lydecker announced her decision to approve the measure.

"Today is meant to remind us all about the dangers of smoking and to help smokers who are so motivated make the commitment to quit smoking to help insure their better health," Lydecker said.

In her announcement, Lydecker said she made her decision following two open forums, various e-mails and a final meeting with the University Committee on Health and Wellness demonstrating overwhelming support on the issue. She also pointed to the fact that most UW campuses already have similar policies in place.

An honorary system enforces the new policy, which simply means there are no plans to punish those who choose to ignore the no-smoking radius. UW-River Falls Student Health Services (SHS) director Alice Reilly-Myklebust said other schools suggested the honorary system works best.

"Other schools said the less strict the rule, the better," Reilly-Myklebust said. "They haven't had any problems with it so far."

Proponents of the policy, such as Reilly-Myklebust and Keven Syverson, health education coordinator at SHS, hoped to cut down on the amount of second-hand smoke passers-by inhaled when entering and exiting campus buildings.

"There's always a group of smokers who huddle right outside the entrance to KFA," Syverson said, offering an example. "You have to hold your breath just to get through the cloud of smoke and get inside."

Why is there so much uproar about smoking? Syverson said quite a few aspects of smoking bother him.

"Second-hand smoke is a Class A carcinogen," Syverson said. "The tobacco industry shifted its marketing from 12 to 17-year-olds; now they target 18- to 24-year-olds. And you still go to the movies and still see smoking in the movies. It's interesting how Hollywood and [the tobacco] industry works."

Reilly-Myklebust said the cigarette in a smoker's mouth isn't the only source of second-hand smoke they are worried about. She said the old, open-air ashtray style with a sandbox on the top allows for unhealthy levels of smoke into the air from smoldering butts. To remedy this, she said SHS was looking into ashtray designs that would minimize such a hazard. The army of "smoker's station" barrels around campus serve this purpose. The small hole atop these barrels serves as a deterrent for people who try to put other garbage in ashtrays; it also prevents air from getting to discarded cigarettes, thus, they cannot smolder.

Jennifer Elsesser, UW-RF SHS campus tobacco coordinator, said she disagrees with those who see the policy as an infringement on smokers' rights.

"The tobacco industry tries to turn it into a rights issue," Elsesser said. "It's not a rights issue. It's killing people."

Syverson said he knows the no-smoking radius won't necessarily persuade smokers to quit, but he believes it's a step in the right direction.

"The extra steps - moving people outside from indoor smoking, then moving them farther out - add another step for people to overcome, so maybe they'll curb their own behavior," Syverson said.

If students need professional help to quit smoking, then SHS offers "quit kits" and other cessation options. Syverson said campus counselors are also available for those battling nicotine addiction, but Gretchen Link, a counselor at UW-RF who holds various social work degrees, said she's never had a student come to her in her 22 years at UW-RF with smoking as a primary issue.

So far, the forces putting the no-smoking radius policy into place have only scratched the surface: how events played out at UW-RF. But just as the opening iceberg analogy suggested, much more is happening under the surface to give such policies momentum.

The Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board (WTCB) leads the fight for tobacco awareness, education and action. Through state statute 255.15, WTCB funds tobacco grants, which it must distribute according to the guidelines established within the statute.

UW-Oshkosh tobacco grant coordinator, Ruth McGinley, said when the WTCB distributes grants for schools to work on tobacco issues, certain goals are set. When UW-Oshkosh sought a grant from the WTCB, the University had to accept a specific goal: to reduce tobacco use on campus by 4 percent.

"When we started, 34 percent of students used tobacco and after a year it dropped to 23 percent," McGinley said. "We used UW-Stevens Point as a control [by not exposing it to the tobacco use reduction programs], so while Oshkosh dropped from 34 to 22 percent, Stevens Point stayed the same."

UW-Oshkosh was funded again in 2002 and included UW-RF in the tobacco use reduction program.

McGinley said the program's goal is to reduce tobacco use, and it is guided by five objectives:

- Policy (such as the 25-foot no-smoking radius)
- Social norms marketing campaign ("You Know You Want To ..." posters)
- Education (presentations)
- Cessation
- Collaboration with other community partners (American Cancer Society, etc.)

Wisconsin state statute 255.15 also funds the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (CTRI). CTRI is a UW medical school in Madison that researches various aspects of tobacco use, including dependence research, cessation programs and discovering which health insurance providers cover cessation programs. It performs educational and policy functions as well. According to its website, CTRI led an assembly of federal agencies and non-profit groups to forming The U.S. Public Health Service Clinical Practice Guideline. This guideline categorizes tobacco use as "a serious chronic disease."

With so many people pushing for tougher tobacco control measures, it seems as if smokers will have no alternative but to quit smoking ... whether they want to or not.

"It isn't anti-smoker; it's anti-smoke," Syverson said regarding the no-smoking radius policy.



Photo by Sarah Gestson
A 25-foot no-smoking radius is in place on campus, but not all smokers follow the policy. The policy is an honorary system and there is no punishment for not following the policy.

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Protect car for winter weather

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As the alarm clock shakes you to reality, it takes a minute to realize why you were so rudely awakened - the dreaded 7:45 a.m. final exam. You walk out the door, backpack in hand, only to find a frigid, wind-blown snow burning your face.

At this point, the last thing on your mind is the health of your car and whether it will get you to River Falls or not.

Dan Bondeson, a mechanic at Bond Enterprises, a car shop in St. Paul, says it is easy to forget about your car, especially with the amount students have on their plates.

"I was a student once," Bondeson said. "I'll admit, I never thought much about car maintenance when I was in school. I was too busy."

But car maintenance is a big issue on campus, especially with the number of commuter students who attend UW-River Falls.

Mari Cook is a marketing communications senior who has commuted to River Falls every day of her two-year college career from Stillwater, Minn.

"I only think about my car when I've been driving a lot," Cook said. "I mean, I give it an oil change every so often and I clean it out so people can fit, but unless it is making a funny noise, I'm not too concerned."

Bondeson thinks that is typical of students.

"Besides the belated oil-change and occasional car wash, most kids don't pay attention to their car," Bondeson said. "Students aren't active in preventative maintenance."

That is where the trouble starts for students Bondeson says.

"Most students cannot afford to go through major car repairs," Bondeson said. "If their engine dies or if their transmission goes out, most students can't afford the \$1,000 repair bill."

Cook agreed.

"I pretty much use all my money to pay for school and rent," Cook said. "I'll admit that if my car died right now, I'd be in trouble. If my car died, I couldn't buy a new one."

Winter is an especially bad time to forget about your car and its needs.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), most car failures occur during severe weather events, such as extreme heat or extreme cold.

In Minnesota and Wisconsin, that is a problem because of the cold winters.

"People can do a simple winter check-up for their car," Bondeson said. "Here, it only costs around \$75 to have it done right and it can prevent major car failures and expensive repair bills. Older cars are most susceptible to problems in winter and that is what most students drive."

According to the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) there are eight things that should be checked on a car prior to winter.

The battery should be checked for corrosion, anti-freeze should be added to the coolant system, the ignition system should be checked and in proper working order, the thermostat should be checked, the exhaust system should be checked for holes or blockages, all fluids should be topped off, tires should be examined and replaced if tread is worn and the oil should be changed and replaced with a winter grade oil such as SAE 10W/30.

Even students who aren't commuters and live in River Falls should winterize their cars Bondeson says.

Brandon Magnuson, a junior who lives in River Falls owns a 1991 Dodge Spirit, which is the type of car Bondeson said needs winterizing.

"Even if it dies, I have access to a backup junker car," Magnuson said. "I'm not too worried."

Even if you can't afford to have a professional mechanic look at your car, a lot of the things that get looked at can be done by the typical student Bondeson said.

"If a student does some basic things to make sure their car works right, they shouldn't have any problems," Bondeson said. "Except maybe for deer."

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EDITORIAL

WCCO follow-up uncovers nothing but ethical lapse

The WCCO I-Team follow-up report on residence hall security will leave ripples on the UW-River Falls campus for years.

About a year ago the WCCO I-Team aired an investigative report about dorm security at four area universities including UW-RF. The I-Team deployed an undercover reporter armed with a hidden camera to document how easy it is to gain access to dorms. Recently the I-Team returned to see if dorm security improved. Their follow-up report aired Nov. 16.

Although the follow-up report shows an undercover photojournalist gaining access to residence halls, the methods used to gain access to the halls were unethical.

"Sometimes we told a lie, figuring that's what someone with bad intentions would do," WCCO reporter David Schechter said.

What the I-Team report failed to convey is that people with bad intentions might also break a window or even steal a resident's keycard to gain access to the hall.

All in all the report by the I-Team is a far cry from fair and balanced and features shoddy journalism at best. Professionalism in journalism is not attained by lying to get a story, it is attained by asking questions and seeking an unbiased view of all perspectives.

