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Lack of voting hurts Senate

Student Senate has been unable to connect with students at UW-RF

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While voting is in vogue amongst college-age people around the country, UW-River Falls Student Senate boasts what seems to be some of the worst participation numbers around.

The bi-polar nature of the current political landscape has a significant effect upon young voters all over America. The upcoming presidential election has become a charged topic for debate on college campuses, where just 16

years ago, the percentage of 18-24 year old voters was at a 60-year low. The charged landscape can be seen at UW-RF where the New Voters Project (NVP) registered 837 voters.

Why then has the UW-RF Student Senate been left out of the political renaissance amongst college students? One of the biggest problems facing the Student Senate on campus is a lack of participation by student voters.

Last spring, only 5.1 percent, or 300 of the 5,871 of the students on campus voted in the elections,

according to senate records, which included the presidential ballot.

Student Senate adviser, Miriam Huffman attributes apathy among voters to the lack of a constituency base on campus.

"All of the positions for senate are at large positions," said Huffman. "We don't have two people from each college run for a position on senate where they are the voice of that college."

In contrast, the UW-La Crosse Student Association operates much differently. They have two representatives from each recognized college, as well as representatives from minority groups, residence halls and other organizations.

According to the UW-La Crosse Student Association Web site, in elections at La Crosse last spring, 2,250 or 29.8 percent of 7,548 students voted.

UW-La Crosse Student

Association Vice President Dan Fischer agrees with Huffman in that the difference between the Universities' voting results could have a lot to do with how representatives are chosen.

Fischer also thinks communication is a very big part why students are involved at La Crosse.

"Elections are definitely a huge deal at La Crosse," Fischer said. "You can't go anywhere on campus and not know there is an election. If I were to go to a dorm and ask its residents who Dan Fischer is, they'd probably know he is the vice president."

Fischer says on top of sidewalk chalking and posters, freshman hear about the association during orientation, constant e-mail updates, an association newsletter found at news stands on campus and advertisements in the University newspaper.

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General Mills executive makes campus visit



Photo submitted by Jens Gunelson
Ron Olson, the vice president of grain operations for General Mills spoke to College of Business and Economics students at Rodli Commons on Oct. 29.

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College of Business and Economics (CBE) were treated to a presentation from Ronald Olson, vice president of grain operations for General Mills, about biotechnology in the grain industry as part of CBE Executive-in-Residence program Oct. 27 at UW-River Falls.

Since wheat and oats are the primary ingredients in most General Mills products, Olson discussed the effects genetically engineered grain has on the various entities on the supply chain as it moves all the way from farmer to consumer in his presentation "Growing Interdependence-Holding Hands in the Supply Chain."

"The presentation opened my eyes to the risks and rewards that are involved in the world of biotech," business administration major Dan Mosier said.

The promise of biotechnology is crossing genes between living organisms to transfer the best traits to produce a healthier, better variety of grain, Olson said.

"The market power has shifted and this influences how the concept of biotechnology affects consumers and grain exports," Olson said. "It's about efficiency."

Furthermore, biotechnology is an area that is still evolving.

"Biotechnology is an area continuing to evolve at a very fast pace," Olson said. "The context in how it is used is still being defined. The pluses and minuses of this technology are still being determined."

Nine years ago Olson joined General Mills, one of the largest domestic wheat buyers, Olson said he is responsible for buying all the wheat and oats for the company and for managing price risks.

Currently, Olson is the board chairman of the Ag and Food Science Academy High School, a St. Paul charter school with primary focus on agriculture and food technology.

Olson said his job is "challenging and fun" and he enjoys connecting to the policy side of the business.

He said the CBE Executive-in-Residence gave him the opportunity to educate students about the business and economics aspects of the grain industry.

"Olson is the fourth executive to participate in CBE Executive-in-Residence," said Nemecek.

The program began in spring 2003 and is sponsored by Pierce-Pepin Cooperative Services.

"We are pleased to bring something to the University," said Steve Healy, CEO, Pierce-Pepin Cooperative Services. "It's our community contribution."

The program brings executives to the University for a day each semester to share their success stories, knowledge and business aspects of their specific industry with students, faculty and community members. The executives are invited by Dean of College of Business and Economics, Barbara Nemecek.

Olson is typical of executives who participate in the program. These executives form an important part of CBE teaching of future executives Nemecek said.

Campus crop harvest completed

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While some people were out soaking up the sun on those luxurious Saturdays this summer, some UW-River Falls Lab Farm workers were sweating in the heat to get the crops harvested.

The workers harvested crops on about 350 acres of land, which included land on Lab Farm No. 1, Lab Farm No. 2 and land from three landowners, said Bill Connolly, UW-RF farm manager. Employees work 44 hours a week all year round, Connolly said.

One of the important keys about crop production is flexibility, Connolly said.

"Everything is weather related," Connolly said.

"I have a very flexible crew with a good work ethic," Connolly said. "They take pride in what they are doing."

Connolly said there were nice weekends in the summer that his crew spent harvesting the crops. They knew how important it was to get all of the crops in - whether it was during the week or the weekend.

"Hay quality is determined by getting it harvested in its prime which only lasts a few days," said Harry Larson, UW-RF farm associate. "Milk production on the dairy farm is directly affected with lower production when the hay is harvested past its prime. Corn silage also must be harvested before it gets too dry for proper fermentation and quality feed."

"[The] majority of crops is for dairy operation, a large degree in the form of haylage and silage," Connolly said.

Haylage is alfalfa that is harvested with higher moisture content than regular hay. It is usually stored in silos or large sealed plastic wraps.

Dairy cattle generate 60-65 percent of the lab farm revenue, Connolly said. There are about 60 milking dairy cattle and 120 total dairy cattle on Lab Farm No. 1.

Because these cattle bring in the majority of revenue, it is important to feed them high-quality feeds.

There were 185 acres of corn and 187 acres of alfalfa planted. Sixty-four acres of the alfalfa was new seeding and wasn't planted with another crop.



Photo by Eric Ebert
It was a rough growing season for the lab farms on campus. A cool summer hurt crop yields. Much of the corn harvest is in wagons at Lab Farm 2.

"We need enough haylage and corn silage for the ruminants [animals that have specialized stomachs to consume roughage such as hay]," Connolly said. "These crops are perishable, so we need enough to last until next season."

Because haylage and corn silage can spoil, there needs to be enough of the crops to feed the animals until new crops are harvested next summer.

This year 800 tons of corn silage and about 60 chopper wagons of haylage were harvested, said Connolly.

All of the crops go toward feeding the animals on the lab farms. Sometimes it is necessary to buy crops in addition to the ones that are harvested.

Connolly said yields were about average or a little above average this year. However, if it wouldn't have been for a warm September, Connolly believes this would not have been true.

"Growing conditions were slow all summer long," Connolly said. "A warm September was very fortunate."

Because of cold summer conditions, the

crops didn't grow as well as they normally would and the harvesting of some crops was delayed. But the crops improved their yields with the exceptionally warm weather in September.

Some difficulties arose during the season, but the crew dealt with the challenges to get the crops in.

"Weather, mechanical breakdowns and working it in to the schedule of all the other farm activities that are taking place," was the hardest part of the job, Larson said.

There are other costs involved with hauling the crops.

"It is very costly in labor, time, wear and tear on vehicles and safety," Connolly said.

These costs could be less if the dairy facility were on Lab Farm No. 2, Connolly said. If this were the case, then Connolly believes that it could make a safer situation and take less time.

He said it would only take 20 minutes to unload a wagon of haylage instead of the hour it takes right now. This could lead to less labor costs and less wear and tear on vehicles.

Petkov gives students benefit of doubt in forming opinion

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For new UW-River Falls history professor Kiril Petkov, River Falls is far away from where he started, 5,000 miles from his home country of Bulgaria.

In his journey that has led him to his current job teaching at UW-RF, Petkov has seen many parts of Europe. He received his doctorate in Bulgaria and became a university teacher with an emphasis in Balkan and Byzantine history. He then studied in Hungary, Italy and Germany.

He eventually made his way to the United States with a stop in Canada first, and then went to New York University where he studied medieval and early modern history.

This past spring, Petkov was

recruited to become a professor here at UW-RF and currently teaches history classes focused around Western European history, ancient history and early-modern history.

This coming spring, Petkov will offer survey courses in Middle Eastern history.

Petkov said he believes current events, like the war in Iraq, have heightened interest in the matter because of the United States' continuing involvement in that area of the world.

"We're a Middle Eastern country," Petkov said. "We can't disentangle ourselves from the Middle East. As long as young Americans are giving their lives, there will be interest."

In studying the histories of these countries, Petkov said, students may come to a greater understanding of present situa-

tions. According to Modern Language Association, enrollment in classes that pertain to Middle Eastern studies have risen 92 percent.

"It's important to know the past of these countries," Petkov said. "The past influences their future reactions. It has to be taken in interest. You can't disregard past experiences. People have long memories outside this country, stretch centuries in time."

Petkov said he does see a difference between the European students and the American students he has taught in relation to events in the Middle East. He said Europeans are better informed about the Middle East because of them having a more visible experience.

Also, Petkov said, Europeans have had a longer history with

Muslims than America because Muslims ruled large parts of Europe for more than 500 years.

In light of 9/11, Americans are now being made more aware, Petkov said.

"Events woke us up to global society," Petkov said. "In a global world we have to learn."

Petkov said that Americans have been learning about the larger world since the events of the terrorist attacks.

"Did people know where Afghanistan was [before]?" Petkov said.

While there have yet to be any complaints about the upcoming courses, the teachings of courses with a strong Middle Eastern emphasis have run into trouble elsewhere. A Web site, www.campus-watch.org, tracks the studying of Middle Eastern studies in North America. The

Web site, as well other organizations, are part of a growing voice of people raising issues with the teaching and what they perceive as potential anti-American statements that can come out of it.

Petkov said that he is not going to only lecture because he is not trying to influence the opinions of students, a common criticism of such classes.

Petkov is organizing his survey class in the spring in order for students to have as much discussion as possible. There were introductory lectures and general guidelines, but Petkov said he wants students to articulate their ideas.

"The idea is to have people engage with their peers," Petkov said. "If I only lecture, I'll be shaping opinions. I want them to shape their own opinions. I'm very confident in students."



Photo by Eric Ebert
History professor Kiril Petkov came to UW-RF from Bulgaria. He intends to teach a Middle Eastern history class because the war in Iraq has heightened interest in the area.

LOCAL

DJ for Falcon hockey games

Students who would like to participate in Falcon athletics and love music are invited to be a sound engineer for the men's and women's hockey games this year. They would be responsible for coordinating the starting line-ups, special music during on-ice promotions, as well as playing music during play stoppage. Hunt Arena has the equipment available, the student would be responsible for providing the music, also have an extensive play list, and able to play to a diverse crowd. For further information contact Steve Stocker at 425-3381 ext. 102.

Rock climbing wall

The rock climbing wall in Knowles is now open on Sundays for students from 3 to 7 p.m. for \$5 with a student ID, and \$8.50 for non-students. The rental fee includes the use of all the equipment that is needed; personal equipment remitted if it passes inspection. KinniConnections welcomes anyone with any level of experience to come.

Second annual University assessment fair

On Nov. 4 in the Falcons nest of the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. academic programs, teams and individuals will have the opportunity to showcase their assessment efforts to the community. It will also allow them to share ideas, successes and difficulties with groups, or ideas on campus, and their assessment as to how to deal with these issues. Participants at any stage in the solution developing process are encouraged to participate in the fair.

Academic deadlines

Oct. 31 is the last day to add or drop a Session B class for Fall semester. On Nov. 1, students will be able to begin meeting with advisors during the advising period for the Spring semester to decide on classes and further details together. For graduation students not walking during the commencement ceremony in December the graduation application deadline in Nov. 5.

Voting on campus

Students over the age of 18 and living on campus who wish to vote will have the opportunity to do so on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Rodli Commons will be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone who has not registered to vote prior to election day can do so at the polls as long as they have proper identification. Some forms include a state issued identification card, a library card, a student ID among other things, for a complete list of acceptable forms of identification as well as voting districts visit the city's webpage at www.rfcity.org/local/votetax.html.

Odd/Even Parking

Starting Nov. 1, parking in River Falls will be odd/even parking. Odd/even parking means vehicles will be parked on the odd side of a street designated by property addresses on odd days of the month and on the even side of the street on even days of the month. Cars must be parked on the correct side from 1-6 a.m.

REGIONAL

Wellstone honored at Carelton College

Late Senator Paul Wellstone, who died in a plane crash two years ago, taught for 20 years at one of the nation's top liberal arts college, Carelton College in Northfield, Minn., now has a residence hall named after him. A residence house, named Wellstone House of Organization and Activism (WHOA), houses Carelton students. The house is for students aiming at making a change in the community as well as the world in a way that is all their own. They feel that the house is a better honor for Wellstone in that it is will provide them with a way to be activists and change things important to them by surrounding them with people who share the same interests as them.

Not every student living in the WHOA house had met Wellstone, nor do they necessarily agree with all of his views. They are not seeking to form a house that will advocate all his policies and ideas but rather to accommodate and promote change.

What Wellstone brought to them was the idea that politics did not have to be a dirty venue, it could and should be a fun and useful thing for all people that everyone should be involved in politics.

Final week in swing state

As Nov. 2 hastily approaches, the presidential candidates are making time in their busy schedules to visit the Badger State. Democratic nominee, Senator John Kerry, was in Green Bay, Wis., for an outdoor rally and then giving a speech at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Kerry held a rally at Capitol Square, in Madison, featuring the band, The Foo Fighters. His running mate, John Edwards, senator from North Carolina, was also in Wisconsin on Monday for a rally in Racine. Kerry's wife, Elizabeth Kerry visited Milwaukee and Oshkosh as well.

President Bush was in La Crosse for a night and then toured western Wisconsin for scheduled visits. Cities included in Bush's tour included Richland Center, Onalaska and Cuba City. Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife were in Waukesha campaigning for the Republicans.

NATIONAL

Justice Rehnquist treated for thyroid cancer

United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has been hospitalized and treated for thyroid cancer. The 80-year-old judge had a tracheotomy in connection with his cancer treatment. Not all of the details of his cancer, nor his treatments have been released. All that has been said is that he had a tracheotomy, which involves the placement of a tube in a hole put in the throat to either prevent or alleviate breathing difficulties. From oncologists' points of view, this procedure signals possible poor outcomes for Rehnquist. It means that it has reached the point where the cancer is pressing on his nerves in his vocal cords, which would also explain the apparent hoarseness in his voice recently.

Republicans have not made a big issue out of the news, saying that voters who care enough to keep up with the judicial system are involved to the point where they are already know who they will vote for. Democrats however are sending information saying they think that this shows the age and fragility that the justices on the court now have and the possibilities that could happen if Senator Kerry were to be elected.

Rehnquist has been a smoker for most of his life and is the second oldest justice that the United States has ever had. He has had two previous unrelated surgeries as well.

College student's mental health

Students all across the country are looking into colleges and schools that might be right for them. They tend to look at the strengths of academic programs, graduation rates, athletics, tuition and ways to get involved. What they are not generally looking at is the availability to campus mental health services.

Students have about a 50-50 chance of developing some symptoms of depression or other mental health related issues. Some get so overwhelmed with responsibilities they end up with trouble functioning. About 15 percent meet the criteria for clinical depression. The number of students who are on some sort of psychiatric medication has risen in 10 years from 9 percent to just under 25 percent.

There has been a spike in occurrences of major problems, including severe depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and alcohol and substance abuse that have been so severe that they have required hospitalization. Suicide rates are Alarming suicide rates are shattering the views of a safe haven of self fulfillment at universities and showing that not all students experience carefree lifestyles.

The size and wealth of each university is a large factor in the mental health department at each campus. Aside from traditional treatment, such as therapy, medication and hospitalization, some are bringing in alternative methods such as on-line chat rooms.

STUDENT SENATE

Impromptu motion passed by Senate

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A motion was made from another motion at the Oct. 26 meeting of the Student Senate. The first motion on the table was made by finance director, Adam Koski and seconded by parliamentarian/ethics chair Jeremiah Zitzow. The motion proposed said that the UW-River Falls campus should recede from the United States Student Association (USSA).

Currently, UW-RF students pay over \$5,000 to USSA per semester but do not receive direct communication to express the needs of this campus.

The motion was tabled by all senate members present but a new motion was made instead.

The impromptu motion that was made said that the Student Senate would send along their concerns to USSA but would not officially recede until after the December United Council General Assembly to see what other schools in the UW System are going to do.

"If we are going to do this, sending out a warning to USSA would be good," legislative issues chair Joe Eggers said.

The motion was made by student affairs and academic services chair Nick Cluppert and seconded by Eggers.

In other Senate news:

•Senate is sponsoring "I Rocked the Vote 2004" in 137/138 rooms in Rodli Commons from 4-9 p.m. New Voters Project is providing drinks and snacks.

•The Senate meeting next week will be held at 7 p.m. in room 137/138 at Rodli

instead of their usual meeting place in the Student Center. It would be a good opportunity for students to see what Senate is all about after they finish voting.

•The Building Commission passed the budget for the new Student Union, and the Dairy Learning Center will be up again for review next month.

