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CHILD Center celebrates completion

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The Creative Hours In Learning Development (CHILD) Center celebrated its opening with a dedication and open house Sept. 20 attended by members of the community, faculty, students and children, many of whom have been involved with the planning and development of the center since fall 2002.

"The University as a whole has been very supportive of the CHILD Center," CHILD Center director Debbie Ryan said.

So many people have been involved on campus, and the center is "very, very grateful for all of their enthusiastic support," Ryan said.

Ceremony highlights included an unveiling of the statue "Six Children Playing" by Bruce Mainquist given in memory of the late Chancellor Ann Lydecker by the UW-River Falls Foundation.

Lydecker's grandson, Clayton, attends the CHILD Center, and the family participated in the unveiling. Lydecker's son, Rich Favor, told the gathering that he once asked his mother what advice she would give him if she knew she was going to die.

Favor said, after they both cried, she said, "to be kind to everyone you meet and to never, ever, stop loving your children."

Lydecker's older grandson, Mitchell, smiled and waved in response to the crowd's applause following the unveiling.

Former student-parent Sarah Borneman addressed the audience during the ceremony. "There is no better teacher than experience," Borneman told the gathering.

Bornemann graduated from UW-RF in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

Now in the workforce, Borneman contin-

ues to use the center for childcare.

Attendees also had the opportunity to tour the facility, located near Crabtree Hall on the east end of campus, view the mural painted by the students of art Professor Lynn Jermal's collaborative murals class and hear 38 of the center's children sing at the end of the program.

Ryan said the center is better set up for children, compared to the previous site in Ames Hall, with sinks, toilets and windows all at a child's height and the newness is an obvious advantage.

"There's no mice, no mildew and no mold," Ryan said, referring to the advantages of the new site over Ames.

Architect Jan van den Kieboom, of Workshop Architects in Milwaukee, designed the center.

Ryan said the architect was successful in blending the center to fit in between a residence hall and a private home.

The outdoor play area has a "Pour and Play" surface constructed by Lee Recreation that consists of bright rubber bits poured together to form a cushiony, colorful base under the yellow, green and blue play equipment.

The center opened Aug. 2, providing childcare services for the children of faculty, students and the community, ages six weeks to 10 years and featuring six classrooms with age-specific activities for infants, toddlers and preschool children.

Ryan said the center is unique in that it offers a preschool curriculum within a full-day program.

"Many times parents are looking for a full-time preschool program," Ryan said.

The center is licensed for up to 90 children and currently has a couple openings in both the preschool and toddler programs. The infant program is full. A student rate is also available. Full-time rates per week range

from \$128 for infants to \$110 for preschool for students registered with at least six credits.

The vision for the center began with the Child Care Advisory Council formed in the fall 2002. The council is composed of residents, students, faculty and parents and also includes Connie Foster, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies and her husband Ryan. The council continues to meet once a semester to discuss issues such as fees, parking and teacher qualifications.

Student parent member, Sarah DeWolf, and her 3-year-old daughter, Delilah, watched the building progress.

"Yep, they're building my new school," Delilah would say as they passed by each day, according to her mother.

DeWolf says she is pleased with all the activities Delilah participates in, and her daughter enjoys painting at the center.

"Our whole house is full of paintings," Sarah DeWolf said.

Her favorite painting done by her child at the center used tennis balls instead of paintbrushes. Other activities include coloring, reading, playing outdoor, and going for walks. DeWolf said the center is a little farther to walk to than Ames but well worth it.

The center also serves as a fieldwork site for elementary education majors with early childhood minors. One student from elementary education is working at the center as a student teacher each quarter this semester. The social work program currently does not have a student working at the center, due to lack of a supervisor available from the department. Communicative disorders does not have a student working at the center because none has been requested yet.

Stephanie Powelson is the student teacher working at the center until the end of October and then will be student teaching in Ellsworth.

"I absolutely love it here. It's a good place

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Photo Eric Ebert

Bill Lydecker, widower of former chancellor Ann Lydecker, along with their grandchildren Clayton and Mitchell Favor unveil a sculpture made in her honor.

Establishing art



Photo by Sarah Gestson

Art student Alison Fjeld looks at some of the work that is currently up in Gallery 101, the art gallery in KFA. The exhibition closes Sept. 24.

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Staff Writer

Throughout the month of September, creativity and experience overflowed at Gallery 101 in Kleinpell Fine Arts as the UW-River Falls art department presented the works of eight former professors who helped to establish the University's Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Program more than 50 years ago.

The exhibition titled "Singular Artists, Exceptional Work" began Sept. 2 and featured the work of Bill Ammerman, Mary Barrett, Patricia Clark, Jim Crane, Doug Johnson, Don Miller, Walter Nottingham and Kurt Wild.

The artists used a variety of mixed media such as watercolors, ceramics, wood, metal, computer-generated graphics and fibers to express themselves.

Some of the pieces in the exhibition were intricate woodcut landscape collages by Barrett, watercolors of flowers by Ammerman, pottery by Wild and satirical computer graphic posters by Crane. Clark's work documents the history of our environmentally changing landscapes through paintings and drawings.

Nottingham, whose contribution to the department was the fiber program, has several complex pieces in the show. Miller's pieces are bas-relief wood and metal sculptures inspired by the arid and rich texture of the Southwest.

Johnson, who started the glass program in 1967,

mixes several media for his piece.

Art department program assistant Susan Zimmer came up with the idea to reunite and exhibit the work of these teachers and artists.

"I got to know them and liked their work," Zimmer said. "It is rare that the people who started the art department here are all still alive."

Zimmer presented the idea to Michael Padgett, art department chair who invited the artists, some from as far away as Florida and Hawaii, to exhibit their work in the same building they worked hard to get built.

"When I contacted the emeriti art faculty, I was delighted with the quick and enthusiastic replies I received," Padgett said. "I take great pleasure, honor and delight in presenting to our students, the University and the community at large, the work of these exceptional artists and outstanding professors."

More than 200 people attended the exhibition opening, including many former students who came to see the works of their mentors.

"I remember the wonderful students that came to be our family. They came to share our passions for our own creative work," Barrett said. "They were my students and they were my friends. As they moved on to their own careers many of them remained my friends."

The reunion was especially timely because it brought together the people who worked to create

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New enrollments surpass 1,650; most since 1980s

44 percent of new students are older than 18

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Staff Writer

Not since the early 1980s has UW-River Falls seen freshman classes as large as the past two years. This year, about 1,200 new freshmen and 450 transfer students are enrolled on campus. Admissions director Alan Tuchtenhagen said.

Tuchtenhagen said while high school graduating classes are getting smaller, UW-RF has been admitting more students. It became important to do so because of the large number of seniors who graduated during the past two years.

Tuchtenhagen said that while some UW schools have been having a hard time admitting students, UW-RF has not.

"UW-RF stacks up well against other campuses," Tuchtenhagen said.

He credited the campus size, affordability and program array for drawing students from more than 400 high schools. Students also come from Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and California. UW-RF draws more out-of-state students than any other campus in the UW System.

The large number of freshmen caused administrative concern about the ability to accommodate them. Tuchtenhagen said deans and department chairs met and reopened classes and created more class sections so there would be enough available for freshmen.

Ed Minser, a freshman from Chisago, Minn., with a business administration major, lives in temporary housing in Johnson Hall.

Minser made his choice to attend UW-RF later than most. He was accepted on a Thursday, took his placement tests, and moved into the residence halls the following Sunday.

Minser chose River Falls because of the small town atmosphere.

His only complaint is the walking he must do to get around campus, though he manages to

turn it into something positive.

"I'm not gaining the freshman 15 this year," Minser said.

Jessi Gillis is a freshman living in Prucha Hall. She is an animal science major from Roberts, Wis. The strong agriculture program and lab farms were what drew Gillis to UW-RF. She opted for a random roommate as a way to get to meet people. She said it

took some getting used to but it is going well. Being away from friends and family has also taken some adjustment, Gillis said.

Residence hall activities like movie night allowed Gilis to get to know her hall mates better.

Resident advisers like Mara Bryan from Randolph, Minn., have been busy helping new students get acquainted with campus and communal life.

Bryan said move-in day was long but worked well. She helped students move into their rooms and get acquainted with each other.

"I'm really enjoying my first-year students," Bryan said. Issues such as homesickness and time management can be a problem for some freshmen, but things are coming along as expected.

"Some (freshmen) still haven't found their place on the wing yet," Bryan said.

All of the students on Bryan's wing

are from Wisconsin or Minnesota, but there are still issues of diversity. Bryan says that there are a wide array of majors and a good mix of students from rural and urban backgrounds.

Having older students to be leaders for the freshmen has also been something that Bryan likes about her wing.

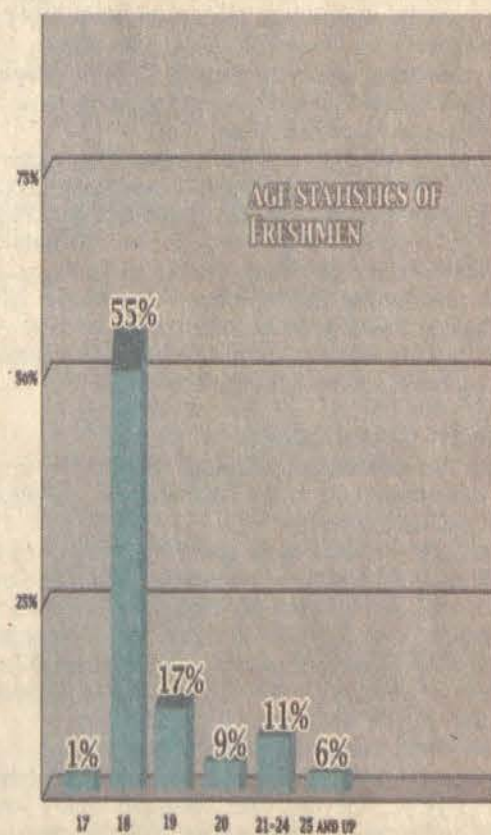
Doorstop painting and cookouts have brought residents together, Bryan said.

Micaela Rodriguez, a resident adviser in May Hall, which has temporary housing,

said the cramped quarters can be inconvenient at times. There are five students sharing a study lounge on her wing and it has taken time for them to get used

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Class composition



Graphic by Neng Yang

LOCAL

Student Senate elections

Student Senate is a place to lobby legislators, invite them to campus, and to fight for the rights of students and student opinions to be heard by government officials, as well as university administrators. This student run organization is preparing for its elections on Oct. 5 and 6. For more information stop by the Student Center.

Fall graduation requirements

The deadline to apply for Fall Commencement is Oct. 1, 2004. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office, 105 North Hall. For more information, contact the Registrar's Office at 425-3342. The fee is \$40 and a tassel is required with a color coordinating with your college or degree.

Returning textbooks for dropped classes

If a class has been dropped the textbook must be returned within four calendar days of the date that the class was dropped, according to the Registrar's office. If four days have passed a \$5 fine will be enforced, but no more than \$10 for one class.

Textbooks students wish to purchase are on sale from Oct. 1, though Nov. 31. It can be bought at a 20 percent or 40 percent discount. Discontinued textbooks are also available for as low as 25 cents.

Determine how tuition money should be spent

Special Technology Committee (STC) for 2004-2005 is looking for six student representatives to advise the University on how funding should be spent on student learning technology needs. Two percent of tuition is devoted to the purchasing and maintenance of campus technology services. Previous experience in the technology field are not necessary, but advantageous. Applications for this position are available at www.its.uwrf.edu/services/requests/stc.php. Regular business meetings will be held starting in October.

FYRST event

First Year Student Transition Series is a program striving to give students the confidence to survive their first years and They'll be hosting an event on Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in North Hall auditorium. It'll be educating students on what graduate schools will be looking for. Other topics of discussion will include what a major means, internships and job experience. There is no charge for the program.