If WCCO were truly concerned for peoples' safety, then why not do an investigative story about the security of hotels? Gaining access to a hotel wouldn't even require the use of an undercover reporter. Most hotels leave front doors unlocked at all hours making occupants easy targets.

Other campus buildings like North Hall and Kleinpell Fine Arts are unlocked at night and often have students in them. Even if by some miracle people from the outside are kept out, most rapes and thefts that occur inside residence halls are committed by fellow residents.

Almost all campus residents are legal adults and are fully capable of taking responsibility for their own safety and security. Residents allowing a stranger to enter a hall do not assume that the person is dangerous, just like people flying on a plane don't assume they are going to crash.

The fact is, the one accomplishment the I-Team report produced is no accomplishment at all. The problem of tailgating is not going to just disappear because there is no real solution to it without a prison-style lockdown.

This is why the University's push to install card access systems in all residence halls was merely a pipedream of safety. Although the card system allows doors to remain locked at all times and at the same time provide easy access for students and residents, they do little, if anything, to address the problems of the first I-Team report.

The real problem presented by this issue is the hype created by these I-Team reports. People looking to enroll at UW-RF do not come to this school based off of our security presence. Instead they come for the small-town, small-college atmosphere and the Midwest charm that makes our school unique.

The sensationalized drama presented by the WCCO I-Team seems like nothing more than a ploy to boost ratings and showcase a problem that otherwise wouldn't exist. The exploitation and misrepresentation the I-Team used to gain access to UW-RF is a sad representation of journalism, and shouldn't be condoned by any institution.

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America isn't driven by backseat drivers



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nothing wrong with lying in bed covered in strong moral fabric

I just want to note that the majority of individuals who voted for George W. Bush two weeks ago were well aware of what they were doing, being that we are all consenting adults. As was stated in last week's columns, we've made our bed and now we must lay in it. Does Brian Hogenson feel that we are unable to make an informed decision? That we based our decision on who looked better in front of the camera and that one morning we will wake up and be shocked at where our nation has turned. In all actuality, I am happy with what my vote has done; moving us to a moral America. In my opinion there is nothing wrong or improper about a country where individuals still hold on to morals and values. Just because I hold morals in high regard doesn't mean I am a homophobic bigot, a fascist, racist or whatever slur you would want to throw in my general direction. And so far, the only people I have heard complaining, yelling, whining and screaming are those who did not get their way on Nov. 2.

*Bethany Barnett
Student*

FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Spinning a drunken reality

Alcohol and Drug Survey's stats a fabrication of campus consumption

For the last few years, the Student Voice pages have been rife with propaganda bullshit. Not in the Viewpoints, Offbeat, Sports or News sections' editorial content, but in the advertisements. The advertisements in which Student Health Services is spoon feeding lies to its readership asserting that nobody on this campus drinks.

Nobody drinks? I see plenty of people pulling water, juice, pop and coffee out of their bags everyday. Maybe in the ad of the 10 misperceptions, they should clarify in number six that they mean nobody drinks alcohol. If it read everybody at UW-RF drinks alcohol, it would be clearer. Yet, just plain wrong.

When entering any classroom on a Friday or a Monday, it is common to hear a sizeable segment of students talking about how wasted they got the night or weekend before. The students you don't hear piping up are usually the students sitting in the corner by themselves, just peeing their pants in excitement for class to begin - the people who have little to no social life. These are the same people who take the time to fill out a survey conducted by SHS.

The advertisements with the headings "Top ten misperceptions at UW-RF" and "Top five myths at UW-RF" include a supposed fact on the bottom that "according to the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey taken by you in 2002...54 percent of males drink zero to five drinks per week, and 70 percent of females drink zero to three drinks per week." If you drink zero to five drinks a week, you would be in fact drinking. The clarifications need to be stronger. The number zero should be in its own category because then it would be a little more truthful.



RACHEL GAYNOR

By conducting simple research with a few clicks of the mouse on the SHS Web site, I found that the "you" who supposedly took the survey is completely misrepresentative.

In fact, the survey was administered to 522 UW-RF students via a random sample of class in March. Considering that there are now roughly 5,800 students on this campus, 522 is not indeed most of the students, it is 9 percent.

What about the other 91 percent? Of this 9 percent who actually were surveyed, only half of the males said they drank and about two-thirds of females said they drank. Using the biased survey completed by SHS, I could spin the statistics the other way and say only 4.5 percent of the student body doesn't drink. Like the old cliché goes, there are lies, damn lies and statistics and SHS is a prime example of what not to do with statistical data. The fact that SHS states that "Most UW-RF students don't drink" isn't even supported by their own data. The fact that the sample isn't shown and how the questions were worded wears down the credibility of the survey even more.

For a properly conducted scientific survey, the sample (part of the population) should mirror the population. It would be impossible to survey all students on campus because it would be time consuming and expensive. But for this survey to be considered as fact and taken seriously, it should be a purely random sample.

A sample, in theory represents the population about which we want information. It should, in a perfect un-spun public relations world, mirror the population. With a survey size of 600, there is roughly a 4 percent margin of error in a representative sample. But we don't even know how the sample was drawn. By knowing this fact alone would help us be reasonably sure that the sample is representative. Nowhere on the SHS Web site does it say which classes were sampled or include the demographics of the students surveyed. Let's say only students in a chemistry lab or biology class were surveyed. Would that be a mirror of the student population? No.

It is wonderful for SHS and the administration to believe "most" of the students on campus don't drink, but if a survey of all UW-RF students said the sky was green would we believe that as fact, without knowing how the survey was conducted?

Look in the issues of the Student Voice every week to find a handful of underage drinking citations. Those are only the minors who get caught. What about the hundreds of students going to the bars and house parties on a weekly (sometimes nightly basis)? Also, look in the stories that have been published this year, a huge one on the front page about a house party getting busted, then another on the back page in full color about the bar scene and how UW-RF students are drinking. Look across the page this week in Mike Sonn's column about his drinking road trip.

I guarantee if I did my own survey of students and conducted it unscientifically like SHS did, then I could find "facts" leaning the other way. But I guess I am above that because I believe in ethics and reporting the truth.

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

The right would like you to believe that abortion is killing “life,” which is debunked by the definition of abortion according to the American Heritage Dictionary: “induced termination of pregnancy before the fetus is capable of survival as an individual.” If the fetus can’t survive on its own, you’re not killing life. The right also likes to throw erroneous statistics at you about women and breast cancer that have been proven wrong. The right values the fetus over the life of the mother. Let’s take care of the living first. For the right, it seems compassion ends at birth. As many as 5,000 women died yearly as a result of abortions before the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. The number of deaths per

100,000 legal abortions declined from 4.1 to 0.6 between 1973 and 1997. Many politicians want strict abortion laws that make no exception for the life of the mother or cases where a woman has been raped. The decision to abort a pregnancy is an agonizing decision that should be left to the mother. It’s between a woman and her conscience, a woman and her doctor, or a woman and God, not between male politicians or self-righteous fundamentalists.

Two Sides Of Abortion

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Almost everyone has seen the images of infant bodies mangled by abortion. In the United States alone there have been more than 45 million killed by abortion and 347 women killed as a result of legal abortion. Roe v. Wade legalized abortion, however more women died the year after legalization than the year before. Prior to the legalization, 85 percent of all abortions were performed by medical doctors in good standing in a clinical setting.

Abortion can have long-term negative effects on a woman’s health. Abortion increases the chance of breast cancer. Women who had abortions are 80 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than those who gave birth. Women who have abortions are also six times as likely to commit suicide the following year. Not only is abortion a dangerous procedure, but also the slaughtering of humans. A fetus is a human, not a collection of cells. A baby’s heart begins to beat just 18 days after conception. A collection of cells does not have a heartbeat, but a human being does. Abortion is detrimental to society. Abortion’s consequences have a residual negative effect for years after the act of murder.

America-hating director’s film unfit for professors to screen in classes

Recently I watched one of the most despicable excuses for a film - “Fahrenheit 9/11.” This “documentary” explains how President Bush supposedly stole the 2000 election and then assisted Muslim fanatics with the attacks on 9/11. The overwhelming problem with this film and other Michael Moore filth is that people actually believe that it represents reality. Evidently some professors on campus and in the nation show Moore’s work in the classroom setting. There would be no objection to this if the opposing side was also represented (“FarenHYPE 9/11” or “Celsius 41.11”). Like usual, this is not the case. These professors must believe that his work is objective or fair. But Moore has a clear, underlying agenda.