•There is a possibility for a rally on Monday night before the election. The tentative time is 7:30 p.m. at Brandy's. Look for posters and emails or contact Eggers for more information.

•Women's initiatives chair Kendra Plant thanked everyone that took part in campus safety week activities. The discussion of what to do with results from the walk will take place at the next Senate meeting.

ROYALTY REIGNS SUPREME

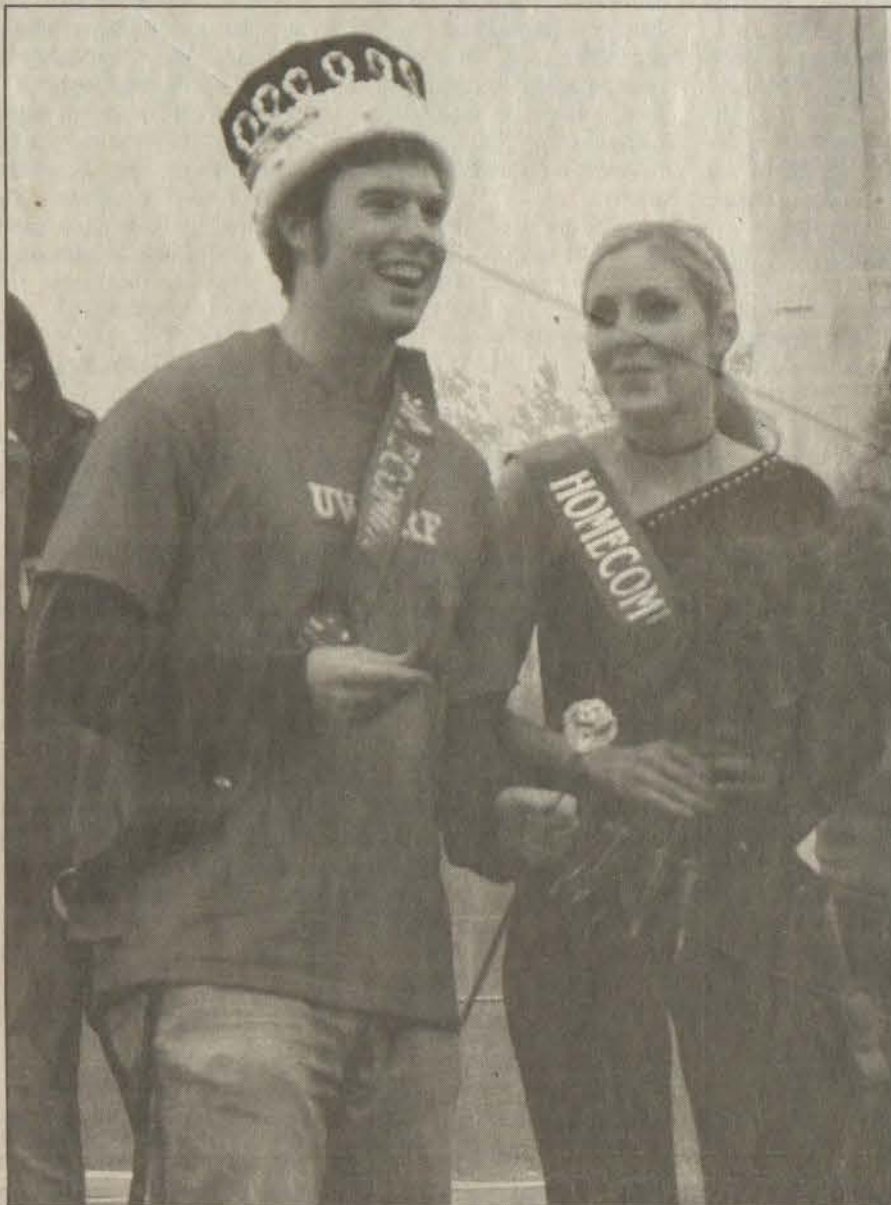


Photo by Micheal Foley
Connor Luby and Lindsay Samelian were crowned King and Queen at the Homecoming football game on Oct. 23. Luby represented Sigma Tau Amma and Samelian represented Tri Sigma.

Homecoming Results

Royalty Results

Overall Results

1. Sigma Tau Gamma & Sigma Sigma
2. Alpha Sigma Alpha & Theta Chi
3. Grimm Hall

Banner Contest

1. McMillan Hall & Phi Mu
2. May Hall
3. Grimm Hall

Costume Contest

1. Sig Tau & Tri Sigma
2. McMillan Hall & Phi Mu
3. ASA, Theta Chi and Newman Club

Organizational Results

Over all Results

1. Sig Tau
2. ASA
3. Tri Sigma

Lip Sync

1. Sig Tau
2. Men's Rugby
3. Tri Sigma

Food Drive

1. ASA
2. Alpha Gamma Rho
3. SigTau

Dollar Wars

1. AGR
2. May Hall
3. Delta Theta Sigma

Banner Contest

1. Stratton Hall
2. Tri Sigma
3. Phi Mu

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Oct. 19

Chad R. Brand reported the theft of a palm pilot (valued at \$320), a Sony Discman (valued at \$80) and a TI-86 calculator (valued at \$89) from a vehicle at 544 North Falls St.

Oct. 21

Timothy T. Ryerson reported his moped (valued at \$200) taken from outside Hathorn Hall. It was found with duct tape on the seat.

Aaron M. Croes was cited for non-registration of a vehicle and fined \$89.60 for inattentive driving after he rear-ended Lisa M. Townsend at East Cascade Avenue and Crescent Street.

Oct. 22

Jerry H. Ho backed into a legally parked vehicle owned by Justin T. Teske at the 100 block of S. Main St.

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

Sara M. Sollard reported criminal damage to property at Johnson Hall. An HP4100N laser printer and two toner cartridges (valued at \$1,617.49) appeared to be urinated upon and could not be salvaged.

Jason P. Nelson and Angela M. Falconio were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at 511 S. Sixth St.

Joseph M. Raymond was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at 581 S. Spruce St.

Robert M. Murray and Wesley A. Dill were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Cascade Avenue and Fourth Street.

Matthew T. Jackson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

Jess M. Perry was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Jessica R. Brozek was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Jared M. Nelson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Caroline Capper was fined \$243 for underage consumption

at the Wall Amphitheater.

Christopher R. Peterson, Robert M. Difronzo and Matthew J. Difronzo were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.

Brett D. Heffebower was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Stratton Hall.

Oct. 23

Charles J. Muellner was fined \$164 for disorderly conduct and \$226 for property damage at 128 S. Main Street after damaging a storefront window (valued at \$750). Muellner's blood-alcohol content was .25.

Allan K. Weeman and Cali J. Smithback were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Oct. 24

Jason F. Conway reported vandalism at the Theta Chi Fraternity house, 650 Sycamore St. of wooden bench (valued at \$25). Other lawn furniture and items were strewn about.

Jenna S. Byom, Joseph M. Paul, Vanessa P. Lilke and Samuel A. Mottlow were fined \$243 for underage consumption at 306 May Hall.

Joseph E. Pfeil, Christopher S. Guillet, Jessica L. Johnson, Gavin E. Swenson, Lindsey E. Zahler, Matthew J. Lenneman, Jacob A. Hackenmueller and Jamie L. Vonbank were fined \$243 for underage drinking at 426 Parker Hall.

Oct. 25

Pat G. Hammarback reported property damage to several political signs (valued at \$75) at 921 E. Cascade Ave., and theft of a political sign (valued at \$10) at 116 W. Walnut St.

Vehicles driven by Jessica L. Schaffer and Jessica E. Haton collided in O-Lot. Schaffer's vehicle sustained damage to the front. Haton's vehicle sustained damage to the passenger side and the front.

Tiffany L. Martin reported a theft of four things (valued at \$40) at Crabtree Hall. She also received annoying phone calls. Police are investigating.

Counting steps, staying healthy

Grant offers pedometers to students at discounted price

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about how many steps you take in a day? Ever thought about actually counting them? This could very well be a possibility on campus in the near future.

The Better Living Today Project, or BLT, grant proposal was made to the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future by Mike Kretz, retired physician and volunteer on the University Committee on Health and Wellness Committee. The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future is a fund through the Wisconsin Medical School that works to provide money to local groups to finance different programs and initiatives.

"This grant is a grant to improve the health of the students on campus and also the students of River Falls School District and its attempt to take public health back to the people, so to speak," said Kretz. "The idea is to emphasize physical well-being as a part of quality of life and having people work toward fitness and work toward healthy body composition and that contributing to that quality of life."

Through Student Health Services, students will have the option to purchase pedometers at a subsidized cost in places such as residence halls, the Student Center and the River Falls Public Library to actually count the steps they take throughout their day. Students will also have the option to have their body mass index and their

body composition checked to see if it is in a healthy range and if not, information on how they can get to that healthy range.

"The need came from our 2000-2003 student data that showed we were being less active as a campus gathered from the National College Health Assessment Survey," said Keven Syverson, UW-RF health educator.

Based on the results of the National College Health Assessment Survey relating to student's behaviors associated with health, administered to students in Spring 2000, the goal of the BLT Project is to increase the proportion of students on the UW-River Falls campus who engage regularly (four or more days per week), in moderate physical activity for 30 minutes or more per day from 26.3 percent to 38 percent by Spring 2006 when the next survey is given to students.

"When you think of human development, I think of it in terms of pieces or different aspects," Kretz said. "The aspects of language, cognitive skills, emotional, social and then physical well-being; and they all come together like pieces of puzzles. In order to complete the puzzle, you've got to have all those pieces together."

The grant request was submitted on Oct. 1 and will be announced in early Jan. 2005 whether UW-RF will receive it.

If the grant is approved, UW-RF will receive a total of \$377,000 from Jan. 2005 through Dec. 2007, sponsored by the River Falls School District.

Students gain experiences beyond University borders

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

Beer-maker Coors' slogan "Turn it loose" took on a whole new meaning in Spain. Political science professor Wes Chapin told a crowd of 75 students at a luncheon panel on Oct. 21 at UW-River Falls that the slogan, when translated into Spanish, means "suffer from diarrhea," Chapin said. Chapin, a panel member, was discussing the importance of study abroad programs offered at the University. The panel, "Opportunities in International Business," was one of the events sponsored by the College of Business and Economics (CBE) as part of its Oct. 18 to 23 Homecoming celebration week.

Chapin cited another example of the importance in understanding all aspects of international protocol when U.S. businesses seek opportunities abroad. He said McDonalds is avidly trying to sell hamburgers in India even though the cow is sacred to Indians.

He said the study abroad programs offered at the University could help graduates avoid some of these blunders and provide students with broad prospective of international culture essential in the marketplace today. "[The] U.S. has a dominant position in the world in matters of business and politics," Chapin said. "Students exposed to international affairs contribute to the bottom line and to the company as a whole."

Chapin said it is no longer true that only Fortune 500 companies have international departments. "Now it's smaller companies with 10 or less employees who trade in the international marketplace," Chapin said.

CBE Dean Barbara Nemecek said she recently attended a conference called "Business Without Borders" and many of

the students at the conference said they needed to know more about international programs.

Economics professor Pascal Ngoboka who heads up the "Tour of Uganda" study program said one of the advantages of studying abroad is that it increases a student's knowledge and understanding of the country.

"You get firsthand experience and can clear up the misconceptions about Africa you get from the media," Ngoboka said.

On the Uganda tour, Ngoboka said students will have an opportunity to see how an American-based company operates in a foreign country when they visit Coca-Cola's bottling operations plant, which has done business

professor Jacqueline Brux said. "It is an opportunity for all on campus. You learn so much from international faculty and students."

UW-RF offers study abroad programs during spring break, J-term and summer. There are currently programs in France, Japan, Mexico, Uganda and a program in Italy is in the works, said business administration chair Carl Popelka.

Students can devote a semester to study abroad like the "Wisconsin in Scotland" program which is offered for a full semester and counts toward graduation.

Also, Chapin identified other courses for study abroad that can be applied toward a major.

Although the programs can cost more than \$3,000 plus tuition, Brux said financial assistance is available to students who qualify. She said students can

contact her for information regarding the assistance: programs and the monetary awards of each, or they can go to the UW-RF Web site.

"Students might get discouraged by the price," said accounting student Abby Witwicke. If there are scholarships, she would not qualify, she said. "I am white, female and middle-class. I wouldn't get anything."

However, it is an investment in a student's future that is worth making some sacrifices, said student advisor Ellen Schultz.

She said students could plan ahead and work extra to save the money needed. Furthermore, Schultz said there are creative ways to get cash - ask mom and dad, or grandparents for cash gifts for special occasions.

"It is a life changing experience students will never forget," Schultz said. "It is worth postponing the material things to afford the study abroad program and have the experience."

Archives offer glance into past

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered how many gray hairs your professors have received from students over the years? What about where Freddy Falcon came from? How many decades has parking been a problem in River Falls? Chances are if you Google these questions, you're going to come up empty-handed. The answers to these questions and many more lie in the UW-River Falls archives.

The archives, located in the basement of the library, have been at UW-RF since the late 1950s as a department of the library. The archives contain historical records from Pierce, Polk, Burnett and St. Croix counties. These records include old newspapers, original business records and Civil War records among many other things.

There is also a wide array of UW-RF records. These include old yearbooks, Student Voice copies, chancellor records and graduation class lists.

"There's a long history on campus," said Susan Ginter Watson, university archivist. "The school was here before we had the city of River Falls."

The archives help 2,200 people annually, not counting organized groups, Watson said. The archives work to assist those in River Falls and even further out and they have had inquiries from as far away as Alaska.

Most of the newspaper records the archives hold are microfilm which must be looked at through special machines. Microfilm is the preferred method, because it lasts at least 300 years.

For those preferring the convenience of the Internet, help may be on the way. Archives employees have been working on putting collections on the Internet. In the future they may be available at the UW-RF Web site. Watson hopes this will increase the reach the archives have.

Elizabeth Heard, a student worker at the archives, sees putting the archives on the Internet in both a positive and negative light.

"I think putting some of the information on the Internet can be a good and bad thing. It is good because then more people can use our resources and it can give a better awareness of what the

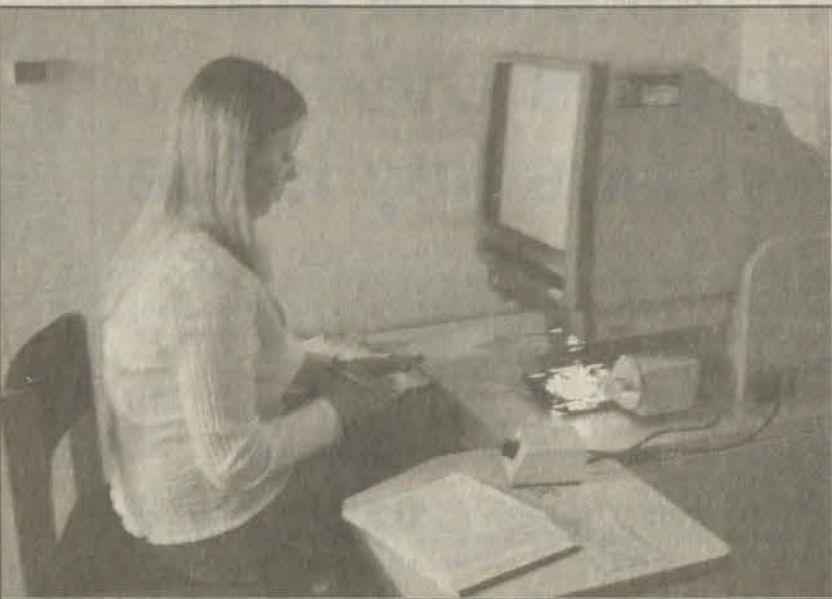


Photo by Sarah Gestson
Rachel Osterloth uses a microfilm machine in the archives, located in the basement of the library.

archives holds. However, I think Internet postings are not the same as the actual articles and manuscripts that we hold. There is something about actually holding a 100-year-old document that has a bigger impact than just reading it on the Web," Heard said.

If the information you are looking for cannot be found at the UW-RF archives, chances are it can be sent from other Wisconsin archives.

Wisconsin is one of the only two states that allow that kind of loan, Watson said. Although the materials cannot leave the archives, original materials can be viewed. Scanners and microfilm printers are also available.

Although there is limited student awareness of the archives, class projects have increased awareness, Heard said.

"Most incoming students probably would not think of us as a resource but as more professors are using us as a major resource in class assignments, more students are coming to us for help on papers and projects," Heard said.

Students in women's history, journalism, English and land use classes have made use of the archives through their coursework.

Watson has her own opinion on why the archives are important.

"To know where you've been. There's the old-age question: If you don't know your past, how can you know where you're going in the future?" Watson said.

As for what the archives mean to River Falls, Watson shared her thoughts.

"Institutional memories," Watson said. "That's what we are to campus."

"It is a life changing experience students will never forget. It is worth postponing the material things to afford the study abroad program and have the experience."

Ellen Schultz
Student adviser

in Uganda for 49 years.

Mentioning international experience on a résumé could give students more opportunities for employment after graduation, said international programs director Brent Greene.

"These programs are aimed at expanding international business and cultural experiences through academic courses," Greene said.

Greene, who arranges full-semester programs in the "Wisconsin in Scotland" study abroad program, said students should meet with their faculty advisors and build the program into their curriculum.