REGION

Minnesota and Wisconsin's higher education

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education biennially grades each state in areas of education. This year Wisconsin and Minnesota compare and contrast greatly in some major areas.

When it comes to the percentage of young people who attend college Wisconsinites are starting to fall short while Minnesotans are more likely than any other state to enroll in college by age 19. For Minnesota that is a huge accomplishment considering it rose 12 percent, one of the biggest jumps in the nation, from the 2002 assessment. That may have something to do with the financial situations in each state.

While tuition in Minnesota has risen, so has the financial aid. The state invests in a need-based program to help in shielding the families from the blow. Minnesota was considered a "top performer" in the preservation of affordability. In Wisconsin the same tuition rises have happened, but little aid has come to them. It has become difficult for low-income families to send their young adults to college who generally pay a large portion of the cost. In 2002 43 percent of low-income students were enrolled in college while now that fell to 26 percent. Wisconsin was given the grade "very low" in investment for the states financial aid.

In both states, however, drops in racial diversity have surfaced. In Wisconsin, 30 percent of young adults of color were enrolled and now only 16 percent are. Across the border it fell from 37 percent to 26 percent. Preparation may factor into that; minority students in Minnesota high schools are not as likely as the white counterparts to take college prep courses or college entrance exams.

Both states are doing well in preparing high schoolers for college. Wisconsinites have students enrolled in both upper-lever math and science courses. Correlating stats that say Wisconsin ranks near the top in the nation in both of those areas. Many Minnesotans take upper level math and an average amount of students take science courses while in high school. Still, they rank first in the nation when it comes to math assessments. The nation as a whole has become better prepared for secondary education than ever.

In Wisconsin, many students seem to be graduating from college and then leaving for jobs in more appealin states, and not many are coming in from outside states. Some officials feel that the best way to fix this decline is to make it more accessible to low-income people and minorities, as well as redoubling efforts to improve the economic base in Wisconsin.

Minnesota is enjoying the benefits of higher education, seeing higher proportions of its citizens possessing bachelor's degrees and also by having a strong voter turnout.

NATION

Harvard graduate student in murder trial

It is common for people in college towns to have rifts with the students. In Cambridge, Mass. the notorious tensions between the residents and the Harvard students has come to a head now.

Alexander Pring-Wilson, a 26-year-old graduate student at the prestigious Ivy-League institution, is accused of killing a teenage father outside a pizzeria.

The defense lawyers have attempted to make it appear to be a case of self-defense against the boy, 18-year-old Michael Colono.

The two had only met the one time that resulted in the fatality. Pring-Wilson was walking back to his apartment after spending the night drinking at a nightclub when he thought Colono asked for directions. He approached the car, and as he did so, he was allegedly jumped by two men, Colono and his cousin, Samuel Rodriguez, who came from inside the vehicle. Then he allegedly pulled out his folding knife and started attacking them. Defense lawyers say it was an attempt to stop the beating.

The prosecution has a different story. They argue that the knife was out even before the fight began. It was Pring-Wilson who instigated the fight that resulted in five stabbings on Colono's body before Rodriguez separated the two. It was at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center that Colono died at 3:15 a.m.

The prosecution also says that Pring-Wilson gave the police five different accounts as to the extent of his involvement in the incident.

The defense argued back that he had suffered concussions and was just confused and was not trying to lie.

Youth votes count

With the election approaching, the youth vote is becoming more and more important. In the 2000 election, participation from people 18-24 fell to one-third.

When 18-year-olds were given the right to vote in 1971, it was because they felt if they were old enough in the eyes of the government to fight, they were old enough to have a say in who would be potentially sending them to fight. People thought that they would have a large portion of the votes, but ever since then it has declined.

Many organizations are encouraging young people all over the country to vote, some even giving rewards.

With youth community involvement it seems strange that voting participation is down, however, it can be explained by the feeling of inferiority that they get from the politicians. Even schools promote community change over politics. This generation may become the new "Greatest Generation" if the proper tools are provided and encouraged.

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate gears up

Bylaw changes proposed

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The Student Senate, like many other groups on campus, is a growing, changing organization. In order to comply with the changes, necessary adjustments must be made to the bylaws to ensure the most efficient Senate. At the meeting on Sept. 21, two motions were proposed to change the bylaws. The general rule of Senate is that bylaw changes must be introduction-only during the first week and voting will be during the following meeting, allowing ample time for the student body to give input, President Matthew Schuelke said.

The first proposal, brought by Finance Director Adam Koski, was to change the membership requirements for the Ethics chair. Proposed changes was for the committee to consist of the Ethics chair, two other student senators and four students at-large as appointed by the Ethics chair. The motion was moved by Koski and seconded by Schuelke.

The second proposal, again brought by Koski, was to change mem-

bership in Legislative Issues Committee from three to four senators. The second part of the proposal was to change membership in the Finance Committee from four senators to three. The motion was moved by Koski and seconded by Student Affairs and Academic Services Director Nick Cluppert.

In other senate news:

- Cluppert traveled to Stevens Point for the United Council General Assembly last weekend where he got a box of promotional tools for voting. Issues addressed at the GA included changing the president's term, having a two-year vice president that has now been appointed, and discussion about the Strategic Planning committee for multicultural issues on Oct. 15-16.
- Women's Initiatives Director Kendra Plant announced that she is looking for co-sponsors and people to have table for Campus Safety Awareness week.
- Regular Senate office hours have started now, so there should be someone in the office if students need a senator to talk outside of meetings.
- Family Day brochures are out in the mail to students' permanent addresses and also to students' resident hall addresses.
- All Hall Councils should be started now; a general trend on campus is that the meetings are 9 p.m. on Sundays.
- Plant announced that there will be a walk for domestic violence on Oct. 2, raising money for Turningpoint, the local agency working to help people dealing with domestic violence.

Students could be the swing vote

Jonathan Majak
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People 18 and older are faced with decisions every day. One decision they will have to make November is whether or not to vote.

Student Senate is trying to get students at UW-River Falls involved with politics by participating with the non-partisan New Voters Project (NVP).

NVP, a project spanning across Wisconsin and five other states, is trying to motivate students to register for the upcoming presidential election.

"We just want to convince you to vote," Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, political science professor and member of the NVP committee said. "The goal is to increase voter participation."

Wisconsin and Minnesota are considered "battleground states," states that are hotly contested and key to overall success for the race for the White House. Both states have some of the highest voting rates with a 70 percent turnout as opposed to the 60 percent national average, according to the Census Bureau.

In 2000, Democratic candidate Al Gore won Wisconsin by 5,708 votes, which is approximately the same number of students, 5,212, which were attending UW-RF at that

time according to statistics from the Registrar's Office.

"The difference was essentially the size of this campus," Gladstone Sovell said. "This election will be similarly close."

NVP is not working with any partisan political groups in order to maintain neutrality. Members on its board include such people as former Democratic Vice President candidate Walter Mondale and former Republican President Gerald Ford.

NVP has sent out invitations to a wide range of political parties and their candidates to have them come and talk to students about not just voting for them, but also the importance of voting.

There will also be speakers brought to UW-RF including former member of the Minnesota House of Representatives Gregory Gray on Oct. 4 at the Regents Room in the Student Center.

Also, Harvard University professor and author of the book "The Vanishing Voter" Thomas Patterson will be talking at Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

NVP is also working with the American Democracy Project.

"The New Voters Project will end November 2," Gladstone Sovell said. "The American Democracy Project will continue

on to encourage more civic engagement."

Young people's involvement in voting has been on a decline according to the Census Bureau.

"We're concerned with people voting," Student Senator Joe Eggers said.

Senate is seeking to deputize students in order to help with the voter registration process. Deputized students will be able to register students.

"Registering is very easy," Eggers said.

The main point of both NVP and the American Democracy Project is to get people to vote.

"We would like you to make an informed choice," Gladstone-Slovell said.

Students interested in finding more information about the election, how to register and how to learn more facts about the issues can go to the Web site www.uwrf.edu/newvoter. On the site, students can also find links to political parties ranging from Republican, to Democratic, to Green, to a link to other parties like Libertarian and Christian Alliance.

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go to
www.uwrf.edu/newvoter

PUBLIC SAFETY/RFPD

Sept. 15

Noah Bigjohn reported a red Haro trick bicycle stolen from 62 East Cascade Ave.

Sept. 16

Aarik J. Lensing was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn.

Brad D. Theisen was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Justin A. Kohls was cited for retail theft at 1777 Paulson Road, Shopko, and ordered to pay \$98.99 restitution.

Ryan C. Abbott was fined \$288 for selling alcohol without a permit at 120 South Third St.

Sept. 17

Josh J. Dahlke was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at May Hall.

Andrew J. Sevcik was fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Jennifer R. Roley was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Alyssa L. Olsen was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at May Hall.

Brittany R. Sands was fined \$164 for underage consumption at 106 North Main St.

Billy E. Lavell, Nicholas A.

Hanrahan and Tyler D. Sawchyn were each fined \$164 for disorderly conduct at 600 South Main St.

Margaret L. Swanson was cited for speeding.

Stephen Edward Lackner reported an 18-speed Schwinn Moab bicycle stolen from 117 Church St.

Sept. 18

Troy A. Peskar reported a burglary at 400 West Park St.

Kristie Anderson reported a hit and run accident that damaged her legally-parked vehicle at 420 South Fourth St.

Sept. 19

Nathaniel G. Kitzrow was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Bryan W. Thiermann was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at May Hall.

Adam J. Mattson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Angela L. Dickmeyer was fined \$243 for underage consumption.

Robert M.A. Crump was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Economic development key

factor with growing population

RF part of fastest growing area in state

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

Local government officials, business owners and residents attended Synergy 2004 Sept. 15-16 at The Phipps Center in Hudson, Wis. The conference emphasized economic development in the St. Croix and Chippewa valleys.

UW-River Falls, along with UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire held this event that was sponsored by UW Extension, Xcel Energy and other organizations.

Some issues addressed at this conference were rural to urban transitions, health care costs, the rural digital divide and workforce development.

"It was a very successful conference," Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for the nine counties of West Central Wisconsin to come together to talk about important economic development issues."

Others were happy this wasn't just a conference to air out problems. It focused on solutions as well.

"I was pleased with the Synergy Conference," Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said. "We talked about the solutions to problems. This conference helped in providing connections and collaborations to address issues of economic development."

Even though the conference took place on the far western edge of the nine county region, turnout was larger than expected.

"This is the fastest growing area in the state, and one of the fastest growing regions in the country," Nylander said. "We're undergoing a change from a rural area to a more urban area. We have the Twin Cities pouring into Western Wisconsin and changing the demographics of the area."

The Digital Divide was another focus of the Synergy Conference. "This part of Wisconsin doesn't have the same access to the inter-

net that others currently have," Nylander said.

At the conference, UW President Kevin Reilly spoke about the UW System's role in the region's economic development.

"UW is a premier developer of advanced human potential and of the jobs that employ this potential and of the communities that sustain it," Reilly said. "The universities will be an engaged and effective partner in these constructive efforts."

Reilly also emphasized how investing in the UW System is an investment in the region's economy.

"For every dollar we get from the state, three dollars are produced," Reilly said.

Nylander echoed the system's view as a partner in the regional and statewide economic development.

"We're very much a player in economic development," Nylander said. "We're providing an educated workforce. We hope to see our students employed after graduation. That's a sign that there's a strong economy."

Nylander also spoke about UW-RF partnering with local businesses to develop the local economy.

"We have professors consulting with businesses," Nylander said. "Business wants to move here because we provide the educated workforce. It becomes a win-win for the company and for our students who can be employed with the local businesses."

Not only does the university work with local businesses, but also with local governments.

"We work with the economic development councils of St. Croix and Pierce counties," Nylander said. "River Falls is divided along Division Street between St. Croix and Pierce Counties."

However, River Falls is just a small piece of the statewide economic puzzle.

Reilly sees clear skies ahead for the parties involved.