JAKE DUSENBERG

amazed to find out that the producer actually lives in America. Many people on the right have been attacked for using anti-American labels against liberal opponents and overwhelming consensus sides with the left. In the case of Moore, however, there is no question his tone is not only anti-American, but also anti-U.S. military. Moore repeatedly undermines the U.S. military’s accomplishment and overall objective in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In one part of the film, children are playing and enjoying life on a school playground. The producer’s agenda-driven editing sets up the next scenes as the opening attack on Iraq. Moore attempts to engrain the idea in the heads of the viewers that our military attacked the children and innocent civilians that were shown in the preceding scenes.

He doesn’t mention that our missiles were fired hitting precise military locations and several of Saddam’s Presidential Palaces. Another awful representation of our military is when Moore follows two Marine recruiters around town doing their job. He makes it look like our military subscribes to some doctrine of only recruiting the poor and needy of our youth for economic purposes. This concept is not only false, but also hurtful to the many men and women who serve for a wide range of reasons. Even if Moore’s assertion was correct, why would he degrade the honor of those individuals who want to make an honest living? There is a simple answer to this question: Moore hates our troops. Throughout his film he

uses bits of interviews from soldiers, strategically collaged to appear as if our troops are inhumane, murderous and stupid. He even takes a soldier’s interview who was critically wounded and residing in Walter Reed’s Hospital, and misleads viewers into believing the soldier was against the mission in Iraq. All students must be aware of the problems of Moore’s propaganda film. There is a good chance a professor will implement it in their class. Remember that our military is full of great Americans who are respectable and courageous human beings. Also, do not forget that films can be made in our country because of the sacrifice of our ancestors serving in past wars. Support our troops. Support our president. And God bless America.

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Harvest tradition lost in modern-day Thanksgiving rush

In the spring of 1621, the Pilgrims, with the help of Native American Indians, planted their first crops. That autumn, they celebrated their first harvest with feasting, games and prayer, as was the custom in England. This harvest festival was the beginning of the American tradition of Thanksgiving. Although the essence of the Thanksgiving feast has remained the same - to give thanks and to share the bounty of our harvest - the way we prepare and cook our Thanksgiving dinners has changed a great deal. Our meals are no longer a product of long days laboring in fields and gardens, and the kitchen. Instead, we can buy a complete Thanksgiving dinner from Marshall Fields. Riding my bicycle around the countryside this summer, prosperous fields and rich summer vegetables gardens along the way made me realize why the Pilgrims celebrated after the harvest.



PATRICIA BRUHN

this lady.” Sensing a combination of pride and excitement in his reply, I thought, “He found his passion.” During the months of September and October, filling cellars with the fruit of the seasons, especially in late summer and fall, was the main emphasis of early European immigrants. As November approached, I revisited these farms. I sensed a natural calm on the now manicured land that gave me a wonderful sense of pleasure. It seemed contented, as if to say: “I have given all that I can. The pantries and cellars of farm houses are full of my bounty.” In a good year, November brought contentment and the pleasure of full cellars and pantries. This was the time the pilgrims assessed how they would fare during the long cold winter. They brought to America methods for storing meat over a long period and, although it did not always have the best flavor - especially during winter, it was pure sustenance. Cranberries became an important part of the Thanksgiving feast. Besides balancing the gamy taste of the fowl, New England sea captains valued the cranberry for its medicinal qualities. The high Vitamin C content prevented sailors from getting scurvy and becoming ill. Most of us will get ingredients for our Thanksgiving meal at the grocery store. And although we may prepare them differently, we will feast on traditional foods handed down to us through our ancestors: turkey, stuffing, green beans, mash potatoes and gravy, cranberry relish and rolls. As we come together with our families and friends to enjoy this holiday, let’s remember the farmers and the pilgrims, and give thanks for all our blessings. Happy Thanksgiving.

Meaningful existence requires selflessness

Should anyone live a life of violence, ignorance and starvation simply as a matter of chance? It must be said that as a society, along with the other civilized nations sheepishly nod in the affirmative year after year, and this to our own citizens. In our endless quest for personal prosperity we carry out numb, meaningless lives, at the same time the less fortunate of this world suffer painful, meaningless deaths. Before I begin, I in no way mean to glorify the poor, be it those of this nation or those residing in the world at large, for they would certainly engage in the same behavior were they given the chance. However, the poor are immune to this criticism precisely because they haven’t the means, fate has not entrusted them with resources sufficient to bring about the change of which I speak. For the most part, our mass produced possessions’ worth is proportional to their



KEVIN DINSMORE

monetary value. If I destroy a pair of my shoes, it only hurts if they cannot be easily replaced. Though I am not a person of means, it would hardly kill me to throw them away for no reason and purchase a new pair. And so it is with our fellow neighbors, in our community, in our state and in our world: they remain a shapeless mass of humanity that is so often doomed to nasty, brutish, short lives because they are inherently replaceable. You may pause to disagree, but at the same time we wear clothes, drive cars and live lives that are made possible through the subjugation and exploitation of others. I do not expect anyone to dedicate their entire lives to service for others. I know we humans, even the best, are weak. At the same time we can dedicate some portion of our lives to making things better. Though it may hurt, we can give something of ourselves in gratitude for what we are fortunate enough to have inherited. As a whole this nation prefers an insular life, a well-worn track that will take

There are plenty of people paving the road to hell with their worthless good intentions.

us nowhere and leave nothing of value behind aside from perhaps a kidney or two. However, this need not be true. At some point in your life, preferably while you are young, go into the world and do something. I mean really do something. Don’t waste your time on protests and raising awareness. There are plenty of people paving the road to hell with their worthless good intentions. Find a job or volunteer in a place that allows you to meet and serve real people. It is not so much a matter of being able to afford it. After all, can we afford to waste our one and only life simply plodding toward retirement. In the real world — the wastebasket of the privileged — there is real treasure to be found. Maybe these words fall flat, perhaps saturated with the rhetoric of an absolute relativism you prefer to make your own very different rules; I cannot make headway against such beliefs. Such ingratitude is unfailingly the mark of persons of no substance, and I can only pray, that you are, as I believe, hopelessly outnumbered.

Road tripping: The fellowship of the drinks and J.R.R. token

Throughout history many cultures have used rituals and ceremonies as a rite of passage. Stories used to be passed down for generations about one’s journey into manhood. However, our society has seemed to have forgotten this as adult privileges are slowly handed to us from age 16 on. But what my friends and I have set into motion this past weekend is nothing short of epic. Our expedition began over a few beers and a broken heart following a disappointing Saturday afternoon — looking over a map and joking like we always do about our dream of a journey unlike any our group has yet dared to endeavor upon. Let me take this

time to express the insanity of the late night, back road shenanigans we have made routine over the last four years. I have stories that not only can I barely remember, but barely believe myself and I was present. Anyway, as Saturday afternoon slowly faded into evening and the beers started to bring about that all too familiar buzz, a city popped out from the map. Well, this was no city — more like a bump in the road — but the name seemed to encompass all that we were looking for to begin



this adventure, which will simply be referred to as “The Rural Wisconsin Bar Tour.” The town that intrigued us however is named Wanderoos. Six of us loaded up a van well-suited and even better-stocked for a tour of the countryside. We pulled out of town at roughly 10 p.m. in the general direction of north in no particular hurry. After much meandering and a brief stop in New Richmond at Mike’s Bar, we headed toward Wanderoos, the prize to be had that evening. The road prior to Wanderoos was winding but almost a soon as the last curve disappeared, a school house

emerged laden with beer banners and we knew we had arrived. That’s right; this bar was located in the basement of the old Wanderoos school house. We stumbled down the stairs to find a fairly well kept establishment. A decent-sized bar, two pool tables and even a dance floor with some dart boards tucked away in the back. My good friend soon started up a play list on the jukebox and we drank and sang. My only complaint about Wanderoos was that there were no pickled eggs and I had the munchies. Although it wasn’t the most exciting night I’ve had here, at least the ball started to roll on what will hopefully be a tour for the books. If you have any

suggestions for a great hole in the wall for us to drink at, stop me on campus or at the bars, the latter probably being the easier of the two to find me. But remember, there are places off the beaten trail in town if you are also sick of the fake and preppy zombies blindly going to the same three crappy bars every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. A few of us choose the path less traveled and the people we encounter, though rough around the edges, are some of the nicest you’ll ever meet. So raise your glass, put on your seatbelt, light up that bowl and head out of town in search of a journey that will strengthen friendships and form new ones.

How would you feel if we went to a +/- grading system?



Carrie Van Houten, sophomore
“I wouldn’t like that. It’s more pressure to get a B+ as to a B. It’s easier for teachers too the way it is now.”



Chris Kronering, senior
“No way! If you get a C+ up to a B- it’s not that much different, it’s better to be counted as a B.”



Tom Douglass, junior
“I suppose that would be bad for me because it would lower my GPA. My GPA is bad already.”



