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Student faces 14 vandalism-related charges

Three other adults also charged in connection with city lot damage

Jenny Cullen
Assistant Editor

UW-River Falls student Joanne M. Sander, 18, was charged Oct. 8 with 14 misdemeanor counts including criminal damage to property, entry into a locked vehicle and misdemeanor theft in connection with a series of recent vehicle vandalisms in a city parking lot.

The St. Croix County District Attorney's office charged Sander with 14 total counts. Justin J. Waldera, 18, of River Falls; Travis H. Smith, 18, of River Falls; and Nicholas VanHolt, 20, of Hudson were each also charged with 14 similar counts in connection

with the same incident.

Sander and Waldera were arrested Sept. 27 at the Park-n-Ride lot near the junction of highways 35 and 65 near ShopKo. Smith and VanHolt, who both allegedly fled the scene when officers arrived, were later arrested at Smith's 221 E. Locust St. home.

According to the criminal complaint, the four were at a party together on the night of Sept. 27. They left in Sander's car at approximately 11:30 p.m. An 18-year-old male was also in the car with them. The complaint says the group stopped at Holiday gas station before going to the Park-n-Ride.

Statements made by the four individuals to authorities conflict in regards to who allegedly suggested the group go to the parking lot.

The complaint says a father and son were picking up a vehicle from the same lot when they allegedly saw Sander and Waldera smashing vehicle windows and taking things from inside the vehicles.

The complaint says that as the group saw the two men pull up, Smith fled into nearby

woods. The remaining three allegedly tried to get into Sander's car and leave but were "blocked in" by the father's vehicle, according to the complaint.

VanHolt ran from the scene, but the father and son apprehended Sander and Waldera until police arrived, according to the complaint.

An officer reported five vehicles damaged. An officer informed the dispatch center to contact the owners of the five vehicles.

Three of the car owners later arrived and told officers they did not give anyone permission to enter their vehicle or take anything from it.

According to the complaint, Sander and Waldera were transported to St. Croix County Jail.

After speaking with both Sander and Waldera, police located Smith and VanHolt at Smith's apartment. They were arrested.

Sander gave officers permission to search her vehicle, according to the complaint. Upon searching the vehicle, a number of CDs in different cases were allegedly recovered as well

as a leather purse and a black wallet containing a Wisconsin Identification Card that did not belong to Sander.

The maximum penalty, if convicted, for each of the 14 charges against Sander is \$10,000 and/or nine months in jail.

Sander and Smith are scheduled to appear in court Nov. 20 and 27, respectively, for pre-trial conferences.

VanHolt and Waldera were scheduled to appear today in St. Croix County District Court.

In related news, River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said his department has finished its investigation of a series of vehicle vandalisms in the O-lot student parking lot near Crabtree Hall at UW-RF.

Leque said three of the individuals charged in connection with the Park-n-Ride vandalisms have also been linked to the O-lot vandalisms last month.

The reports have been sent to the Pierce County District Attorney's office for review and possible charges.

Officials tout System importance to economy

Eric Henning
Front Page Editor

The UW System is a major player in Wisconsin's economy.

That's the message UW System administrators are taking to the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Wisconsin's state legislature cut the current UW System budget by \$44.2 million. The drastic cuts led to program and hiring cutbacks as well as a two-week admissions freeze on new students last March.

UW administrators refuse to take this cut without making some noise.

Worried about the impact future cuts would have on the UW System, administrators have set out to educate state legislators on the role higher education plays in the Wisconsin economy.

"Every state dollar invested in the UW System returns \$9.50 in revenues," UW System President Katharine Lyall said in a recent news release.

The UW System is dependent on state funding for 32 percent of its operating budget, according to the UW System Board of Regents.

College graduates earn more and spend more, resulting in increased income and sales tax revenue for Wisconsin.

A graduate will earn almost \$1 million more over a lifetime than a high school graduate, according to a recent economic impact study done by Northstar Economics, Inc., of Madison.

"We have an opportunity to make a difference in the economy through education," said Chancellor Ann Lydecker.

However, budget cuts affect the UW System's ability to educate the usual number of students.

According to the economic impact study conducted by Northstar Economics, Inc., the UW System contributes \$9.5 billion to Wisconsin's economy every year.

The state sees a nine-percent return on its investment in a UW System baccalaureate degree via higher taxes paid by UW graduates.

The presence of the UW System generates \$408 million a year in income and sales taxes for Wisconsin.

UW System activities create more than 150,000 jobs, five-and-a-half percent of Wisconsin's work force.

UW System students spend more than \$1.3 billion every year in Wisconsin, in addition to tuition and room and board.

Even still, cuts are made to the budget.

"It may not be so much that the legislature doesn't appreciate us," Lydecker said. "They can't find any easy way to fix the budget."

There was no good way to solve the budget crisis this year, said Wisconsin State Senator Sheila

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City issues

Growth, housing developments cause stir



Scott Wenthe / Student Voice

Large-scale housing developments, like Boulder Ridge (above) on the east side of town near the River Falls Area Hospital, have residents debating the best way for the city to grow in coming years. Plans are being considered for other housing developments in the area.

City Council to decide on latest proposal Tuesday

Maisha Downey
Staff Writer

As the River Falls population grows, so have residents' concerns about the potential for urban sprawl to change the city.

Controversial clustered housing development plans will be presented to the City Council Tuesday.

The development would be a mixture of single-family homes, apart-

ments and town homes on 237 acres of land.

City residents have mixed opinions on the idea of growth in light of the population increase in the last decade.

From his Fridley office, Hans Hagen, president of Hans Hagen Homes, has eyed River Falls as his next place to develop.

Hagen said he has been watching the city grow over the years. He became familiar with the city when his daughter attended UW-River Falls in the 1990s.

Now a resident of Minnetonka, Minn., Hagen said he also lived in Stillwater, Minn., a city he compares to River Falls.

Within the next 10-20 years, Hagen hopes to finish building 500 housing units, a park and a church on Quarry Road near Shopko, on the north end of town.

Hagen said his goal is to attract people to raise their families in River Falls and also encourage UW-River Falls students to stay after college.

Hagen isn't a new name to most River Falls residents. In July 2001 he went before the City Council proposing to build close to 1,000 units on 380 acres of land.

Residents slowly got wind of the plans and made some of their own.

River Falls resident George Williams said he first learned of

Hagen's proposal when he discovered stakes placed on his nine acres of land on Quarry Road. After inquiring, he learned that his soil was being surveyed, and later heard Hagen's name.

"People move from the Twin Cities to River Falls because of the larger lots, low crime rates and small-town atmosphere," Williams said.

Hagen said he agrees those aspects attract people to River Falls but he said people are confused about the reason he wants to build. Hagen said he only caters to demand.

"The developer doesn't create demand, people do," he said.

In Hagen's first proposal, the development would have bordered Williams' backyard. In Tuesday's proposal, Hagen announced the revised plans will have the development on the other side of Quarry Road.

"If developments like this are built, people are going to be leaving River Falls for the same reason they came there in the first place," Williams said.

River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen disagreed.

He said Hagen's plans fall within the guidelines set up for the city's growth 40 years ago.

"The city has had a growth plan since the 1960s. It was revised 20 years ago, and is the main reason River Falls still has the small-town atmosphere," Amundsen said.

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Changes to academic requirements in works

Committee focuses on expanding student abilities; public forums to be held

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Changes in the general education program are gaining momentum with recent progress from the group in charge of reviewing the program's requirements.

The General Education (Gen Ed) committee, a sub-committee made up of Faculty Senate's Academic Policy & Program (AP&P) committee, recently finished a proposed set of goals for the changes in general education program requirements.

The Gen Ed Committee's draft document includes five general goals it thinks the general education program should satisfy. Under each goal is a set of objectives and outcomes desirable to fulfill the goals.

"Those are things that we would be then trying to assess in our students on an ongoing basis," said Dave Trechter, the Faculty Senate chair and professor of agriculture economics.

The five proposed goals are: 1) the ability of students to read, write, speak and listen effectively; 2) the ability to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelatedness among the components of human culture; 3) the ability to understand the principles and methods of quantitative and qualitative scientific reasoning; 4) the ability of students to analyze information and ideas carefully and logically from multiple perspectives; 5) the ability to make judgments with respect to individual conduct and well-being, citizenship, and stewardship.

"We've really tried to create a draft that fulfills a genuine, authentic range of goals that are good

for students, that we really want to have students accomplish in the course of their education here," said Ruth Wood, chair of AP&P and professor of English.

The draft was given to Faculty Senate last week for review, and was discussed at last night's meeting.

Trechter urged members of Faculty Senate, along with anyone else with comments or problems with the draft to offer AP&P their suggestions for improvement.

Trechter said he hopes that a modified version of the draft will be presented to Faculty Senate again within the next couple weeks.

Faculty Senate plans to hold meetings where the entire university-community is invited to discuss the draft document, offering insight and suggestions in its revision stage. The meetings will be held next week Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the International Room in the Student Center.

If the draft is accepted, it will then be presented to Chancellor Ann Lydecker for approval.

Trechter said the next step after the document is accepted is highly crucial to the requirements issue. It involves determining how the new requirements will be implemented.

"None of that stuff has been discussed in any significant way at all," Trechter said. "All the efforts really have been put into defining these sort of philosophical underpinnings of the general ed program."

This step includes decisions on which courses



Dave Trechter

students can choose from and specific classes they have to take, how many courses will be available for each requirement and which academic areas will be represented for each requirement.

Wood said the committee's goal is for the new requirements to become effective for next year's incoming freshman.

Trechter said student involvement in the process is very important in determining general education requirements.

"I really hope and encourage the students to give us the benefit of their opinion about this document and what they would like to see in terms of general education," Trechter said.

He said that although the changes will probably not affect current students, their input is important because it will have an impact on future students.

Wood also said students' perspectives are important in the process because they offer information about the value of their education.

"We want them to be satisfied with it," Wood said.

While no students serve on the Gen Ed committee, there are four positions open to students to be part of AP&P. Wood said their function is to represent students' viewpoints for Faculty Senate.

The sub-committee, made up of past and present AP&P members, consists of 14 faculty members representing all four academic colleges.

He said there is some logic for the lack of communication thus far between the Gen Ed committee to that of the university community. It has to

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Public Safety & Parking Office has moved back to 27 South Hall.

Students interested in the J-Term Mexico program should contact Tony Jilek at anothony.f.jilek@uwrf.edu or Terry Mannetter at terrance.mannetter@uwrf.edu.

River Falls Ambulance Service is seeking EMT's for training, beginning January 2003. For more information contact Jeff Rixmann at 425-0370 or e-mail at rfems@rfaas.org.

Falcon Foods sells products in the Food Science Building. Store hours are Tuesday through Friday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m.

Walk-in tutoring hours are provided at www.uwrf.edu/academic-success/Tutoring/tutor.htm. If you are interested in becoming a tutor please contact Rose Rude at rose.a.rude@uwrf.edu

EVENTS

"Scapino" by Frank Dunlop & Jim Dale opens Oct. 24 and will run through Nov. 2. Show times are 8 p.m. at the Blanche Davis Theatre. Student tickets are \$3 and non-student tickets are \$7.

The General Education Subcommittee and the Academic Policy and Program Committee will be sponsoring forums in the International room of the Student Center on Oct. 29 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and Oct. 30 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to raise questions, share input and voice opinions about the general educations goals, objectives and outcomes document.

Turning Point Speaker, Amanda Schumacher will be speaking on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Chapel (across the street from KFA).

The 4th Annual Turkey Trot will be held Nov. 2. Registration forms are available at Econo Foods, First National Bank of River Falls, and the Health and Human Performance office.

Looking for a date? Crabtree Hall is holding a date auction at 7 p.m. on Oct. 30 at Brandy's.

UWRF-psychology student JoElla Klubberud will speak at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24 in room 119, Wyman Education Building.

The Asian American Student Association is taking a trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts Nov. 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 for transportation. If interested, please contact Mary Vang at 425-4702 or mary.vang@uwrf.edu or Carolyn Brady at 425-3500.