"The UW can be a magnet to attract people to the state," Reilly said. "I'm optimistic about the future of the region, the UW and the state."

University moves on: Committee begins search for new chancellor

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

With the loss of Chancellor Ann Lydecker, UW-River Falls is in need of a new full-time chancellor.

Former UW System President Katharine Lyall formed the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee in June to begin the search to replace Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander, who took the position June 1 when Ginny Coombs returned to her position as UW-RF Provost.

"The committee has been working all summer laying the groundwork for the search," committee chair Terry Brown said. "We hired a consultant from Academic Search Consultation Service, a non-profit organization that works with universities and colleges to find the best applicants for their positions."

In November, the committee will screen the applicants against certain criteria decided upon by the committee as well as a subcommittee of the Board of Regents.

Candidates interested in the position must apply by sending a letter of interest, a résumé and

five references. The top 12 candidates chosen will then be interviewed by mid-December, Brown said.

The top five candidates will be invited to UW-RF in the beginning of spring semester as finalists.

No candidates have been chosen yet.

"Since our ad will appear in Friday's edition of the Chronicle of Higher Education, we do not have any candidates at this time," Brown said. "But we

To help with the search and to give input on what qualities they believe the new chancellor should have, students can send their comments via e-mail to chancellorsearch@uwrf.edu

expect for applications to begin coming in soon."

To help get input on this process regarding what qualities students would like the new chancellor to have and also what they would like to see at the top of the new chancellor's to-do list, listening sessions were held Sept. 9.

However, only a few students attended these sessions.

"That's unfortunate," junior Pamela S. Sojka said. "I would

like the new chancellor to be an approachable person that makes students feel like he or she would want to get to know them personally."

Even though the student attendance at the listening sessions was low, some are optimistic about the process.

"The search is going quite well, and the search firm we hired seems to be doing a good job," said Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke, who attended one of the sessions.

When the finalists visit UW-RF this spring, students, faculty, staff and community members will have a chance to meet the candidates and see how they interact with the campus. Both committees will meet again to evaluate the finalists.

A subcommittee of the Board of Regents will then meet with the candidates and decide who is the best fit for the position.

It is still unclear when the new chancellor will take over.

"We do not know exactly when the new chancellor will take his or her position," Brown said. "We anticipate that it will be sometime during the summer of 2005."



Photo by Jens Gunelson
Chancellor Search and Screen Committee members start the process of choosing a new chancellor. They hope to have the new chancellor in place by summer 2005.

1-800 Emergency Contraception

Rachel Gaynor
Assistant Editor

Sex is not just a topic for the bedroom anymore. Increasing concern about safer sex awareness has brought options out from under the sheets and into the eyes of the public.

Student Health Services and UW-River Falls Advocates for Choice co-sponsored an informational event Sept. 22 about Emergency Contraception.

The main goal of this meeting was to get people together to talk about all the potential safer sex options available to females in

the state of Wisconsin; more locally, on this campus and in the city of River Falls.

"It is essential that young people come together and stand up for what they know is right...ensuring access to a full range of reproductive health services," Kendra Plant, founder of UW-RF Advocates for Choice said.

Wisconsin Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association is working with Family Planning Health Services, Inc. (FPHS) out of Wausau to get the word out about an Emergency

Contraception hotline that was formed in the state to prevent unintended pregnancies.

Emergency Contraception (EC), otherwise known as 'the morning after pill,' will "reduce the likelihood of pregnancy by 75 percent if taken within three days of unprotected intercourse," Chris Hanke, Quality Assurance Coordinator for FPHS said.

According to information provided by FPHS, EC is more effective if taken earlier, "preventive medicine is better than crisis management."

A message that all of the speakers were trying to get across was

that easy access to EC has the ability to potentially reduce unintended pregnancies.

"Young women need to be aware of EC and share information with their friends about EC to protect their ability to fully participate economically, socially and politically in the future. For many young women, an unintended pregnancy may mean the end of their educational career," Plant said.

FPHS is trying to increase the number of females that have EC in their medicine cabinets at home so they have it just in case they were to need it. This organi-

zation is working to raise money to increase awareness by using billboards (with one now located on highway 63, a half mile south of highway 10), television, radio and print advertising.

FPHS is also working on holding conferences like the one at UW-RF and working with health care professionals to have supplies available.

UW-RF Student Health Services has many options available in coordination with River Falls Medical Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Health (PCRH) to provide UW-RF students certain services at little to

no cost.

"We have been providing EC for at least four to five years," Alice Reilly-Myklebust, Director of Student Health Services said. "We want to provide comprehensive care for students."

Some feel that it is a woman's right to have these options at her fingertips.

"The women in our community deserve convenient and prompt access to Emergency Contraception. This is an issue of basic health care," Plant said. "And it is as simple as that."

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New technology has glitches Professors and students frustrated with D2L

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

Returning students and faculty may have noticed some new changes on the UW-River Falls Web page. No longer are there links to WebCT and Blackboard. Instead, a new set of letters appears in their absence - Desire to Learn (D2L).

D2L is part of a UW System proposal to upgrade to, what has been called, a more robust online education system and to have all UW System schools on the same software.

"This is a much more automated setup," said Dan Semi, user service manager for UW-RF.

Semi said D2L has advanced features that WebCT and Blackboard would have needed other programs to perform. D2L also has a grade book feature, but Semi said the grade book has yet to live up to its standard.

However, Semi said the biggest benefit is the integration D2L has with the student system. This integration allows class rosters to be monitored and updated every night on D2L.

Although D2L has been running on campus since this summer, some of the glitches have yet to be worked out of the system. Semi said students and faculty are having problems with campus Web browsers, such as Internet Explorer, and opening things from D2L.

"It's an Internet Explorer problem, not a D2L problem," Semi said.

Semi said the problem is in the campus browser settings but has not been isolated yet. Faculty and students have experienced problems on both PC and Macintosh computers but some things work better on PC than on Macintosh.

"For some it works really fine. For others, there are struggles," Semi said.

One person having struggles with D2L is Karen Klyczek, biology department chair.

"My only frustration is that it is not working well," Klyczek said. "If all of the features were working I'd be fine with it."

Klyczek, who previously used WebCT, said she uses D2L in just about every class. Klyczek said D2L has a lot of nice features but it's frustrating that not all of them are functional.

"Features are almost exactly the same," she said. "They just do them a little differently."

Although D2L has caused some frustration for Klyczek, she said faculty were given substantial warning and that Semi has also been accommodating.

"Dan's been very helpful, very responsive," Klyczek said. "They are really trying to make it work for us."

Political science professor Wesley Chapin uses D2L in his classes and has learned some of the basic functions.

"I was much more familiar with WebCT," Chapin said.

However, some problems occurred when students tried to open links off of D2L. Chapin said that as many as one-third of his students have had access problems trying to get things off of D2L.

"Students get frustrated when things don't work," Chapin said. "There's always a transition period."

Chapin says he is trying to wait until others work out the problems.

"I just want something that's going to work," he said.

Although D2L has had some glitches throughout its first year, Semi said there has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work done for testing and to make sure the integration is working.

"It's always hard to change systems," Semi said. Semi said the previous programs like WebCT and Blackboard are backed by years of experience. Although D2L has experienced problems Semi shows confidence in the program and the company.

"I think it's a good product," Semi said. "I think it has good potential but they're a young company."

"Students get frustrated when things don't work. There's always a transition period."
Wesley Chapin
Professor

EDITORIALS

Next chancellor must be leader

This week UW-River Falls permanently honored the late Chancellor Ann Lydecker by dedicating a sculpture outside the new Creative Hours In Learning Development (CHILD) Center in her memory. Lydecker, a career educator and longtime champion of children's causes, was fondly remembered by family members and University officials alike at the ceremony for leading the project.

Turns out she was more than just the "students' chancellor" — she was a veritable grandmother to the children on campus, too.

And while intangible qualities like those can't be replicated no matter who ultimately replaces her, it's that personal touch we'd like to see in her successor. Anybody with an M.B.A. can swoop in and run the University from a by-the-numbers approach. But that's not what UW-RF needs.

Not after the trail Lydecker blazed.

Besides personally spearheading the creation of the CHILD Center, Lydecker logged plenty of out-of-office hours working to make sure UW-RF was well-connected within its own ranks and beyond. She would invite students and faculty to her home for a meal and a chat. She personally lobbied state officials for more help in developing a relationship between the universities and businesses along the I-94 Corridor. The day of her death, March 25, she was headed to speak at a women's leadership conference.

A busy woman indeed.

All this isn't meant to intimidate or create oversized shoes for her successor to fill. It's just that Lydecker raised the bar at UW-RF, and the bold steps she made cannot be turned back on. Not at this crucial point.

With reports of tuition now becoming more than many would-be college students can bear, UW-RF needs a chancellor with who can see beyond dollars and cents. With TABOR refusing to die in Madison, we need someone who can work effectively across party lines with the real customer at heart — the student.

We need a leader.

These are some of the issues we're hoping the chancellor search committee is remembering while they eye the candidates. Students, who have been noticeably absent at the public chancellor-search meetings, need to hear what the committee's saying. If you think their aim is off-center, let them know. Write a letter to the Student Voice. Care.

It's not just a job listing they're working to fulfill; they're drawing the blueprint for the University's future.

Policy, not politics, is radio's problem

This week's Viewpoints cartoon by Chris Rogers and column by Jake Duesenberg both criticize the campus radio station, WRFW 88.7 FM, for removing Duesenberg from the airwaves and replacing his passionate opinion show with a potential general news information show.

WRFW directors didn't sit around and plot to find a way to oppress Duesenberg's freedom of speech. In fact, their reason for removing him had nothing to do with his political affiliation, just his inability to adjust his style to new standards.

After his first broadcast this year the directors had no trouble determining that Duesenberg had violated the new policy.

It's this policy that leaves WRFW open to criticism. Before tightening the restrictions, any student could apply for a prime listening time talk show to express their opinions. Under the current policy, students can only apply to be objective moderators in such shows. To express their opinions they must be invited onto the show.

With the upcoming election, which many are calling the most important in decades, student opinion should have fewer restrictions and a freer flow of ideas.

WRFW could have waited until the semester after elections to deliver the blow to student expression of opinion.

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This year it was decided that the campus radio station wouldn't broadcast any opinions...



"And now folks, it's time for the barometric pressure of 1,072 coastal cities."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diplomacy a pipe dream in war on terror

In response to Leon Gbee's letter to the editor: I agree with you that war is a horrible thing and it should always be a last resort.

However, when you say that diplomacy, when used correctly, can be used to solve any problem without exception, I think you're living in a fantasy world. Perhaps you know the "right strategy" to use when it comes to being diplomatic with religious extremists. These are the same people who strap suicide bombs to their 13-year-old children.

I suppose you could talk to their God, Allah, and try to be diplomatic with him. Maybe he can talk with our enemies and have them stop their war of terrorism. The war waged on America (and the rest of the world), by terrorists, is a holy war. The extremists look forward to dying for their god. After all, they get 72 virgins once they get to heaven. So unless you can use diplomacy to change their religious beliefs, I don't think there is any other choice except war. They won't ever stop the war so we can't either.

As for the war with Iraq, we did try to use diplomacy. It was Saddam Hussein who decided to ignore the UN Security Council's resolutions. When given the ultimatum of either leaving the country or going to war it was Saddam who chose war. How can diplomacy work with a mad man?

I hope that one day the world can get along without war. But that day is a long way into the future. In the real world, war is an unavoidable option. It's horrible, but in some cases it must be done.

Jon Finnegan
Student

Multiculturalism under-promoted at UW-RF

While talking to a dear friend this past summer, we discussed the issue of multiculturalism in

the UW System. Thanks to an inside connection, I was enlightened with some important facts.

One of the main issues at River Falls is the retention rate of our African American, Latino and American Indian students. It's like a revolving door, because at the beginning of each year there seem to be an increased number of students of color, but it seems they are not being retained or graduating.