Nancy Radeke, sophomore
“I think that would be good. A lot of times if you’re right on the border it would help your GPA.”

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Football runs over UW-Stevens Point to end season

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team (3-7, 3-4) finished an up and down season on a high note with a 24-22 win over UW-Stevens Point (6-4, 4-3). The Pointer loss gave the UW-La Crosse Eagles (6-3, 5-2) their third-straight WIAC title. The Falcons finished with the third-best record in the WIAC.

The falcons played their style of football by controlling the ball for almost 20 more minutes than Stevens Point. On Parents Day the Falcons were fittingly led by senior running back's John Peterlik's 168 yards on 24 carries with two touchdowns in his final game in a River Falls uniform.

The question going into the game was if freshman quarterback Dave Affeldt was going to play after sitting out half of the week's practices with an injured knee that knocked him out of last week's La Crosse game late in the first half. Affeldt ended up starting and playing the entire game running nine times for 31 yards and having his only pass attempt fall incomplete.

The Pointers came out of the gate strong, after recovering a surprise UW-RF onside kick, Stevens Point drove 52 yards in six plays putting seven points on the board via a 3-yard touchdown run by sophomore Cody Childs. The sophomore running back finished the game with nine rushes for nine yards and five catches for 55 yards.

UW-RF got great field position midway through the first when junior punter Ryan Prochnow shanked a punt 12 yards to the Stevens Point 49.

The Falcons took advantage with a 21-yard touchdown run by freshman fullback Nathan Anderson. The freshman's fourth touchdown of the season capped off a four-play, 49-yard UW-RF drive that took just under two minutes. Anderson ran for 122 yards in the game on a team high 31 carries.

The Falcons took an 8-7 lead when Peterlik completed a half-back pass to senior receiver Corey Strinmoen, who made a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone for the two-point conversion. On the ensuing kickoff freshman safety Bruce Baillargeon kicked an onside kick that the Falcons recovered at the UW-RF 48. The Falcons drove 28 yards in 11 plays and sophomore kicker Spasimir Bodurski missed a 46-yard field goal. Bodurski would redeem himself after junior safety Joshua Barney blocked and recovered a Prochnow punt and returned it to the UW-RF 35-yard-line. UW-RF drove 21 yards in nine plays and with just over five minutes left in the half Bodurski knocked it through the uprights from 26 yards to give the Falcons an 11-7 lead. Pointer freshman kicker John Ryan had a chance to bring Stevens Point to within one but missed from 25 yards away with less than two minutes left in the second quarter. UW-RF went into half up 11-7. Ryan got redemption in the third quarter when he split the posts from 32 yards away. The field goal brought the Pointers to within one and completed an 11-play, 54-yard drive. The Falcons answered on the following drive going 47 yards in seven plays with Peterlik scoring from 31

yards out to make it 18-10. After Stevens Point drove to the UW-RF 33 on their ensuing possession senior safety Kyle Hoegh intercepted sophomore quarterback Brett Bochart at the UW-RF 10 and returned it to the UW-RF 31.

River Falls took advantage of the turnover when Peterlik got his second touchdown of the day running in from two yards out. The four-play, 69-yard drive was highlighted by a 57-yard run to the Stevens Point 12 by the senior captain, and put the Falcons up 14 with three seconds left in the third. It was UW-RF's largest lead of the afternoon and Bodurski missed the extra point.

On the first possession of the fourth quarter Stevens Point scored on a 20-yard pass from Borchart to freshman running back Dustin Robinson after driving 67 yards in seven plays. Robinson had three total catches for 38 yards and three rushes for 11 to go with the touchdown. Ryan missed the point after and the Pointers trailed by eight. On the next drive River Falls drove to the UW-RF 41 and turned it over on downs after Anderson was stuffed on fourth and one. Stevens Point would have similar fortune on its next drive when they drove to UW-RF 31 and Borchart threw a deep incomplete pass to sophomore receiver Jake VenDerGeest on fourth and four. The Pointers would get the ball back two plays later when Anderson committed UW-RF's only turnover of the game, fumbling the ball at the UW-RF 32.

The Pointers senior defensive tackle Clint Bakken fell on it.

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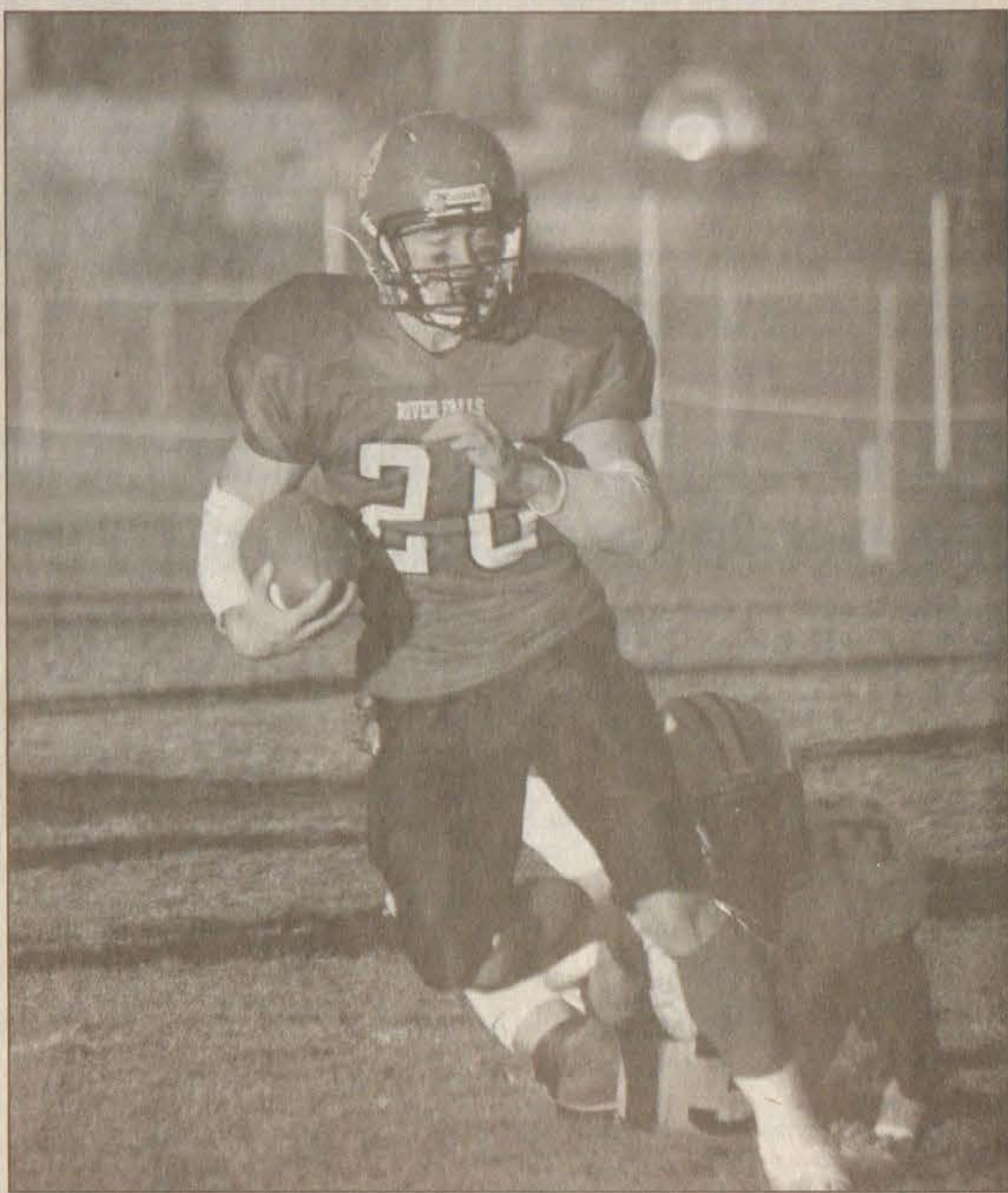


Photo by Eric Ebert

John Peterlik dashes past a defender in the 24-22 victory over UW-Stevens Point. Peterlik led the team with 1,143 yards rushing and scored 11 touchdowns on the season. He also averaged 6.3 yards per carry in 2004.

Weekend trip finishes with a victory for men's hockey

Falcons and St. Thomas end match with a tie, team follows with a win over St. Mary's

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team played well on its first difficult road trip of the young season. The Falcons finished the weekend 1-0-1, with a 3-3 tie at St. Thomas and a 2-1 victory at St. Mary's. The Falcons got solid play from many of their newcomers, especially senior transfer Garrett Larson who scored three goals during the weekend. The Falcons also got solid goaltending from juniors Dan Meneghin and Andy Scanlon.

"We've been struggling with some inconsistency, but we got a tough road trip out of the way," Falcon head coach Steve Freeman said.