"There is tremendous value in studying abroad," Greene said. "From an employment standpoint, if it is on your résumé, it would separate you from others."

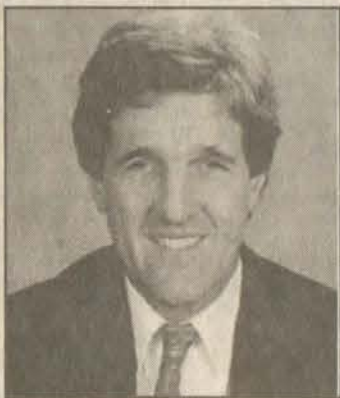
The programs offer an opportunity not only to students, but also to faculty members.

"These programs encourage international study for faculty and students," economics pro-

"There's a long history on campus. The school was here before we had the City of River Falls."
Susan Ginter Watson
University archivist

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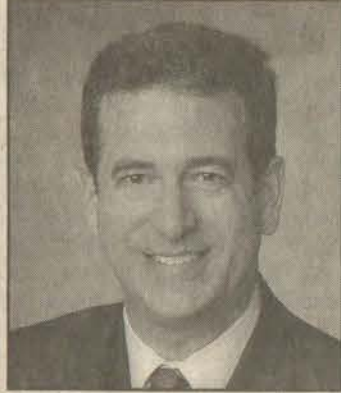
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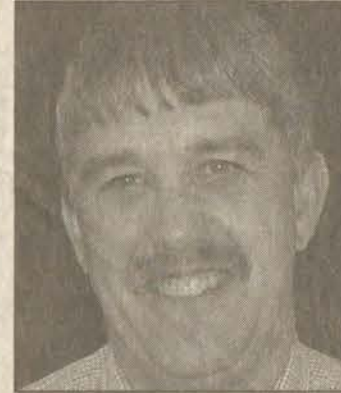
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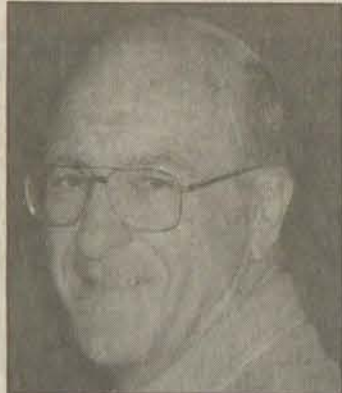
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EDITORIAL

Drunkenness still plagues UW-RF, remains key issue

Current college-age people are perennially caught in a duality of identity at Homecoming. Lawlessness, reckless abandon and public drunkenness are all mixed with the formal events of alumni contributors to the University or Greek organization. Who can blame a student who doesn't know exactly how to act?

One look at the Public Safety and River Falls Police Department reports in this week's Student Voice shows the duality in full effect. There are incidents of vandalism, public urination, panty theft and property damage.

Administrators collectively hold their breath every Homecoming, hoping no one will destroy the image of the University, or the University property itself, with all the alums and scholarship donors in town.

This year the students did an excellent job of bringing their enthusiasm to the football game. Everyone appreciated the large, fun-loving crowd. What the alums and the administrators appreciated even more was the fact that most students chose to have their illegal fun off campus.

Despite their hopes, incidents like the panty raid and the printer that was pissed still occurred. The most glaring example of irresponsible drinking was the student who was hip-checked through a storefront window on Main Street. He was later found hiding in some weeds near Lake George and initially blew a .25 when tested for blood-alcohol content.

A blood-alcohol content that high is three times the legal limit and is absurd. Students who are drinking that much in excess have themselves to blame for the injuries they endure and the hangovers they will have in the morning after binge drinking.

College students are adults and are legally responsible for their behavior. They must take responsibility for their actions, but the perception administration has is fantasy-like. That's because if students are drinking off campus it is out of their hands. That is just not true.

The University could not and would not run without students. More programs should be offered to help students, not just lie to them.

Health Services and administration would like to shut their eyes to the fact that college students do consume alcohol in unsafe and massive quantities. This is a key issue that isn't being addressed.

Health Services has posters and advertisements that offer alternatives to drinking, some stating that it is a misperception that UW-RF students drink a lot.

When walking into most classrooms, it is very common on any morning, especially a Friday or Monday, to find groups of people talking about how wasted they got the night before and sharing their tales about how many shots they took or beers they bonged.

Using common sense, the higher-ups should be noticing that students are going to drink and when they do, it will probably be more than one to three drinks per week. So instead of offering the blatant public relation methods used to tell students not to drink, they should offer more advice on how to drink safely, like the staged house parties held only once a year.

Our campus, along with many others across the nation, is plagued by house parties, bars and student drunkenness. There should be somewhere for students to go to get help, like an AA program or counseling.

If administrators ignore the problem by saying that students don't drink, they are being a detriment to the overall health of the student body.

Don't like what is being said on these pages? Do something about it. Apply to be a Voice columnist by Dec. 1. (It's a paid position)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ron Kind ducks debates, strikes out in Congress

Thanks Ron Kind, for your interest in our military draft concerns. Considering only two representatives voted for it, it seems odd that you would grandstand it in every campus newspaper two weeks before the election. Students should really know the truth about you.

In eight years, you have failed to pass any single piece of legislation you have authored, the worst congressional record in our nation's history. While much of Wisconsin's economy is based on farming, you resigned from the only seat Wisconsin had on the Congressional Agricultural Committee. You voted against a bipartisan farm bill (2002) that did more for Wisconsin farmers than any other legislation in decades. You have used your congressional schedule as an excuse to evade debates with your challenger, state Sen. Dale Schultz, while Representative Tammy Baldwin – with the same schedule – has secured 19 debates in the Madison area.

Finally appearing for a debate, you refuse because an audience member has a video-camera, and then told outright lies about the incident. After verifying the story with the Schultz campaign, the attending press and the debate's moderator, Dr. Joseph Heim, your story was confirmed fictitious. Being an ineffective leader is negligible. Knowingly making false statements to the public is unforgivable.

Dale Schultz has written over 30 bills signed into law by the current governor alone. Schultz authored the bill to add a second student to the Board of Regents, which passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in a typically divided state senate. He sponsored a bill that requires critical health info, such as STDs and meningitis, be provided to students. He has passed legislation providing tuition vouchers for students who perform taps at military funerals.

Dale Schultz understands integrity and initiative. Ron Kind, you shook my hand and shamelessly lied to me. I'm voting Dale Schultz.

James King
Student

Kerry not party to war atrocities

Once again Jake Duesenberg's bi-weekly propaganda piece omits many important facts about John Kerry's service to our country.

Duesenberg believes Kerry committed violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention equal to those committed at Abu Ghraib. Kerry admitted to burning village dwellings but Duesenberg never told you why his superior officers ordered the dwellings burned. His superiors believed the Viet Cong were blackmailing local Vietnamese into attacking or spying on Americans.

The Vietnamese were removed from a combat zone where they might be killed and were relocated to another village. Americans provided food, shelter, medical care and safety from Viet Cong intimidation.

Was relocating the Vietnamese from their land and destroying their property considered mass punishment of civilians in violation of Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention? Yes, but it is nowhere near the torture committed at Abu Ghraib.

Horrific atrocities were committed in Vietnam, but Kerry wasn't a part of them. That's why Duesenberg was so vague about Kerry's "war crimes." Duesenberg wanted us to conjure visions of My Lai and other despicable acts unbefitting of our future president.

I guess Duesenberg decided it wasn't shocking enough to tell us Kerry did not physically harm any Vietnamese; that Kerry was following orders which were a minor violation of the Geneva Convention, orders which perhaps saved him or his fellow American servicemen from a blackmailed child with a grenade.

Once all the smoke and mirrors are gone, however, what we see is Duesenberg's blatant partisan hackery.

Grant Smith
Student

No faith in Bush

We are just a few days from the most important election in our history. The polls show a close election. So, what are the 'com-

passionate conservatives' talking about? The economy? The deteriorating war in Iraq? The disdain that almost all foreign countries have for President Bush? The huge loss of jobs through outsourcing? A bearish stock market? Open borders that allow thousands of potential terrorists to come into our country? Huge deficit spending by the current Administration?

No, they are still talking about President Clinton's sexual indiscretions, Swift Boats, Purple Heart medals, the "Liberal" media and CBS's alleged conspiracy to present forged documents on its newscasts — anything to divert the attention of the American people from the really important issues facing us today. They are attempting to paint a false picture of John Kerry as being untrustworthy. I submit that it is George W. Bush that is not to be trusted — and he has the miserable failures of almost four years in office to prove it!

I am weary of listening to Bush's rosy pronouncements of an improving economy, that this economy is 'creating' more new, good-paying jobs, that we are winning the war on terrorism, that "exporting of jobs is good for America" and that deficit spending is of little consequence — none of which is true.

It's time to place our trust in someone else.

Paul G. Jaehnert

Bakke will battle against TABOR

State Senate candidate Gary Bakke is an exciting and refreshing choice for students on Nov. 2. With Mr. Bakke in office, students will not have to worry about the Taxpayer Bill of Rights threatening the affordability of their education (while his opponent supported wholeheartedly).

Mr. Bakke knows how important an education is and works hard to ensure students have the opportunity to succeed. His law firm sponsors several scholarships for high school students as well as an informative lecture series, which allows area schools to bring in nationally known speakers for free.

With his eagerness and enthusi-

asm there is no doubt in my mind that Gary Bakke will serve the students of UW-River Falls and the people of Wisconsin with a new dose of partisanship that has been lacking in the State Senate.

Vote Gary Bakke for State Senate on Nov. 2!

Mara Bryan
Student

'God bless America' rings hollow when murder abounds

By and large we are a Christian nation, but it seems that the Christian right has lost its way. Fundamentalist groups all around the country praise the President while pointing to obscure phrases in the Bible to impose their beliefs. Yet I believe that some truths are self evident and that going against these while proclaiming yourself a worker of God is blasphemous. Whether or not you believe in the basic teachings of Christ, I think we can all agree that murder is wrong. There is nothing so sacrilegious as taking another's life in God's name.

Around the world people hate what America has done, not because of jealousy or misunderstanding, but because they are not blinded by a misguided view of patriotism. There is nowhere that I would rather live, and I have an intense love for this great nation. However, this love is not derived from our power or economic superiority, but from our willingness to give and to help those in need. We are all God's children and cannot continue to act as if Arabs are a sub-human species. So perhaps instead of routinely mouthing "God bless America," we should say, God bless us all. Perhaps we should treat the Arab nations with equality and tolerance instead of attacking them out of fear. In fact, I believe our Christian religion insists we take such an approach.

Travis Greiman
Student

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

We've all been hearing for months now that this election is the most important of our lifetime, — maybe ever. And there are clear, fundamental differences between the candidates. We can have fiscal discipline in Washington again, and enjoy the fruits of an economy that works for all Americans, spreading the American Dream to millions. Or we can have an economy that ranks with Herbert Hoover's, while being told it's the best we've ever had. We can have health care for the 45 million Americans who currently lack it, or we can continue to be the only industrialized nation that doesn't see the moral imperative in assuring its nation's health.

We can be respected in the world again, or we can continue on the path to self-destruction, and alienating our allies in the process. We can lead the world in science and innovation, or continue trashing science in favor of ignorance and ideology. We can regain the freedoms older generations of Americans fought and died for, or continue to shred the Bill of Rights. The choice is crystal clear. Vote Kerry-Edwards on Tuesday.

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Why should you as a college student vote to reelect President Bush? Bush is building a strong economy to provide you with a better job market. Just last week, jobless claims fell by 25,000. The President has very ambitious goals for your educational future, including increasing Pell Grants by \$856 million to help an estimated 5.3 million low-income students pay for higher education. Nearly 10 million more students would receive grants, loans or work-study awards. Bush is

working to address rising health care costs, rather than shifting costs to taxpayers or forcing Americans into a one-size-fits-all health care plan. Bush is also working to reduce the cost of health care by offering pooled healthcare plans for small business, allowing them to purchase healthcare at the corporate rate. Hopefully in four more years most of you won't still be living in the dorms, so home ownership during this election is very important to current college students. Home ownership is currently at an all-time high, because interest rates are at a 20-year low. Bush is willing to invest in your future. Are you willing to risk your future on John Kerry? Vote Bush-Cheney on Tuesday.

Two Sides Of Election Day

Subterranean homesick blues strike this Minnesotan, too, as election nears

I sleep well at night lately. Of course, that's only a recent development. See, it's taken me that long to get over having voted for Jesse Ventura in 1998. Oh, how I remember the restless nights. I regularly soaked my pillowcase with tears as Jesse's infamous double-negatives bellowed and echoed in my head. The Playboy interviews, the Letterman appearances, the personal watercraft agenda - Jesse made being a Minnesotan downright embarrassing for four years.

Contributing to my insomnia was the inescapable notion that I had bought into Jesse's whole campaign rigmarole: Down with the career politicians! Away with bought-and-paid-for candidates! Jesse's populist rhetoric had made a believer out of me. What a sucker. Mere weeks

into his term, the self-inflicted bruises began to set in on my posterior. But now that the bruises are gone and my dreams are no longer filled with Jesse's thick-tongued expressions, I'm beginning to look nostalgically upon 1998. And the more I think about it, the more I believe the nostalgia is a manifestation of déjà vu.

I remember the bumper stickers, the rallies, the barroom discussions as if it were yesterday. But more than anything, I remember the voices of support. They didn't come from stodgy political stalwarts. They didn't come from the regular channels delivering hype and half-truths. In fact, the voices were mostly subterranean. But once Election

Day rolled around, that silent underground made its way up to the surface and delivered Jesse to the highest office in the state. Most folks were surprised to learn who put him over the top. It was the young people. Earnest, disenfranchised, change-seeking young people. And by the time the polls closed, contenders Skip Humphrey and Norm Coleman surely shared the same grimaces as so many celebrities on MTV's "Punk'd." See, Humphrey and Coleman ran their campaigns in a very standard way and battled each other over standard voters. They figured the 18-24 crowd was still suffering from a post-grunge era hangover and wouldn't unglue their butts from the couch. D'oh! Though many of us who fell into that demographic would later curse ourselves once Jesse proved to be a selfish glory

hound, we learned that we could actually influence the outcome of an election. Cool, huh? Well it's all happening again. You've been forgotten. Actually, the subjugation of young people by politicians is nothing new - you haven't been cared about since the bean counters figured out you pay the least amount of taxes. Now's the time to hit 'em while they're not lookin'. And there's only one way to do it: Go vote. Trust me, they won't expect it. You can't be polled because most of you carry cell phones. You can't be seen because you can't make time to get to the rallies. You can't be heard because they think you're insignificant. You can't be persuaded by sound bites; you're too savvy. But you do have a moral compass to guide you. On Tuesday, follow it to the polls.



MIKE LONGAECKER



A.J. OSCARSON

Four years of flubs, failure and fear

George W. Bush can't win this race based on his real record. I haven't conducted any polling with focus groups, but I'll go out on a limb and guess that job losses, unjust wars and healthcare costs skyrocketing doesn't resonate positively with voters. Because Bush can't win on his record, he's resorted to trying to convince the population that a vote for John Kerry is a vote for death. At a recent party I overheard a girl who, sadly, didn't appear to be intoxicated tell a friend that if you vote for Kerry "your house will be blown up and you'll die." So apparently there are people out there who are ignorant enough to believe the horse hokey being flung at them by the Bush campaign. Regardless of who is president, the chances of your house being blown up by terrorists are slim. And it's deplorable for Bush to turn people's irrational fear against them.

What the ignorant among us seem to forget is that Bush was the president on 9/11 when more than 3,000 Americans lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks on our soil. Is it fair to put the blame solely on Bush? No. But, if Bush would've acted after receiving the Aug. 6, 2001, presidential daily briefing, rather than fishing and napping, he'd have a lot more credibility defending the country from terrorists. What did that briefing say? It said that bin Laden was determined to attack within the United States, possibly using airplanes as missiles. Oops. Ninety-five percent of the cargo at out ports goes unchecked. The Bush administration blew the cover of CIA agent Valerie Plame. Her assignment was working to stop the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. At the current rate, nuclear materials in Russia won't be secured for 13 years. On top of that, Bush's war of choice in Iraq has created more anti-Americanism in the world. Iran and North Korea have acquired nuclear weapons on his watch. Do

you feel safer? I also have a message for the pro-lifers out there. I respect your views and convictions. But is Bush really pro-life? Let's administer the religious hypocrisy test. "Pro-life" is defined by the Catholic Church as against unjust wars, against the death penalty and against abortions. That makes Kerry two-thirds pro-life, and Bush one-third pro-life. After eight years of a pro-choice president, abortion rates were at a 24 year low when Bush took office. Today, abortions are up 14.6 percent since Bush was appointed president. Many women who have had abortions during Bush's term have cited health care concerns and economic concerns (Bush's biggest weaknesses) as among the top reasons for their decisions. So for those of you voting for Bush based on being pro-life, please consider the results. This is the most important election of our lifetime. Bush thinks we're all idiots, as demonstrated by his "vote Bush or die" campaign strategy. You can use your vote to prove him wrong. You never know, your vote might even be counted this time.