Pianist Ian Hobson will perform works by Chopin and Rachmaninoff Nov. 9th at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

Concerned about the situation with Iraq? Amnesty International will be sponsoring a discussion on Iraq Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center. It will have an open discussion about the situation with Iraq and how we can think and act locally for peace. Please feel free to bring news clippings or other information with you to add to the discussion. Questions? Contact www.uwrf_amnestyinternational@hotmail.com.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Oct. 26 Kelly Asleson - solo singer/rock & pop
Nov. 2 Barb Ryman - folk singer
Nov. 9 My Cousin Dallas - quirky folk, pop & rock
Nov. 16 Joe Nirmaier
Nov. 23 The Mighty Limited

Riversides, Live Music
Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
My Cousin Dallas - quirky folk, pop & rock
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9 p.m. - midnight
Acoustic Open Mic

MEETINGS

If interested in forming a team for the 6th Annual River Falls Relay for Life, please attend the captains' meeting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 6 in the River Falls High School library.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

The Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) is a new organization on campus and invites students to attend its meetings. Students can contact Tristan Davis at 426-9703 or at tristan.r.davis@uwrf.edu for more information.

The Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Meetings are confidential and everyone is welcome.

The Wrestling Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. on Oct. 28 at the carpeted area of the student center. For more information, contact Chris Henning at: chl1t@uwrf.edu.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 17 Student Voice story, "Two more senators resign," it was stated that the Student Senate is working with the Phi Mu sorority on a breast cancer awareness project. It is actually a project of the Student Senate, Gender Equality Council, Women's Initiatives Committee and all the UW-River Falls sororities.

Students dance, play to raise money

Fifth annual Dance Marathon will raise money for Children's Miracle Network

Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

On Nov. 8 and 9 Hagestad Student Center will be transformed into a party zone where UW-River Falls students will play and dance, and raise money to benefit the Children's Miracle Network as a part of the annual Dance Marathon.

Since Dance Marathon began at UW-RF three years ago, students have helped raise over \$25,000. This money goes directly to children at Gillette Children's Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. suffering from birth defects, brain and spinal injuries, heart conditions and diseases like Cerebral Palsy.

"We've raised about \$12,000 each year for the children," said Dawn Gallinger, Involvement Coordinator. "We're hoping to have just as much student support as we have in past years."

One change to this year's Dance Marathon is a switch from a 24-hour marathon to a shorter 13-hour event. In the past the event has been held in the spring, and the switch to fall has left a less time to plan for this year's marathon.

"This has been a transition year," said Dance Marathon Chair Lisa Legenhausen. "Having Dance Marathon in the fall now avoids competing with Relay for Life which is another great fundraiser on campus."

This will be the only year at 13 hours as Gallinger and the rest of the Dance Marathon committee look to change it back to 24 hours next fall. Planning will begin for next year's Dance Marathon following this year's festivities, Gallinger said.

The night will feature entertainment and activities throughout the 13 hours. Panoramic Blue, a coverband who play some original music, will be performing during the night. A Battle of the Bands contest will feature local bands.

Another new addition to Dance Marathon will be the "Murder Mystery Dinner."

"There's a company coming who will set up a 'crime scene' where someone is murdered, and everyone in the room is a suspect," Gallinger said. "It's an intricate murder scheme with spies and clues, and the students will be the actors and actresses in it."

Other events throughout the night will include team building activities sponsored by Kinnconnections, "Old School Olympics," and popular game shows like "Family Feud," "Supermarket Sweep" and "Hollywood Squares."

Amid the fun will be what former Dance Marathon attendees call an emotional and heartwarming display of reality and thanks. Five families, whose children have received treatment from Gillette Children's Hospital as a result of disease or injury, will speak about what fundraisers like Dance Marathon mean to them.

Senior Kate Jents will participate in her second Dance Marathon this fall, and remembers when families spoke at last year's event.

"When the families come out, it starts to really hit home," Jents said. "The



File photo by Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice
Students who participated in last year's Dance Marathon find ways to stay awake and on their feet for 24 hours.

reason you're doing the whole thing becomes so much clearer, and you realize that there really are kids out there who are suffering and need our help."

Gallinger said the speakers are the greatest inspiration of the night.

"I think the biggest impact to participants is to listen to the real stories and see the progress that kids have made through Gillette and things like Dance Marathon," Gallinger said.

The last day to register for Dance Marathon is Oct. 25. A \$15 registration fee is required to cover the costs of the night of events. Students are encouraged to raise more to benefit Gillette.

"We want students to raise as much as they can," Gallinger said. "We want students to check it out if they haven't participated before, and see how much fun the night is."

Legenhausen, a two-year Dance Marathon veteran, wants people to experience the event and be impacted by the message.

"The families are such an inspiration and they keep you on your feet," Legenhausen said. "We really want people to take the time to come out because they really are making a difference by raising as much money as they can and just being there."

Attorney General seeks state's top post

Tiffany Shelman
Staff Writer

Attorney General of Wisconsin, Jim Doyle, is campaigning to be the next Governor of Wisconsin. If elected, his plans for the state of Wisconsin include provisions to help students in the UW-System afford a higher education, reduction of state spending by creating a balanced budget and protection of biotechnology research of stem cells.

First elected in 1990 and winning two successive terms in 1994 and 1998, Doyle served as Wisconsin's Attorney General.

As attorney general Doyle was a national leader in fighting to improve public health and public health standards. His lawsuit against big tobacco companies resulted in a \$6 billion settlement holding the companies accountable for damages caused to Wisconsin residents.

Doyle, as attorney general, won a \$34 million settlement against Publisher's Clearinghouse for its victimization of senior citizens and instituted criminal background checks for handgun buyers that have prevented sales of more than 3,000 handguns to convicted felons.

If elected governor, Doyle plans to address seven areas to improve Wisconsin's economic development: economic growth and income; the people of Wisconsin; creating and unleashing knowledge; attracting capital; improving the business climate; protecting and improving quality of life and reforming state government.

Doyle's plans include students in the UW System and technical colleges.

He plans to protect the quality of state universities by making large investments, retaining "top-notch professors" and encouraging UW System involvement in the community.

Doyle plans to invest in the technical colleges of Wisconsin as some of the most important ways to increase workers' job skills.

Mara Koeller, junior at UW-Madison and an intern with the Doyle campaign, said last year

This is the third article in a series of profiles on the major candidates for governor in the Nov. 5 election

when Gov. McCallum's budget proposal came out with a large increase in tuition for higher education, Wisconsin needed a change.

"One of Jim Doyle's top priorities is education," Koeller said.

Cora Opsahl, a member of "Students for Doyle at UW-RF," said it is time for a change in the governor's office and Doyle will offer the state of Wisconsin and its students that change.

"He is the most pro-student candidate on the ballot," Opsahl said.

Koeller agreed. "I know he won't forget about or ignore the needs of students," she said.

Opsahl and Jason Reeves, also a member of

"He is the most pro-student candidate on the ballot."

- Cora Opsahl, member of "Students for Doyle at UW-RF"

"Students for Doyle at UW-RF," have attended parades and fairs promoting Doyle's campaign.

Opsahl said students should vote for Doyle because he wants to increase grants and student aid and because he supports the need to have a student elected to the UW System Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is an executive board in the UW System that has influence in the policy decision-making process.

Doyle is also supportive of tuition caps, which will allow for tuition to increase a set percentage each year. Opsahl said this cap is beneficial to students because it will ensure a reasonable limit on the increases.

In addition to education issues, Doyle plans to create an economic advisory board to advise him on growth strategies, monitoring economic progress and representing state interests to advance economic growth.

In an attempt to reduce bureaucracy Doyle



Jim Doyle

would eliminate the Department of Electronic Government and the Performance Evaluation Office in the Department of Administration. He says this will make economic development efforts more efficient.

Doyle says he will reduce legislative and executive staff to one staff member per legislator and reduce staff by 20 percent in the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, secretary of state and attorney general.

Doyle would also cut 15 percent of costs from the Department of Commerce.

In addition, Doyle plans to cut in half the four percent fee that the Department of Administration charges for supervising every state building project.

Doyle says he supports biotechnology research and development. He says stem cell and other biotechnology research is a major strength for Wisconsin that should be built upon. Doyle says he will actively promote this work and protect it from being outlawed.

He also wants to expand the state tax credits for research and development to encourage investment.

Doyle is a graduate of UW-Madison and Harvard University Law School.

Before serving as the Dane County District Attorney from 1977-82, Doyle and his wife Jessica served in the Peace Corps as teachers in Africa. Following his term as Dane County's District Attorney, he built his own law practice.

In an effort to improve and protect the quality of life in Wisconsin Doyle says he plans to defend people's rights to hunt and fish, implement a plan dealing with chronic wasting disease and protect Wisconsin's land and water resources.

Doyle wants to increase the five percent tax credit that applies to the Local Arts Endowment, which is a program that advances the importance, development and growth of the arts and cultural activities in all of the states communities.

Doyle wants to make changes to the current budget in Wisconsin.

He would create a balanced budget by reducing state spending while investing in future economic growth and education, to ensure that the state government responds quickly and effectively to citizens' needs.

"He loves the state of Wisconsin and its people," Opsahl said. "I met him once and he cared to know what I thought, and that was neat."

Campus Security

Car stolen from K-lot; drug citation issued

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

A 1992 Pontiac Bonneville was reported stolen from the UW-River Falls K-lot on Oct. 20. The vehicle was later found by officers from the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department. According to reports, the car was not drivable because it

had been driven off-road and into hay bales.

On Oct. 20 a UW-RF public safety officer and a River Falls police officer were called to 280 Hathorn Hall where witnesses reported the smell of marijuana. The officers knocked on the room door and was told to come in. Upon entering the room the officers allegedly noticed empty beer cans and a device made of a plastic bottle

stuffed with dryer sheets. Upon smelling the device the officers noticed the strong smell of burnt marijuana. After questioning and the threat of a K-9 unit being brought to the scene, Jordan W. Banks, 20, produced a marijuana pipe. Banks was cited \$287 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Banks and three others were also cited for underage drinking. Banks was given a \$349 citation for his

second underage offense.

A public safety officer responded to a call from an R.A. that someone was passed out in the bathroom in McMillan Hall. Upon arriving the officer asked Ryan W. Alwes, 19, if he had been drinking. He said that he had a few beers in Johnson Hall. He was then cited \$225 for underage consumption.

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Date auction entertains crowd

Students pay average of \$48 for outings with CAFES peers

Leslie Shuler
News Editor

Fall is an important time of the year for the Block and Bridle Club. The club held its annual date auction last Thursday.

The Royal Showmanship Competition will be held next month.

The date auction was held at Lab Farm 2. About 100 people attended. This was the fifth year of the date auction.

Twenty-one students were listed in the sale book, while three extra students were consigned.

Anyone could participate in the auction. However, most of the students represented organizations in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES).

"The auction went awesome," said Emily Ignatiev, date auction coordinator. "The date auction was the best sale so far."

The event raises money for other events such as livestock shows and conventions, Ignatiev said.

The club made \$1,270 this year, with \$48.84 as the average sale price per lot, according to the sale record book. Last year it raised \$800, Ignatiev said.

Jenny Kohlwey, animal science major, was the top selling lot at \$110. Senior Brock Laufenberg purchased Kohlwey, with senior Dawn Schwingle as the competitive bidder.

"This is a good way to kick off the year and get people to know each other," Ignatiev said.

"The date auction is a stitch," Johnson added. "Where else can you get a date with anyone you want?"

Ignatiev was in charge of the event, from making sure there were people to sell to setting up the facility.

Most club members volunteered their help in planning or setting up for the date auction. About 70 students are members, Ignatiev said.

Block and Bridle club promotes animal science agriculture through learning and experience, Johnson said.

Royal Showmanship Competition

Another major event for Block and Bridle is its annual Royal, a showmanship competition that is scheduled for Nov. 9 at Lab Farm 1.

The contest allows experienced and non-experienced students the opportunity to learn how to prepare animals for a livestock show, Johnson said. Students will learn how to fit, or groom, and handle the animals.

Students can compete as novices or experienced in one or more species areas: beef, swine, horse and dairy.

The champion of each species show will compete in a roundrobin competition, said junior Amy Pichner, club secretary. She said in the round robin competition,



Submitted photo
Senior Wendy Kannel waits for a buyer at last Thursday's Block and Bridle's date auction. The event raised \$1,270 for the organization.

members show their showmanship ability to work with the other animals. The winner in the horse handling show will have a go at handling swine, dairy, beef and sheep, for example.