The Falcons made the trip to St. Thomas on Friday night to face the third-ranked Tommies. They got out to a 2-0 lead on goals by Larson and freshman Tyler Dahl, but let St. Thomas back in the game with a power-play goal late

in the second period.

The Tommies pulled even early in third, but then the Falcons took the lead on Larson's second goal of the night. UW-RF was unable to hold St. Thomas off though, and the Tommies scored a power-play goal with less than four minutes remaining.

Neither team had many quality scoring chances in the rest of regulation or in the overtime period, and the game ended 3-3. Scanlon had a busy night in net, with 39 saves for the Falcons.

"We thought we played well enough to win," Freeman said. "We played intense and we played extremely well in five-on-five hockey."

The Falcons bounced back on Saturday night with a quick start at St. Mary's. The Falcons got goals from Larson and junior Aaron Degerness in the first period to jump out to a 2-0 lead. As the game went on the Falcons seemed to lose their legs, mainly because the Cardinals play on an Olympic-sized rink, which is

wider than the Falcon's home rink. The Falcons were helped out by Meneghin who had 40 saves and gave up just one goal to the Cardinals. UW-RF improved its record to 4-0-2 with the 2-1 victory.

"As the game went on we seemed to tire, being on our first road trip and playing on the Olympic-sized sheet of ice," Freeman said.

The Falcons will continue their streak of games against MIAC opponents next weekend. Bethel University will be at Hunt Arena on Friday and Hamline will visit on Saturday. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. both nights.

In honor of the first weekend of deer hunting the Falcon Face-Off Club is sponsoring two special nights to promote "The Hunting Grounds" - the arena's newly named student section.

Friday will be Blaze Orange night at Hunt Arena and Saturday will be Camouflage Night.

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team began the "post-Rich Melzer" era with a 78-55 exhibition loss at Div. I Valparaiso. The Crusaders used a balanced and physical style to lead River Falls the entire game. Valpo eight players score more than five points while dominating the glass 41-21.

It was a game of returns. Head coach Rick Bowen went back to his home state of Indiana and coached against his son Matthew Bowen who is an assistant coach for Valparaiso.

UW-RF transfer forward sophomore Hector Marchand had one point, one steal and grabbed two rebounds in 16 minutes as he returned to his hometown of Valparaiso.

The closest the Falcons came was midway through the second half when UW-RF went on a 9-2 run to get within 12 points of the Crusaders with just over nine minutes to play. Valpo answered by going on a 9-1 run in the following two minutes to push the lead to 20 points. UW-RF scored

11 points in the last 10 minutes while Valpo put in 22 to make the final score 78-55.

The Crusaders shot 48.3 percent (14-29) in the first half and 60.7 percent (17-28) in the second to shoot 54.4 percent (31-57) for the game. The Falcons only shot 33 percent (9-27) in the first half but improved to 40 percent (10-25) in the second half for a combined total of 36.5 percent (19-52).

From beyond the arc UW-RF shot better going 39.1 percent (9-23) from three point land compared to Valpo's 37.5 percent (6-16).

River Falls won the turnover battle only losing the ball 16 times compared to the Crusaders 17. Valparaiso did score two more points off of the turnovers (17-15). The Falcons also beat Valpo in free throws shooting 8-11 to the Crusaders 10-17.

Individually River Falls had two players score in double figures while 10 players played at least 10 minutes. Sophomore guard Hans Hoeg led all scorers with 14 points on 50 percent shooting from the field, a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe and a

2-5 effort from three. The lone returning starter from last year's WIAC championship squad, senior forward Jeff Holt, shot 4-11 from the field and 2-3 from beyond the arc to put up 10 points, two steals, one block and grab two boards in 14 minutes of work.

Senior transfer guard Dan Torrez played the most minutes, 30, but struggled in his first UW-RF game shooting 4-13 overall and 1-5 from three point land to score a total of nine points and haul in three rebounds.

Torrez and Hoeg each had a team-high four turnovers.

Senior starting point guard Tyler Pivec didn't shoot once from the field but did lead the team with four assists while committing zero turnovers.

The Falcons bench put in 20, while UW-RF had six second-chance points and zero fast break points.

The Falcons will begin regular season play 6 p.m. Friday at the Bethel University Tournament where they are set to face off against Lakeland.

Fans pumped up by the leader of the hunting grounds



Photo by Corey Hargreaves

Doing the funky chicken, Stephan Grandpre leads the students seated in the Hunting Grounds in cheers during a match. Grandpre is the leader for most cheers at the men's hockey games.

Sarah Packingham
Proofreader

Upon entering Hunt Arena during a men's hockey game and walking past the student section, otherwise known as the Hunting Grounds, it is not unusual to hear the voice of one man above all others. He leads the students in cheers like "the Funky Chicken." It's difficult to avoid him as he stands toward the top of the section, tall in stature with his hairy chest only covered by a thin layer of red and black body paint and hair poofed in an almost afro-like appearance.

The voice and the hair belong to none other than Stephan Grandpre, a junior from Minneapolis, Minn., who is working on his elementary education degree, despite what he may usually say.

"I like to tell people I'm going into piracy, because I want to be a pirate," Grandpre said.

Besides cheering at the top of his lungs to support the men's hockey team, Grandpre also plays a sport.

"I've been playing rugby since I was in high school," Grandpre said.

He has found his experience with the River Falls team to be

nothing but the best.

"I love the guys, I love the sport, it's really a blast," Grandpre said.

Rugby starts as soon as school begins and goes until the end of October or early November.

Once the hockey season gets into full swing, Grandpre can focus his efforts on being the Superfan.

"I know I'm getting a lot of people pumped," Grandpre said.

To get himself ready for the game he covers himself in paint and prepares to cheer his heart out. Grandpre and his crowd can always find a certain player or group of players to pick on.

"If someone has a funny name, is one of the better players or is a goalie we usually pick on them," Grandpre said. "It doesn't really affect the player that much, it affects the crowd more."

Grandpre's work does not go unnoticed by anyone involved with Falcon hockey.

"I'll tell you what, he kick starts the crowd somehow," men's hockey head coach Steve Freeman said. "The student section creates an atmosphere that is wild, exciting and a huge lift to our team. Talk about home ice advantage, the characters in the crowd in that section are awe-

some. They blow the roof right off this place. Our hockey program really appreciates the great support. It's instrumental to our success."

Players have the same opinion. "It's great to have the crowd behind us and have a person like Stephan leading the charge," sophomore defenseman Andy Jurek said.

Grandpre wouldn't have as much impact on the charge if it weren't for his grand student section following.

"Stephan adds fun and excitement to the game," freshman Kelly Schroeder said. "He really can get the crowd into it. He was making fun of the goalie for being named Stephan. He was like 'Who in the world would name their kid Stephan?'"

Grandpre makes a conscious effort not to swear and to remain positive at all games. He does so because he knows UW-RF hockey games have a family-oriented atmosphere.

Chances are, as the season goes on, it will be harder and harder not to notice Grandpre. He will be out there making his presence known, showing everyone what he described as "the difference between being an audience and a fan."

SCOREBOARD

Football
WIAC Standings
*La Crosse (6-3) 5-2
Eau Claire (7-3) 4-3
Whitewater (7-3) 4-3
Stevens Point (6-4) 4-3
Platteville (6-4) 3-4
Stout (5-4) 3-4
River Falls (3-7) 3-4
Oshkosh (5-5) 2-5

*WIAC champions/automatic playoff bid

Nov. 13 results
UW-Stevens Point.... 7 0 3 12 - 22
UW-River Falls..... 8 3 13 0 - 24

1st Quarter
12:52 STP - Cody Childs 3 yd run (John Ryan kick), 6-52 2:08, STP 7 - RF 0
04:11 RF - Nathan Anderson 21 yd run (Corey Strinmoen pass), 4-49 1:44, STP 7 - RF 8
2nd quarter
05:08 RF - S. Bodurski 26 yd field goal, 9-21 3:49, STP 7 - RF 11
3rd Quarter
08:08 STP - John Ryan 32 yd field goal, 11-54 3:07, STP 10 - RF 11
04:20 RF - John Peterlik 30 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 7-47 3:25, STP 10 - RF 18
00:03 RF - John Peterlik 2 yd run (S. Bodurski kick failed), 4-69 1:52, STP 10 - RF 24
4th Quarter
13:43 STP - Dustin Robinson 20 yd pass from Brett Borchart (John Ryan kick failed), 7-67 16:17, STP 16 - RF 24
07:42 STP - Tony Romano 11 yd pass from Brett Borchart (Brett Borchart rush fumbld), 8-32 1:01 STP 22 - RF 24

	RF	STP
First Downs	18	23
Rushing	71-351	25-102
Passing	26	307
Total Offense	73-377	74-409
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Interceptions	1	0
Penalties	6-30	4-31
Possession	39:07	20:53