BRIAN HOGENSON

'Staying the course' means more bloodshed, inequity

Tuesday will be a day when a check of a box, an X in the margin or a touch on the screen ultimately will help determine who becomes president. It is a major decision and should be an educated and informed one. It is not an easy decision either. It is a very difficult time in our country and in the world right now. One can either choose the same, or choose for change. "Stay the course," is a campaign slogan we've all heard from the current president of the United States. "We've got to stay the course," he says over and over. The course is trouble. The course is of bloodshed, destruction and devastation, and that is not a safe course for anyone. It is a test of one's character to

admit and accept the responsibility for one's mistakes, or to accept when they are wrong. This is hard to do, but it shows integrity. It also shows one is able to evaluate himself to help in future decision making so the same mistakes don't happen again. Most of the country knows our current president has made some mistakes, but he doesn't. He just dodges the question, or answers it in abstract terms, just as he did in

the presidential debate. Being certain doesn't mean one is right, and neither does being or acting strong. Our president was certain Iraq had weapons of mass destruction; it didn't. Our president was certain Saddam had ties with Al-Qaida; he didn't. Our president was certain our mission in Iraq, as the banner behind him stated, was accomplished, and it is not. Our president was certain Saddam was an unbelievable threat, but Saddam was captured, alone, disheveled, in a hole, with a mere pistol. It is another thing to also be held accountable and responsible for one's mistakes. There are consequences for every action,

whether done in the mindset of certainty or not. The consequences seem to effect the majority of people, while the rewards are given to the few. It is hardly ever the case one is rewarded for a mistake, but in some incidents it happens. Halliburton has to be enjoying the no-bid contracts which, in the end, Dick Cheney profits from. Our president's oil buddies must like the fact they're

getting interim government jobs appointed by our administration over there, and Saddam probably isn't doing too bad either. Yes, he is captured and will someday, probably not soon by any means, be prosecuted for what he has done, but in the mean time he is being taken care of. The man rests comfortably, protected, with a shelter and three meals a day. That is a far cry from the Iraqi people who don't have electricity, running water, food, jobs or any sense of

security. Our president has done nothing but isolate our country and cut ties with our allies. His arrogant mannerisms do nothing for us. Take the first presidential debate as example when our president's opponent was stating a different view on an issue. The look of confusion and anger was broadcast across his scowling face. This is supposed to be our leader. How is our country going to be able to come to an agreement on any issue with other leaders of countries when our president becomes visibly angry when someone has a different view? That is not a leader. Our country can not continue on its "course." It is time for change.

How is our country going to be able to come to an agreement on any issue with other leaders of countries when our president becomes visibly angry when someone has a different view?

Who are you going to vote for and why?



Lindsay Colbeth, junior
"I'm on the edge. I'm leaning towards Kerry because he wants to end the war in a shorter time period."



John Bunell, junior
"I'm going to vote for Kerry basically because I don't like Bush's tactics over in Iraq."



Shannon Vold, freshman
"I'm voting for Bush. I don't think Kerry would even defend us. He would just take us out of the war."



Seth Onsager, sophomore
"I'm voting for Kerry just because he is a Democrat."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

HOW TO VOTE

You registered, waited in line for forever and finally have a ballot in hand. All that's left to do is slip into the little booth, pull the curtain closed behind you and cast your vote.

To avoid a Florida-esque incident, the City of River Falls has provided a sample ballot so voters know what to expect.

Each ballot will have a straight party option for die-hard partisan voters. If you're not a straight-party person, all you need to do is complete the arrow alongside the candidate of choice.

STRAIGHT PARTY

If you desire to vote a straight party ticket for all federal, legislative, state and county offices, complete the arrow to the **RIGHT** of the party of your choice. A straight party vote cannot be cast for independent candidates. To vote for individual candidates of your choice, complete the arrow to the **RIGHT** of the name.

DEMOCRATIC

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LIBERTARIAN

WISCONSIN GREENS

FEDERAL

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT
(Vote for One)

JOHN F. KERRY

JOHN EDWARDS

DEMOCRATIC

GEORGE W. BUSH

DICK CHENEY

REPUBLICAN

WHEN TO VOTE

In the City of River Falls, the polls will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 2.

Though those are the official hours, first-time voters should know that it is unlawful for any person to deny the right to vote to anyone in line at the time the polls close. Further, it is unlawful for any person to deny anyone from joining a line after the polls close.

It's kind of like being in the grocery store when it closes, except it is illegal for the grocery store to close its checkout counter until everyone in the store is gone. The grocery store can't lock its doors to keep people out of the store either.

Don't let anyone take advantage of your election inexperience. If someone tries to stop you from voting, cry foul.

VOTER RIGHTS

Take this list with you when you vote to remind yourself – and anyone who challenges you – that:

- If you forget your ID, you can vote.
- If records incorrectly show that you have moved, you can vote.
- If you forgot to register, you can register on Election Day and you can vote.
- If you have been convicted of a felony, but have completed your sentence and are no longer on parole, you can vote.
- If you are in line at the polling place before 8 p.m. on Election Day, you can vote.
- If you live in state while attending college or graduate school, you can vote as a resident.
- If you are physically disabled, or are over the age of 65, you have the right to an accessible polling place and help in voting.
- You can bring your minor child into the voting booth with you.
- You are entitled to vote without being harassed. Don't let anyone tell you differently.

WHAT TO BRING

You must be registered before you vote but the good news is that you can register at your polling place on Election Day. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, has lived at their current address (including residence halls) for at least 10 days can register and vote.

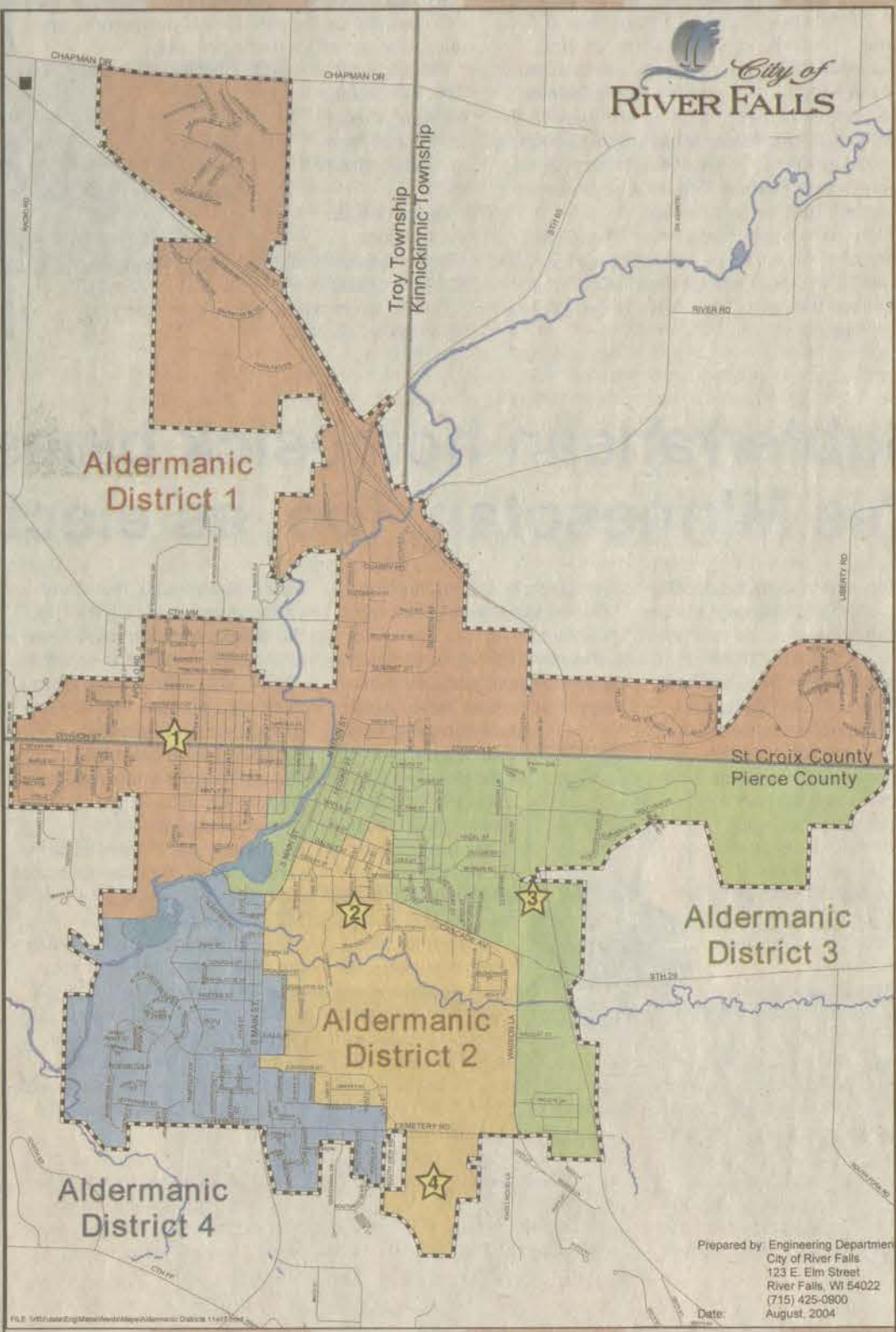
To register, you will be asked to provide your driver's license. If you don't have it, you can use the last four digits of your social security number.

To prove residency the following forms can be used: Wisconsin ID card, a credit card or plate, a library card, a check cashing courtesy card, a real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election, a residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day, a University, college or technical institute fee card or ID card, an airplane pilot's license, or a gas, electric or telephone service statement for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the election.

If you can't supply acceptable proof of residence, your registration form can be substantiated and signed by one other elector who resides in your municipality, corroborating your residency information. The corroborator must then provide acceptable proof of residence.

Voters can also register on Election Day at their voting site. They must bring the same information and meet the same requirements for Election Day registration as they would for registering before the election.

WHERE TO VOTE



City District

Aldermanic District 1
Aldermanic District 2
Aldermanic District 3
Aldermanic District 4

Voting Location

National Guard Armory (corner of Division and Grove)
Rodli Commons (620 E. Cascade)
Chippewa Valley Technical College (500 S. Wasson Lane)
River Falls High School (818 Cemetery Road)

WHO TO VOTE FOR

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT



George Walker Bush (i), Republican

- Bachelor's degree, Yale University, 1968; MBA, Harvard University, 1975
- Air National Guard, 1968-1973
- Founder/CEO of oil and gas company, 1975-1987; managing general partner, Texas Rangers baseball team, 1989-1998
- Texas governor, 1994-2000; U.S. president, elected 2000



John Forbes Kerry, Democrat

- Bachelor's degree, Yale University, 1966; law degree, Boston College, 1976
- Navy, 1966-1970; Naval Reserves, 1972-1978
- Assistant district attorney, Middlesex County, 1977-1979; attorney, 1979-1982
- Massachusetts lieutenant governor, 1982-84; U.S. senator, elected 1984



Ralph Nader, The Better Life

- Bachelor's degree, Princeton University, 1955; law degree, Harvard University, 1958
- Army, 1959
- Lawyer, Hartford, Conn., 1959-1964; college lecturer, Princeton University, 1961-1963, 1967-1968; consumer advocate, 1965-present; Green Party presidential nominee, 1996 and 2000

UNITED STATES SENATOR



Russ Feingold (i), Democrat

- B.A., University of Wisconsin, 1975; Oxford University, 1977; J.D., Harvard, 1979
- Practicing attorney in Madison, 1979 to 1985; Wisconsin State Senator, 1983-1993; U.S. Senator, 1993-present

Tim Michels, Republican

- B.A., St. Norbert College; M.B.A. University of Chicago; M.P.A. Illinois Institute of Technology
- Construction company owner; U.S. Army Airborne Ranger Infantry Officer; still serving in the inactive ready reserve



Arif Khan, Libertarian

- Attended Purdue University
- Fast food restaurant cook; door-to-door salesman; truck driver; network engineer; consultant to the vice president of a software development company



There was no photo or information available about Eugene A. Hem, Independent

UNITED STATES CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE



Ron Kind (i), Democrat

- B.A. Harvard University, 1985; M.S. London School of Economics, 1986; J.D. University of Minnesota, 1990
- La Crosse County special prosecutor; U.S. Congress Representative 1996-present

Dale W. Schultz, Republican

- B.B.A. UW-Madison, 1975
- 200-acre, crop and game century farm manager; realtor; Wisconsin State Assembly Representative, 1983-1991; Wisconsin State Senator, 1991-present



WISCONSIN STATE ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE



Kitty Rhoades (i), Republican

- B.S., UW-River Falls 1973; M.A., Illinois State University, 1978.
- Consultant; former educator; small business owner; Wisconsin State Assembly Representative, 1998-present

Tom Parent, Democrat

- B.S., UW-Madison
- Truck driver, golf course manager; international agricultural consultant and fertilizer developer; grocery store general manager; River Falls City Council member



WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR



Sheila Harsdorf (i), Republican

- B.S. in animal science, University of Minnesota 1978; Wis. Rural Leadership Program, grad. of 1st class (1986).
- Dairy farmer; former loan officer; State Assembly Rep 1988-96; State Senator 2000-present

Gary Bakke, Democrat

- J.D., UW-Madison Law School
- Civil and family law litigator; complex business litigator; mediator; small business consultant; Wisconsin State Bar president, 2000-2001



(i) - incumbent

Information for this voter guide was collected by Micheal Foley from CNN.com, rivertowns.net, rfcity.org and various candidate and party Web sites.

Poll position: Tight race enters final week

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

No matter how you look at it, there's one definite thing that can be deduced from the recent flurry of public opinion polls: this has been, is and will be one extremely close election.

The horse race is in full swing as President George Bush and Sen. John Kerry vie for the 2004 White House win.

Except for an unusually large spike in Bush's favor at the end of September, the Republican and Democratic candidates have been within 8 percentage points of each other in most major polls since May, according to the Gallup Organization.

Bush has consistently enjoyed an often narrow lead despite being even with Kerry in the polls four times in the past six months.

The closeness in numbers doesn't make Bush a shoo-in, however. Polls don't aim to predict the winner, said political science professor Tracey Gladstone-

Sovell. Numbers simply gauge potential voters' opinions.

"Polls reflect what people are telling them the moment they answered the question," Gladstone-Sovell said. "People can change their perspectives."

True to the campaign trend thus far, most survey respondents are currently leaning toward Bush.

Still, data from most major polling organizations indicate that nothing will be certain until Nov. 3.

"The bottom line is most of the polls show that it's a very close race," said political science professor Wes Chapin.

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll from Oct. 22-24, for example, shows Bush leading Kerry among both likely and registered voters, but within small margins.

When Gallup asked likely voters who they'd choose if elections were held that day, 51 percent of respondents chose Bush while 46 percent chose Kerry. Among registered voters, 49 percent chose Bush and 47 percent chose Kerry.

Therefore, a range of 54-48 percent of likely voters chose Bush and 49-43 percent chose Kerry, which is a significant gap. But among registered voters, 52-46 percent chose Bush and 50-44 percent chose Kerry. Since these numbers are so close, the candidates are in a statistical dead heat among registered voters.

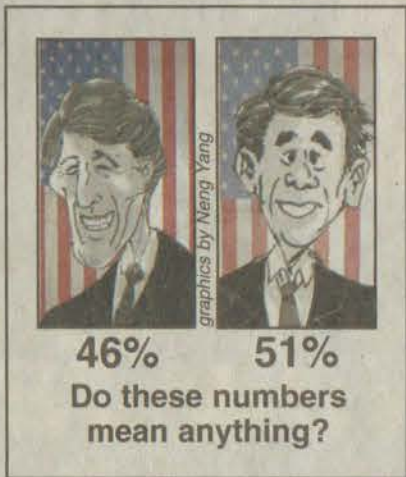
Statistics from a Pew Research Center poll from Oct. 15-19 put the candidates even closer. Pew showed Bush and Kerry tied at 47 percent among likely voters and 45 percent among registered voters.

The race is equally tight among nearly all demographic groups who are registered to vote.

The gender gap among the candidates is almost even. In Gallup's Oct. 22-24 survey, fifty-six percent of men favor Bush while 50 percent of women support Kerry. According to Pew's Oct. 15-19 poll, 50 percent of males chose Bush and 51 percent of females chose Kerry.

The race gap is much more substantial.

According to both Gallup's and Pew's data, Bush has a reason to worry if black voters show up at the polls in droves. Gallup's most recent poll says non-whites favor Kerry 69 percent to Bush's 26. Bush leads Kerry among whites 55 percent



to Kerry's 41.

Pew's recent survey categorized race by white, non-white and black. Kerry trumps Bush by leaps and bounds with both non-whites (66 percent to Bush's 22) and blacks (75 percent to Bush's 11).

But Kerry may not be so lucky if most of Tuesday's voters are less than 65 years old.

Gallup placed respondents in three age groups: 18-49, 50-64 and 65 and over. Its data shows Bush leading by 5 percentage points among 18-49-year-olds and 1 percentage point among middle-aged voters. Kerry leads the 65 and over group by 5 percentage points.

Pew has established four age categories: under 30, 30-49, 50-64 and 65 and over. Its survey has Kerry leading Bush from 3 to 6 percentage points with all voters but those aged 30-49. Among that group, Bush leads Kerry by 5 percentage points.

Different educational levels also mean varying results.

Gallup cites Kerry as the winner among post-graduates and those with a high school education or less while Bush dominates among college graduates and those who've had some college education.