Novice and experienced individuals will be teamed up so the experienced member can offer expertise on show preparation for the selected species, Johnson said.

"We offer a fitting clinic," Pichner said. "We bring members to the farm and assign animals to work with."

Pichner said the clinic goes through the preparation activity involving working with and fitting the animals for the show.

It's a good way to get students in CAFES involved, Pichner said. Anyone interested can participate in the Royal.

"It's a family event," Pichner said. "We send invitations out to parents of students involved."

In the past there has been about 30 to 40 exhibitors, Pichner said. If interested in participating in the Royal, students should sign up on the Block and Bridle bulletin board in the Agriculture-Science Building or contact Dan Stetzer, Royal committee chair.

There is no entry cost for Block and Bridle members, while the non-member fee is \$10.

The Royal is a good way to meet people, Pichner said. She also said it's a good way for students to work with animals if they are far away from home and is a way to learn about a new species.

"I did the Royal my freshman year," Pichner said. "That's how I got connected with everything."

City issues

Officials look to curb bridge loitering

Maisha Downey
Staff Writer

The City of River Falls' Mayor and Police Chief want to put an end to loitering on city public space.

Groups ranging in age from pre-teen to adults in their 20s have allegedly been loitering on the newly reconstructed downtown footbridge connecting Veterans and Heritage parks behind the Falls Theatre.

River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen said residents and businesses have called to complain about youth activity near the bridge. In addition to the noise levels and obscene language used late at night, Amundsen said people have reported littering around the area.

No citations have been issued, but Amundsen said it's an issue residents feel strongly about.

"I can't validate spending roughly \$250,000 of citizen's taxes on a bridge people are scared to use," Amundsen said.

Amundsen, City Council members

and River Falls police officers are brainstorming ways to deter the loitering.

One suggestion is to place "no loitering" signs near the entrances of the bridge.

The main problem with this approach, said City Council member Carol Robinson, is that loitering is not always a negative action. Robinson said parks install benches to promote loitering. She said only a small number of individuals are making the council consider stricter tactics.

Amundsen said the issue stretches further than just using park benches.

"When groups are gathering [on the bridge], with the sole purpose to gather or hang out, that is loitering," he said.

Another consideration is to enforce park hours on the bridge,



Eric Amundsen

considering it a part of Veterans Park and the White Pathway.

Currently, the park closes at 9:30 p.m., while all other city parks close at 11 p.m.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said he's considered enforcing a public nuisance law, which defines a nuisance as "a thing, act, occupation, condition or use of property which continues for such length of time."

After recently visiting the bridge while on a late night walk with his wife and dog, Amundsen said he approached a group of youths and introduced himself. None of them knew his name or position before that, he said.

In the conversation that night, the mayor asked the group to tone down their language and to find a more logical place to hang out. He also invited each person to call, e-mail or meet with him to discuss their thoughts on the issue.

"I haven't heard from one of them to this day," Amundsen said. "It was a good start though. They need to have the opportunity to talk."

Student Senate

Diversity issues cause concern

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

Multiple pleas regarding diversity issues were heard by the Student Senate on Tuesday. Members of the audience stood up and voiced their concerns that the Senate could and should become more involved in encouraging diversity on the UW-River Falls campus.

Cedric Galbreath, co-president of the African-American Alliance, expressed his eagerness to work with the Senate on diversity issues.

"We're open to suggestions on how we can help with the Student Senate on diversity," Cedric Galbreath said.

One member of the African-American Alliance involved academic materials at UW-RF. One member claimed that an English professor assigned students to read parts of a textbook "Signs of Culture" that included "derogatory" references.

A specific quote of controversy from the English book read: "If you can't speak the English language, then you should go back to where you come from."

The African-American Alliance was also concerned that diversity issues were not being adequately addressed, presently.

African-American Alliance member Terrence Galbreath expressed the group's anxiety that minority students are not always feeling welcome at UW-RF.

"We should pay attention because students are leaving," Terrence Galbreath said. "They don't feel

comfortable."

Terrence Galbreath continued by inviting the Senate to become more involved in diversity initiatives on a personal level.

"I'd like to see the entire Student Senate—not just the diversity issues director—visit and contact the diversity groups on campus," Terrence cated."

In order to help address the group's concerns, the Student Senate invited African-American Alliance members to consider filling one or more of the vacant seats on the Student Senate.

In other related Student Senate news:

—The Student Senate created a set of goals for itself. During the course of the year, the Senate will try to attain three goals:

1. To actively inform and work for students.
2. To start using campus-wide survey information to better serve students.
3. To finish document 36.09(5) for the Chancellor by Mar. 16.

—The Academic Policies and Programs (AP&P) committee of the Faculty Senate is considering dropping the English 115 program. Still requiring final approval, the AP&P suggested dropping the advanced English placement course. Advanced English students would still skip English 111 but then merely proceed to 112, instead of 115. The AP&P is in many aspects of everyday student life, from reviewing class syllabi to establishing which courses must be taken for specific majors.

—The total number of students registered through "Get Out the Vote" has reached 400. Students were registered to vote by "Get Out the Vote" volunteers through Oct. 23.

The Student Senate will meet again Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room.

- Terrence Galbreath,
African-American Alliance

Galbreath said.

Terrence Galbreath also commented on the Individual Campus Plan (ICP) that the Student Senate is currently considering. Though he doesn't like the fact that people would be forced to become involved in diversity issues through the ICP, Terrence Galbreath stands behind the ICP measures and feels they are practices that people should already perform.

"Don't look at it as being forced to do something," Terrence Galbreath said regarding the diversity aspects of the ICP. "Look at it as being edu-

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Editorial

Take advantage: Arts alive, well at UW-RF

For those who've complained there's nothing to do on recent weekends at UW-River Falls, they've obviously spent little time in the Fine Arts building.

The campus community — students, faculty, local residents — have been at the center of a remarkable several weeks of arts-related events, including student performances, faculty plays, guest musicians, dances, lecturers, student concerts and art exhibitions. These stage performances and art exhibits at UW-RF have been exceptional, especially considering the close proximity to professional art houses and acclaimed museums in the Twin Cities.

Of course, this plethora of artistic talent is nothing new to UW-RF. For years it's been considered among the best liberal arts campuses in the UW System.

There's many reasons for this. Talent abounds within the walls of KFA. Student musicians hone their skills at UW-RF and, in some cases, take their talents on the road, traveling the world over. Visual artists display work of professional quality. The monthly exhibits in Gallery 101 are a testament to what's done in the classroom.

People at UW-RF aren't the only ones recognizing that talent. Some students are winning awards for their work in various areas, including theatre.

Case in point: Theatre arts major Moria Clinton has been busy, along with other students, putting the finishing touches on costumes for the play "Scapino!" which opens tonight.

Clinton, who was profiled in a Student Voice story last week, won awards for costume design last year at the American College Theatre Festival in Illinois for her work in the UW-RF production "Crow and Weasel."

So, who benefits from student arts? We all do. One of the pluses to a relatively small university like UW-RF is the opportunity to experience and be a part of events like plays or concerts. Furthermore, students learn and work closely with experienced professionals. There's at least 18 students cast in "Scapino!" Each is getting firsthand experience in the theatre under the watchful eye of director Gorden Hedahl, who's also the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The theatre year was jumpstarted in September by the two-actor performance "Love Letters," starring professors Mike Norman and Meg Swanson. The play raised money for a new theatre scholarship, further proof of an active, growing movement within the university to support the arts.

But theatre isn't the only department worth commendation. Both the art and music departments once again have begun the year with a bang. Two weeks ago marked the 11th annual outdoor art installation, which is admired by not only students, staff and faculty, but local residents as well.

The buzz coming from the music department is the newly organized student jazz septet, "7." Those musicians, who are featured this week in a Student Voice story on page B3, got together, rehearsed and are now playing gigs on and off campus. In fact, they're scheduled to take the stage at 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at Brandy's. They played to a good crowd in Osceola last weekend, and they're working checking out next month.

It reflects well on department faculty and the university as a whole when student talent — whether in theatre, visual arts or music — attracts large crowds from the community. Some UW-RF students have discovered their peers' talent, filling up the seats at recent performances. This show of support should continue and expand.

After all, when the curtain goes up in Blanche Davis Theatre and when the lights go down in Abbott Concert Hall, student talent is in the spotlight.

"It reflects well on ... the university as a whole when student talent — whether in theatre, visual arts or music — attracts large crowds from the community."

Point made with words, not graphic photos

Traveling missionaries failed to evoke intelligent, lasting debate

They came. They yapped. They left.

That's one way to summarize the visit of the Missionaries to the Preborn a few weeks back.

I've been sitting on this topic — the lackluster performance by those anti-abortion folks — for a few weeks, waiting to gauge the student body's response to the recent visit.

There's been little to gauge. Two years ago, UW-River Falls students had a heyday when those preachers graced the campus with their lingering presence, graphic pamphlets and camouflage-clad kiddies.

The crowd gathered outside the student center was large and loud. Students were upset by the preachers' pro-life and anti-gay message. Interestingly, those inarticulate preachers never did make the connection between being homosexual and the abomination they consider abortion.

Nevertheless, students got worked up. More than a few cried on friends' shoulders. Others were so angry they quivered, shouting at the Bible-wielding bigots who were quick to point to scripture — though often out of context — for validation.

Students didn't let up, even when the traveling evangelists packed up their big signs and submissive wives and fled town. Talk continued for days. Letters to the editor of the Student Voice came in

droves.

That didn't happen this time.

Many things were different when those folks took to their bully pulpit on the student center mall Oct. 9.

The most obvious difference this

parts and homophobic rhetoric.

Most people cast off those preachers as a bunch of ignorant schmucks whose intentions were to shock rather than stir intellectual debate. Ignoring them worked, if the goal was to get them to take a

why they drag along "bloody pictures" to their demonstrations.

Trewhella wrote, in part, "May people be moved with compassion for the helpless preborn when they see these photographs and act to see this bloodshed outlawed."

That's probably a fair summation of his argument. However, that doesn't accurately represent the missionaries' diatribe a few weeks ago.

Students realized this. Some even admitted during the demonstration that they agreed with the group's stance on abortion, but thought the preachers were going about it the wrong way.

Shock treatment is purely entertainment; there's no enticement to adopt a certain belief.

It turned people away, created little debate that afternoon and in the days that followed. It's doubtful that anybody was swayed by the preachers' jumbled logic and in-your-face style.

In a story recounting the demonstration in the Oct. 10 Student Voice, UW-RF sophomore Traci Hartman was quoted as saying to one of the preachers: "I was pro-life until I heard you talk."

If they're looking to persuade, Trewhella and his cronies ought to yap less and listen more to comments like Hartman's.

SCOTT WENTE

"Most people cast off those preachers as a bunch of ignorant schmucks whose intentions were to shock rather than stir intellectual debate."



year was a much smaller student audience. And yes, for the most part they were an audience, not protesters. With the exception of a few vocal students, the small gathering stood passively, probably in awe, disdain.

I hung around for the whole song and dance, which lasted only for about an hour.

The majority of passersby stopped only to do a double-take when they saw the preachers' small billboards depicting mutilated infantile body

hike. They left after the lunch hour.

What surprised me was the lack of letters to the editor after the visit. That's the kind of wishy-washy, offensive slop that generates healthy dialogue on a newspaper's editorial pages, yet the Student Voice saw none of it.

I take that back. We got one letter last week, but it didn't come from a perturbed pro-choicer.

It came from Matt Trewhella, the founder of the Missionaries to the Preborn. It was an explanation as to

Green candidate disproves 'two-evils' theory

This morning, I had a column typed and ready for the Student Voice. However, while listening to Cities 97 during my drive to River Falls, I realized that my morning would be spent relaying an articulate quote for this week's Voice.

I've always considered myself a Democrat. In our two party political system, many people claim that the two major parties are so ideologically similar that little distinction can be made between the two. But I believe there are major differences in the issues the two parties represent.

Republicans promote less government in business (while pushing more governmental regulations on our film, television and communications industries, which I find hypocritical), military spending and might, and taxes, taxes, and taxes (less for the rich if you've been paying attention).

I've always felt Democrats have been the strongest supporters of the environment, public education and social programs.