Individual leaders
Rushing
RF - Peterlik 24-168; Anderson 31-122;

Affeldt 9-31; Wolff 4-25; Ward 3-5
Passing
Affeldt 0-1-0-0; Peterlik 1-1-0-26.
Receiving
RF- Strinmoen 1-26
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
Farmer 2-9; Jordan 5-4; Gillett 5-3; B. Baillargeon 2-4; Gray 0-5; Buker 2-2; Meyer 2-2; Cassellius 1-1;
Dabrowski 1-1; Hoegh 0-2; Graham 0-2; Hanson 0-2; Fjerstad 1-0; Schreiner 0-1; Renk 0-1; Secrist 0-1; Barney 0-1; Haughian 0-1

Men's Hockey
NCHA Standings
River Falls (4-0-2) 0-0
UW-Superior (3-0-1) 0-0
UW-Stout (4-1-1) 0-0
St. Norbert (4-2-0) 0-0
Lake Forest (2-1-0) 0-0
UW-Stevens Point (3-1-0) 0-0
St. Scholastica (3-2-1) 0-0
UW-Eau Claire (3-3-0) 0-0

Nov. 13 results
UW-River Falls..... 2 0 0 - 2
Saint Mary's..... 0 0 1 - 1

1st period
02:20 RF Pulera (1) (Cooper)
03:55 RF Larson (6) (Dahl/Jurek)
16:19 RF Degerness (4) (Larson)
2nd Period
(No Score)
3rd period
03:18 SM - Damerow (2) (Stewart)

Nov.13 results
UW-River Falls..... 1 1 1 0 - 3
St. Thomas..... 0 1 2 0 - 3

1st period
00:50 RF Dahl (2) (Degerness/Larson)
2nd period
03:50 RF Larson (4) (Usher/ Lalande)
09:19 STTM Blumer (2) (Fougner/Kangas)
3rd period
03:12 STTM Weum (Harris/Hall)
05:02 RF Larson (5) (unassisted)
16:09 STTM Hoehn (Fougner)

Women's Hockey
NCHA Standings
UW-Stevens Point (2-0-0) 0-0
UW-Eau Claire (3-1-0) 0-0
UW-Superior (4-1-1) 0-0
Lake Forest (2-0-2) 0-0
River Falls (3-2-0) 0-0
Finlandia(0-4-0) 0-0

Nov. 16 results
UW-River Falls..... 0 1 0 - 1
UW-Superior..... 1 1 0 - 2

1st period
19:58 SUP Kegley (5) (unassisted)
2nd period
04:54 SUP Kegley (6) (Kachinske)
07:50 RF Scanlon (1) (unassisted)
3rd period
(No score)

Nov. 13 results
UW-River Falls..... 0 0 0 - 0
Gustavus Adolphus... 0 1 0 - 1

1st period
(No score)
2nd period
12:13 GAC Peterson (Randall/ Stypulkowski)
3rd period
(No score)

Nov. 12 results
Bethel University... 0 1 0 - 1
UW-River Falls..... 2 3 3 - 8

1st period
12:41 RF Baron (2) (Bergh)
19:23 RF Hurley (2) (Nierenhausen/ Wallace)
04:22 RF Hurley (1) (O'Keefe)
2nd period
11:31 BU Kinney (1) (Becklin)
15:38 RF Nierenhausen (3) (Paulson/ Scanlon)
19:36 RF Bergh (2) (unassisted)
3rd period
01:58 RF Jensen (3) (Anderson)
08:53 RF Wallace (3) (Paulson)
15:35 RF Kern (1) (Wallace)

Cross Country
Nov. 13 Results
NCAA Midwest Regionals
Men
Team place: 17th of 30
Individual results:
42 Zach Vircks, 25:17.0
76 Jason Phillippi, 25:47.7
109 Ben Kirmse, 26:23.2
122 Zach Moe, 26:41.8
128 Bobby Hanson, 26:49.3
132 Matt Olson, 26:57.7
135 Jason Quarford, 27:00.6

Women
Team place: 18th of 37
Individual results:
43 Amanda Kozicky, 22:50.2
110 Maria Michaud, 24:01.6
116 Gina Schindel, 24:08.9
119 Angie Kveene, 24:11.0
124 Sara Rudesill, 24:14.0
134 Lindsey Tessier, 24:27.2
151 Erica Bernisford, 24:46.0

Swimming
Nov. 13 results
Men
River Falls 111
Macalester 153

Falcon top finishers (place, name, event- time)
1. Goetsch, 1650 free- 18:35.01
1. Goetsch, 400 IM- 4:55.38
1. Goetsch, 500 free- 5:21.91
1. Eschenbauch, 200 fly- 2:48.63
1. UWRF, 400 medley 4:38.06

Women
River Falls 125
Macalester 155

Top Falcon finishers (place, name, event- time)
1. UWRF, 400 medly relay- 4:19.47
1. Casare, 100 back- 1:05.6
1. Detars, 50 free- :26.32
1. Schultz, 500 free- 5:48.7
1. Clark, 100 fly- 1:03.98

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VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Nov. 12
Women's Hockey vs. Bethel, 7:05 p.m.
Men's Hockey at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 19
Men's Hockey vs. Bethel, 7:05 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Bethel Tourney vs. Lakeland, 6 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Puget Sound Tournament vs. Linfield, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20
Women's Hockey vs. Finlandia, 1:05 p.m.
Men's Hockey vs. Hamline, 7:05 p.m.
Swimming at WIAC Relays (at Eau Claire), 9 a.m.
Women's Basketball at Puget Sound Tournament vs. Puget Sound, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Bethel Tourney, 6 or 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 21
Women's Hockey vs. Finlandia, 2:05 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 23
Women's Basketball vs. Macalester, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. St. John's, 8 p.m.
Women's Hockey at Augsburg, 7:05 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Kyle Hoegh
Football



Jamie Hatch
Swimming

Safety Kyle Hoegh intercepted a pass and returned it 21 yards that set up the Falcons for a touchdown which became the game winning play in the Falcons 24-22 win over UW-Stevens Point.

Freshman Jamie Hatch had some good swims Saturday at the Malcalster duel. She finished third in the 50 free in 26.62 and third in the 100 free in 59.04. She was a member of the 400-free relay team that placed second in 3:54.04.

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Stevens Point used eight plays to cash in on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Borchart to senior wide out Tony Romano to pull Stevens Point within two with 7:42 to play. On the two-point conversion Borchart was pressured and lost the ball to leave UW-RF ahead 24-22. The fumble was recovered and returned to the UW-RF 29 by Falcon senior safety Matt Farmer. This game marked the end of a Falcon season that saw River Falls win the most WIAC games (3-4) since 2001 (4-3).

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UW-RF adds Golden Award to lengthy list recognizing diversity achievements

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

The National Association of Collegiate Auxiliary Services (NACAS) celebrated multiculturalism at UW-River Falls Oct. 24 when it bestowed a Golden Award for diversity efforts upon the University.

The Golden Award aims to recognize outstanding campus leadership, activities and/or programs promoting cultural awareness and inclusion. Each year it recognizes the most outstanding cultural diversity program in higher education.

Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander accepted the award in Orlando, Fla., on behalf of UW-RF.

"It was a real honor for me to accept it on behalf of all the people on campus who work very hard in this area," Nylander said.

Several programs across campus contribute to the University's overall diversity efforts, including a campus diversity training initiative, multicultural pre-college programs, the upward bound program, the Vincent

High School research collaboration, multilingual admissions publications, ethnic studies collection development, career development support, the McNair scholars program and new faculty and staff orientation.

Nylander and Suzanne Hagen, assistant to the chancellor and UW-RF's equity and compliance officer, said the wide-ranging commitment to diversity across campus is what won the award.

"I think it's a positive recognition of the range of programs that we offer," Hagen said.

Nylander said UW-RF attempts to reflect the diversity of the world more than many other campuses in the nation, which is what made it so appealing to NACAS.

"Promotion of diversity doesn't occur in a single office on campus," Nylander said. "It's something everyone should be concerned with."

NACAS is an international

association that serves auxiliary and student service professionals at more than 1,100 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland and Asia. Auxiliary services include food services, bookstores, student services offices and card offices, to name a few.

UW-RF was recognized by another organization, the Wisconsin Office of State Employment Relations (OSER), in 2003 for its diversity initiatives. OSER presented

UW-RF with its Educational Diversity Award last year. Hagen said that award was renamed the Ann Lydecker Educational Award last year in honor of Lydecker's commitment to campus diversity efforts.

The NACAS Golden Award plaque and poster rest in a display box outside the Chancellor's Office in North Hall.