According to Pew, college graduates split the candidates evenly at 47 percent each. Those with some college support Bush and those with a high school education or less support Kerry.

As the influx of polls and the flow of information to the public continue to grow with the election just a few days away, some may wonder what to make of the constant bombardment of data.

"What the polls are really telling us is that it's a very close election and we really can't tell who's going to win right now," Gladstone-Sovell said.

Chapin said enough people are influenced by the polls to really make a difference on Tuesday.

For surveys reported in this article and other polls, visit www.gallup.com, www.peoplepress.org or www.pollingreport.com.

Student groups make big electioneering push

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

In 2000, Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes went to Al Gore by a total of only 5,396 votes. This year students at UW-River Falls, a school of roughly 5,500 eligible voters, are getting involved knowing that their efforts could be the difference in what's expected to be another razor-thin election.

A.J. Oscarson was a freshman at UW-RF at the time of the highly contested 2000 election between former Vice President Al Gore and current President George W. Bush. He said the atmosphere is different on campus this time around.

"People are more polarized," Oscarson said. "People seem to be more energetic the more polarized they are. They seem to be further to the left or further to the right."

Oscarson is currently the chair of the UW-RF College Republicans and as a group it is very involved in campaigning for their candidates and causes of choice.

"We have about 50 kids that come to our meetings," Oscarson said.

Those 50 students are involved in spreading around campaign literature to

Voter Rally

The New Voters Project will hold a non-partisan voter rally 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Falcon's Nest. Soundtrack to a Shipwreck will play live music and participants can win door prizes.

political science professor David Alperin to awaken the organization.

Recently, Kunesh organized the Veterans for Kerry panel discussion on campus and Feingold's rally in Abbott Concert Hall.

The Veterans for Kerry panel discussion drew about 80 people. The issues discussed ranged from the World War II to the current conflict in Iraq.

"I think the event was awesome," Kunesh said after the panel discussion.

The non-partisan New Voters Project has taken the UW-RF campus by storm this semester. Miriam Huffman, who works in the Leadership Center, is organizing the project on campus.

"The New Voters Project is an effort amongst different organizations to get 18-24 year olds registered to vote," Huffman said. "It's taking place in six states, including Wisconsin. The thrust of the registration drive is coming from students."

The New Voters Project has used various strategies to get the word out. Those include tables in the Student Center, Rodli Commons and residence halls. The New Voters Project has also arranged campus visits by State Senate candidates Gary Bakke and Sheila Harsdorf; State Assembly Candidates Kitty Rhodes and Tom Parent; and U.S. Congressman Ron Kind.

The New Voters Project had a goal for the UW-RF campus of registering 1,000 new voters. The final tally was 837 newly registered Wisconsin voters. The deadline for advanced registration was Oct. 19 due to the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. That leaves time for the proper paperwork and data entry for advanced registrations.

HAVA allows for voter registration at polling places also. The advanced registration deadline is to allow time for data entry. HAVA also created a new federal agency to serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information, provides funds to states to improve election administration, replaces outdated voting systems, and creates minimum standards for states to follow in several key areas of election administration.

Huffman encourages advanced registration.

"We want to make the process as smooth as possible," Huffman said. "Being registered diminishes the time in line waiting at the polls."



Photo by Micheal Foley
U.S. Senator Russ Feingold speaks at a Democratic Party rally at Abbott Concert Hall recently. The UW-River Falls College Democrats sponsored the rally and welcomed Feingold, Gary Bakke and Tom Parent to campus.



Photo by Eric Ebert
Members of the New Voters Project enjoy some live entertainment at the recent Voterpalooza event held to help raise voter turnout among 18-24 year olds.

Get Informed

For more information on becoming registered to vote, or to see the various positions candidates have on the issues, check out the following websites:

- www.vote-smart.org
- www.newvotersproject.org

If you'd like to become more involved on campus:

UW-RF College Democrats meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Presidents Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

UW-RF College Republicans meet Mondays at 7:01 p.m. in Rodli Commons Room 138.

City officials, volunteers aim to keep election lines short

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

With the debates over and the campaign winding down, the futures of presidential hopefuls

John Kerry and George Bush are now in the hands of U.S. citizens. With a record turnout of voters expected in what appears to be another tight presidential race, all votes are valuable.

Because of the tight presidential race and events that happened in years past, River Falls has made some changes in their polling districts.

In the 2000 election many River Falls voters experienced a long wait in line before they were able to vote.

"Two to three hours in a hallway that would normally take two to three minutes to walk down," said director of student life facilities, Mike Stifter. "You have to be a pretty dedicated voter to stand in line for three hours."

Stifter said the tight nature of the election drew more people to vote, causing more lines at the polls.

"It was an exciting time," Stifter said. "I wouldn't say it was an overly negative experience."

Negative or not, actions have been taken at the city level and at UW-River Falls to ensure this election runs more smoothly.

Pre-registering voters has already helped lift some of the burden off of the district polls.

"The New Voters Project has been a really positive move," Stifter said.

The New Voters Project, a national initiative to encourage college students to vote, has registered more than 800 students on campus.

River Falls Deputy Clerk Jan Linehan said pre-registration will save time at the polling districts. Linehan said the primary reason for the large crowds in 2000 was same-day-registration voters.

Also helping to lift some burden off the district polls is absentee ballot voting. Four years ago it was much more difficult for citizens to get an absentee ballot unless you were sick or overseas, Linehan said. In recent years absentee ballots have been opened up to anyone who requests them. This year the city of River Falls has 659 absentee ballots compared to around 100 in the last election.

However, even with the pre-registered voters and absentee ballots there could still be large crowds at the polling districts. Linehan said they expect 80 to 85 percent of the River Falls residents to vote this year, compared to 75 percent in 2000.

"They're just saying nationwide, they're expecting a huge turnout," Linehan said. "This year we are going to be using crowd control equipment."

By using posts and ropes to control crowds there will hopefully be fewer "long, long lines," as district chief Georgia Kelm called them. The district chiefs are in charge of the polling districts.

Kelm, who is chief of the district one poll located in the National Guard Armory, said in years past voter lines ran out and around the building.

"We don't anticipate a problem this year," Kelm said.

However, with the tight race, Kelm said they are expecting a big turnout of voters this year, which may mean longer lines after the workday ends.

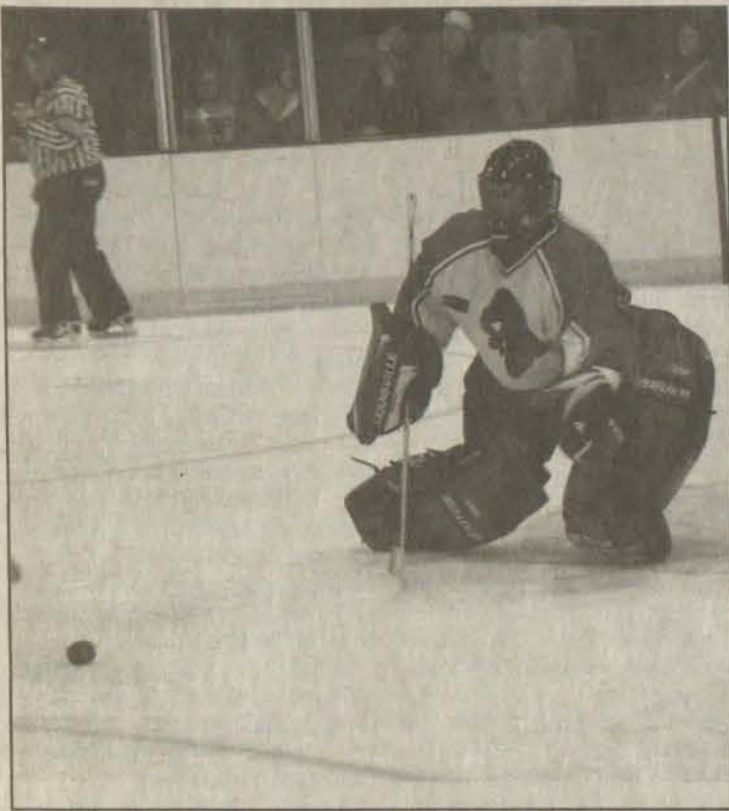
Yet even with all the pre-registration and absentee voting, Stifter said that this is another close election; that draws more votes.

"I think it will be a good turnout," Stifter said.

Stifter said this is probably the most attention given to a general election in the time he has been able to vote. The faculty and students have done a good job to get out information about voting and its importance, Stifter said.



Photo by Eric Ebert
City deputy clerk Jan Linehan takes a call in the midst of what may be her busiest election season ever.



Photos by Micheal Foley
(Above) Junior goalie Dan Meneghin looks to stop the puck in the Oct. 26 match against the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

(Right) Tyler Dahl hits the boards in a 7-0 win Oct. 26.

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team is going through a rebuilding phase, but that does not mean the team is expecting a sub par season. In fact, the term reloading may be more appropriate for head coach Steve Freeman's team. The Falcons return 16 letter winners from the 2003-2004 season, but lose eight, including their top three scorers.

One of the Falcons' strengths this year will be goaltending. Andy Scanlon, the team MVP from last year, is returning along with backup Dan Meneghin.

Scanlon was second in NCAA Div. III with a .935 save percentage and earned All-NCHA and All-WIAC honorable mention. Scanlon was also named to the preseason Div. III All-USCHO second team this year. Meneghin also played well, posting a 8-2-1 record, a 2.03 goals against average and a .915 saves percentage.

Marc-Andre Lalonde (2-5-7), an All-NCHA defenseman last year, leads a group of talented returning defensemen including Nate Hansen (2-6-8), Murphy Dwyer (2-7-9), and Andy Jurek (0-6-6). The defense will also get help from some promising freshmen including Jason Usher, Rob Dubel, and Jim Henkemeyer.

The Falcons return some experience on the offensive side of the ice. Seniors Josh Schlipp (11-8-

19), Steve Moe (9-7-16), and Tony Sikich (8-13-21) will anchor the offensive attack, along with junior Aaron Degerness (9-12-21). They will get some help from newcomers Garret Larson, a transfer from St. Cloud State, and Vince Pulera.

"We have all kinds of new faces, so a slow start may happen, but I expect us to improve over the season," Freeman said. "We are expected to be successful and we will be in the hunt."

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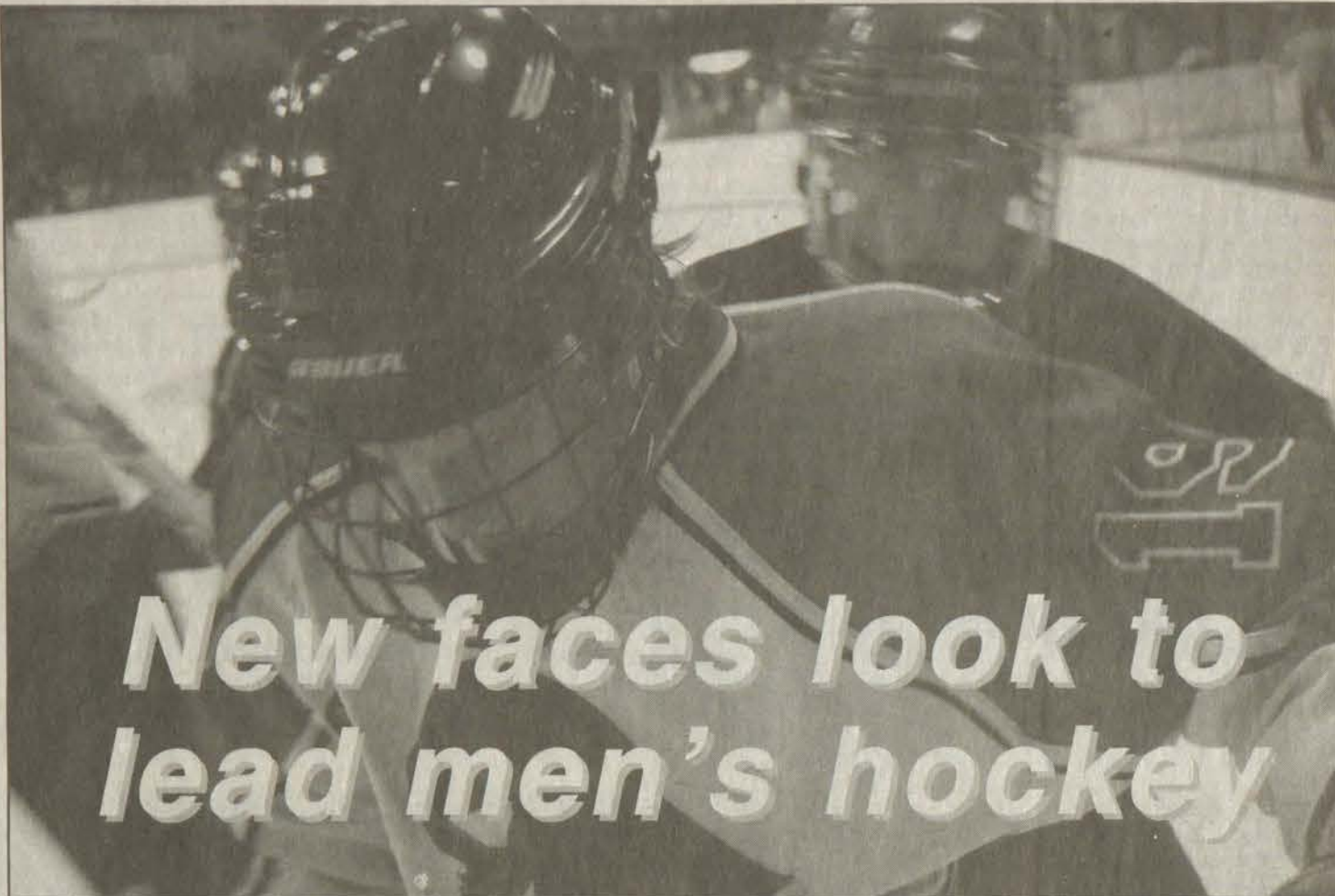
Steve Freeman
Head coach

The Falcons are expected to be among the top teams in the NCHA, but St. Norbert, last year's national runner-up, is the favorite. The Green Knights were the top-ranked team in the Div. III preseason poll. UW-Superior is also expected to be in the conference title hunt. The Falcons will also compete with Superior for the top spot in the WIAC.

"The NCHA is considered the strongest conference top to bottom in Div. III," Freeman said.

The Falcons' next match up will be against UW-Eau Claire, a team that the Falcons continually meet and beat in the opening round of the NCHA postseason tournament. This year, with the official naming of the Hunt Arena student section, this season promises to be one of the best seasons for Falcon fan support.

"We look forward to another exciting season playing in front of the home crowd at Hunt Arena," Freeman said.



New faces look to lead men's hockey

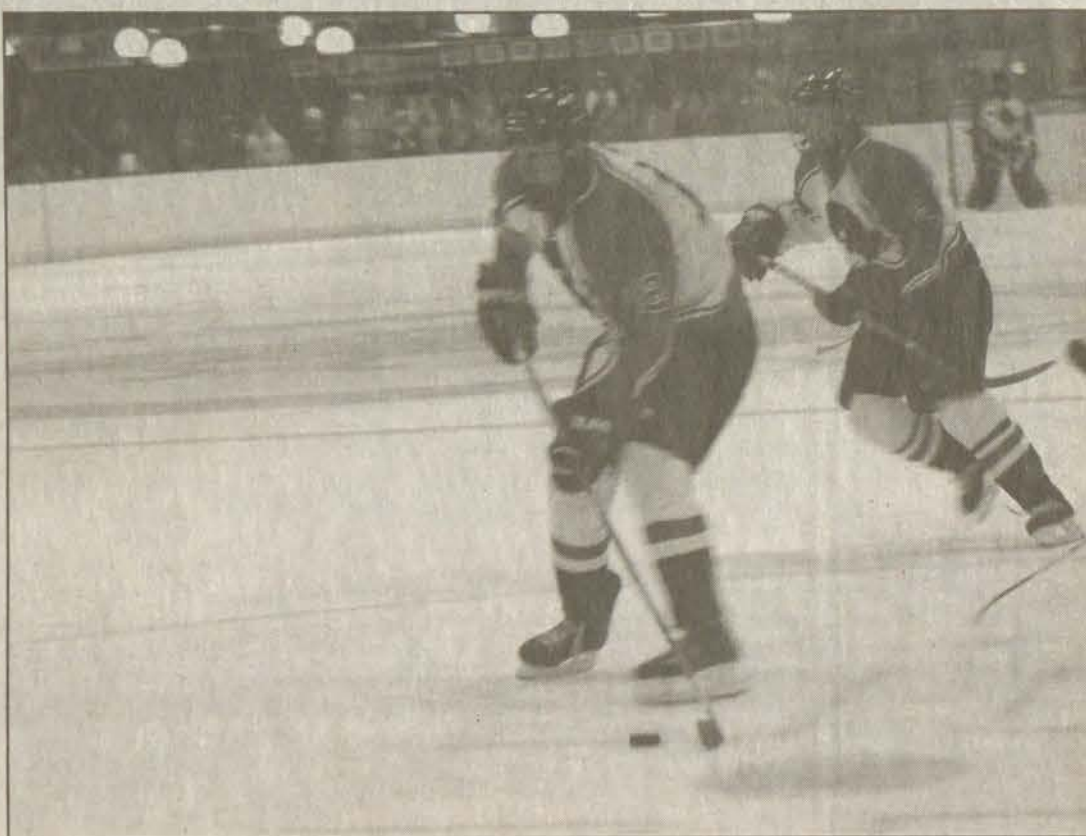


Photo by Micheal Foley
Garrett Larson takes aim against MSOE in the Falcon's first game. The Falcons started the season with a 7-0 win Oct. 23.