We talked about Plan 2008, but where is the progress? If Plan 2008 is to accomplish what it was intended to accomplish, the whole campus should be held accountable, not just a few. There should be consequences for those departments (faculty and staff) who do not grab hold of the concept of diversity and Plan 2008. Now students call it Plan 8002 because they just



MATT SCHUELKE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Well, another year is upon us. For some of you it is a brand new experience, an experience with totally different surroundings than what you were used to a little while ago. For some of you it is old hat, the same thing again. But with each new year we experience, learn, and grow. That is what each one of you will be doing this semester regardless of history, demographic, major, or involvements. As the last few years have passed before my eyes I have seen new students come and old students go, but all the while new experiences are had by all. This past year we were thrown into a whirlwind of budget cuts, transition, and the loss of our beloved Chancellor Ann Lydecker. To the new students, I wish you could have had the chance to meet Chancellor

Lydecker. In the words of her husband Bill she truly was a once in a lifetime person to know. To the students who were lucky enough to be here under

her tenure, know that you are fortunate to have attended a school under such a leader.

And with that I want you to know that the Student Senate strives to make each and every day of your experience here the best that it can be, from fighting for lower tuition, lobbying legislators, putting on Family Day, organizing, and informing you the student. We recommend and communicate with administration both on and off campus to bring you that new

expected to rise another 15 percent.

There is definitely something wrong with the system and the people in charge, including the Regents and our legislature. People usually don't change unless they feel uncomfortable, and you have the power to change the system.

Leon Gbee
Student

Give us your
tired, your
hungry, your
letters.

Student Senate president welcomes new, returning students to UW-RF

Lydecker. In the words of her husband Bill she truly was a once in a lifetime person to know. To the students who were lucky enough to be here under

experience for tomorrow. Knowledge is power; make no mistake about that, and I believe you are not because that is the primary reason you are here. Senate is here to help.

If you have an issue or a concern you think Student Senate can help you with, feel free to contact us. We will gladly assist you, and if by chance we cannot, we will be able to refer you to the proper channel.

If you have questions, comments, thoughts, or opinions you wish Student Senate to hear, stop by the Student Senate office in the Leadership Center, check out the Web site at

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

In 2002, Bush and Cheney began the drumbeat of lies toward an Iraq invasion. The media and citizens, caught up in patriotic war fever after 9/11, were duped into going along with it. The price paid for believing Bush's lies has been more than 1,000 dead troops, tens of thousands of dead Iraqis and \$2 billion. On top of that, it has created more terrorists.

"Hold on commie!" scream the conservatives. "We're there to liberate the Iraqi people from that brutal dictator." Do you realize how long it would've taken Saddam to kill the 10,000 we've slaughtered in less than two years? If this was about humanitarianism, there's a long list of countries we would've been in before Iraq. If

liberate is a synonym for terrorize, murder and torture, then we've done a damn good job liberating them.

Bush refuses to face reality. "We're making America safer," and "We are making progress in Iraq," are Bush's latest hallucinations. Actually, the Iraq invasion created more terrorists. Contrary to what Bush said in May 2003, the mission is not accomplished. "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" still rings true today.

Two Sides Of Iraq

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

On Dec. 14, 2003, one of the most unruly and violent tyrants of our generation was brought into American custody and is currently awaiting justice from his own people. Ironically, this is a freedom he denied to those same people. On Sept. 11, 2001, we learned that oceans no longer protect us from the anti-American sentiment that terrorists uphold. The denial of life to civilians in Iraq should not be something controversial. Freedom is not free and should be a mission we are will-

ing to make sacrifices for. As Americans we often take these freedoms for granted. This may be because our women have the right to vote and attend school, anyone can speak out against the government and we have the right to protest the troops who provide this freedom. In the primaries Kerry ridiculed Howard Dean for saying he would have left Saddam in power. After flip-flopping numerous times about the war in Iraq, he said Tuesday that Bush was wrong for removing Saddam. This would have prevented freedom for a large chunk of the 50 million people granted independence during the war on terrorism. Support our troops and support the gift of freedom by re-electing Bush.

Drunken driving can be curbed in RF

The love-hate relationship shared by the University and City of River Falls has been bumpy, and I've only seen it through a three-year window. Granted a lot of the dilemma surrounds the parking situation, but every university has a huge parking problem. Why there isn't a parking garage in River Falls yet is beyond me.

There is, however, what I would consider a more pressing situation facing this city and the student body.

Drunken driving is not a new fad by any means, but during the last several years Wisconsin has taken a much tougher stance against it. The legal blood-alcohol content limit for a drunken driving offense was lowered from .10 to .08. Along with the lowering of the limit came harsher penalties and no plea-bargaining for lower sentences

given to offenders.

This city has really dropped the ball when it comes to the prevention of drunken driving and — in some instances — encourages it. I'm not making excuses for



MIKE SONN

those who do drive drunk. As some of you may

know, I am the recent recipient of a driving while intoxicated (DUI) citation. I broke the law and deserve to be punished accordingly. Furthermore, I probably deserve at least a handful of citations and so do many of my friends. I'm actually thankful I learned my lesson

through a ticket rather than an accident.

Tragically though, there have been recent fatal crashes involving drunken driving just in this area. In some of those cases the person who perished wasn't even intoxicated.

River Falls has a taxi service at its disposal, a commodity many communities don't have. In spite of this, the service closes at 10 p.m. every night, right about the time most college students and locals head to the taverns.

Just recently I found out why this is. The taxi company is subsidized by the government to help the elderly get around town. What I would like to know is why the government can't help fund a program — such as a taxi open until 2 or 3 a.m. — that would curb drunken driving. Why can the city spend

money to put extra officers on duty instead of an alternate option?

Also, parking overnight downtown is a \$10 fine. I know this is a drop in the bucket compared to a DUI. But someone who's had several drinks and doesn't feel anything more than a slight buzz usually won't want to pay. I would like to propose a validation system in which the bars sign a parking pass to avoid an unnecessary fine. The best option will always be the designated driver, but I understand how hard it is to find a friend willing to stay sober.

Also, a bit of advice to those of you driving downtown next time you want to drink, the back Econo Foods parking lot doesn't ticket. However, I wouldn't put much stake in parking there. If it becomes a popular spot, the city will step in.

New WRFW policy means free speech limited to liberals

One of our greatest rights in this country is our freedom of speech. Teachers, politicians, Hollywood stars and political pundits gloat over its importance in modern society. Just about all Americans agree that this inalienable right is necessary. However, the left in America and on college campuses restrict the practice in many ways. They believe in freedom of speech for liberals only. Let me explain.

There is no question that the overwhelming majority of college faculty acquaint themselves with the liberal ideology. There is also no doubt that some professors use propaganda or bias within the confines of their lectures. For instance, on this campus teachers show videos constructed by Moveon.org or the infamous lunatic, Michael Moore, without representation of the other side.

These professors are practicing their freedom of speech and under our constitution, they have that right. The problem that arises is when the students want to voice their opinion. Last year, the College Republicans sent out letters to teachers explaining that their bias in the classroom was upsetting students. Some professors openly welcomed the critique and dealt with the situation in a respectful manner. Other professors acted childishly and attempted to silence the CRs. I received word last year that they actually complained to our former Chancellor, hoping that she would take immediate action.

Another good example of the left's restriction on free speech is when a group of conservatives compiled a publication called the "Right of Way," and asked the student senate, along

with a couple of campus committees, for distribution space in the Student Center. Based purely on their dislike for conservative speech, the students were not granted that right. A couple weeks later the University allowed the New York Times to display its paper on campus. Now we actually pay a small fee to a paper that blatantly leans more to the liberal side of politics.

During the past couple of years, a good friend and I have hosted a conservative radio show on 88.7 FM, WRFW.

JAKE DUESENBERG

People of all political backgrounds tuned in to listen to what we had to say. This year, I took over the show to continue the legacy that had already been built. After one show, we were kicked off air because the show had a conservative tone. The staff at the station explained that they wanted all shows to be unbiased, regardless of political affiliation. This reasoning is flawed. Conservatives are the only people who apply for political talk shows. Therefore, the new rule applies only to one group. The staff hides their distaste for a conservative viewpoint and it is abundantly obvious that they do not want other people to hear us.

I'm sorry that students were not able to hear my show this week. If you have been a fan during the past couple of years and want me back on the air, let the station hear your voice. Or if you are appalled — conservative and liberal alike — make your voice be heard.

College is about diversity, right? Shouldn't we recognize diversity in political opinion? Let's make sure that all students who wish to express their viewpoints in a tasteful manner are given that opportunity. And to all new students, be cognizant of what is allowed to take place on campus. Your views are just as important as anyone else's. God bless America.

English best language for all in America

Habla Espanol?

If your answer is no and you want a job, you may need to begin learning Spanish. Some American employers are requiring their English-speaking employees to speak Spanish.

According to 2003 Census Bureau estimates, Hispanics are the largest minority group in America at 38.8 million. And many more are immigrating every day, creating a very large Latino population in the United States. As a result, big hotel chains and other businesses that hire Hispanic housekeeping and restaurant staff are requiring employees to speak Spanish.

Businesses in America encourage immigration to exploit foreign workers as cheap labor. Apparently these workers need to be accommodated by American businesses. One problem is that this could reduce job opportunities for Americans who speak only English.

Another problem is that requiring employees to speak Spanish removes the incentive for immigrants to learn English. This is disadvantageous to the immigrants because those who are not proficient pay a price in the marketplace — they earn 17 percent less than immigrants of similar back-

grounds, experience, and education who are. Thus, they can't reap the wealth-based social benefits of American society. That's ironic, because most of these immigrants went to America for a chance at a better life.

Unfortunately, immigrants will continue to work in low-paying jobs if they do not learn English.

"The feeling is that unless an associate can speak in English, they are not going to be able to be promoted to any position where they

have to interface with customers," said Gary Schweikhart, director of public relations for Office Depot.

However, companies will still require employees to speak Spanish to attract lower cost labor. As long as it is profitable, American businesses will continue to seek immigrant labor and will spend advertising dollars to target the Latino population in America — in Spanish.

For instance, Latino radio stations account for 7 percent of the radio audience. The National Baseball Association this past season became the first major U.S. sports league to offer national TV coverage on Spanish-language stations. Later this year, ESPN will launch a full-time sports channel in Spanish.

In 1994, the IRS printed and distributed 500,000 copies of 1040 forms and instruction booklets in Spanish and manned an 800-number hotline with Spanish speakers.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has brought lawsuits against companies that required Hispanic workers to speak English-only on the job.

"Notwithstanding, it is interesting to know that English is becoming widely recognized as the international business language throughout the world," said Nathan Carter, international consultant for a software company. "It's the most commonly taught language in the world."

It would behoove U.S. businesses to teach immigrants the language of the land. It would foster a safer, more efficient working and customer-friendly environment if companies instituted English-only policies at the workplace.

Office Depot believes that all languages are equal — it's just that some are more equal than others. In America, it's good old American English.

If your work takes you to a Spanish-speaking country, of course you should speak Spanish. If you are working and living in the United States, you should speak English.

Hey, this is America, and we speak English here.

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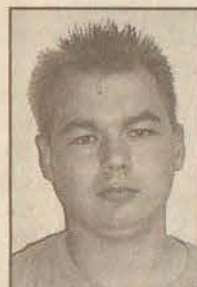
United Nations needs proactive approach in world affairs

Today, largely overshadowed by our ridiculous election and whatever else may capture the fickle public's attention, there is a crisis. In the Darfur region of the North African country of Sudan, thousands of people have been forced leave their homes for refugee camps where they suffer and die in conditions we can barely imagine. Murder, rape and starvation — things that as individual incidents cause an uproar in our country — are a part of everyday life. Little is being done to end this suffering. Considering who is in charge of humanitarian efforts we should not be surprised.