However, after Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli's scandal in New Jersey, I took a good look at the party I felt defined the issues that I've always found important. Although I still feel that many Democrats represent 'my' issues,

some are just as crooked as the Republicans I've always despised.

One of the biggest issues that will be faced by our generation is the quality of the environment. It really is up to us, as the largest generation following the baby boomers, to

aren't necessarily the best bet for ensuring a healthy environment.

For example, an amendment was passed in the U.S. Senate in April of this year called the Carper-Specter Fuel Economy Amendment. The amendment will

Mark Dayton, D-Minn., Russ Feingold, D-Wis. and Herb Kohl, D-Wis., all voted against.

I've never voted for a third party candidate. I always believed that Democrats would promote a healthy environment, and I naively believed in the lesser-of-two-evils argument. But this morning, Ken Pentel, the Green Party candidate for Minnesota governor, said something that changed my view (that's relatively hard to do).

Pentel said, more articulately than I can repeat, that when you vote you should vote for everything you think is important. He also said voting on issues, and not by party, is how democratic governments move forward and progress.

When Nov. 5 rolls around, it's ultimately up to you to be educated on how you'll vote. I'm not one to quickly admit when I'm wrong, but thanks to Pentel, I'll never blindly follow party lines again.

The lesser-of-two-evils argument will never allow all the voices of America to be heard. It's time that we allow a new voice for our generation to be heard, because the issues that are important to our generation have gone ignored for far too long.

JEN CARLTON

"The lesser-of-two-evils argument will never allow all the voices of America to be heard."



ensure that environmental standards are maintained, updated and fully regulated.

The Sierra Club's web site, www.sierraclub.org, has full records of Senate and Congressional votes on important environmental issues. After browsing it, I realized that the Democrats

reduce oil consumption by cars and light trucks by at least 1 million barrels of oil (equal to the amount that the United States currently imports from Iraq and Kuwait combined) every day by 2015.

As for our local Democratic senators, only Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., voted in favor of the amendment.

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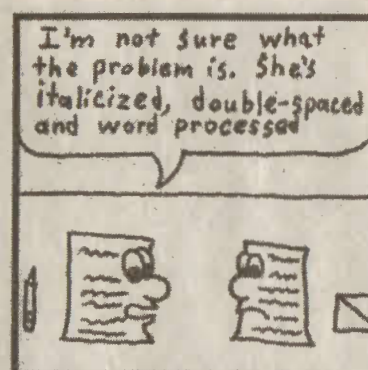
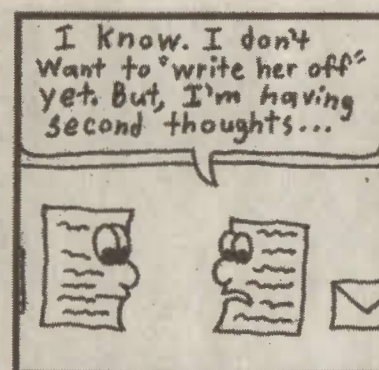
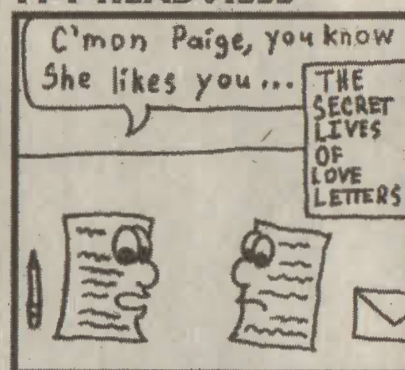
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Letter to the Editor

Organization needed for student groups to succeed

Dear Editor:

Students have power. We also have the right to organize together so our voices can be heard. While some people think that students are lazy or apathetic, I know there are UW-River Falls students who have the will to be leaders.

So, why are so many of our student organizations having difficulties? Why are turnover rates so high in our student government? Why are the College Republicans "having issues" within their group? And where the heck are the College Dems?

Grass Roots Organizational

Skills. Until students are empowered with the knowledge and skills to organize, we will struggle.

How many people did your organization sign up the last time you tabled? What are the best ways to reach your target audience? Can you format an agenda? Do your meetings run smoothly? How do you keep your student organization going strong from year to year?

There are many questions, like these, that we should be asking.

If you don't know the answers—join the club.

Kendra Plant
sophomore

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Media watchdogs sleep while labor suffers

In the first week of October, a gigantic labor dispute between longshoremen and their employers had the West Coast's shipping industry paralyzed. Negotiations failed and by the second week of October the federal government threatened intervention. But after the shipping industry shut down 29 seaports and locked out thousands of longshoremen from their jobs, and President Bush won an injunction against the longshoremen that forced them back to work and reopened the ports, the nation should have been poised for monumental debates on labor.

None were heard.

No in-depth analyses filled the editorial pages. No senators, nor congressmen, nor headlines cried foul. Nothing but Iraq and a rogue sniper elicited national commentary and consideration.

Some major news media briefly touched on the issue: a sparse article or two on the crisis, a mention of President Bush's attempts to resolve the issue, but little analysis and even less debate was offered. Two of the largest U.S. newspapers, The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times each printed few stories on the West Coast crisis. And when they did, they typically focused on the hardships the employers faced with mounting stockpiles, but not on the longshoremen's plight.

The general West Coast calamity boils down to the following: The shipping industry wants to implement new scanning technology for cargo, which is similar to the parcel tracking systems of UPS and FedEx. Shippers believe these instruments will increase speed and efficiency at the docks.

But labor unions see these measures differently. These new technologies fall outside their jurisdiction and would be filled by non-union positions. Labor unions fear that both their employers and the federal government are quietly compromising the interests of longshoremen.

In fact, the Bush administration plays out the most treacherous role

ment has ultimately sought federal intervention in every labor dispute it has considered.

And it did. The next day, Bush asked for and was granted an injunction on the matter. The Los Angeles Times reported that Labor Department Solicitor Eugene Scalia said that presidents have always sought injunctions that result in an 80-day cooling-down period in

back to work without consideration of their concerns for at least the next 80 days. It also means that the shipping industry did not have to budge on their position in order to get its workers back on the job. So what is the incentive for managers to negotiate with their employees, if industry can count on the federal government to take their side?

Manipulating hard-working people for personal profit is wrong. President Bush and the West Coast's shipping industry are, therefore, wrong to exploit longshoremen and their unions. Unions give the average working person the necessary leverage to negotiate with his or her employer. The government should abstain from intervening in labor disputes and, therefore, encourage high working-condition standards—both physically and salary-wise.

By coming to the rescue of industry, Bush has compromised the effectiveness of unions and the quality of life for their members. Senators, congressmen, and newspapers alike should open their suspiciously sealed mouths and condemn the president for taking advantage of workers.

Working-class perspectives need better representation in government and press.

For now, the crisis will quietly fester. The latter half of October is here, the 80-day cooling-down period is in effect, and the longshoremen's missing debate is as good as gone. Discussion about labor issues on the West Coast lies buried beneath a landslide of trivial sniper coverage from the East Coast. Maybe 80 days will be long enough for society's watchdogs to wake up from their nap.



ERIC QUADE

"Government should abstain from intervening in labor disputes and, therefore, encourage high working-condition standards—both physically and salary-wise."

of this fiasco.

Responding to the crisis, Bush sent Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao to mediate the negotiations between the two sides. Chao forged a temporary relief proposal where the labor unions agreed to a 30-day contract extension. But the other side refused to sign on. Instead, the shipping industry held out for the conditions to get bad enough to induce federal involvement.

And when the feds get involved, it is a safe bet that an injunction is forthcoming. Since the creation of the Taft-Hartley Act, the govern-

each of the 11 coast-wide port shutdowns that have occurred since the Taft-Hartley Act was passed in 1947.

The rusty Taft-Hartley Act has not been successfully invoked since Nixon won an injunction against union members in 1971. Rarely do things get so bad that the president feels compelled to intervene.

But even with tensions as high as they are, the president's actions are unwise. Bush's move does nothing but hurt the longshoremen. The 80-day cooling-down period translates into longshoremen being forced

Being cordial key to crosswalk cooperation

Until I came to college, my list of fears was pretty small. Like most of you, I was afraid of normal things like failing, collection agencies, communal bathrooms and institutional food - nothing out of the ordinary.

That has all changed. I don't know about you, but I am now afraid of crosswalks. Yes, that's right, I said crosswalks. Day in and day out, like many of you, I use crosswalks as they were intended. So what has sparked my sudden fear of them? I will tell you.

One morning I was walking to class as many of you were, in the rain no less, but unlike some of you, I had a near-death experience. When embarking on my passage across the street, an oncoming car sped up, crossing my path only a few inches in front of me. I kid you not. And another oncoming car braked, but slid a little. I was several feet out of harms way, but still it was a little scary.

It has been an ongoing joke between a few friends and I that getting hit in a crosswalk meant that college was free. Though amused by the idea of free college, we were never serious.

Now, I am an understanding individual. I have been both a pedestrian and a driver, waiting for the world's slowest person to cross the street. However, I think we have to

meet some kind of agreement that can assure peace and happiness among all of us. Don't you agree?

There are pedestrians who refuse to use crosswalks and instead cross the road wherever and whenever they chose. Pedestrians, this is not only rude to our friendly drivers,

crowd of people, say a group of five, as a whole they are worth 100 points. Well, folks, that game is just pretend. You're not supposed to really try to do such a thing. I know that many of you don't, but there are a few of you who make me wonder, including the guy driving

to fix, but if we all did our part, it would get better. So pedestrians, use the crosswalks. Give a wave of thanks to those who stop for you. If you decide you are far too good for the crosswalks and believe that the unsafe way is the efficient way, well, according to the law, J-walking is illegal and carries a hefty fine, so don't.

Like you drivers, we pedestrians are also in a hurry. We understand your rush, but please consider the time you save yourself by stopping to let people cross the road is far greater than the valuable hours and dollars you'd lose if you hit someone. Besides, you could consider stopping at a crosswalk your good deed for the day, and it just might make your day better. Also consider that if you are in such a hurry to get somewhere, park and drive somewhere other than Cascade Avenue. It's a well-known fact that 10 minutes to the hour, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Cascade Avenue near campus is flooded with students.

Vehicle movement is both slow and quite possibly even more dangerous than the crosswalks.

People, let's do our part. Be nice, share the roads, be safe and have a nice day.



MAILE ILAC

"You could consider stopping at a crosswalk your good deed for the day and it just might make your day better."

but a little unsafe. And because you weren't using one of those trusty crosswalks, this could eliminate a free college ride.

Drivers, you must also work with the system. Very few of you can say you haven't joked about the point system. You know, the one where you say if you hit a pedestrian, it's worth 10 points. If you hit a

the pick-up who almost took me out recently. I'd like to remind you that the pedestrian has the right of way, and you should honor that.

So, out with the point system and those free-spirited, won't-be-confined-by-the-crosswalk people. Let's just all get along and make this world a safer place.

I realize this isn't an easy problem

PHOTO POLL by Jedd Austin

Who is this man?

Abby Krautkramer, sophomore.
"He looks like a cigarette seller. He looks like a Marlboro guy who sits on a horse with a cowboy hat on and tells everyone how 'smooth' the cigarettes are."

Charice Montour, sophomore.
"If he didn't look so mean I'd guess he was a porn star."

Anna Banti, freshman.
"He looks like a drug-addict rockstar."

Vanessa Zamzow, freshman.
"Lead singer of the Foo Fighters. David Grohl."

Matt Svendsen, freshman.
"I think he's in a band, isn't he? It almost looks like the guy from Foo Fighters..."

Lezlie Ballis, sophomore.
"Is it a singer?...Is it the guy from Red Hot Chili Peppers?"

Apryl Jennrich, junior.
"It looks like Tom Green but I don't think it is. He looks too intelligent."

Kati Ovik, sophomore.
"I think it looks like Tom Green"

Melissa Collins, freshman.
"The guy from the Red Hot Chili Peppers?"

Economy

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Harsdorf (R-River Falls). Even though there was a considerable use of one-time money - most notably tobacco settlement money - all state agencies had budget cuts, Harsdorf said.

Budget cuts are only going to get worse.

There will be a projected \$2.8 billion shortfall next year, assuming there are no spending increases, Harsdorf said.