Reaching for new goals

Women's hockey team recovers from frustrating rebuilding year

Micheal Foley
Editor

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team enters its seventh after a lackluster rebuilding year in 2004-05. This year head coach Joe Cranston aims to be competitive with conference powerhouses UW-Stevens Point and UW-Superior.

Last year the Falcons finished the NCHA schedule tied for second with Stevens Point at 11-4-1 while Superior claimed the crown at 12-4. Last year the team was forced to fight hard after back-to-back losses to the Pointers to open the season.

"Last year was just an overall frustrating year," Cranston said. "It was the year after we went to the Frozen Four, we were only returning seven players and we never really had the chemistry."

A year later, Cranston sees different things in his squad.

"I know we will be competitive, and we will be in every game we play this

year," Cranston said. "I think we have the ability to be the fastest team this school has ever had. We're not there yet, but have the potential."

With the fast top line of Lindsay O'Keefe, Kelly Hurley and Leah Baron the Falcons will surprise some teams on pure speed alone. After making a move and streaking past a defender, the Falcons just have to make sure to finish the play by putting the puck in the net.

"We'll have to work hard at scoring goals, but these ladies have shown me that they're willing to work," Cranston said.

The team captain, junior Lou Paulson, is no stranger to hard work and will center the second line between freshmen Kristen Juven and Jenna Scanlon.

In addition to team speed, Cranston noted the exceptional goaltending that will be provided by senior Marlene Yaeger and sophomore Amber Lindner. The two have very different styles and Cranston will use who gives the Falcons a better match-up.

"They will both get a lot of ice time,"

Cranston said. "We might go with Yaeger a little bit more because she is a senior and Lindner still has two years left."

In front of the netminders, the team's defensemen will also hold its own, Cranston said.

The defensive core will be led by senior Jenny Kern -- a stay at home defenseman -- and sophomore Jenny Wallace -- the team's best offensive defenseman. Emily Nierenhausen and Kristen Hurly will also act as Falcon s opponent stoppers.

Defensive players who are just now learning the Falcons system include, Renae Bergh and Kacie Anderson.

To be at the top of the NCHA at the end of the season, the Falcons will have to beat Stevens Point and Superior, in addition to an emerging Eau Claire squad.

"Eau Claire had a good recruiting year and they're closing the gap," Cranston said.

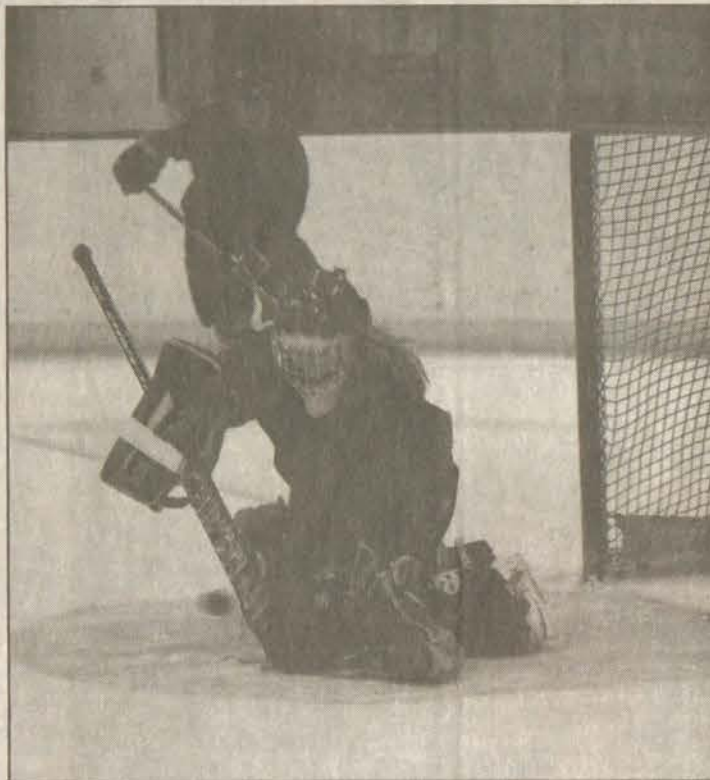
The Falcons open the season on the weekend of Nov. 5-6 against St.

Catherine's on the road and St. Benedict at Hunt Arena. Both are teams that should serve as proper warm ups to the cream of the NCHA crop.

Though he admits other teams have bigger stars on their teams, the Falcons

are still no lie-down-and-take-it team.

"We don't have any superstars," Cranston said. "But that only helps our chemistry with each other and makes that team pretty tough to beat."



Photos by Micheal Foley
(Above) senior goaltender Marlene Yaeger saves a shot during a preseason practice.

(Left) Falcons, look to move the puck up the ice during a preseason practice. The Falcons look to take on the elite NCHA in the upcoming hockey season.



Photo by Micheal Foley
The women's hockey team practices a skating drill. Head coach Joe Cranston believes this team can be the fastest ever at UW-RF.

Conference champs look to avoid big fall

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

"Before we can talk about the upcoming season, we have to address last year," said UW-River Falls men's basketball head coach Rick Bowen.

Last year, the team had a conference championship year led by the Div. III Most Valuable Player, Rich Melzer.

"Rich is a once-in-a-career player, for a coach," Bowen said. "I will probably never coach another player of his caliber ever again."

It isn't only Melzer who the coach feels he will miss going into the next season.

"It's the Micah Helfreys, the Billy Halters and the C.J. Beckers that are going to be missed," Bowen said. "I think Micah was the best point guard in our conference."

The team will have a new look this next year because of all of the guys who won't be returning to the team. Bowen, however, is now faced with a new game plan and must look on.

"What happened last year is over," Bowen said.

Looking on to this season, Bowen has some returning players as well as some new faces. Among the new guys is Dan Torrez, who Bowen believes will be a key perimeter player. Torrez is a transfer from Concordia-St. Paul.

Another new face transferred from Minneapolis Community College. Muris Lucarevic, 6-9, is

originally from Bosnia. "Lucarevic right now is ahead of the others for the big man position," Bowen said. "He is still unproven, but overall I like what I see."

Overall, the coach is looking for leadership from guys like Hans Hoeg and Jeff Holt, to help carry the Falcons though a rebuilding season.

"I hope we move closer to the penthouse than the outhouse," Bowen said. "On paper we have nothing. The preseason polls will be announced at Media Day, (Nov. 4) and don't be surprised if they pick us to finish last. I would pick us to finish last, but

that's not where we will finish the season."

Bowen believes the players will learn to adapt to playing more of a perimeter game, instead of last year's "dump it to the big guy" plan.

Aside from the players and game plan for the upcoming season, the thing Bowen wants to return to Karges Center is the fan support.

"Seeing the fans lined up out in the hall before the game and then seeing the way they got involved was the greatest feeling," Bowen said.

The one thing Bowen hopes will continue into the upcoming season is the Karges Krazees shirts. Even though the students who organized the T-shirts have graduated, Bowen wants someone to pick up the job and keep the tradition of the red shirted fan alive.

"I can't think of anything that has given me so much pleasure in my tenure than showing up in Karges at 6:30 late in the season and seeing the student body filling up," Bowen said. "I truly mean it."

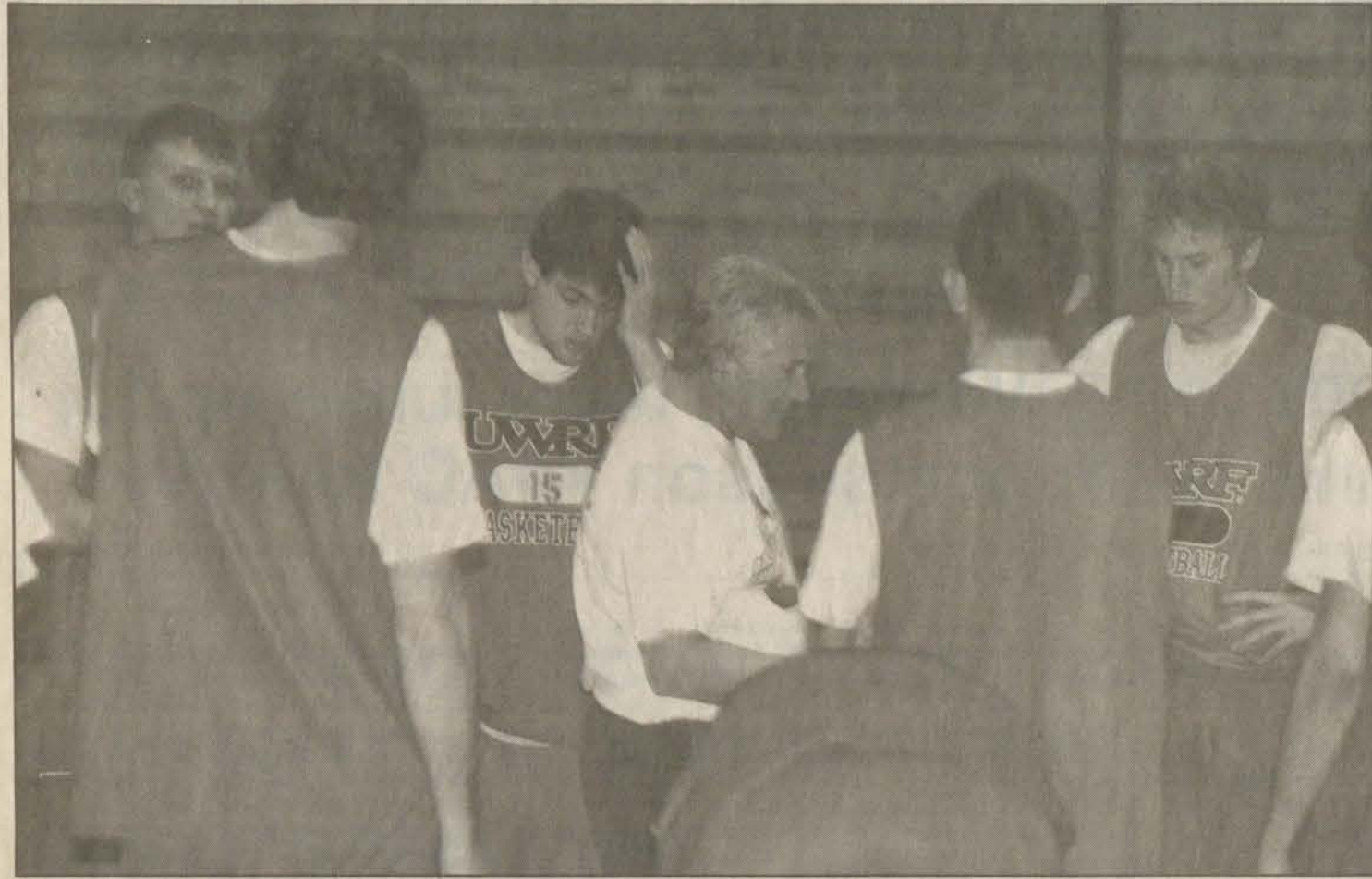
Bowen realizes with new guys he must remain patient and figure the team out early on in the season.

"Expect us to struggle early, and pick up as the season continues," Bowen said. "If we don't bring it every night in this

league, we will get hurt."

Bowen looks forward to games against UW-Stevens Point, which has most of its National Championship team returning this year. He is also looking forward to the textbook games with UW-Oshkosh and the battles with UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire - matches he sees as still kind of special.

"All of us want to succeed this season," Bowen said. "If we all work together, we can get through this season."



Head coach Rick Bowen talks to his players during a preseason practice. Bowen looks to the young team to step up in the WIAC conference this season

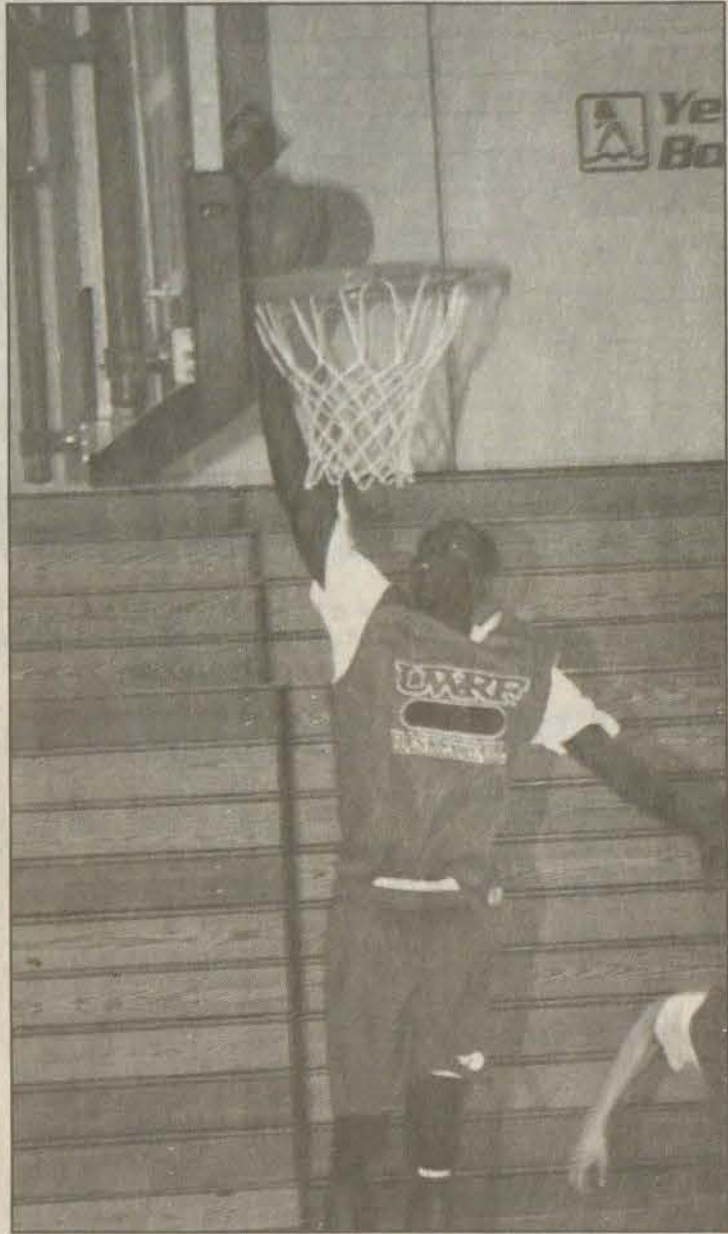


Photo by Eric Ebert
Mark James throws down a dunk in a preseason practice. James is a possible contender for this year's big man for UW-RF.

Lady hoopers looking for luck in 04-05

Rachel Gaynor
Assistant Editor

Falcon lady ballers have taken the court this year with balls in their hands, games on their mind and dreams in their hearts.

Returning 12 letter winners from last year, the UW-River Falls women's basketball team has high hopes for the season. Losing senior Concetta Smith to graduation, juniors Christi Crews and Amber Sickels for personal reasons and freshman Megan Strom and Sarah Kochevar shouldn't have too much of an effect on the team's performance this year.

"I believe that we have the right kids, we just need a little bit of luck on our side," said head coach Cindy Hovet.

Lady luck wasn't on the side of the team on the second day of practice however. Senior co-captain Darcy Olsen fell to the ground after a quick stop and felt a rush of pain to her knee.

Olsen said she should know within the next few weeks about what the injury will do for her final

season.

"Hopefully this injury won't hold me back," Olsen said.

Other teammates sense Olsen's presence on the court as a necessity.

"We need the ball in her hands," senior co-captain Erin Effle said.

The Falcon's are returning many key players from last year that will help out this year.

Effle led the team last year in total points with 326 and is nearing the career 1000 point mark.

Hitting that bench mark is a career plus for college athletes but Effle remains team oriented.

"It'll be nice when I get it," Effle said. "My personal goals aren't as important as team goals."

Hovet is looking for the size inside brought by Effle and sophomores Tracy Reimann and Megan Lindman to bring the ball in the year and grab up the rebounds.

Reimann led the team last year in both offensive and defensive boards, both totaling 213 for the season. Lindman was in the top four for rebounds as well as points.

Having the size inside will be a positive for the season.

"Size inside matches up really well in the conference," Hovet said. "We have one of the best post games in the conference."

Defensively the team is looking good during the pre-season but a team can't win a game without any points on the scoreboard.

Offensively, Hovet is looking to Effle and Olsen to keep up the score but also to other players that saw quite a bit of game time last year.

Hovet said she is looking to juniors Miranda Biteler and Chantelle Melgaard as well as sophomores Gina Astedt and Melane Preiner to throw the ball up and in.

"We have scoring threats out there, they must be aggressive," Hovet said. "I'm looking at Miranda and Chan to score more."

These players however, won't make up the entire team. There are other returners as well as newcomers that can make an impact.

"We have really solid depth right now," Hovet said. "We can run two solid teams."