The process of putting an end to these problems has fallen into the hands of the United Nations, the bright shining,

star of international government — the divine arbiter of what is right and wrong in international relations.

Consequently, one cannot but further pity these poor souls. For some reason many people respect the United Nations and I assume this is because they see it as what they want it to be rather than what it is. The United Nations, with its too-little, too-late attitude, pursues military action only after there are literally mountains of evidence (composed by and-large by the bodies of the inno-



KEVIN DINSMORE

cent). That shows a blatant disregard for its so-called values. Secretary General Kofi Annan himself has stated that "terrible crimes have been committed" and when asked if genocide had been committed, said, "We don't need a label to act."

If the sort of action he has in mind is akin to that taken in Rwanda and Kosovo, then he has handed the Sudanese refugees a shovel and asked them to dig their collective mass grave.

Whatever your feelings on the United Nations are, it must be admitted that censure and sanctions probably are not the most effective means of persuasion

against men who would engage in the most reprehensible behavior imaginable. Perhaps I am wrong, but if their victims' screams as they were killed and raped failed to engage their consciences, I have to imagine the distant requests of Kofi Annan will fail to bring about change. Allowing these things to sort themselves out is a decree of annihilation of sorts. If it is the desire of the world community to bring about another Rwanda or Kosovo, then to speak of "human rights" is a cruel joke at the expense of those already humiliated in their suffering.

For his complete and total bungling of the war and occupation of Iraq, Bush did get one thing right — to nego-

tiate and bargain with killers is madness. Force is the only means of removal. If and when the United Nations decides to deal with such issues before entire peoples are decimated, then it has the opportunity to be a real force for positive change in this world.

In the end, the United Nations fails as an organization because it has no real power. When I say power, I mean the ability to intercede, in a forceful timely manner, on the behalf of the weak and downtrodden before they are butchered like cattle at the hands of their fellow citizens. As it fails to do so, it places its own legitimacy into question and earns the lack of respect it suffers today.

What new business would you like in River Falls?



Amber Dohlman

"A Wal-Mart would be good. The food is cheaper than Econo."



Sam Clair

"A Taco John's. We don't have any Mexican places here."



Angie Swanson

"A couple more restaurants close to campus. Everything is so far downtown."



Joel Thorson

"A record shop. You have to go all the way to Hudson to get a C.D."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Volleyball team starts 1-2 in strong WIAC

Micheal Foley
Editor

The 14th-ranked UW-River Falls volleyball team went 1-2 against three nationally-ranked WIAC rivals during the week.

The Falcons got off to a good start, but fell to 10th-ranked UW-Platteville, 3-2, Friday night. They got back on the right track with a 3-1 win over 13th-ranked UW-La Crosse Saturday afternoon. On Wednesday night the team was swept by 16th-ranked UW-Stout.

Despite the loss, UW-RF remains in the thick of the WIAC race. No team in the conference made it out of the first weekend undefeated. The early log-jam atop the conference is exactly what Falcon head coach Patti Ford was expecting in this strong season for the WIAC.

"Nobody is out of it," Ford said. "I always thought this year's conference champion would have two or more losses

and this weekend proved it."

Against UW-Platteville on Friday, the Falcons faded and dropped the match, 3-2 after taking a 2-0 lead. Game scores were, 26-30, 26-30, 30-28, 30-28 and 15-8.

The Falcons started sophomore Katie Thompson in place of injured senior Melissa Jude at the outside hitter position. Thompson came through on the offensive side of the ball, leading the team with 20 kills. Freshman Ashley Moseng subbed for Thompson in the back row.

"They did an excellent job," Ford said. "Both Katie and Ashley only had to focus on one

"I think that they figured out that they are a quality volleyball team and after the first few points they settled in. They've learned to be confident in what they do."

Patti Ford
head volleyball coach

the next four after that to even the game at 22-22. The teams pulled even again at 27-27, but the Pioneers pulled out three of

the last four points to get the win and turn the momentum.

The Falcons held a 26-25 lead in game four, but after a Pioneer timeout only won two of the last seven points, ensuring a fifth game. The Falcons fell behind 6-1 in the deciding game and couldn't find a rhythm.

"Platteville got in a rhythm and we let our guard down," Ford said. "We got conservative and didn't attack with the same intensity. The momentum and the mental fatigue killed us."

Thompson led the team in kills with 20 while senior right side hitter Nina Petersen tallied 14. Sophomore setter Kat Krtnick dished 45 assists and senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch led the team in digs with 20.

Saturday, the Falcons faced UW-La Crosse, the team that ended their season in 2003. The Eagles shot down the Falcons in both the WIAC postseason tournament final and their NCAA regional final. This time the Falcons handed the Eagles their second loss of the season with a 3-1 win. Game scores were 30-19, 30-24, 24-30 and 30-25.

The Falcons got out to a hot start by winning the first two games, but they came up short in

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Photo by Eric Ebert

The Falcons meet together to prepare in the match against UW-Platteville. The Falcons, now ranked 14th in the nation, travel to the Eau Claire Invitational on Sept. 25.

Falcons soccer off to slow WIAC start

Andrew Sinykin
Sports Information

The Falcons had an impressive 5-0 record, going into this week, but the beginning of the conference schedule was a bit of a daunting task. The Falcons had to face off against UW-Oshkosh Friday and then against UW-Whitewater less than 24 hours later.

Friday the Falcons tied UW-Oshkosh 1-1. The Falcons fell behind early when UW-Oshkosh forward Nicole Kunich scored her seventh goal of the season at 31:09 in the first half. Falcon midfielder Emily Rodgers scored her third goal of the season at 62:40 to tie the game. UW-Oshkosh had 24 shots on the day and limited the Falcons to 11. Goalie Hannah Tvedt had six saves for the Falcons.

Saturday, the Falcons traveled to Whitewater to face the Warhawks. After a scoreless first

half, Falcon sophomore Ashley Peterson scored her first goal of the season in the 64th minute to give the Falcons a 1-0 lead. Only two minutes later, Whitewater tied the game on a goal scored by Jacie Hein. Hein struck again at 80:18 with what proved to be the game-winning goal. Tvedt had two saves for the Falcons. The final score was 2-1, with the win going to UW-Whitewater.

Despite a winless weekend, Coach Sean McKuras was optimistic.

"We faced tough conference opponents, with a less-than-friendly schedule, but we did a good job pushing the Oshkosh game into overtime," McKuras said. "Even though the result against Whitewater wasn't what we hoped for, I think that it will prove to be a learning experience."

The Falcons, 5-1-1, play Bethel at St. Paul Thursday. Action starts at 4 p.m.

Bemidji hands football team second loss

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team dropped to 0-2 after getting pulverized 58-14 at Div. II Bemidji State (3-1) on Sept. 18. The Falcons kept it close early with a 21-yard John Peterlik touchdown that capped off a five-play, 70-yard drive and brought the Falcons within 10 points with nine minutes to play in the first half. From there the Beavers scored 41 unanswered points, 21 before the half, to put the game away.

UW-RF gained 178 rushing yards and 53 passing yards for 231 total yards on 63 plays. Bemidji State ran for 302 yards and threw for 198 yards for 500 yards on 71 snaps. The Beavers controlled the ball for 33:21 compared to the Falcons' 26:39. The Falcons had no red zone scoring opportunities while the Beavers scored five out of six times inside the 20.

UW-RF's fumbling problems continued this week, putting the ball on the turf eight times, losing four, while Bemidji lost both of their fumbles. UW-RF quarterbacks Andy Kolstad and Dave Affeldt fumbled a total of five times, losing four. Falcon head coach John O'Grady said they fixed the fumbling problem with the fullbacks last week and now they have to fix the quarterbacks.

Peterlik once again led the Falcons with 82 rushing yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Backfield mate Jeremy Wolff gained 32 yards on seven carries and led UW-RF with two catches for 53 yards including a 21-yard touchdown reception from

Kolstad. The sophomore quarterback ran the ball 16 times for 16 yards and threw the ball four times, completing just two for 53 yards and a touchdown. Affeldt played a few series under center while also seeing time at wide receiver and running back. The red-shirt freshman had six carries for 12 yards as well as one pass attempt that fell incomplete.

The Falcon defensive performance was highlighted by stopping Bemidji from scoring on four straight downs inside the UW-RF 5 in the first half. Linebacker Ben Gillett led the Falcon defense with 12 tackles, five solo and one tackle for loss. Cornerback Matt Jordan, safety O'Neal Hampton, defensive end Josh Meyer and linebacker Nate Gray all had seven tackles. Five of Jordan's seven tackles were solo.

"There were some very good things from our defense. We stopped them once or twice inside the 10 and we made them drive, except for the long touchdown pass," O'Grady said.

Bemidji's Nathan Sannes played only the first half and was 10-13 for 171 yards and one touchdown. Backup quarterback Anthony Schreiber completed all four of his passes for 27 yards while playing the entire second half. Starting running back Tyler Olsen also ran the ball 18 times for 84 yards and three touchdowns in his one half of action. Backup running back Alvaro Carvajal came in the second half and ran the ball 14 times for 138 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Beavers. Wide out Mike

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Cross country teams show off young strength at St. Olaf Invite

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The UW-River Falls cross country teams bulldozed their competition Sept. 18, in the second meet of the season at the St. Olaf Invitational in Northfield, Minn.

The men placed fifth overall out of 11 teams and the women placed 10th overall out of 18 teams.

In the lead for the Falcon women was Amanda Kozicky who placed 11th with a time of

24:23 over the 6,000-meter course. She had a fantastic run and got an award for placing in the top 15 overall. Jason Phillippi, a freshmen, led the men's team, finishing 45th with a time of 29:13 over the 8,000-meter course.

The St. Olaf Invite was his first collegiate meet after an injury prevented him from running in the first meet.

The women's team saw many improvements over last season, as well as the last meet. Captain Sara Rudesill saw a large

improvement, placing 55th overall (25:51), as well as an incoming freshmen Lindsey Tessier who placed 105th overall (27:05). Stephanie Jicinsky had a 36 second improvement from last year, placing 123rd (27:22). The largest improvement leaps over the last meet were by Angie Kveene, (who placed 77th overall 26:20) at 1:19 faster, and Carolyn Roos, who placed 150th overall (27:53) at 1:10 quicker.

The men's team is also getting better.

Mark Hartwig, who placed

93rd overall (31:04) ran 55 seconds faster than at the last meet. Running 27 seconds faster than last meet, Eric Nordgren placed 71st (30:11).

Both the teams continue to improve. Incoming freshmen are looking extremely promising, which means the teams can only get better as the season goes on, as well as the next few years.

"We've got a long way to go, but we're getting there," Falcon head coach Don Glover said.

Whitewater tough competition for Falcon tennis

Jenna J. Campbell
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls tennis team went 1-1 this week.

The Falcons beat St. Mary's 7-2 on Sept. 15.

In singles play, the Falcons won all six matches. Four out of the six matches were won in third set super tiebreakers. In doubles play, No. 3 doubles team Amber Weissinger and Jen Kersten defeated St. Mary's 8-2. Both of these players were named WIAC players of the week.

Falcon Coach Lee Lueck was happy with the win against St. Mary's, considering the loss of the Falcons' No. 1 and No. 2 players from last fall.

The Falcons' first loss of the season was against UW-Whitewater Friday afternoon with a score of 8-1. Weissinger and Kersten won, 8-6. In singles play the Falcons went 0-6.

There were three matches that ended in a three set match that didn't go the Falcons' way.

The loss gives the Falcons an 0-1 WIAC record and a 4-1 overall record.

"UW-Whitewater is one of the strongest teams in the WIAC," Lueck said. "Our goal this year is to defeat one of the three elite teams in our conference that we have never defeated UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire. We're going to go after UW-Eau Claire next."