If the economy doesn't turn around, more cuts will be made.

"We may be cut, and if we're cut, every one of us is going to feel the pain in ways far greater than what we've felt this year," Lydecker said.

Harsdorf was not so blunt.

"There is an effort and an interest to do some creative thinking" to come to a budget plan that will not have such drastic cuts, Harsdorf said.

Cuts made now will not be fully felt until a few years down the road when students are using outdated equipment, for example.

It may come down to allowing fewer students to enroll in the future.

"We can cut down the number of students we have in colleges, but long term what is that going to do for the future of the state in terms of the economy?" Lydecker asks.

Development

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Hagen said he wants to develop in River Falls because he was impressed by the growth plan that was already set. He said it shows that the city is responsible and organized.

Hagen said people will move to River Falls whether or not his development becomes a reality. There are two ways that Hagen says the city can handle growth.

"You can allow people to build on larger lots, but the available land will disappear faster," Hagen said. "I'm proposing to cluster the housing in one area to abide by the growth plans."

Hagen's plans meet the requirements and restrictions of the city's growth plan said River Falls City Planner Buddy Lucero.

Lucero said there are three areas of land the city suggests to develop.

One area is south of town where the new high school was built on Cemetery Road; another is the land proposed for a Wal-Mart near the highway 35/65 bypass; and the last is the land surrounding Quarry Road, which Hagen wants to develop.

"You need flat land to build on," Lucero said. "In this case it means land on the edges of town."

A 23-year resident, Williams has observed people moving from the metro to further into Wisconsin. He said people are beginning to overlook River Falls as a place to live and move to other cities like Spring Valley and Durand.

Citizens unite

Williams was upset last year when he found

that many residents were unaware of the proposed Hagen Development.

In response, Williams and several neighbors got together to voice their opinions to the mayor, City Council, and Hagen himself.

The group, known as Citizens for Sensible Growth, grew to over 200 active members by December 2001. Williams said the number is probably still close to that but strongly believes it will easily reach 1,000 people once Hagen makes his latest proposal.

"There are people who don't read the newspaper, so they aren't aware of the developments coming," Williams said. "Their lives are busy, it's not that they aren't concerned."

In order to educate residents, the group distributed surveys around town last November to find what the overall opinion of Hagen's idea was.

Included with the six-question survey was a summary of Hagen's proposal and the pros and cons of the development. The group received a 43 percent response with 90 percent opposed.

Double-sided issue

River Falls Journal reporter Mary Field has covered the Hagen story since July 2001. She said there are many sides to the development issue but not always people willing to voice their opinions.

"Usually the people who speak up about issues like this are in opposition," Field said. "The few that approve usually don't want to speak up."

In his July 15, 2002 letter to the editor of the River Falls Journal, resident David Tostrud did just that.

Tostrud said people assume he would be anti-growth because after his family sold

156 acres of their Cemetery Road property to UW-RF for farming, the University sold it to the school district. The new high school is built on Tostrud's old land.

"It's all a necessary evil," Tostrud said. "You have to let it happen, and eventually you'll see the advantages."

He said that River Falls should take note of how Hudson dealt with their retail boom and still managed to maintain a beautiful Main Street with specialty stores.

He believes development is directly connected to the retail growth. Tostrud, who has lived in River Falls his entire 39 years, believes development is natural because the two things work together.

A stay-at-home dad for his ten-month-old daughter, Tostrud said people have a "shut the door behind you" mentality where they want to have the city to themselves.

Help or harm to college students?

UW-River Falls junior Stephanie Rogers said she was devastated when her hometown Chanhassen, Minn., began replacing farmland with retail development ten years ago.

Chanhassen now has a population of 22,000 and businesses like Target, Byerly's, Office Max, Hollywood Video and several hotels.

"I was so upset when they started building everything," Rogers said. "I didn't want that atmosphere in my city, but I find it convenient

now."

Rogers, an art major, came to UW-RF because of its location, campus and price. Rogers says she is seeing the "Chanhassen transformation" all over again.

Rogers said River Falls can build more houses and grow successfully as long as the city provides enough amenities to maintain a high quality of living for all residents.

In particular, Rogers said that crime rates would probably remain low as long as the city has safe establishments where kids can spend time.

"Chanhassen grew quickly, and townhouses outnumbered real homes, but the city also built a skate ramp and softball fields," Roger said.

No matter what the outcome of the Hagen development is, Williams' belief will remain.

"It's a matter of finding a quiet place before the developers do," he said.

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Education

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do with the nature of the Gen Ed committee's work.

For months the committee has been working on the five proposed goals one at a time. He said the members wanted to define the objectives and outcomes for the entire set of goals before presenting it to everyone.

"If they [the committee] had communicated the outcome of goal one before they had gotten through goal five, that partial information, I think, would have raised more concerns than it would have provided more real answers to what people were looking for," Trechter said.

Trechter said the Gen Ed committee hopes to not only review the change in requirements, but to establish a procedure for the reviewing process.

According to the Faculty Senate handbook, general education requirements are to be reviewed every ten years. The current general education requirements were implemented in 1989 and have not been changed much since, Trechter said.

"What I expect to happen is that this will be an evolutionary change," he said.

He said he hopes these "evolutionary changes" to the program will be an ongoing practice in efforts to improve the general education program.

"I would hope that this [general education program] sort of evolves as new courses are designed and may replace existing courses,"

Trechter added.

He went on to say that one of the problems with the general education program is that it has fairly general goals that should be achieved with the program requirements, but it doesn't have a clear pathway from those goals to the particular general education courses.

"That's what I'm hoping comes out of this process that we're going through right now, is defining that pathway," Trechter said.

Wood said the revisions to the draft would take place within the next couple weeks before AP&P presents it again to Faculty Senate for its endorsement.

"Certainly I think that the document they've produced is a legitimate description of what a good general education program ought to achieve," Trechter said. "I hope that that's going to be broadly agreed upon by the faculty and students."

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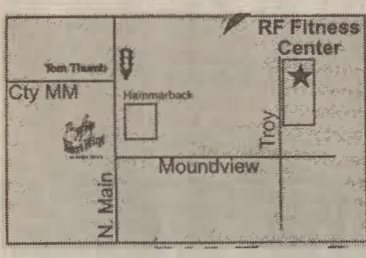
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STUDENT VOICE

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What we need is a Rally Monkey

Both the San Francisco Giants and the Anaheim Angels have risen to the World Series from their league's wildcard spot, but the Angels' triumph in the American League Championship Series was the more paramount of the two. To have a mere appearance in the World Series, let alone the upper hand against the Giants, is something to be spoken of. The organization hasn't seen such intense spotlight in all of its histo-

RYAN BRINKS

ry, so how did they make it happen this year? I don't know, but what I do know is that they have a rampant Rally Monkey that has terrorized opponents at Edison Field and skyrocketed morale during intense, late-game moments.

Meanwhile, on our very own Ramer Field this October, there seems to be something missing at about the time a rally monkey would normally emerge, i.e. the fourth quarter.

(Okay, so I'm comparing baseball to football. I apologize, but really, our gridiron Falcons need something to spark them when it counts — at the end.)

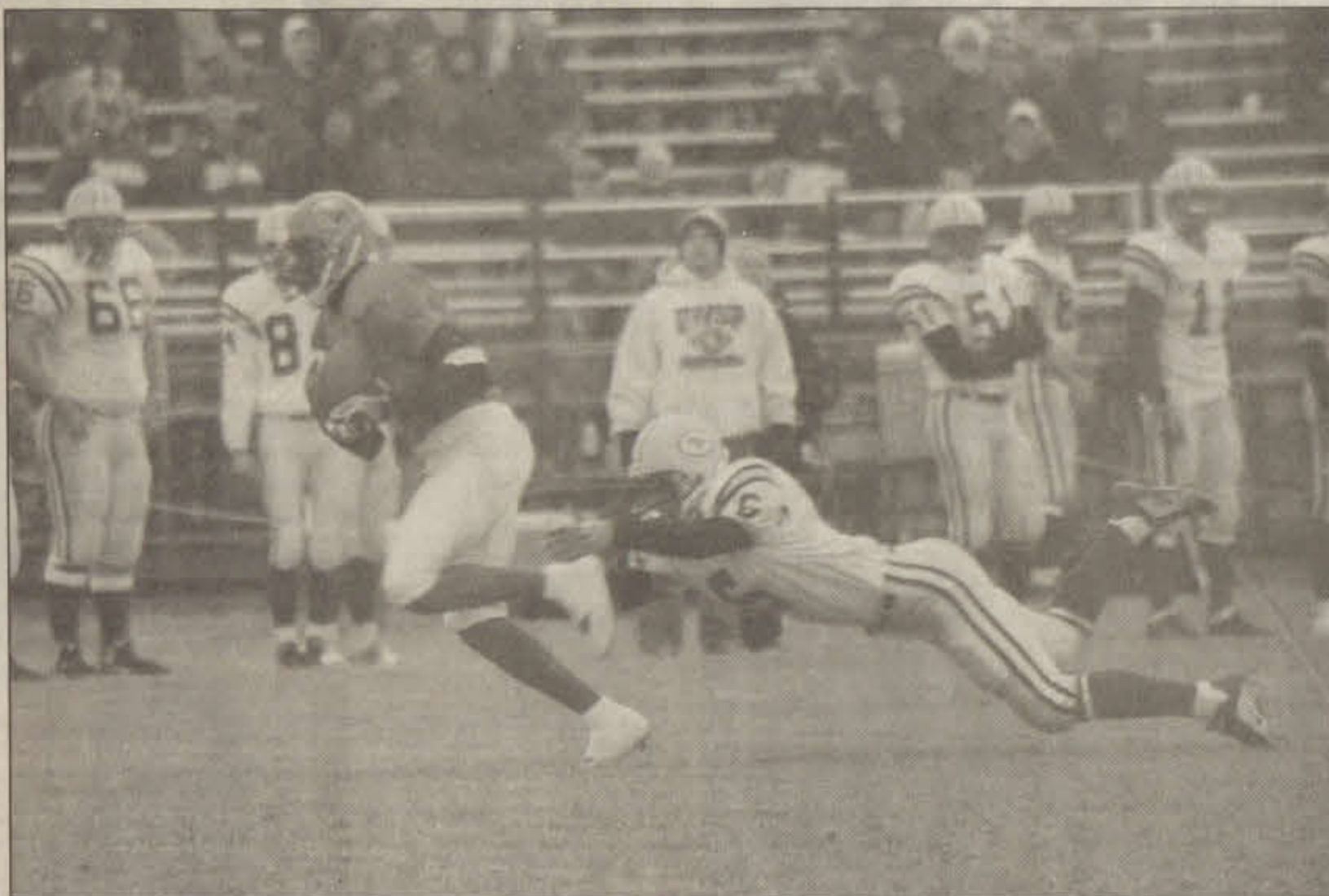
Three weekends ago, UW-RF football stayed within a score of the Warhawks until shortly after halftime. Two weeks ago the Falcons were within a touchdown of the Blugolds midway through the third quarter. And last Saturday, the boys led the whole game up to half of the fourth quarter before Stevens Point surged to the victory.

There's little doubt that the Falcons have the desire to get the big 'W.' Head Coach John O'Grady said after the disappointment in Eau Claire that there was n't any quit in his team, and they definitely came out pumped Saturday, scoring on their first play, picking off the Pointers on their first offensive play, and quickly storming to a 20-0 lead. What we have here, however, is a problem of endurance and enthusiasm. (I could insert a statement right about now that Falcon football fans are more fair-weather than Vikings fans — for people in Wisconsin, I imagine that kind of hurts — but that's a little off topic.) Sure, this isn't the NFL or even Division I ball, but consider this: the cow bells are weak, there is no cannon anymore, and our brave Freddy the Falcon didn't even bother to show up.

What we need is a rally monkey of our own — or a rally chicken, or something. Anything to give the football Falcons a second wind in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Brinks is a senior majoring in journalism

Falcons taken down by late surge



Jedd Austin / Student Voice

Sophomore wide out Weesayma Kennedy slips out of Pointer Jared Flesch's grip to sprint 68 yards for the touchdown on the very first Falcon offensive play Saturday at Ramer Field. However, in the fourth quarter, UW-Stevens Point succeeded in tripping up the Falcons for the 38-27 UW-RF loss.