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Virgil Nylander
Interim chancellor

FFA from Page 1

lot to accept the resignations of the officers, Gagnon said.

After the decision was made, a third officer read a prepared statement in which he admitted he was guilty of the same offense and resigned his position, according to the press release.

"Having to accept the resignation of fellow team members who violated the State FFA Officer Policy is a difficult decision, but essential if we are to

uphold the principles of the FFA Organization," said Nicole Schmidt, Wisconsin State FFA President, in the press release.

Kramer, a UW-RF student and one of the officers who resigned from the team said that he was almost forced to resign and felt it was a harsh punishment.

"I think they could have handled it in a different way," Kramer said.

Kramer said he and another officer were already punished by not being able to attend the National FFA Convention at the end of October.

He also said that the FFA could have prevented them from going

on the State FFA Officer international trip, or have taken the scholarship away that state officers receive at the end of their term instead of making them resign from the team.

Gagnon said that the punishment could have been worse for the officers.

"We could have fired them, but isn't it better to let them resign?" Gagnon said.

The officers' decision cost them their positions on the team, but many hope it will not reflect poorly on the organization.

"I still really support the organization and hope this doesn't taint it," Kramer said.

LAND SWAP from Page 1

cultural land in the area, Lucero said.

"If you are able to move into the city, save agricultural land," Lucero said.

He said that the hope is that people will move into the residential area where sewer and water are available and not buy a couple of acres of agricultural land to live on.

Ridley said that he is hoping the University will benefit from the trade.

Bill Connolly, UW-RF farm manager, said the University is giving up prime agricultural land and wants to be fairly compensated for it.

"That is the best land and it is sad to [swap] it," Connolly said. "We need to get an equitable swap in terms of the value of the land."

The plan is that the University will receive more land than it is trading, Turner said.

"It gives us an opportunity to do some things with the farm," said Gary Onan, animal and food science professor. "It could give us a larger land base to work with."

With all the animals on the farms, there is need for more land to produce feeds and spread manure

on, Ridley said.

One of the worries with trading for different land would be that the lab farm is getting farther away from the University.

Connolly doesn't want the land on the farm to be so far away from the University that students stop using the land.

"From a CAFES standpoint I'm not really thrilled about [the land] moving further away," Connolly said.

Many CAFES classes spend some time out on the farm getting hands-on experience, Ridley said.

Right now "it is close enough for whatever class wants to be out there," Connolly said.

Most believe if a trade is agreed upon it could be a while before the swap would actually occur.

Ridley believes a trade agreement could be made within four to six months but it may take a year or more to work out the paperwork after the trade agreement is made.

Because the state owns the land, it will have a say in what happens, Ridley said.

"Once a swap agreement is agreed upon environmental study impacts must be done, must be approved by Madison," Turner said.

Ridley agreed that the final step will be getting approval from the state.

"Final decision on any kind of trade is subject to approval from Madison," Ridley said.

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system because I like the fact that when you get a grade, that's your grade," Hall said. "It doesn't reflect whether you did better or worse."

Still others view the plus or minus as a crucial measure of performance.

"It more accurately shows ... the actual grades people deserve," said Jeremy Zitzow, a student committee member.

He said whether a student would strive for a higher grade depends on his or her work ethic.

"People will succeed in doing it if they really want to put their mind into it," Zitzow said.

Whether students would be interested in the committee's

chief concern.

Student Senate surveyed the student body about the change last year and only about 300 students responded. The academic standards committee surveyed students in 2001 through advisers and had only a few hundred respondents.

Dawn Hukai, a faculty member on the committee, said she wants to survey students again but only after informing them of what would change under the new system.

The committee has prepared a Q & A about the plus or minus system and intends to post it on the student and faculty/staff e-mail list.

"We want input before anything happens," Hukai said.

No matter how students are surveyed, however, Hukai said there must be an overwhelming demand for change or it won't

happen.

Hukai and Williams said the change will only come into effect if students support it, but it's essential they voice their opinions either way.

The committee is finalizing a survey it hopes to present to students and faculty within the next few weeks. The survey should be up on D2L Nov. 29- Dec. 10.

"The objective is to see where students and faculty are," said committee chair Kurt Leichtle. "It's really a waiting game to get a response. We'll see what happens."

Should students support the grading change, it would then go to the Faculty Senate and then to the UW System Board of Regents for approval. If both groups were to pass the initiative, the plus or minus option could be available to faculty for the fall 2005 term.

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three final candidates will be chosen and will be put before the Chancellor and Provost who make the final decision.

"We're hoping to review files by the end of January and have candidates here by spring break," Foster said.

With the dean search charging ahead, Hedahl has the chance to reflect on his time as dean.

"I thought I could impact students more than just from my classroom," Hedahl said. "I'll miss the interactions. I enjoy working with faculty."

Some things Hedahl will not miss are things like the budget crisis that continues to loom over not just CAS, but the University as a whole.

"We've been particularly squeezed the last few years," Hedahl said.

While Hedahl is leaving his dean job, he is not leaving UW-River Falls quite yet. He is returning to the place where he began his career - in the classroom - before he retires.

"I started in education because I wanted to teach," Hedahl said. "I wanted to end my career the way I started it."

For people interested in the ongoing search for the new CAS dean, there will be a listening session later this semester.



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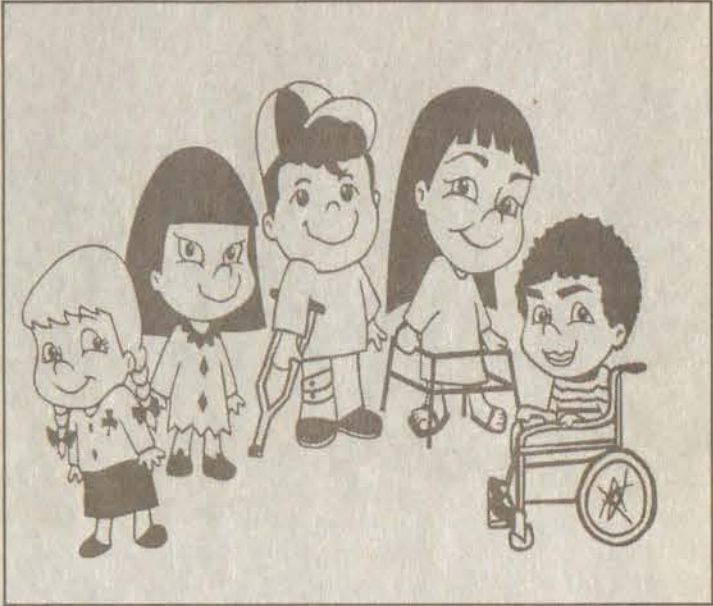


Comic strips of the week

By: Neng Yang

Out 'n' About

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FLICK PICKS

Gangsters, junkies and Jedis make rank

Times is lean right now, folks. I regret to announce that I simply haven't had the time this week to make it to a current feature film. I'm up to my eyelids in research papers and presentations, which means I can hardly see the light at the end of the tunnel, let alone the inside of a movie theater.

That being said, I must give you something - so here it is. In the hopes that my long-since-lost hours of idle time might bring someone besides the video stores benefit, I've compiled my personal top-10 list. My favorite movies of all time, for better or for worse.

Remember - this is simply a list of my favorites. Don't agree? Cool. If they happen to pique your interest to the point of renting them, good.

Anyway, here goes:

10. **"Pulp Fiction":** I'm using this 1994 smash hit as a representative composite of all the Quentin Tarantino films I'd like to prop up. But since I can pick only one, it has to be "Pulp

Fiction." Although my passion for this film has sort of faded over time, I'm still nostalgic for the first time I saw this chatty gangster action-comedy in the now-boarded up Terrace Movie Theater in Robbinsdale, Minn. The ghetto-y movie house was the perfect place to be immersed in pulp filmmaking. The ballys "Did he just say that?" dialogue, the bloody plotline, the non-linear structure: The film's like a cinematic smorgasbord of celluloid snacks. Indulge, I say!

9. **"Trainspotting":** Two hero-in overdose movies in a row? God bless adrenaline and methadone. I never thought I'd grow attached to a Scottish film about three junkies and a boozy brawler, but like the opiate the film centers around, I still get my fix regularly. Just like "Trainspotting's" tormented characters, the film itself is a splendid slough of contradictions: It's stylistic but simple. It's hilarious yet gut-wrenching. It's disturbing yet inviting. And if your ear stumbles around the

thick Scottish accents, simply watch it again. I guarantee it'll be worth it.

8. **"Goodfellas":** Along with "Scarface," this bona-fide classic may be a link in the gold chain of gangster-rap lexicon by now, but after stripping away all the mobster chic, it remains a searing tale of (dis)honesty, loyalty and ethical recourse. As if instructed by the film's infamous Billy Batts, director Martin Scorsese went to his proverbial shine box and brought the New York Mafioso lowlifes from 1973's "Mean Streets" to a high luster. It's a visceral, compelling classic that will surely stand the test of time.