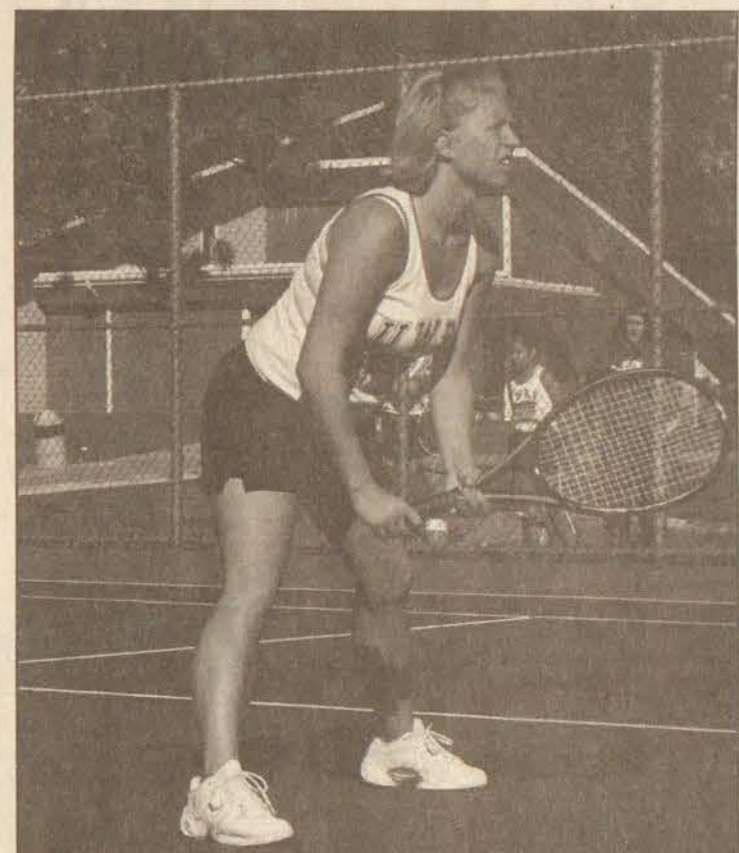


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Megan Knobloch awaits a serve during a match. The tennis team prepares for a match against UW-Stout Sept. 24.

Berndt-lead golf team places high at Concordia Invite

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

Last weekend the UW-River Falls golf team finished second in the Concordia-St. Paul Invitational played at the Chisago Lakes Golf Club.

The Falcons finished the tournament with a final score of 703. Carleton College won the competition with a total of 693.

Falcon Ellen Berndt finished in a tie for second place with an 85-86 and a two-day total of 171.

"Ellen is a strong leader with good ability," Falcon head coach Jeff Berkhof said.

Par on the course was 72.

Casey Ambers finished with an 87-86 putting her in fifth place with a total of 173. Gabe Van

Dyke shot a 90-89 with her total of 179 and Jenna Gutzwiller shot a pair of 90s leaving her with a final score of 180.

"Everyone played a solid match," Berkhof said.

Carleton won the team title with rounds of 346-347 and a total of 693. UW-RF was second with 352-351 - 703 followed by Concordia-St. Paul 368-382 - 750 and Macalester 376-393 - 769.

Carleton's Kelly Lewis won the tourney with rounds of 80-82 for a two-day total of 162.

Friday the team travels to the Carthage College Invite and then to the UW-Whitewater Fall Invitational scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Football night is switching to Friday

I would like to inform the students at UW-River Falls that the day to watch football has been moved to Friday nights at Ramer field. It is at this time that you'll be able to see one of the two perfect football teams that River Falls showcases.

I'm talking about the Wildcats from the high school in River Falls. They have entered the 2004 football season with a 3-0 record overall and a 1-0 Big Rivers Conference record.

Now while the team here on campus is perfect, seeing as they have yet to win, with a 0-2 start to the season, I have to ask myself, "What's wrong with the game plan?"

Could it be that maybe the youngsters are getting lucky on defense, or is it something else?

Looking at the past statistics, one might notice an area that is dominated by the competition or lacked by the Falcons, however you choose to look at it. This would be referred to as the passing part of football. Against Concordia-St. Paul, the Falcons had a total of 87 passing yards,

not to mention the 53-yard total the team had against Bemidji. Do the math - of the 242 total passing yards that Bemidji had,

they almost doubled the Falcons total season passing yards.

Yes, I understand the wishbone offense is a main focus of the team, but maybe it's time to change the game plan.

I would not necessarily say that the "plan" is working the way the team had hoped.

I know that the goal is to win

games, but running the ball constantly is boring as hell to watch, especially when that part of the game just isn't cutting it.

Yes, some of you may not agree with what I'm saying and might enjoy watching the team get its butt kicked every weekend, but I would prefer to spend my time better. Until the Falcons can figure some way to get the offense going and make some plays that are worth watching, my time at Ramer Field will be spent cheering the Wildcats on Friday nights.



COREY HARGREAVES

Football

WIAC Standings

Oshkosh (0-0)	3-0
Whitewater (0-0)	3-0
Eau Claire (0-0)	2-0
Platteville (0-0)	2-0
Stout (0-0)	1-0
La Crosse (0-0)	1-1
Stevens Point (0-0)	1-1
River Falls (0-0)	0-2

Sept. 18 results

UW-River Falls..... 0 7 0 7 - 14

Bemidji State..... 7 31 13 7 - 58

1st Quarter

09:13 BSU - Olson, Tyler 3 yd run (McDonald, Micha kick), 13-80 5:47, RF 0 - BSU 7

2nd Quarter

13:30 BSU - McDonald, Micha 24 yd field goal, 4-4 1:30, RF 0 - BSU 1

10:44 BSU - Olson, Tyler 23 yd run (McDonald, Micha kick), 4-33 1:38, RF 0 - BSU 17

09:11 RF - John Peterlik 21 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 5-70 1:28, RF 7 - BSU 17

08:19 BSU - Nordyke, Mike 64 yd pass from Sannes, Nathan (McDonald, Micha kick), 2-65 0:49, RF 7 - BSU 24

03:50 BSU - Olson, Tyler 1 yd run (McDonald, Micha kick), 8-41 2:37, RF 7 - BSU 31

00:20 BSU - Iverson, Seth 62 yd fumble recovery (McDonald, Micha kick), RF 7 - BSU 38

3rd Quarter

10:29 BSU - Carvajal, Alvaro 11 yd run (Nordyke, Mike rush failed), 7-63 2:39, RF 7 - BSU 44

01:57 BSU - Carvajal, Alvaro 1 yd run (McDonald, Micha kick), 10-57 5:14, RF 7 - BSU 51

4th Quarter

13:58 BSU - Carvajal, Alvaro 49 yd run (McDonald, Micha kick), 2-51 0:48, RF 7 - BSU 58

00:00 RF - Jeremy Wolff 21 yd pass from Andy Kolstad (S. Bodurski kick), 5-37 1:05, RF 14 - BSU 58

First Downs

12 25

Rushing

58-178 54-302

Passing

53 198

Total Offense

63-231 71-500

Fumbles-Lost

8-4 2-2

Interceptions

0 0

Penalties

3-22 5-24

Possession

26:39 33:21

Individual leaders

Rushing

RF - John Peterlik 15-82; Jeremy Wolff 7-32; Beau DeBruin 4-19; Andy Kolstad 16-16; Dave Affeldt 6-12; John Ward 6-11;

NateGray 1-8;

Passing

RF - Andy Kolstad 2-4-0-53; Dave Affeldt 0-1-0-0

Receiving

RF - Jeremy Wolff 2-53

Tackling (Solo-Assist)

RF - Farmer 4-2, Gillett 5-7, Hoegh 0-2, Gray 0-7, Meyer 2-5, Rietzlaff 2-3, Hampton 3-4, Cassellius 0-4, Jordan 5-2, Graham 1-2, Hansen 1-0, Buker 1-2, Baillargeon 0-2, Barney 1-0, Haughian 1-2, Nesvig 1-2, Agrimson 2-0, Schreiner 1-1, Dabrowski 0-2, Arcand 0-2, Kroll 1-0, Barney 0-1, Dornier 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

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

Sept. 22 Reults

UW-River Falls..... 23 29 26 - 0

UW-Stout..... 30 31 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Barbie Soine 0-0-1-3-0

Melissa Jude 4-5-0-17-0

Logan Kiesch 9-5-0-15-0

Katie Thompson 3-4-0-4-1

Gina Anderson 7-3-0-2-2

Kat Krtnick 2-1-38-13-1

Andrea Geehan 6-3-0-5-7

Lindsay Mace 0-0-1-18-0

Nina Petersen 13-5-0-11-3

Sept. 18 results

LaCrosse..... 19 24 30 25 - 1

UW-River Falls.... 30 30 24 30 - 3

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Mosneg 0-0-0-14-0

Thompson 15-4-4-8-5

Anderson 5-0-0-1-5

Krtnick 2-50-2-21-1

Geehan 12-0-1-1-2

Mace 0-1-0-29-0

Petersen 18-5-0-9-3

Sagami 0-0-0-0-0

Kiesch 14-2-0-23-1

Sept. 17 Results

Platteville..... 26 26 30 30 15 - 3

UW-River Falls... 30 30 28 28 8 - 2

RF (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)

Mosneg 0-0-0-6-0

Thompson 20-0-3-8-0

Anderson 3-0-0-0-9

Krtnick 1-45-1-14-4

Geehan 11-2-0-2-2

Mace 0-1-1-15-0

Petersen 14-1-3-17-7

Sagami 0-0-0-0-0

Kiesch 12-0-0-20-2

Soine 0-0-0-1-0

Gustafson 0-0-0-0-0.

Soccer

WIAC Standings

Stout (1-0)	4-0-1
La Crosse (1-0)	5-1-0
Stevens Point (1-0)	5-1-0
Platteville (0-0)	4-1-0
Whitewater (1-1)	3-3-0
Eau Claire (1-0)	2-3-0
River Falls (0-1-1)	5-1-1
Oshkosh (0-1)	3-1-1
Superior (0-2-0)	4-2-1

Sept. 18 Results

Whitewater 0 2 - 2

River Falls 0 1 - 1

2nd half

63:34 RF Peterson (1) (Penalty kick)

65:29 UWV Hein (5) (Hanson)

80:18 UWV Hein (6) (Hanson)

Sept. 17 Results

UW-River Falls..... 0 1 0 0 - 1

UW-Oshkosh..... 1 0 0 0 - 1

1st half

31:09 UWV Kunick (7) (Piotrowski/Stroud)

2nd half

62:40 RF Rodgers (3)

Tennis

WIAC Standings

Whitewater (3-0)	4-2
Eau Claire (1-1)	1-2
La Crosse (0-0)	0-0
Oshkosh (0-0)	0-0
Stevens Point (0-0)	0-2
River Falls (0-1)	5-1
Stout (0-2)	1-5

Sept. 20 results

River Falls 7, Bethel 2

Singles

No. 1: Megan Knobloch (RF) defeated Tasha Reitenbur (B), 6-0, 6-1

No. 2: Leah Baron (RF) defeated Courtney Kelly (B), 6-0, 7-5

No. 3: Lindsey Chapman (B) defeated Amber Wessinger (RF), 4-6, 7-5, (10-5)

No. 4: Jenny Kersten (RF) defeated Cindy Ask (B), 6-2, 6-4

No. 5: Becky Briese (RF) defeated Katie Anderson (B), 6-4, 6-0

No. 6: Sarah VandenHoek (RF) defeated Kari Blair (B), 7-5, 3-6, (10-8)

Doubles

No. 1: Knobloch-Baron (RF) defeated Kelly-Ask (B), 8-4

No. 2: Briese-VandenHoek (RF) defeated Reitenbur-Chapman (B), 8-2

No. 3: Anderson-Blair (B) defeated Weissinger-Kersten (RF), 8-6

Sept. 17 results

River Falls 1, Whitewater 8

Singles

No. 1: Kristin Chamberlain (W) defeated Megan Knobloch (RF), 6-3, 6-1

No. 2: Autumn Wilkowski (W) defeated Leah Baron (RF), 5-7, 6-0, 7-5

No. 3: Nicole Stamm (W) defeated Amber Wessinger (RF), 1-6, 6-1, 6-1

No. 4: Maggie Seitz (W) defeated Jen Kersten (RF), 6-3, 6-2

No. 5: Kara Theis (W) defeated Becky Briese (RF), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