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

The Falcon football team jumped out to a 20-0 lead and led the entire game until midway through the fourth quarter, but it couldn't contain a late-game UW-Stevens Point rally, losing 38-27 Saturday at Ramer Field.

"If there's one thing that we're going to come out of this season with, it's going to be a feeling that we just are not going to throw in the towel," Head Coach John O'Grady said. "...When guys have tears in their eyes, and they say to you, 'I screwed up, coach,' you can tell that they care about it. If they didn't have that kind of reaction, if they weren't saying what they say to me, that would really hurt me because that would be an indication that they don't care."

"Everybody in society wants to label you either as a winner or a loser, and if you don't have a very good record, you're labeled as a loser. These guys are the farthest thing from it."

The Falcons rushed for 168 yards and passed for 133 in the loss. UW-SP's Cory Flisakowski caught four touchdown passes from Scott Krause to help lead the Pointers to victory. They passed for 219 yards and rushed for 120.

On the first play from scrimmage, Dustin Vogelgesang went right to the passing game and found Weesayma Kennedy, who reached for the reception and

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Women runners top meet competition

Christina Zinck
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's cross country team took first, and the men placed second at the Winona State meet Saturday.

Lisa Traxler and Marlene Yaeger finished first and second as the Falcon women won with 38 points, ahead of UW-Stout's 45. Erik Hanson and Tyler Odden placed fifth and seventh to pace the men's second place finish with 55 points, well short of Stout's 29.

"The girls ran very close together and it was pretty exciting for them to win the meet," Head Coach Don Glover said.

The Falcon men's pack spent the race chasing the harriers from Stout, Glover said.

"Stout is very tough this year," Glover said. "We'd sure like to beat them, but that's not quite the case yet."

Traxler's winning time of 19:40 was also a record for the Lake Park course in Winona. Marlene Yaeger was just two seconds off the pace as she finished second in 19:42. Lisa Barnes placed fifth in 20:25.

Candace Kroells moved up to become the Falcons' fourth runner and finished 13th overall in 21:08.

"Candy has been running in our 6th-7th runner spot, and she ran very well to move up. If we can keep her in that (4th) position, that makes our team a lot stronger," Glover said.

Following Kroells in 17th place was Marian Christen in 21:13. Rounding out the top seven for UW-RF were Sara Rudesill in 28th and Sarah Schoville in 29th. Dana Martin ran as the team's No. 8 runner, placing 31st, with Steph Jicinsky on her heels in 32nd.

On the men's side, Hanson ran 27:58 to take fifth and Odden 28:11 to take seventh as both earned top-ten finishes. Next across the line was Daniel Kessenich in 28:46, leading a pack of Falcon runners that claimed six places in a row. Kessenich finished in 16th; Chris Henning, 17th; Jarrod Vonderharr, 18th; Kevin McDonough, 19th; Matt Olson, 20th; and Matt Hartwig, 21st.

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Jennrich working overtime



Jedd Austin / Student Voice

Sophomore defenseman Sara Sanfilippo reaches to kick the ball past her UW-Stevens Point opponents Saturday at Ramer Field. The Falcons lost in overtime.

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls soccer team won two of three games last week and almost beat one of the top teams in the nation in another close contest at Ramer Field.

The top contest of the week was Saturday against UW-Stevens Point, who has been ranked in the top five in the country all season. The Pointers have won five straight WIAC championships and needed just a tie with the Falcons to claim another.

UW-RF played a solid game, but the Pointers eked out a 2-1 win in overtime.

UW-SP opened the scoring in the 16th minute when Andie Oswald scored. The Falcons tied the game in the 50th minute when Erin Pinewski scored with an assist from Amy Gilfillan to end the regulation time.

UW-SP's Kelly Fink scored eight minutes into overtime to win the game for the Pointers. Molly Cady assisted.

UW-RF goalie Apryl Jennrich made 20 saves and UW-SP's Kortney Krill stopped three shots.

The Falcons defeated Ripon 7-0 Sunday afternoon at Ramer Field.

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Volleyball handed first 'W' in 16 matches

■ UW-Stout jumped to a two game lead, 30-27 and 30-26, before the visiting Falcons countered with a third game win, 30-26, Wednesday. But the Blue Devils wrapped up the match with a 30-27 game four win, stopping the Falcon winning streak at 16

Katie Vangness
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls volleyball team staked its claim as 2002 WIAC co-champions with UW-Whitewater after wins over UW-Platteville Friday and UW-La Crosse Saturday, and the loss to UW-Stout Wednesday.

"We were at the top of our game in every aspect," said Head Coach Patti Ford about the team's 30-16, 30-23, 30-14 win over UW-Platteville.

Junior Krystle Brune led the Falcons with 15 kills. Sophomore Nina Petersen and junior Melissa

Tvrdek each had 14 kills. Karen ZumMallen led the Falcons with 16 digs, and she had one solo block and three block assists. Junior Jen Braun finished with 15 digs. Junior Erin Oberholtzer led the Falcons with 43 assists. Junior Molly Schock had two aces.

The Falcons tied a school record for consecutive wins in a season with 16 as they beat UW-La Crosse 30-21, 30-21, 30-20. The record is shared by the 1995 and 1996 teams. ZumMallen led the Falcons with 15 kills and added 13 digs. Schock led the dig category with 14.

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Melissa Tvrdek (19) and Karen ZumMallen put up a defense against UW-Platteville Friday at the Karges Center. The Falcons won in three sets.

Individuals make a splash; team suffers

Wendy Czuprynski
Sports Information

Both men's and women's swim teams were defeated by the UW-Oshkosh Titans Friday at the first dual meet of the 2002-03 season. The Oshkosh men out-swam UW-River Falls by a score of 116 to 78 while the Titan women beat the lady Falcons with a score of 145 to 72.

Head Coach Bill Henderson was unsure what the teams were going to be able to do against the Titans but knew there were some battles to be won. One of the drawbacks to the Falcons offense against the Titans was the lack of bodies on the Falcon side of the pool.

Each team has the opportunity to have three swimmers score in each event. Out of nine individual events, the Falcons had five events where only one swimmer entered to attempt to score points. Even with lacking numbers, they were able to come up with five individual first-place finishes and one first-place relay finish, along with three second-place finishes.

For the Falcons, sophomore Chad Goetsch hit the wall almost 23 seconds ahead of the second-place fin-

isher in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:46.30. Goetsch also had a fourth place finish in the 100-yard freestyle (55.45).

The junior captains, Brandon VanVleet and Jon Jarvis, racked up 26 points between them in individual events.

VanVleet came within a tenth of winning the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.50. He finished first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.81, claiming nine points.

Jarvis won the 500-yard freestyle (5:40.19) and touched out sophomore teammate Ryan Hawke in the 200-yard individual medley to take second. Jarvis finished with 2:15.84.

Hawke's third place finish in the individual medley time was a 2:16.67. Hawke also took second in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.10).

Freshman Ryan Smaagard had an all-time UW-RF top-ten time in his first two individual swims. With his time of 1:07.18, he took the eighth fastest time ever in the 100-yard breaststroke, also good for a first-place finish. He took another first-place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.98. This placed him ninth on the UW-RF top-ten list.

The women had the numbers to take Oshkosh but were simply out-

swam. There were only two individual first-place finishes, but they did take first place in both relays.

Junior Cassie Fisher reached the wall ahead of the field in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.02. Ashley Crunstedt came in right behind Fisher with a third-place finish of 28.72. In the 100-yard freestyle, Fisher was touched out by a Titan to claim second (59.28).

Captain Megan Broskoff finished well ahead of everyone in one of her specialty events, 100-yard breaststroke. She came in 6.01-seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Broskoff came in just over a second away from her school record time of 1:08.07. Her first 100-yard breaststroke time of the season was a 1:09.37. Broskoff also had a third-place finish in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 12:05.32.

Laura Schultz came in with a second-place time of 2:26.99 in the 200-yard individual medley.

River Falls native, senior MacKenzie Flansch was a part of both first-place relay finishes and took third in the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.26).

The Falcons will next host Hamline on Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the River Falls High School pool.

Soccer

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UW-RF opened the scoring in the first minute of the game when Amy Gilfillan scored with an assist from Amy Soud. Sarah Hoffmann scored the second goal of the game at the 12 minute mark with a pass from Gilfillan. Gilfillan scored three more goals after that. Sarah Hoffman had one more goal, and Sonja Dudley scored in the 87th minute. Erin Pinewski had two assists. Other Falcon assists came from Sarah Johnson and Gina Hawkins. Apryl Jennrich made one save and Ripon's Amanda Boyle stopped 24 shots.

Earlier in the week the Falcons scored a 1-0 victory over Bethel.

Gilfillan scored in the 32nd minute of the game.

Jennrich had four saves while Bethel's Jennie Pulford had one save.

The Falcons are at St. Catherine Saturday at 1 p.m. At 10-3-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the WIAC, the Falcons have one more contest after the Wildcats before moving into the first round of the WIAC Tournament Nov. 5. UW-RF finished the conference regular season tied for third.

Football

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shook off an ankle tackler to go 68 yards to the end zone. O'Grady said the play was a combination of two routes, including the halfback, that was difficult to cover and the throw was right there. Adam Bergdahl added the extra point.

On Stevens Point's first play, Roman Johnson came up with an interception to give the ball right back to the UW-RF offense, but the Falcons were forced to punt after getting to the Pointer 35-yard line.

The two squads volleyed punts until the end of the quarter, when after a fourth-and-one play where John Peterlik avoided a tackle in the backfield to get the first down, Vogelgesang rushed to the corner for an 8-yard touchdown score. Bergdahl's extra point attempt was wide left, making it 13-0.

Three plays later, Nate Hendrickson forced Krause to fumble, and Nic Rue recovered at the Pointer 24-yard line.

Preston Horton rushed for 13 yards, and Vogelgesang went for six before Peterlik put the ball into the corner of the end zone from five out. Bergdahl made it 20-0.

The Falcons had a similar lead slip away last season at UW-Stout, so O'Grady knew it was too early to feel confident.

"You've got to get to the final gun before you feel very good about anything," O'Grady said.

Two plays into their ensuing drive, the Pointers' Krause hit Flisakowski across the middle and he outran everyone for a 66-yard touchdown reception. Pointer Ryan Mullaney's extra point kick bounced off the left upright — no good.

The Falcons' next two drives netted three yards, and then a big Pointer punt return set the stage for a Krause dump over the middle to Flisakowski nine yards out for the touchdown. The extra point veered wide left, making it 20-12.

With under a minute in the half, Krause fumbled again, and Hendrickson recovered for the Falcons. With four seconds to play, Bergdahl missed a 35-yard field

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OCT. 25-31 2002	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
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FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Lisa Traxler

Cross Country

(Sr., Menomonie, Wis.)

The Falcon runner led the women's field as she not only won the race, but did so in record-setting fashion, in a course-record time of 19:40. Traxler has been one of the Falcons top two runners all season.



Lisa Traxler



Ryan Smaagard

Ryan Smaagard

Swimming

(Fr., White Bear Lk, Minn.)

He had a UWRF top-10 time in his first two individual swims against Oshkosh. His time of 1:07.18 and first place finish, took the eighth fastest time ever swam in the 100-yard breaststroke. He was also able to take another first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.98. This placed him ninth on the UWRF top-10 list. He was also one of the team's top swimmers in the team's two meets last weekend.



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Junior quarterback Dustin Vogelgesang returned to the line-up Saturday for the first time since he was injured at Concordia-St. Paul. Here he launches a pass as he gets hit.

Falcons enter, leave WIAC meet at fifth

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's tennis team placed fifth at the WIAC meet held over the weekend in Madison.

The Falcons finished with 24 points at the meet. Combined with the three points the team earned for a 2-4 WIAC dual meet record, the Falcons finished with nine total points to place fifth in the final overall WIAC standings. The regular season finish accounts for one-third of the criteria, while the WIAC meet accounts for the remainder.