The team starters have yet to be chosen because it is too early to see how they all fit together, Hovet said. But, with such a deep bench, it will come down to who is playing well that day.

"We have a lot of kids that could start and will play," Hovet said.

Coming off a 2003-04 season record of 13-13 overall and tying for seventh in the conference with a record of 4-12 the Falcons have reflections of the past and goals for this season.

"We know that we're better than the record showed," Olsen said. "I want to go out with a bang and have an all-around good season."

Other teammates feel the same way. "It's time to do it, this is it. This is the team with the most talent and potential," Effle said. "Hopefully we can do it."

The captains and coaches are fired up for the season and want fans to be too.

"I'm excited to get the season going," Hovet said. Watch the lady balers hoop it up at their first home game on Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. against Macalester.

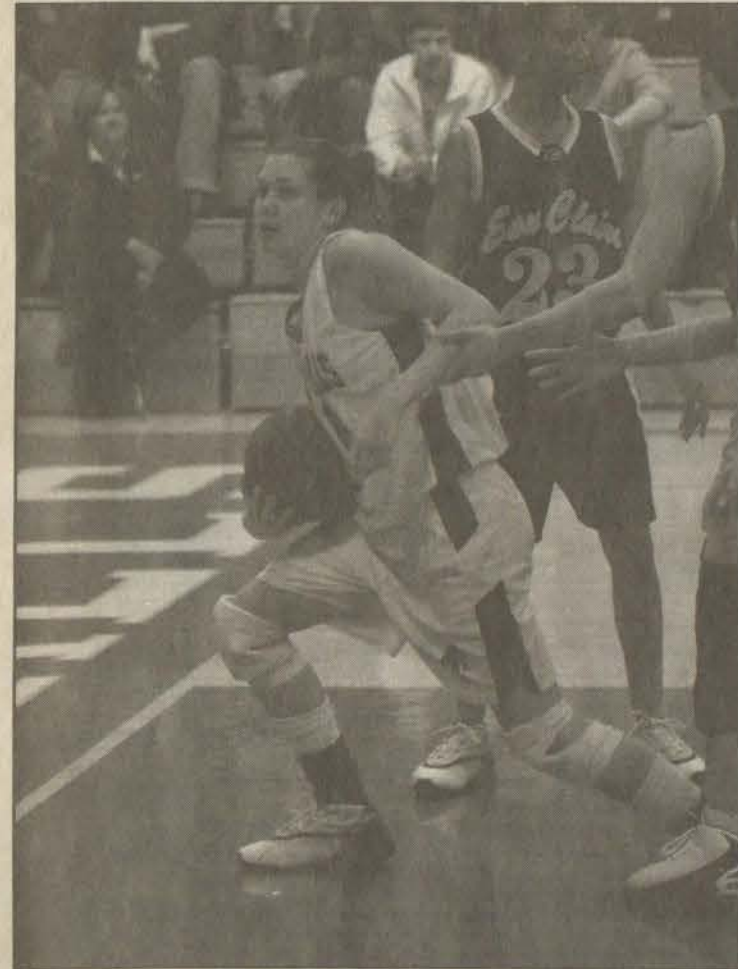


Photo by Jens Gunelson
Senior Erin Effle holds her own against UW-Eau Claire last season.



Photo by Eric Ebert
Traci Reimann defends against teammate Kendra Sticha during a practice. Reimann prepares will bring size inside to take on the WIAC as one of the Falcon's key post players.

Second-half surge pushes Falcons past Devils



Photo by Micheal Foley
John Peterlik runs around the competition in the Falcons Homecoming victory Oct. 23. The team ran for a total of 280 yards in the win against UW-Stout.

All sports should be recognized equally

An important part of sports are the fans, and as fans we want to know how our team is doing and be updated on every game; even if it's a road game. However, if you're a fan of UW-River Falls swimming, you are going to have troubles following the team because there isn't much information about swimming.

Last week the swimming team had its first meet, and as an active sports fan and writer I checked the UW-RF sports information Web site to find out how our teams were doing. I found information on all the sports except for swimming. I was a little confused why there was no swimming because I swore there was an event.

I checked every part of the Web site, even the swimming but I couldn't find any information about the swim team. But I didn't give up, and finally I found information about the swim event on the WIAC Web site. But even when I got there, there was little information and it was hard to read the results. I never did find out how the team did because it only had individual results.

It always seems that smaller sports, like swimming, get little recognition, but bigger sports like football, soccer, basketball and hockey get a lot of recognition. For instance, results of the football game were up immediately after the game. I know it was a home game, but even the away games are up right away. It has already been a week and there is still no information about swimming. If this happened to football it would be a big issue, but this will never happen because it's a big sport. I guess big sports have priority over small sports.

Bigger sports may bring a lot more money into the University while smaller sports drain the athletic department budgets. Because of that the sports information department tends to inform the public about the big sport. If they don't update the bigger sports, then people will stop caring or get mad.

There is only one way to make everybody happy and that is to recognize every sport whether it's popular or not - good or bad. It shouldn't matter if a sport is popular. Every sport deserves equal recognition because every sport has at least one fan and that one fan deserves to know how their team is doing.



LUCAS POKORNY

Season ends for Falcon tennis team

Jenna J. Campbell
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls tennis team ended its season by placing fifth at the WIAC tournament in Madison last weekend. The Falcons placed fifth in the WIAC tournament with 32 points. The Falcons finished behind UW-Whitewater, UW-La Crosse, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Oshkosh.

In singles play, No. 1 Megan Knobloch finished fifth at the tournament. Knobloch's overall record for the weekend of 1-1, Knobloch defeated Serpico of UW-Stevens Point with a score of 6-0, 6-0 for the fifth place finish. No. 2 singles Leah Baron finished third overall at the tournament. Baron's record was 2-1. Baron defeated Riordan of Eau Claire, 6-4, 6-3 to seal her spot at third.

No. 3 singles Amber Weissinger took sixth overall. Weissinger's record for the weekend was 0-2. No. 4 singles Jen Kersten placed the highest for the Falcons finishing second within her flight. Kersten's overall record was 2-1. The only loss Kersten had was in the match

against Seitz of Whitewater, with a score of, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 5 singles, Becky Breise placed fifth in her flight, with a record of 1-1. No. 6 singles, Sarah VandenHoek finished sixth, with a record of 0-2.

In doubles play, the No. 1 team of Knobloch-Baron placed fifth. Knobloch-Baron's overall record for the weekend was 1-1. No. 2 doubles team, Briese-VandenHoek placed fourth, with a record of 1-2. Briese-VandenHoek were defeated in the third place match against Hunt-Riordan of Eau Claire with a close score of 9-7. No. 3 doubles team Weissinger-Kersten finished fourth. Their overall record was 1-2.

The Falcons' overall standing this fall was also fifth in the WIAC with a score of 10 points. The overall standing is a combination of the regular season matches and the tournament results. The regular season accounts for one-third of the overall standing while the last two-thirds is accounted for by the WIAC tournament. The Falcons finished its fall season with an overall record of 10-4, and a 3-3 record in WIAC play.

Pointers clobber Falcon soccer team

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

UW-Stevens Point scored two early goals, only 42 seconds apart from each other in the seventh minute to give the Pointers an early lead. Kimie Wiepz of Stevens Point scored the next three goals, giving the Pointers a 5-0 lead. The Pointers scored one more goal and beat the Falcons 6-0.

The Falcons next play at Nebraska-Wesleyan next Saturday before traveling to either Stevens Point or UW-Stout for the WIAC Playoffs.

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls football team (2-5, 2-2) scored on four out of its last five drives to beat its arch rival UW-Stout 28-10 (3-3, 1-3) at the Falcon Homecoming game Oct. 23. River Falls clawed back from 10 points down in the second half to beat the Blue Devils.

"It was a typical old fashioned River Falls win. It was a great win and we are so proud of our players," said Falcon offensive coordinator Tim Taylor.

Weather played a factor for the second straight week at Ramer Field. Instead of 30-degree temperatures and winds over 20 miles per hour like last week, it was rainy with winds and in the teens.

It was the story of two halves as Stout controlled the ball for almost 20 minutes in the first half, driving inside the Falcon 20-yard-line on its first four possessions. The Blue Devils only came away with three points on the four drives. Stout finally got into the end zone in the third quarter to go up 10-0, but UW-RF responded by scoring on its next three possessions to take a 21-10 lead. Big plays by fullback Nathan Anderson, quarterback Dave Affeldt and running backs

John Peterlik and Jeremy Wolff sprung the three consecutive scoring drives. Stout was within 11 and driving early in the fourth quarter when Falcons senior Matt Farmer recovered a fumble by Stout running back Andy Reese at the UW-RF 2-yard-line. The Falcons controlled the second half, possessing the ball for 21:53. The Falcons sealed the game with an 18-play, or one 80-yard drive that took up almost nine minutes and resulted in a 3-yard touchdown run by Affeldt.

The Falcons finished with 315 yards of total offense: 280 on the ground with 275 in the second half. Taylor thought the difference between the first and second halves was that Affeldt read every play perfectly in the second half and that the offensive line dominated the bigger Stout players, even knocking a Blue Devil lineman into the free safety. Affeldt was forced to play full-time under center because sophomore Andy Kolstad, who Affeldt was splitting time with, went down with a season-ending injury last week versus UW-Whitewater. Affeldt didn't throw a pass but ran for 84 yards on nine carries and scored two touchdowns. Wolff threw UW-RF's only pass, completing it to Peterlik for a 35-yard touchdown.

Peterlik finished with 35 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown. Peterlik also made an impact on special teams returning two kicks for 67 yards with a long of 42. Anderson led the Falcons in rushing with 127 yards on 29 carries.

The UW-RF defense went from bend-but-don't-break in the first half to brick wall in the second. The Stout offense possessed the ball for only eight minutes and turned it over three times after halftime.

"We felt they weren't a very patient team going in, and being able to play the run well and play good red zone defense was huge, and it came to fruition," defensive coordinator Kevin Bullis said.

Senior linebacker Ben Gillett led River Falls with 16 total tackles.

"This was really a game where he (Gillett) had started to become very comfortable with the scheme and his role and he made some huge plays and set the tone," Bullis said.

Bullis credits his seniors with leading the defense through growing pains in learning the new scheme and making it work.

The Falcons, who now sit one game back in the WIAC, will face UW-Oshkosh at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Ramer Field.

Volleyball team tunes up for postseason WIAC tourney

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The 19th-ranked UW-River Falls volleyball team continued to prepare for the WIAC tournament with a 2-2 showing at the UW-Whitewater Invite held last weekend. The Falcons played against two nationally ranked schools, and although they lost both matches, they played both teams tough.

On Friday, the Falcons started against 23rd-ranked Elmhurst. The Falcons took the first game, but lost the next three 27-30, 30-18, 30-24.

30-26. Senior right side hitter Nina Petersen led the Falcons with 23 kills and four block assists. Libero Lindsey Mace finished with 26 digs while sophomore setter Kat Krtnick and sophomore outside hitter Katie Thompson each had 15.

Then the Falcons took on Edgewood, a team with a 3-25 record, and cruised to an easy victory, 30-13, 30-17, 30-23.

The Falcons opened on Saturday with a win against Wartburg, 30-23, 30-18, 27-30, 32-30. Petersen had 22 kills, Thompson 18 and senior outside hitter Logan Kiesch 10. Mace had 18 digs and Krtnick 14. Senior middle hitter Gina Anderson and Petersen had four block assists. Krtnick led the Falcons with 56 assists.

Then they went on to play Central College, the eventual winner of the invite, and lost, 30-20, 31-33, 30-25, 30-11. Petersen again led the Falcons with 17 kills. Sophomore middle hitter Andrea

Geehan and Tressa Gustafson each had nine kills. Mace had 16 digs while Gustafson and Kiesch each had 12. Geehan and Gustafson had four block assists.

"I was pleased in the long run," head coach Patti Ford said. "If we had played a more steady match against Elmhurst, I think we could have beat them, or at least forced a fifth game."

The Falcons will play host to the Trick or Treat Tourney this weekend. The tournament will include WIAC rivals Stout, Eau Claire and Superior, as well as St. Scholastica, UM-Morris, Bethel and St. Thomas.

The Falcons hope to use the tournament to further prepare for the WIAC tournament and the NCAA playoffs. They will open up on Friday with matches against St. Thomas at 2 p.m. and St. Scholastica at 8 p.m. Then on Saturday they will take on UW-Superior at 9:30 a.m., a team they swept earlier this year.

"We want to use this tournament to gain momentum," Ford said. "We don't want any question marks going into the conference tournament."

The Falcons will play host to La Crosse in the first round of the WIAC tournament on Tuesday. UW-RF beat the Eagles at Karges earlier this year (30-19, 30-24, 24-30, 30-25), but La Crosse has been playing well and is currently the 13th-ranked team in the country.

Trick or Treat Tourney

UW-RF volleyball tournament runs Oct. 29 and 30.



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Football

WIAC Standings

Eau Claire (3-1)	5-1
Whitewater (3-1)	6-1
La Crosse (3-1)	4-2
Stevens Point (2-2)	4-3
River Falls (2-2)	2-5
Oshkosh (1-3)	4-3
Platteville (1-3)	4-3
Stout (1-3)	3-3

Oct. 23 results

UW-Stout..... 3 0 7 0 - 10
UW-River Falls..... 0 0 14 14 - 28

1st Quarter

09:49 ST - Evan Larsen 35 yd field goal, 13-57 5:11, ST 3 - RF 0

3rd Quarter

09:15 ST - Nick Ohman 1 yd run (Evan Larsen kick), 9-79 3:38, ST 10 - RF 0
04:39 RF - John Peterlik 5 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 10-70 4:30, ST 10 - RF 7
00:43 RF - Dave Affeldt 5 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 4-60 1:59, ST 10 - RF 14

4th Quarter

13:11 RF - John Peterlik 35 yd pass from Jeremy Wolff (S. Bodurski kick), 3-47 1:31, ST 10 - RF 21
01:08 RF - Dave Affeldt 3 yd run (S. Bodurski kick), 18-80 8:58, ST 10 - RF 28

	RF	ST
First Downs	13	19
Rushing	59-280	43-145
Passing	35	176
Total Offense	60-315	71-321
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Interceptions	2	0
Penalties	4-31	5-50
Possession	31:58	28:02

Individual leaders

Rushing
RF - Anderson 29-127; Affeldt 9-84; Peterlik 11-35; Ward 5-22; Wolff 4-14
Passing
Wolff 1-1-0-35.

Receiving

RF - Peterlik 1-35.
Tackling (Solo-Assist)
Gillett 10-6; Johnson 6-2; B. Baillargeon 4-4; Meyer 4-4; Hampton 3-2; Jordan 3-2; Gray 3-1; Graham 2-2;

Farmer 2-1; Buker 2-1; Retzlaff 2-0; Hoegh 1-1; Neumann 1-1; Larson 1-1; Wolf 1-0; Fjerstad 1-0; Renk 1-0; Acosta 0-1; Malpert 0-1; Agrimson 0-1; Neesvig 0-1

Volleyball

WIAC Standings

Whitewater (7-1)	28-4
Stout (6-2)	23-4
Platteville (5-3)	23-4
La Crosse (5-3)	23-5
River Falls (5-3)	21-9
Eau Claire (4-4)	17-8
Oshkosh (3-5)	20-9
Stevens Point (1-7)	18-13
Superior (0-8)	8-19

Oct. 22 and 23 Results

Whitewater Invite
Team finished 2-2

UW-RF..... 20 33 25 11 - 1

Central College..... 30 31 30 30 - 3

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

Kiesch	4-0-1-12-2
Soine	0-0-0-0-0
Gustafson	9-0-1-12-6
Anderson	8-1-0-1-4
Krtnick	2-45-1-8-1
Geehan	9-1-1-0-5
Mace	0-0-0-16-0
Petersen	17-0-2-9-2
Vandenberg	0-0-0-0-0

Oct. 16 Results

UW-River Falls..... 30 30 27 32 - 3

Wartburg College..... 23 18 30 30 - 1

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

Kiesch	10-1-1-7-3
K Thompson	18-1-0-7-2
Anderson	2-1-0-1-4
Krtnick	4-56-2-14-0
Geehan	11-1-2-6-3
Mace	0-0-1-18-0
Petersen	22-3-1-9-4
Gustafson	0-0-0-6-0

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

Edgewood..... 13 17 23 - 0

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

Kiesch	6-0-2-10-0
Vandenberg	4-0-0-0-1
Anderson	1-0-0-0-0
Krtnick	3-32-2-11-0
Geehan	11-1-2-6-3
Mace	0-1-1-12-0

Petersen 12-5-2-10-6
Gustafson 14-1-3-8-1
Sagami 0-0-0-0-1
Vandenberg 0-0-0-0-1

UW-River Falls..... 30 18 24 26 - 1

Elmhurst College..... 27 30 30 30 - 3

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

Kiesch	7-1-2-8-2
K Thompson	7-2-3-15-0
Anderson	4-0-0-4-3
Krtnick	5-44-1-15-1
Geehan	7-0-0-4-2
Mace	0-3-0-26-0
Petersen	23-0-0-5-5
Gustafson	3-1-0-3-0
Sagami	1-0-0-0-0

Soccer

WIAC Standings

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

Oct. 23 results

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

UW-Stevens Point.... 3 3 - 6

1st half

6:10 UWSP Reese (5) (Frey)
6:52 UWSP Kidd (5) (Kirchdoerfer)
37:58 UWSP Wiep (10) (Van Stippen)

2nd Half

48:15 UWSP Wiep (11) (Frey)
50:13 UWSP Wiep (12) (Frey)
87:52 UWSP Kidd (6) (Chu)

Tennis

WIAC Final Point Standings

1. UW-Whitewater 20
2. UW-La Crosse 19
3. UW-Eau Claire 14
4. UW-Oshkosh 12
5. UW-River Falls 10
6. UW-Stevens Point 5
7. UW-Stout 4

Oct. 22 and 23 results

WIAC Meet

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Cross Country



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UW-RF

WIAC Meet

11 a.m. Saturday

On Saturday at 10 a.m. the Falcons hold the 2004 WIAC Cross Country meet. This is the only meet the Falcons hosted this year. The men's race starts at 11 a.m. and the women start at 12 p.m.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Oct. 29

Volleyball hosts UW-RF Trick or Treat Tourney, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Volleyball hosts UW-RF Trick or Treat Tourney, 10 a.m.