No. 6: Andrea Alioto (W) defeated Sarah VandenHoek (RF), 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1: Chamberlain-Wilkowski (W) defeated Knobloch-Baron (RF), 8-3

No. 2: Stamm/Theis (W) defeated Briese-VandenHoek (RF), 8-1

No. 3: Weissinger-Kersten(RF) defeated Alioto/Katherine Smith (W), 8-6

Golf

Sept. 18 and 19 results

Concordia-St. Paul Invite

Team Place: 2nd

Individual Scores:

1- UW-RF Avg 88.4-88.8 - 177.2

3-Berndt 85-86 - 171

5-Ambers 87-86 - 173

VanDyk 90-89 - 179

Gutzwiller 90-90 - 180

Coughlin 90-93 - 183

Cross Country

Sept. 18 results

St. Olaf Invite

Men

Team place: 5th of 11

Individual results

45. Jason Phillippi, 29:13

50. Bobby Hanson, 29:29

51. Jason Quarford, 29:33

52. Zach Vircks, 29:35

Women

Team place: 10th of 18

Individual results

11. Amanda Koziick, 24:23

45. Maria Michaud, 25:38

55. Sara Rudesill, 25:51

77. Angela Kveene, 26:20

105. Lindsey Tessier, 27:05

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Soccer



vs



UW-RF

UW-Superior

Tuesday at 4 p.m.
at Ramer Field

The Falcon soccer team will face UW-Superior Tuesday night at Ramer Field. The Falcons are currently 5-1-1 overall but are only 0-1-1 in the WIAC. The Falcons will be playing to get their first win in the WIAC on Tuesday, however; Superior will be looking to get their first WIAC win as well.

Varsity Sports Week

Friday, Sept. 24

Tennis vs. Stout, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Eau Claire Invitational vs. Coe, 6 p.m.

vs. Edgewood, 8 p.m.

Golf at Carthage Invitational, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Tennis vs. Ripon, 3 p.m.

Cross Country at Griak Invitational, 10 a.m.

Football at Pacific Lutheran, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Eau Claire Invitational vs. Stevens Point, 11:30 a.m.

Championship Matches, 1:30/3:30 p.m.

Golf at Whitewater Invitational, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26

Golf at Whitewater Invitational, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Soccer vs. Superior, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Tennis at Hamline, 4:30 p.m.

Top Performers



John Peterlik
Football



Jen Kersten
Tennis

Peterlik led the Falcons, on Saturday agianst Bemidji State, in rushing with 82 yards on 15 carries and the Falcons only two touchdowns. Peterlik's first touchdown was a 21 yard run with 9:11 to go in the first half. After two games Peterlik leads the Falcons with 248 yards and two touchdowns. The Falcons play at Pacific Lutheran on Saturday.

Kersten and her teammate Amber Weissinger were named WIAC doubles team of the week as they gave the Falcons their only win on Friday agianst Whitewater. The duo are currently 4-2 on the season. Kersten also won her singles match (6-2, 6-4) on Monday to help the Falcons defeat Bethel 7-1. Kersten is currently 5-1 for the season.

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and forced an Eagle timeout. The timeout turned out to be meaningless as the Falcons scored the next three points to put last year's WIAC co-champs away. Petersen led the team with 18 kills while Thompson and Kiesch pounded 15 kills each. Krtnick had 55 assists while freshman libero Lindsey Mace led the team with 29 digs. Thompson also came through with four big service aces. Ford said the experience on Friday helped the Falcons learn how to play with a two-game lead and not let the momentum slip away. "The loss was an important part of the conference weekend," Ford said. "It was a tough loss, but what it taught us was that we

can compete at the highest level." The way the Falcons came out fired up after the Platteville loss showed how resilient and tough the team will be later in the season. "I think that they figured out that they are a quality volleyball team and after the first few points they settled in," Ford said. "They've learned to be confident in what they do." Wednesday night in Menomonie, the Falcons ran into a Blue Devil buzz saw. UW-Stout swept the Falcons, 3-0. Game scores were 30-23, 31-29, 30-26. The Blue Devils came from behind in the last two games, including overcoming a seven point defecit in the final game, to

send the Falcons to their second conference lost of the season. UW-RF is now is 10-3 overall and 1-2 in the conference, while UW-Stout improved to 11-2 overall and 3-1 in the conference. The Blue Devils' blocking was too much for UW-RF to overcome as they had 21 block assists and three solo blocks compared to just eight assists and four solo blocks for the Falcons. River Falls was led by Nina Petersen with 13 kills and 11 digs, while Lindsey Mace and Melissa Jude added 18 and 17 digs respectively. The Falcons will travel to Eau Claire for the UW-Eau Claire Invitational Friday and Saturday.

hope we can maintain it," O'Grady said. "I think in that phase we have probably beaten our opponents." UW-RF punter Jovin Kroll had seven punts with a 35-yard average and a long of 54 yards. Bemidji's punt returner Nordyke returned one punt for 39 yards. The wind sent most kickoffs out of the back of the end zone but Peterlik did return three for a total of 54 yards and a long of 23. River Falls will travel out to the great Northwest to take on Pacific Lutheran in Washington. It will be the team's first game against a Div. III opponent this year. Kick off is set for 3:30 p.m. local time. The Falcons start WIAC play Oct. 2 where they travel to UW-Eau Claire to face the Bluegold football team.

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Nordyke led all receivers with six catches for 101 yards and one 64-yard touchdown. Receiver Adam Noble caught the ball five times for 74 yards. The Bemidji defensive line was in the backfield all day long with 12 total tackles for loss. Safety Jeremiah Johnson led the Beavers with 13 tackles, one for a loss. Special teams was a bright point for the Falcons. UW-RF converted a fake punt from its own 9-yard line for a first down. They also blocked a punt. "I am very pleased with our special teams, and I

Perkins was inducted into the Iowa State Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday night (Sept. 17). The banquet, which was part of the Family Weekend celebration at Iowa State, honored Perkins and nine other former Cyclone greats, including an Olympian and a former player from both the NBA and NFL. The athletes were also honored at halftime of the Iowa State - Northern Illinois football game on Saturday afternoon. Perkins was joined by her family and by two of her biggest influences, her fifth grade teacher and her high school coach. "It was a truly humbling experience to be inducted with all of the other athletes, which included Olympians, professional athletes, and national champions," said Perkins. "It was incredible to be included in such a group of outstanding athletes." Perkins grew up in Cresco, Iowa, where she attended Crestwood High School. This was in the early 1970s before girls' sports were prominent in high schools. When Perkins was a sophomore, the high school added softball and track & field for girls, so Perkins joined both teams. During her senior year, the school added basketball, which Perkins joined as well. Perkins excelled at all three

Perkins inducted into Iowa State Athletic Hall of Fame

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sports, but was recruited to Iowa State to run track & field. She is known as one of the most versatile athletes in ISU history. Perkins played four years of both basketball and softball, along with one year of track & field. She earned nine athletic letters during her career with the Cyclones. In 1975 Perkins was an All-American in track & field and was a member of the Big Eight Conference Championship team where her 4x110 relay team won the conference title. In 1976 Perkins led the Cyclones to their first Big Eight softball championship, hitting .353 with five home runs and 27 RBI. In 1978 Perkins led the team to another Big Eight championship and was named to the Big Eight all-tournament team at shortstop. Perkins helped the Cyclones basketball team to a 64-43 record during her career, while scoring a total of 376 points. Perkins competed during a time of great change in college athletics. In 1972, Title IX was passed, which stated: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Before this was passed, men had many more opportunities to play sports and also enjoyed many perks such as athletic scholarships. Title IX made sure that these opportunities were avail-

able to the women as well as the men. Perkins attended ISU just when these changes were taking place and was actually one of the first women to receive one of these scholarships. The women's athletic programs were governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. There were no divisions, so large and small colleges played against each other. "There were plenty of teams to play against, but we didn't have Div. I, Div. II, or Div. III. We just played against everybody," said Perkins. "Many smaller schools had very competitive teams because they had women's athletic programs for much longer than the larger universities." Perkins graduated with a B. S. in physical education and a M. S. in exercise physiology from Iowa State. She later went on to the University of Utah and earned a Ph.D. in health education. She has led the Falcon softball team to seven WIAC West Division championships, two WIAC conference championships and will coach the softball team for her 16th year beginning this spring. Perkins is the winningest softball coach in the WIAC with 312 wins. She is a full professor at River Falls and is also the assistant chair of the Health and Human Performance department. She currently lives in River Falls with her husband Joe and two sons, Paul and Bobby.



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Steve Watters (second from left), meat plant manager, shows nine Albanian meat and dairy technologists proper sanitation practices. While at UW-River Falls, Sept. 7-22, the Albanians participated in workshops in the campus dairy and meat plants and toured a turkey processing plant, a sheep milking farm and some family-owned meat facilities.

Photo by Sarah Geston

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to be," Powelson said. Powelson said she would definitely work at the center if the opportunity came up when she is done student teaching. The center also employs 42 work-study students, including Jennifer Mittag, an elementary education major, early childhood minor student. She works at the center 10 hours per week with the infants. "I like playing with the kids. I'm a kid at heart, too," Mittag said smiling.

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to living with each other. Still, she said students are being placed quickly and the overall process is going smoothly. Rodriguez said students on her wing have a variety of majors but are all from Wisconsin or Minnesota. Most of them are under 21. "The freshmen on the wing are connecting like crazy; it seems like they've made friendships really quick," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez said dorm activities and a walking program have made residents feel more at home.

ART from Page 1

a department that would produce a variety of work and their students who were inspired by their passion. Not only former students are impressed with these artists' works, Jeremy Balfanz, a UW-RF art major, found the "craftsmanship and decorating of Wild's pottery meticulous." These artists not only taught students how to work with various media, but some, like Wild and Johnson, also helped build some of the equipment like the potter's wheels, furnaces and even benches for the department. In the 1950s, River Falls was a teacher training college offering a minor in early art education to students. "It wasn't until 15 years after World War II that studio art became an academic discipline in universities or state colleges," Crane said. "We were the pioneers of the art department." At the time, the art department consisted of Crane and

Ammerman who taught arts and crafts. "When I first came to River Falls I was half of the art department," Ammerman said. As soldiers returned from the war and started to use their veterans' education benefits, there was a demand for higher education, especially for studio art. This was an opportunity for both Crane and Ammerman because, from the beginning, they wanted to create an art department that was a studio of fine arts, which offered courses using various media that also included art education. Through the years, they continued to define the art department by adding artists outstanding in their genre using various media such as glass, fibers, ceramics and paints. They started to expand the department by networking, drawing a close-knit group of artist colleagues into the department as it transitioned from a teachers' college, to a state college, to the University it is today. In the interim, they created the bachelor of fine arts degree program.

Children were muse for mural



Photo by Jens Gunelson

Art students pose in front of the mural inside the CHILD Center. UW-RF art students were responsible for designing and painting the mural. The CHILD Center was dedicated on Sept. 20.

Jon Majak Staff Writer

In the span of two weeks, art professor Lynn Jermal and her collaborative mural class had the difficult task of proposing, designing, getting approval and painting a mural for the CHILD Center. The mural had to be completed before the dedication and open house on Sept. 20. Jermal said CHILD Center director Deborah Ryan initiated the idea before the summer but the mural did not get off the ground until students returned from summer vacation. It was decided that the mural should reflect the children with pastels, animals and a cartoon feel. The students worked on designs submitted to them to UW-River Falls. "We knew we were designing something that might not

go through," Jermal said. "The University might have said no." After the design of powder blue walls and a cavalcade of animals like monkeys and lions was approved, Jermal and her students had a week and a half to get the mural painted. "It was stressful, but it made you stay focused," art student Peter Odlaug said. Even on the Friday before the open house students worked on the mural until midnight. With the mural done in time for the CHILD Center's official open house, Jermal and her art students were able to rest and appreciate all the hard work they had done. "At first it was hectic but it's really cool to see how people appreciate it," art student Nathan McConnell said.