At No. 1 singles, Jordan Anderson placed fifth overall and earned a medal. She lost her first match to UW-Whitewater's Jennifer Stamm, 6-4, 7-6. She then defeated UW-Stout's Rachael Weber, 6-0, 6-0. In the match for fifth place she defeated UW-Stevens Point's Amber Wilkowski, 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 2, Amanda Gray also placed fifth and earned a medal. She lost to UW-La Crosse's Jessica White, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 in her first match. She received a bye in the second and won the fifth place match over Stout's Tanya Petcher, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

At No. 3, Mary Metzger placed

sixth. She opened with a loss to Whitewater's Autum Wilkowski, 6-2, 6-2. She then defeated UW-SP's Tiffany Serpico, 6-3, 6-0. But she lost in the fifth place match to Stout's Lauren Patient, 6-3, 6-0.

At No. 4, Meredith Verberne also placed fifth. She lost a first round match to UW-Oshkosh's Lauren Young, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1. She came back to beat Stout's Meghan Fieber, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1. She won the fifth place match over Stevens Point's Gretchen Weddig, 6-1, 6-4.

At No. 5, Megan Knobloch earned a fourth place finish. She opened with a 6-3, 6-2 win over UW-O's Michelle Baur, then lost to UW-Eau Claire's Becky Hollinger, 6-1, 6-4. In the match for third, she lost to UW-W's Maggie Krueger, 6-3, 6-1.

At No. 6, Amber Weissinger lost to Oshkosh's Allison Orzech, 7-6, 6-1, to open her competition. She came back to beat Stevens Point's Rachel Ferge, 6-3, 6-4. But she lost in the match for fifth place to Stout's Tina Rodin, 6-4, 6-4.

In Friday's competition the Falcons No. 1 doubles team of Anderson and Gray placed third and won a medal.

Anderson and Gray, seeded fifth in the tourney, beat the No. 4 seeded

team of Kristen Mader and Erica Schmelzer of La Crosse, 8-5. In round two the Falcon pair lost to the No. 1 team from Eau Claire, Laurie Alonso and Alison Hover, 8-5. In the match for third place the Falcons beat the Whitewater team of Maggie Krueger and Autum Wilkowski, 8-5.

The No. 2 team of Metzger and Verberne lost to the UW-W team of Andrea Alioto and Jennifer Stamm, 8-1. The Falcons then lost in round two to the Stout team of Amy Boyle and Meghan Fieber, 9-7.

The No. 3 team of Knobloch and Weissinger lost to the La Crosse team of Louie Dubinski and Jessica White, 8-1. In round two, they lost to the Stout team of Tina Rodin and Rachael Weber, 8-4.

Volleyball

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Oberholtzer led the offense with 35 assists and four aces.

"We jumped out quickly in the first set, but they did the same in the second. But we stayed steady and made adjustments to come away with the win," Ford said.

This weekend, the Falcons will be

at the difficult UW-Whitewater Invitational: Trinity of Texas is ranked fourth nationally. Whitewater is sixth, Wartburg is 11th, Whittenberg is 16, and Central is ranked 20. UW-RF was ranked fifth in the Oct. 16 AVCA Division III Coaches poll.

"Things seem to be coming together at the right time for us, and this tournament will be a test of that," Ford said.

Winona

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Glover was thrilled that his team ran tight in a pack but is still hopeful that they will move up even further as the season comes to a close.

"The freshmen boys don't want to

give in to one another. They are all running within seconds of each other," Glover said.

Kessenich improved his time and moved up to be the team's third runner for the first time. Meghan McGree improved her time from the last race by more than two minutes.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL		WIAC STANDINGS	
LaCrosse (4-2)	3 0	Eau Claire (5-1)	2 1
Stout (5-1)	2 1	Stevens Point (4-2)	2 1
Whitewater (3-3)	2 1	Platteville (2-3)	1 2
Oshkosh (2-4)	0 3	River Falls (1-5)	0 3
Oct. 19 results			
Stevens Point	0 12 6 20-12	River Falls	13 7 0 7-34
1st Quarter			
14:41 RF - W. Kennedy 68 yd pass from D. Vogelgesang (Adam Bergdahl kick), 1 play, 68 yards, TOP 0:19, SP 0 - RF 7			
00:28 RF - D. Vogelgesang 8 yd run (Adam Bergdahl kick failed), 7 plays, 29 yards, TOP 3:27, SP 0 - RF 13			
2nd Quarter			
13:14 RF - John Peterlik 5 yd run (Adam Bergdahl kick), 3 plays, 24 yards, TOP 1:00, SP 0 - RF 20			
12:49 SP - C. Flisakowski 66 yd pass from Scott Krause (Ryan Mullaney kick failed), 2 plays, 66 yards, TOP 0:25, SP 6 - RF 20			
06:13 SP - C. Flisakowski 9 yd pass from Scott Krause (Ryan Mullaney kick failed), 4 plays, 30 yards, TOP 1:14, SP 12 - RF 20			
3rd Quarter			
03:11 SP - C. Flisakowski 16 yd pass from Scott Krause (Scott Krause pass failed), 16 plays, 85 yards, TOP 8:36, SP 18 - RF 20			
4th Quarter			
14:52 RF - John Peterlik 28 yd pass from D. Vogelgesang (Adam Bergdahl kick), 7 plays,			

67 yards, TOP 3:19, SP 18 - RF 27	Eau Claire (17-8)	4 4	Platteville (2-13-0)	1 5 0
14:28 SP - C. Flisakowski 68 yd pass from Scott Krause (Ryan Mullaney kick failed), 2 plays, 68 yards, TOP 0:24, SP 24 - RF 27	LaCrosse (19-6)	4 4	Superior (1-15-0)	0 6 0
08:33 SP - Scott Krause 1 yd run (Ryan Mullaney kick), 9 plays, 71 yards, TOP 2:15, SP 31 - RF 27	Oshkosh (16-15)	3 4	*WIAC Champion	
04:25 SP - Scott Krause 1 yd run (Ryan Mullaney kick), 7 plays, 26 yards, TOP 2:43, SP 38 - RF 27	Stevens Point (6-20)	2 6	Oct. 20 results	
TOTALS		SP RF	Ripon College	2 0-0
First Downs	17	12	River Falls	2 0-7
Rushing	48-120	54-168	Scoring Summary	
Passing (Att-Comp-Int)	22-11-1	14-5-1	1st Half	
Total Offense	70-339	68-301	1:00 RF- Gilfillan (Soud)	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-2	12:00 RF- Hoffmann (Gilfillan)	
Time of Possession	27:32	32:28	34:00 RF- Gilfillan (Pinewski)	
Rushing Leaders			2nd Half	
RF- Peterlik 16-80; Horton 20-58; Aguirre 4-23			48:00 RF- Gilfillan	
SP- VanderVelden 16-84; Flisakowski 14-32; Krause 13-9			69:00 RF- Hoffmann (Johnson)	
Passing Leaders			81:00 RF- Gilfillan (Pinewski)	
RF- Vogelgesang 5-13-1-133			87:00 RF- Dudley (Hawkins)	
SP- Krause 11-22-1-219			Oct. 19 results	
Receiving Leaders			Stevens Point	1 0 1-2
RF- Peterlik 3-58; Kennedy 1-68; Enerson 1-7			River Falls	0 1 0-1
SP- Flisakowski 4-159; Kielblock 4-49; Stoehr 1-10			Scoring Summary	
Tackle Leaders			1st Half	
RF- Hoegh 6-5; Miska 6-4; Hendrickson 4-5			16:00 SP- Oswald	
SP- Haffele 11-5; Maney 9-1; Maxwell 8-2			50:00 RF- Pinewski (Gilfillan)	
VOLLEYBALL			Overtime	
WIAC STANDINGS			98:00 SP- Fink (Cady)	
*River Falls (24-3)	7 0		Oct. 17 results	
Whitewater (24-3)	7 1		River Falls	1 0-1
Stout (22-5)	5 2		Bethel College	0 0-0
*Stevens Point (12-0-2)		7 0 0	Scoring Summary	
Eau Claire (14-2-1)	6 1 1		1st Half	
River Falls (10-3-2)	4 3 1		32:55 RF- Gilfillan	
Whitewater (8-6-2)	4 3 1		2nd Half	
Stout (5-3-5)	1 1 4		No Scoring	
Oshkosh (6-8-1)	3 3 1			
LaCrosse (4-9-0)	1 5 0			

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STUDENT VOICE

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Ryan Brinks

Left: Sophomore forward Steve Moe slides to a halt behind the net as he searches for the best place to pass the puck.

Below: Sophomore goalie Steve Witkowski takes a quick break from practice Tuesday to grab a drink of water. Witkowski and freshman Dan Meneghin will battle to back up starter Jacques Vezina.



Even with everyone back, the Falcons will have the fight of their lives against NCHA teams like Superior and St. Norbert

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

If anything is safe to assume in the highly competitive NCHA, it is that the 2002-03 Falcon men's hockey team has the talent to win at least 18 games.

"We have our entire team back intact from last year [18-9-2], including our veteran goaltender, Jacques Vezina," Head Coach Steve Freeman said.

Vezina is closing in on a number of UW-River Falls career goalie records and will anchor the traditionally strong defense with the Falcons two-time All-American defenseman Adam Kragthorpe.

"It is a veteran team, and we expect those guys to perform at a high level," Freeman said.

Offensively, the team's top scorer, sophomore Josh Schlipp, returns with help from a new batch of guys who were recruited to put the puck in the net. Soliciting goal scoring talent from the United States Hockey League (USHL), Freeman brought three impact freshmen to the ice at Hunt Arena.

The "hard-nosed, two-way player" who captained the USHL's Rochester Mustangs, Aaron Degerness, has impressed coaches with his work ethic and leadership. His former Roseau, Minn., teammate, Jesse Modahl, will step to the front lines of the Falcon offense with a high card in skill after helping his Sioux City Muskateers

claim the USHL championship. And the Des Moines Bucs product, Nate Hansen, offers both sides of the puck some size at 6-foot, 180 pounds, as well as strong athleticism.

"We need to bury some more pucks. Last season we led the NCHA in team defense and we want to continue that trend if we can, but we need to finish better around the net and score more goals," Freeman said. "We hope we've addressed that in some of our off-season work and improvement from the returning players and then these new additions."

Two other newcomers to the Falcon hockey scene will solidify the goalie situation behind Vezina, now in his final season.

Hailing from British Columbia, Canada, British Columbia Hockey League all-star Daniel Meneghin offers UW-RF three years of experience in the crease. Meanwhile, Steve



Above: Defenseman Ryan Vieau (left) pursues forward Josh Magnuson in a drill during practice Tuesday at Hunt Arena. Above left: Mike Salmela fights with Jamie Steinert for the puck behind the net last Wednesday during the first of two inter-squad scrimmages.

Left: The Falcon white and red teams line up against each other for a faceoff in the Wednesday scrimmage.

Below: Defenseman Marc-Andre Lalande gets checked into the seamless glass by a teammate Wednesday at Hunt Arena. With the new technology, the boards and glass will flex up to a foot outwardly upon impact.



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— Head Coach Steve Freeman

"That gives us a lot more depth at goaltender and pushes Jacques (Vezina) a little bit. I think that's going to be a real healthy situation," Freeman said.

After a season of unreached poten-

"We were very up and down, and we were a little disappointed in the way we ended last season," Freeman said. "Now with an older team and some seniors on our roster, I think that'll really motivate us a little bit more as far as the guys just being a little more eager and ready to go all the time, realizing that this is their last season."

In terms of personnel, this Falcon team has the feel of a league title contender, which is the least one could say of the new feel of Hunt Arena. Equipped with brand new dasher board technology that debuted at the Salt Lake City Olympics earlier this year and is featured by five top NHL teams, including the Minnesota Wild, Hunt Arena was the premier collegiate arena to install CheckFlex with GlassFlex. Upon impact, the new

Witkowski joins the Falcons after posting Vezina-like numbers in Waterloo and what coaches have called spectacular play at times at Bethel College.

tial culminated in a fourth place finish in the NCHA playoffs last year, six Falcon seniors have one last chance to take River Falls back to the Frozen Four.

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Falcons

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dasher boards and glass will move as much as eight to 12 inches at the top. The old boards didn't move much at all, so fans standing at the boards will have to adjust by moving back.

The Falcons also have renovated locker rooms that allow the team more open space.

Although Freeman doesn't think the improvements to his squad make UW-RF vulnerable to overconfidence, he does assert that the NCHA could yield as many as four or five ranked teams in the nation and hopes the Falcons are among those teams.