Football vs. Oshkosh, 1 p.m.

Cross Country hosts WIAC Meet, 10 a.m.

Men's Hockey vs. Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.

Soccer at Nebraska Wesleyan, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Soccer vs. La Crosse, 2 p.m. (WIAC First Round Playoff)

Volleyball vs. La Crosse, 7 p.m. (WIAC First Round playoff)

TOP PERFORMERS



Ben Gillett
Football



Nina Petersen
Volleyball

Swim teams look to improve on last year's conference finishes



Photo by Jens Gunelson

The Falcons swimmers prepare to take on the competition during a routine practice.

Katie Bild
Proofreader

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams are going in hard and hoping to come out with a bang this season with a good base of veterans, a crew of talented newcomers and four experienced female divers.

"The season is looking very

favorable," swimming coach Bill Henderson said.

"For women, we have a legitimate shot to place third in the conference, up from sixth last year. For men, the numbers are up, which is encouraging. We lost some good swimmers, but we could go from sixth to fifth, possibly fourth if it's a good meet," Henderson said.

Despite losing Brandon Van Vleet, one of last year's top scorers, the veterans are looking strong.

For the men, distance swimmer Chad Goetsch is the team's top scorer. Also returning are captain Ryan Hawke, who scored in the individual medley and backstroke last year at the WIAC conference meet and Ryan Smaagard, who scored in fly and free events.

For the returning women, captain Rachel Clark was a finalist in last year's conference meet. Also looking strong are Laura Schultz and Kelly Deters, who were consolation finalists last year and are looking to score this year.

"The recruiting class, I have to say, is certainly the best since I've been here, and probably the best in school history," Henderson said. "At least 10 freshmen will score at conference, and three or four have a chance at finals."

Most impressive of the women's recruits are Danielle Cesare, Marissa Merchant,

Maggie Olson, Sarah Foster Jamie Hatch. Tom Fritchen and Sean Gamlen are pretty solid as well. Mike Keyser, a member of the U.S. Paralympic team will also be joining at the semester break.

"The new wrinkle in the equation is four new female divers with experience," Henderson said. "[It will be] for the first time in four years.

With the addition of divers, the teams will be able to make up for points lost in the past at meets and conference.

The new team consists of Jamie Farley, Angela Tuman, Nikki Paumen, and Holly Constant.

The team should have what it takes to do well this season.

"Between the veterans and the freshmen, it's one of the best teams in school history," Henderson said.

The Falcon swim and dive teams compete next at 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at Whitewater.

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Testing results return to future teachers

Education students are required to pass Praxis I test for admission into College of Education

Carla J. Cornwall
Staff Writer

Results from the first Praxis I test of the academic year are beginning to trickle back to students and the education department this week. The Praxis I test is an assessment of competencies required for entrance into the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Passing the Praxis I test has been required since 1998 by the State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to be admitted into an initial professional education program in Wisconsin's colleges and universities. Consequently, the three-part test consisting of reading, math and writing is required for admission to any of the education programs at UW-River Falls. Each section is an hour long and may be

taken either separately on different test days or all together on one test day.

The education department has not received all of the results yet, said elementary education adviser Mike Martin. Generally, 90 percent of UW-RF education majors pass the test on the first attempt, 8 percent on the second, and fewer than 10 out of the 280 admitted into the program have taken more than three attempts to pass the test, Martin said.

The state allows an educational program to exempt up to 10 percent of its students from the test due to extenuating circumstances, such as extreme test anxiety. Many colleges do not exempt anyone, but UW-RF typically exempts 8 to 9 percent a semester after being reviewed and approved by an across-campus committee.

DPI is only concerned with the students meeting the standard score, not how many attempts or what exact scores a student achieves, Martin said. Further, employers may not ask about the number of attempts or actual score, he said.

Students do not have to retake the whole test if they fail a section; they only have to retake the section they did not pass.

Martin offers several tips to help students pass. His first and foremost is to relax.

"Students who have trouble with test anxiety often have trouble with the test," Martin said.

He recommends looking at the College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) Web site to download sample questions to get a feel for the type of questions and time limitations.

Another option to help lessen test anxiety is to take the Praxis I test at a Computer Based Test (CBT) center. The two centers nearest to UW-RF are in Woodbury, Minn. and Eau Claire, Wis. Martin said the advantages of going to a CBT center are not having to worry about filling in the wrong-numbered bubbles on a paper score sheet, not feeling pressured by test-takers seated near by and having the test offered daily. Students may take each part on separate days or all together at the CBT centers just like the paper test offered at UW-RF and other campuses.

Lorri Zuleger, who helped proctor the examinations, empathized with the early hour and stress for the test takers. Zuleger is an information specialist in the personal and professional developmental center in her fifth semester of work-study there.

"It's different for me because I've been on the other side of the test and know what it's like," Zuleger said.

Both the Praxis I and II are offered three times at UW-RF this year. The next two dates are Nov. 20 and April 16. The Praxis II is a content test required for teacher certification prior to graduation.

The April test date usually has the highest attendance, Martin said. This is partly because Martin encourages freshmen to feel comfortable with college life and all its adjustments before taking the test. Transfer students are generally directed to take the Praxis I test as soon as possible. Martin also offers a test-taking strategies workshop in the spring for any interested students who will be taking the Praxis I in April.

Martin said another reason that not many students took the Praxis I and none took the Praxis II this September, is because they have to register in August before they are even on campus for the September date. It is expected that more students will be taking the Praxis II test on Nov. 20 because it is the last test offered in time for students to pass so they can student teach this spring.

The low number of examinees did not surprise Zuleger.

"I don't know if I would have been in an academic mode to take the test yet," Zuleger said.

APATHY from Page 1

The Student Senate doesn't have the same voice at UW-RF.

"Students on campus are poster blind," Huffman said. "A poster isn't cutting it anymore. E-mail isn't cutting it anymore. We rely on the old stand-bys and point fingers when they don't work."

Senator Katherine Leisch agrees. She thinks that students are apathetic in part because students aren't turned on.

"There isn't advertising," Leisch said. "There doesn't seem to be a push and I don't know why."

Senior psychology major, Bethany Dobbs doesn't think the Senate does enough to make itself visible either.

"Even in high school there

were campaigns," Dobbs said. "I remember candidates coming to class and speaking with us about issues at school. That doesn't happen here. It is like they just assume we're going to vote. I honestly didn't even know about the fall elections."

Voting isn't the only problem afflicting the Student Senate. Participation has been another issue. The Senate elections held in October had four candidates

on the ballot even though there were 12 seats available.

The commitment of time might be a reason why the average student is scared away from Senate.

"There are great people out there that we see every day, but they feel like they're too busy to join Senate," Huffman said.

The senators who currently hold seats are not like the average student.

"The folks that are on Senate,

sought Senate out," Huffman said. "We need to extend invitations and get ourselves out there and demonstrate to students why this is a fantastic thing to be a part of."

Fischer says that numbers have never been a problem for UW-La Crosse association vacancies.

"La Crosse is a bigger school, but in my time here we've always had enough students on the ballot," Fischer said. "Even

in our fall elections a few weeks ago, we had 20 students up for the two at large vacancies."

While Huffman agrees that senate has some work to do, she doesn't think participation in senate is a necessity to effectively have a voice on campus.

"I love leadership, but I don't believe you need a title to be a leader," Huffman said. "I think that a lot of times those students are forgotten."



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With George Bush stubbornly determined to go it alone, our allies won't join us. American troops will still be 90 percent of the "coalition." And 90 percent of its dead and wounded.

And the volunteer military will be a casualty of war.

So unless you like the idea of graduate school in Fallujah, we need to pay careful attention to what our president is saying, versus what it really means.

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Comic Strips of the week

BY: Neng Yang

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ON BEAT

The Black Keys strike a high note

I love the word “the.” The, the, the, the, the, the, the. It seems the craze of naming bands starting with the word “the” is still holding strong. The Killers, The Hives, The Vines, The Strokes and The White Stripes have all put out albums in the past year.

The problem with naming a band starting with the word “the” is that soon the “the” bands get written off as just another “the” band. Sadly, I think that may be the case with The Black Keys.

The Black Keys' third release, “Rubber Factory” on the Epitaph offshoot Fat Possum Records, comes straight out of, well, a rubber factory.

The album was recorded in an abandoned tire factory in Akron, Ohio. I've never been to a tire factory, but I would imagine that it is a very dirty, noisy and sweaty place. In other words, it's a perfect place for the blues.

The Black Keys consist of singer and guitarist Dan

Auerbach and drummer Patrick Carney. That may sound like another “the” band named

after the keys of a piano, but the similarities between The White Stripes and The Black Keys end there. While The White Stripes try their best to be Led Zeppelin, The Black Keys sound like they are the love child of Jimi Hendrix, Bad Company, Big Star, R.L. Burnside and Muddy Waters.

“Rubber Factory” is the loudest, crunchiest mushroom cloud of blues I have heard since Mr. Burnside's “A Ass Pocket of

Whiskey.” I had a hard time believing there were only two members in The Black Keys when I first heard them. There are so many bands out there that have four or five members that couldn't come close to the amount of pure noise the Keys produce.

The album's first single “10 A.M. Automatic,” kicks me in the face every time I listen to it.



If The Black Keys are going to make a splash in the mainstream, this song is going to be the cannonball to do it with. It's simply a balls-out rock fest.

The song “The Lengths” departs from the blues style of the rest of the album. It seems to have fallen off a My Morning Jacket album and landed squarely in the middle of the “Rubber Factory.” It's an unusual yet welcome change of pace. A cover of the Kinks, “Act Nice and Gentle” is another track that provides an unexpected twist.

The rest of the album is very bluesy and very rockin'. The standout tracks are “Keep Me,” “Just Couldn't Tie Me Down,” “Grown So Ugly,” and “Till I Get My Way.” The one constant on all these tracks is that Auerbach flails into borderline over-the-top riff frenzies.

“Rubber Factory” is perfect to listen to while doing work on your Firebird or while drinking beers and playing cards. The Black Keys made a blues album that was born in a blue collar graveyard.



BRYAN HARMELINK

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Haunted Hall scares up fun for area youth

Sarah Matara

Staff Writer

UW-River Falls students have the Halloween spirit, which is evident while roaming through the residence halls adorned with ghosts, pumpkins and spider webs.

Cheery pumpkin lights dangle from windows, black and orange crepe paper curtains hang over doors and bats swing from ceilings.

Grimm Hall held its annual “Haunted Hall” on Oct. 28. All of the residence halls welcomed trick-or-treaters from the area elementary schools as well. The events took place from 6 - 8 p.m.

Grimm Hall has been holding its haunted hall for more than 25 years, said Terry Willson, co-director of the Leadership Center.

“They always called it a haunted hall,” Willson said. “If they charged money for it, it went toward some charitable organization.”

Willson, who has worked at UW-RF for close to 29 years, said the tradition started shortly after his arrival. He also said the trick-or-treating in the halls has been going on for more than 20 years.

“We haven't missed a year,” Willson said.

According to a letter sent out to the parents of elementary school

children who attend Greenwood, Westside, Rocky Branch or the Montessori Charter Academy elementary schools, the halls hold costume contests, door-to-door trick-or-treating, games, refreshments and Grimm's haunted house.

Children are assigned to trick-or-treat in one hall, but everyone is welcome to attend Grimm's haunted house. The cost of the haunted house is \$5 per person or \$3 per person with a canned food item.

Attendance varies year to year, Willson said, depending on the weather and how close the activities are to the actual date of Halloween.

“One year we had a Halloween blizzard,” Willson said.

“Attendance was poor,” Willson said.

Willson said attendance improves when the campus events are closer to the actual Halloween holiday.

Some families make the campus Halloween events a tradition. Willson said parents began calling in September to make sure the trick-or-treating and

haunted house are still going on this year.

Carrie Fealy, UW-RF east area coordinator, said this will be the first year the halls will be collecting donations. She calls it “reverse trick-or-treating.”

Fealy also said someone will be stationed at each door of the residence halls to let the children and their parents in, due to the new card access entry.

If a student chooses to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters, it is strictly voluntary, Willson said.

“They [the students] are usually in the holiday spirit,” Willson said.

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“It's a nice community-University event,” Willson said. “There are some rewards in seeing happy kids.”

Junior Shae Desotell feels it is fun for the kids.

“I think it's cool because it gives the kids somewhere to go.”

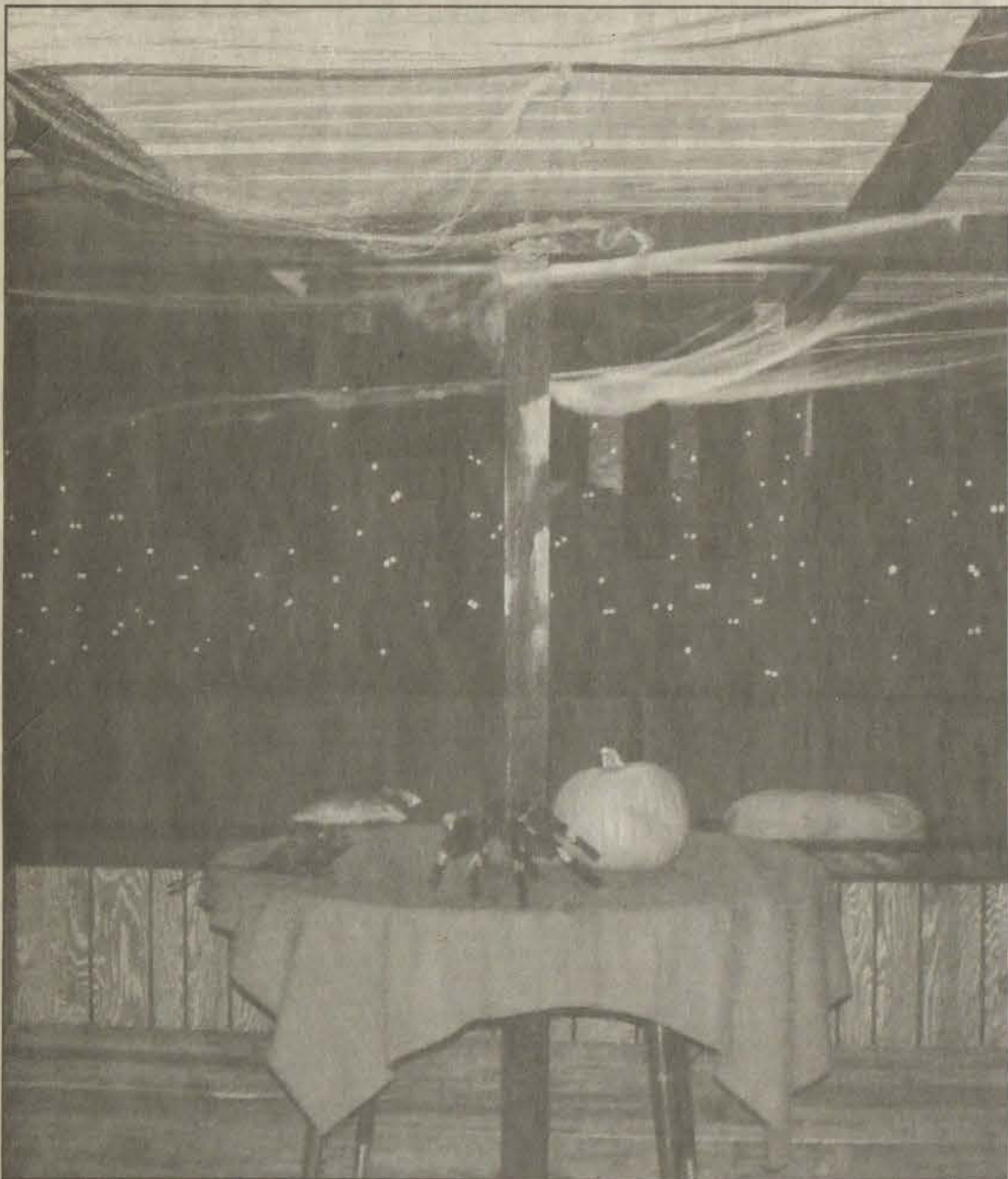


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