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Bad news budget

Nick Koeheler Staff Writer

Wisconsin fell short of its projections in the last budget. The government spent too much money and decided to take money from the UW System to cover the shortfall. Approximately \$26 million was taken from UW System schools to cover the deficit. UW-River Falls lost more than \$912,000 from financial aid and had to counteract the loss of funds by transferring money from auxiliary accounts. UW-RF has to pay out this lump sum during the 2003-04 and the 2004-05 school sessions. Last year, the University had to give up more than \$276,000 and the remainder of the money, more than \$636,000, will be paid out this school year. The funds were taken from various accounts that had backup funds to pay for telephone sys-

tem repairs, furniture, equipment replacement and special courses. Hardest hit of the accounts were Residential Services and Food Services, for a combined \$570,000. Equipment upgrades or purchases may be delayed due to the loss of funds. "We may not be able to buy equipment in as timely of a fashion," said Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada. The University is safe for now from future raids. There are currently no plans to take any additional funding from the UW System. "I can't guarantee it won't happen again," Halada said. Last year was not the first time the UW System had funds raided. In 1985, more than \$900,000 was cut from libraries in the UW System. Halada said that no action would be taken to recoup the loss

of funds. "I hope students scream. It was truly unfair," Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander said about the raids on the funds. Nylander said the administration has voiced its concerns to the legislature. "They hear us loud and clear," Nylander said. Mary Halada said if students ever have the chance to educate a member of the legislature on where they are taking money from, they should seize the opportunity and educate them as much as possible so that the raid on the UW System does not happen again. Some students are voicing their opinions about the state's treatment of the UW System's funds. "The money should stay in the UW System. I think they could find other places to cut money from. It's our money, not the government's money," senior Matt M. Wolf said.

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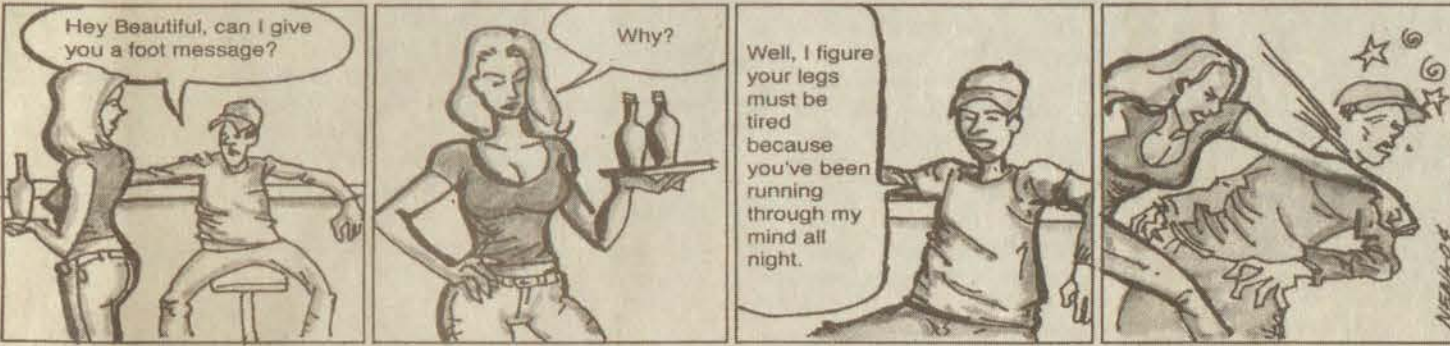
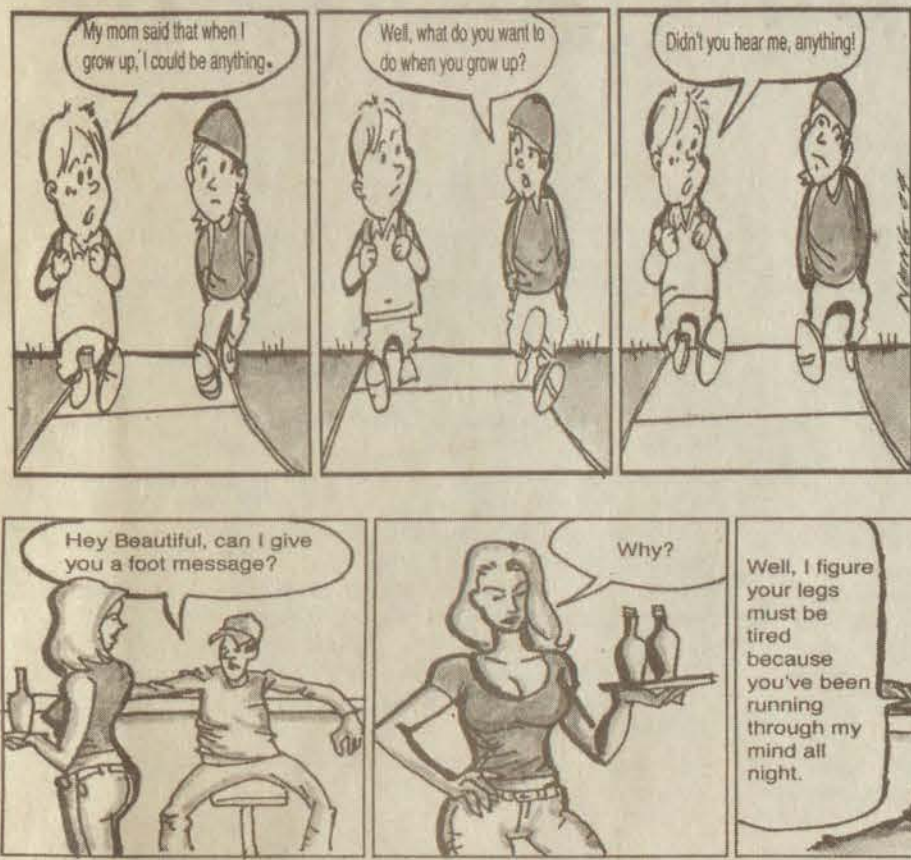
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Flick Picks



Braff no 'Scrub' in directorial debut

As "Garden State" began to wrap up, I felt like I had just watched a magnificent performance by a rookie baseball pitcher. And though first-time director Zach Braff's movie was mostly impressive - if the baseball analogy still applies, I'd say he was working on a shutout - he faltered where so many other young writer-directors do: in the late innings. Even though the predictable ending deflates an otherwise side-splitting good time, it's "Garden State's" dramatic touch that really gives Braff a rookie of the year nomination. "Garden State" follows fledgling actor Andrew Largeman, also played by Braff, as he returns to his New Jersey hometown for his mother's funeral. Largeman, who gained momentary fame playing a mentally-challenged quarterback on TV, finds his celebrity precedes him. Already over-medicated and emotionally numb, Largeman struggles as the local Joisey boy-makes-good among his loser high school buddies. Braff explores Largeman's issues with disconnectedness, nailing a sense of physical and emotional misplacement in a compelling way. In fact, Braff conveys the feeling of "lost home" so many 20-somethings experience in the same way 1999's "Election" unabashedly deconstructed the realities of high school.



MIKE LONGACKER

In a touching exchange with friends and love interest Sam, played by co-star Natalie Portman, Largeman explains the difficulty of losing touch with his roots, saying, "It's like you feel homesick for a place that doesn't exist." Of course, "Garden State's" borderline-Farrelly brothers humor helps keep things rolling. After partying all night with his Ecstasy-pop-ping buds, Largeman awakes with the word "BALLS" scrawled on his forehead, which - after disrobing for a subsequent CAT scan - he learns is just the tip of the iceberg. Braff - most identifiable as the star of NBC's "Scrubs" - creates a set of characters with genuine depth and appeal. Portman's Sam is an epileptic habitual liar; Largeman is a burned-out lost soul. But Braff uses both characters' idiosyncrasies as jigsaw pieces that end up fitting each other well, making for a surprisingly believable romance. If the movie loses its edge, it's in the casting. Peter Sarsgaard played a convincing role as the editor-by-proxy in "Shattered Glass", but he fails to sell the black humor of his grave-robbing character, Mark. Despite Braff's obvious effort to give Mark nuance (the bong ripper's nest egg is his almost-

complete set of Desert Storm trading cards), Sarsgaard's creepy delivery is more Boo Radley than Jeff Spicoli. And though Portman is getting some critical acclaim for her portrayal as Sam, it's only her dramatic moments that really capture us. Portman trying to sell crazy comes across as naturally as Adam Sandler doing Shakespeare. Her "crazy" seems forced, and her initial exchanges with Largeman remind us of the cheeky, inside-joke yuks found on "That 70s Show." But those are minor grievances. "Garden State" is a fun romp that's poignant without being pretentious. Here's hoping Braff can iron out the wrinkles in time for his next flick. I know I'll be in line to see how he's pitching by then.



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Rodeo Club ropes in a
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A contestant competes in the saddle bronc competition at the 40th Annual Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo last Saturday afternoon. Teams from six states competed.

Rodeo Club
hosts 40th event

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

Bulls, broncs, chaps, spurs and lassos had their place in the spotlight this weekend at the 40th Annual Falcon Frontier Days Rodeo. Cowboys and cow-

girls from six states saddled up to participate in the event. The rodeo kicked off Friday night and concluded Saturday night. There were three competitions held in the two days. Students competed in the first two in order to earn a spot in the finals for a chance at being the champion. The UW-River Falls Rodeo is the only rodeo in the National

Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) where students are in charge of putting on the rodeo, said Mari Dean, UW-RF Rodeo Club President. Students started planning for this year's rodeo shortly after last year's was finished, said Anthony Jilek, Rodeo Club adviser. Students take about a month after the rodeo to summarize the results and then start

working on the following year's rodeo. "The students that have coordinated the rodeo have done a tremendous job," said Nathan O'Connor, herdsman at the horse barn on Lab Farm No. 1. The rodeo has come together very smoothly because of the students' efforts, he said. Because students are in charge of the rodeo, Jilek believes these students are gaining important skills. "The students gain experience in real-life leadership," Jilek said. "They also gain confidence in their ability to handle real life experience." Students were in charge of making sure everything got done for the rodeo. They had to get contracts for the animals, find sponsors to pay for the event and get publicity for the event so the community would know about it. With all the work to do, students needed to work together to get the job done. "The team came together and has grown together as a team," O'Connor said. He said students worked together to coordinate the event and used their leadership skills to make it a success. Dean believes taking on the responsibilities of planning the rodeo have helped her and others grow up. "It has helped us become adults," she said. Although many people enjoyed the rodeo, they did so for different reasons. "Seeing everyone enjoying [the rodeo] and seeing the growth of the [Rodeo Club] members" is the best part of the rodeo for her," Dean said. "I enjoyed the bull riding the best because it was exciting," student Holly Mishler said. Although some could pinpoint their favorite event, others couldn't choose just one. "The best parts were between the 'mutton bustin', bull riding

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Anthony Jilek
Rodeo Club adviser

and barrel racing," said Jodi Engler of Spring Valley. However there was one thing that disappointed Engler, and that was the lack of UW-RF students in the final event Saturday night. This rodeo was a celebration of the 40th rodeo held at UW-RF. The first rodeo was held in May 1964, Jilek said. During the four decades of the rodeo there have been some changes. He noticed some of the changes that have occurred since he was a student 10 years ago. "The attendance has grown quite a bit, and the community is more involved," O'Connor said.



A contestant and her 'partner' greet the camera at the UW-RF Rodeo on Saturday afternoon.

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