7. **"The Empire Strikes Back":** You can have your fuzzy wuzzy Ewoks and your mush-mouthed Jar-Jars. I'll take the darkest chapter in the Star Wars saga every day and twice on Sundays. After the joyous celebration at the end of Episode 4, it's almost impossible to believe "Empire" could make such a departure and explore

fear, anguish, betrayal and love with such care and effectiveness. But it does. I hear Episode 3 is supposed to make a run at "Empire" in terms of macabre underpinnings, but that's a heavier job to lift than raising an X-Wing from a swamp.

6. **"The Godfather Part II":** Really, this should be higher on my list - and it usually is. I'll simply say it's the single greatest sequel ever made. Like "Empire," "Godfather Part II" delves into much darker territory than its predecessor and creates a deep historical backdrop to place the film's characters in. A must for any movie buff.

Now just like the last two movies, I'm going to leave you with a cliffhanger; I'm keeping the rest for next time. In my final column I'll let you know why samurais, carpet-pissers and the Vietnam War help comprise my top-five greatest films.

Remember—
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Battle of the Bands
Where: North Hall Auditorium
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Come cheer on four local bands as they compete to be the best in River Falls.

Monday

Vanessa Li- Guest Speaker in International Education
Where: A120 South Hall
When: 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
Cost: Free
Vanessa Li, Senior Curriculum Officer for the Visual Arts Curriculum Development Institute - Education and Manpower Bureau, Hong Kong. Li will do two presentations on her experience and work on recent reforms to the arts curriculum for the schools in Hong Kong.

Nicole Anderson- Art Therapy Speaker
Where: B116, Drawing Studio, KFA
When: 3 p.m.
Nicole Anderson is an art therapist at the Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless. She will talk about the field of art therapy, her graduate studies at University of Chicago and her real world experiences.

Stop the Kaos; it's Hammer time

Owner buys out contract, renames popular night club

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

River Falls nightlife recently got a facelift. Club Kaos is sporting a new look these days. In fact it is so different the name has even changed. The place formally known as Kaos, will now be known as The Hammer.

The owner John St. Ledger said it was a change that he has been planning for quite some time.

"It all started back when we first took over Kaos, through Jim Dixon, the old owner's legal disputes," St. Ledger said. "We have been planning on changing the name but could not do it until the contract was up, or bought out. As of the beginning of October, I was able to buy out the contract."

The name The Hammer, although odd for a town like River Falls does have a meaning behind it.

"I wanted to name it the Locker Room," said Steve Ryan, the general manager at The Hammer. "Why the Hammer? Well that's John's deal."

Although other names came up, St. Ledger hit the nail on the

head with his choice.

"The name The Hammer came from an old idea when I was once talking about buying a bar up in Hibbing, (Minn.) where it had many meanings for the name back then but we never purchased that bar," St. Ledger said. "The name was kind of out there, so when it was time to switch Kaos, it came up and was eventually used."

"None of the other guys really like the name," St. Ledger said. "I chose it because it's something that's been with me for a while."

The name is not the only thing that will change for River Falls' only night-club. The club also got a renovation. The walls have been painted to brighten up the place. Along with the painting, the bar also did some remodeling.

"Overall the place needed some cleaning and polishing," St. Ledger said.

The deals also got a change, adding more specials to the list that's offered.

"Every night but Thursdays,



Club Kaos is now the Hammer Bar. The bar was renamed to go with its updated look. The Hammer received a facelift getting newly painted walls and a renovated bathroom. A celebration of the changes will be Dec. 4 at the club.

the bar will have a \$3.50 for a mug of beer," Ryan said. "If one someone were to crack someone over the head with one of these, they could get seriously injured. Plus it is pretty crowded in here on Thursdays."

Wednesdays feature a \$1 for an Icehouse, and \$2 for a Long Island. Thursday deals include \$6 for bottomless glasses and \$5 liters. Fridays there are specials for a \$1.50 High Life and \$2 shots all night. Saturday finishes up the week at The Hammer with \$6 bottomless glasses.

"We also do this thing on Friday and Saturday nights with

free shots at 12:30," St. Ledger said. "We make a bunch of shots, set them on the bar and at 12:30 they're a free for all."

The bar is also looking into possibly reducing the 18-plus Thursday night cost from \$7 to \$5, but has not been determined yet.

"We brought in some new DJs to try and mix it up," St. Ledger said. "It will add a new variety to the club."

Another thing that is still up in the air is the idea of having a theme night about once a semester.

"We want to try and have some

sort of theme party, like a toga party once in the fall and once in the spring," St. Ledger said. "Hopefully we can organize some kind of theme night between Thanksgiving and Christmas."

The date is set in stone is the introduction party at The Hammer.

"The date is set for Saturday Dec. 4," St. Ledger said. "It's not a grand opening but more of our Grand Introduction Celebration, for all the people that got sick of the old Kaos thing."

That night, The Hammer will be serving \$3 bottomless glasses,

and a \$1.50 for bottles.

"There will be more deals in the future," St. Ledger said. "We haven't completely decided what we want to change and what we want to keep."

The new name bar already has a Web site up: thehammerbar.com. On this site the bar lists specials for the upcoming months and other information.

"The bar is heading in a direction where we are not associating with the old owner," St. Ledger said. "That's the direction we want The Hammer to go."



The Battle of the Bands will be held in the North Hall Auditorium Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. Four local bands will compete to be the best talent in River Falls. The Supertronics will be the Master of Cermonies for the event showcasing their songs. Bobb Lockwood and Darrin Stohlberg, a UW-RF graduate play at Boomers.

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

The North Hall auditorium is not usually the host of pounding music, feedback from electric guitars and screaming fans, but on Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. five local bands will light up the stage in North Hall with hopes of being deemed champion of the Battle of the Bands.

However, a lot of work has to be done before the bands can plug in their amps. The concert committee, a subcommittee of the entertainment committee, has shouldered much of the organizational labor for this event.

Mike Pearson, chair of the concert committee, has organized some other local concerts but said the Battle of the Bands is a classic concert. Pearson said there are a lot of local bands that he would like to see become a little more well-known in this area.

"I hope this brings out the local music scene," Pearson said.

Leadership Center event coordinator Marie

Johnson advises the entertainment committee and has taken an active role in promoting the concert.

"I hope we get a big crowd," Johnson said. "I think it's an awesome way to showcase local bands."

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Leadership Center event coordinator

Along with a loud raging battle for the rock crown of River Falls is the chance to see five bands without driving into the Twin Cities, Johnson said, along with a variety of music people might not be familiar with.

Helping to create that variety, bands participating in the upcoming concert were asked to apply by submitting an application and demo CD to the entertainment committee.

Qualifying applicants were then asked to audition on Nov. 6.

Ultimately, four of the 13 bands that applied were chosen: Soundtrack to a Shipwreck, MicroHenry,

IO and Silly Little Nothings. The Supertronics were also chosen to emcee the concert and provide entertainment between sets.

Sets of 20 minutes will be allotted to each of the bands allowing them time to show the depth of their musicality and stage performance abilities. Pearson said the committee chose the four bands to showcase a variety of music.

The four featured bands will provide an array of styles for all rock fans. Soundtrack to a Shipwreck is a little bit heavier rock.

"I'd call them emo," Pearson said.

MicroHenry and Silly Little Nothings are both rock groups but MicroHenry is "more like alternative rock" Pearson said. IO is more of an art rock, Pearson said. They use some synthesizers and describe themselves as experimental.

Keeping the crowd warm between competing sets will be The Supertronics, an acoustic 1980s cover band comparable to Tenacious D, Pearson said.

This is the first time The Supertronics will appear in a Battle of the Bands; however, they perform at

Boomers frequently and are looking forward to emceeing. Bobb Lockwood of The Supertronics said.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Lockwood said. "We're big crowd pleasers."

Although Lockwood and the Supertronics are not blaring their amps in competition on Saturday, Lockwood is hopeful the concert will bring out the local music scene.

"I'm a big advocate of local music," Lockwood said. "Find it and experience it."

Lockwood said there is a music scene in River Falls, knowing where to look is what can be difficult. Concerts like the Battle of the Bands could help make that search a little easier.

With all of the planning being put into motion, Pearson said it would be great if the audience filled North Hall; however, even if the bands don't play well or the show goes long, Pearson is optimistic.

"I'm really excited," Pearson said. "As long as the audience has fun, that's really what it's all about."

The overall winner of the Battle of the Bands will be decided by the audience but an alternative prize will be awarded by three judges. The winners will receive gift certificates to Brickhouse Music.

Homegrown rock stars:

Students prepare for Battle of the Bands



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