"Obviously, with everybody back, our depth and experience is going to be very helpful in this tough league," Freeman said. "The constant battles and fear-some competition within the NCHA really forces every team to play at a very high level."

The season opens Friday and Saturday night against the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

NCHA play follows on MSOE's heels as the Falcons embark on a four-game road trip to UW-Eau Claire, St. Stevens Point, St. Scholastica and UW-Superior beginning Nov. 1.



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After winning the 2002 NCHA Peters Cup Championship and the 2002 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey National Championship, UW-Superior Head Coach Dan Stauber expects the 2002-2003 season to be extremely challenging. "We had to recruit five new defensemen to replace the four we lost from last year's championship team," Stauber said. "Those four defensemen provided a lot of leadership, and that is hard to replace. We only recruited three new forwards. We feel that our strength will be in our offense in returning our top goal scorers." Stauber also expects the goaltending to once again be solid as Nate Ziemski

SUPERIOR

returns for his senior season; and three more are capable of backing him up. "Every team will be eager to beat us this season, especially since we are the defending national champions," Stauber said.

UW-Superior will once again play a grueling schedule that includes two non-conference match-ups with St. Norbert and games with MIAC foes St. Thomas, Augsburg, St. John's and Concordia-Moorhead in addition to the always treacherous NCHA schedule.

The Yellowjackets open defense of their national title when they host St. Scholastica on Oct. 25 in a non-conference match-up.



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a year ago in Phil Cherneski and Mike Lucenti. The two forwards finished in a tie for fourth place in points on last year's team, racking up 18 a piece. Also returning on offense is senior forward Ian Sgambelluri. With 17 points a year ago, Sgambelluri finished sixth on the Eau Claire team.

One thing the Bluejackets will definitely miss this year is last season's points leader, Jamie Minor, who totaled 11 goals and 19 assists, first in both categories. LaForest feels the strength of the Bluejackets' offense and goaltending will help overcome the loss.

Despite the return of 18 letter winners and the experience they possess, the Bluejackets team has only six senior players.

This will surely set them up for the years to come and give them a solid chance to improve upon their 12-13-2 record from a year ago.

With a great combination of offense and goaltending, first year Head Coach Jean LaForest looks to improve upon the Bluejackets' solid season from one year ago. He comes into the season with an arsenal of experience and youth.

With 18 returning letter winners from a year ago, this year's hockey team looks strong. Heading that list is senior goalie Scott Sutton, who led the Bluejackets last year with nine victories and a goal against average of 2.95. Also returning is the powerful defensive duo of Rob Ouimette and Chris Hunter. Ouimette, although a defenseman, brings plenty of offensive potential to the ice. Last season he was second on the team in points, piling up ten goals and 12 assists. Hunter finished seventh on the team with a total of 16 points. This year's team also consists of a pair of high flying offensive letter winners from

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NCHA COACHES POLL RANKINGS

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After going through the NCHA unbeaten in 2001-02, the St. Norbert Green Knights and Head Coach Tim Coghlin face a tall order for an encore in 2002-03. Of course, the Green Knights are aiming for their fifth NCHA regular-season championship as well as a return to the NCAA Division III tournament. With 20 returning lettermen along with a promising crop of newcomers, St. Norbert should again be in the mix atop the NCHA. "When you add a couple of very talented freshmen with a lot of depth by position, this is the deepest we'll have been since I've been here," Coghlin said, who enters his tenth season in De Pere with a 167-74-20 record. "If freshmen put seniors in the bleachers, that process makes us a better team. We could have waited and not recruited, but we don't want to be young and start over with young guys next year." Last season, St. Norbert finished with a solid 23-5-3 overall record and was a sparkling 12-0-2 in the NCHA, becoming only the second team in the 21-year history of the league to survive the slate unbeaten. The Green Knights suffered a tough overtime loss to UW-Superior in the Peters Cup championship, then dropped three points to the Yellowjackets in a NCAA Division III Tournament quarterfinal series and had to watch their rival go on to win the NCAA Division III championship. If any team is primed to tangle with NCHA foes for another league title it's the Green Knights, who return 75 percent of its scoring from the league's leading offensive club in 2001-02 and is the only team in Division III to have three returning All-Americans. Reigning NCHA Player of the Year and All-American Maris Ziedins leads the way up front, having scored 21 goals and 20 assists for his second-consecutive 40-point season a year ago. Ziedins, a senior, carries a 14-game scoring streak into the new campaign.

ST. NORBERT

Other top scorers returning include sophomore Jason Deitsch, 13 goals and 25 assists for 38 points, junior forward Faron Duthie, 17-19-36, sophomore Andy Trann, 17-10-27, and senior Kyle Peterson, 12-15-27.

Freshman Connor Hughes was the America West Hockey League (AWHL) MVP last season with Fernie, while Jon Schultz was the MVP of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) with North Battleford.

Defensively, St. Norbert had a strong unit last season until injuries ravaged the corps in the second half of the season. The Green Knights had the second-best defense in the NCHA last season and also had a penalty kill of 86.5 percent.

Sophomore All-American Jim Underwood proved valuable on the blue line with four power-play goals. Senior Brant Kersey was an All-NCHA selection.

Senior captain Lennie Rampone and senior John Donnelly, who both missed substantial time late last season with injuries, are healed and ready to go.

"Our strength should be our d-corps," Coghlin said. "It's a veteran group with NCHA and NCAA tournament experience, and you bring in a guy like Kevin Wilson (senior transfer from Lake Superior State University), this is the most complete d-corps we've had ever, no doubt in my mind. Opposing forwards will find this group very difficult to play against shift after shift."

Between the pipes, junior goaltender Ryan Gill is the Green Knights' third returning All-American.

Last season Gill fashioned a 16-2-3 record with a 2.11 goals against average. In his career, Gill owns a 26-4-4 record. Junior Chancy Colquhoun was 6-3 last season with a 2.81 GAA.

Freshman Eric Van Den Bosch will also be added to the stable.

"Having the third goalie in the mix is a kind of wild card," Coghlin said.

"Chancy got the most games as a freshman, Ryan the majority as a sophomore. The starting job is up for grabs when you have three instead of two."

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There weren't many teams playing better hockey at the close of last season than the UW-Stevens Point men's hockey team. With an 8-1-2 record over its final 11 games, the Pointers hope to ride that momentum into the 2002-03 season, and with 18 returning letter winners, the pieces are in place to continue their winning ways. UW-Stevens Point finished 18-9-1 with 15 freshmen on the roster and its only loss during the final stretch of the season coming in overtime in the NCHA semifinals to eventual NCAA Division III champion UW-Superior. Leading the way for the Pointers offensively will be a pair of All-NCHA forwards in senior Zenon Kochan and sophomore Mike Brubna, who led the team in scoring as a freshman with 22 goals and 17 assists. Kochan was second on the team

STEVENS POINT

with 14 goals and 15 assists. Seniors Nick Glander, 12-8-20, and Joel Marshall, 7-10-17, will also provide leadership up front, along with sophomores Ryan Kirchhoff, 12-15-27, and Ryan Feil, 9-7-16.

Defensively, the Pointers will be led by senior Josh Strassman, 4-10-14, and sophomore Sean Leahy, 3-11-14, an honorable mention All-NCHA selection last season. The Pointers will need to replace two-time honorable mention All-NCHA defenseman Randy Enders.

The biggest loss for the Pointers is goalie Bob Gould, who graduated as the second-winningest goalie in school history.

However, junior Ryan Scott has been a solid performer the past two years and posted impressive numbers last season with a 2.45 goals against average and .906 save percentage.

LAKE FOREST

senior season, tied for the team lead in both goals and points. Junior Adrian Wong led the team in assists and tied Bruni in points. Bryan O'Connor, who is back for his sophomore year, matched Bruni's goal total.

Sophomore goaltender Joel Cameron, who recorded 62 saves in a single game, the third-highest single-game total in the nation last year, will return and is expected to share net-minding duties with fellow sophomore Cody Brown.

With a formidable line-up nearly complete, Fritz looks forward to filling the small holes and getting the 2002-03 season underway.

"We didn't have any gaping holes to fill on our roster," Fritz said.

"But each player needs to continue working hard and getting better. With a few important newcomers, we could be a vastly improved team."

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The Saints' schedule does not favor them with 15 of 25 games away from Mars-Lakeview Arena, but Borys feels that this is a blessing in disguise.

"Being on the road does not bother me. Since we are so young and new, it will be nice to get on the road and let the guys bond. This is a good opportunity for us to build the team chemistry we need to be successful."

The Saints' schedule also provides some familiar faces in non-conference play, which Borys feels will help develop his team.

"We are going to play single non-conference games with NCHA rivals UW-Superior and UW-River Falls. Playing UW-S and UW-RF, two teams that are mainstays in the top four of the NCHA, can only help our guys get better. To be the best, you need to beat the best, and right now, UW-

S is the best. Our players need to see the best opposition possible to show them what it takes to be successful in the NCHA. It may take a little time ... but we will get there."

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The Blue Devils will look to shake off a season that went the reverse of the previous season, taking a dip in the league standings.

Jeff Dotson returns in the net after one of the most exciting Blue Devils seasons for a goalie. Dotson gave Stout their first win over UW-River Falls in more than 20 years by stopping 57 shots and was named the national player of the week. Dotson also set a school record in goals against

STOUT

average, finishing the season with a 2.94

The Blue Devils return much of their scoring punch, bringing back four of their top five scorers, including leading scorer Mitch Kellin, junior, and third leading scorer Nathan Legler, junior. Kellin punched in 16 goals and 15 assists, while Legler had 15 goals and eight assists. Transfer Charlie O'Hearn, junior, added some punch with seven goals and 15 assists, while senior Drew Nichols added five goals and 11 assists.

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Women's Hockey
Preview

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New local ice arena leaves rink time at Hunt for figure skaters

Other community and university programs benefit from the opening of the new local rink

Anna Permann
Staff Writer

Hockey has always been a big deal in River Falls, both in the community and on the UW-River Falls campus.

A majority of the traffic at UW-RF's Hunt Arena has been from Hockey players, leaving program's like figure skating left in the shadows. But the new local ice rink will give ice skaters the chance to step into the light again.

The community youth program has faithfully used the ice for their pee-wee bantam games, the high school has practiced and played many games there over the years as well.

Programs like figure skating and skating schools are programs that arena manager Steve Stocker wishes they would have been able to provide, but they have been pushed aside because of the demand of ice time for hockey.

"These are things that we've wanted to do for a long time, and it is really nice to finally be able to offer them," Stocker said.

However, with the new River Falls Youth Hockey Association Arena across from the River Falls High School, Hunt has the opportunity to provide more variety for the University students and the community.

There were several renovations done to the arena over the summer, and with the community teams no longer using their regular ice time, other programs have been able to come in and take advantage of the ice.

One of those programs is the UW-RF Figure Skating Club. It's in its first year and has received a positive reaction.

"I like the fact that they have added more clubs for students to be involved in. This is a good experience for both people who haven't

skated before and want to learn, as well as those that just want time to improve," said freshman Leah Baron, who also Falcon hockey.

The process to add the figure skating club was a lot simpler than senior club president Nikki Hanson thought it would be. "I just filled out all of the information to add a club last year and found out we were approved," Hanson said. "I was not aware how easy it is to start something on campus."

Right now, the club of 15 women is structured like an open skate session. They skate Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

UW-RF student Katie Hagen appreciates the convenience of having ice time so close.

"I like the fact that they have start-

ed a club here in River Falls. I am used to driving a half hour to get to ice," said Hagen. "At the rink where I used to skate, usually there was a limit of 20 people on the ice at a time. Here, there might be a half dozen. I get a lot more accomplished."

Hanson agreed.

"It is more just an opportunity for skaters who skated in high school to keep skating throughout their college careers," said Hanson.

Hanson wants to bring in experienced coaches to teach skating clinics in the future. She is also willing to help skaters find coaches.

"I'm very excited about this," Hanson said. "I wish I had started the club as a freshman. Hopefully it will continue to be a successful program."



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

Freshman Leah Baron skates at Hunt Arena Tuesday evening. The UW-RF Figure Skating Club is in its first year and has 15 members.

Jazz septet makes some noise



Kyle Weaver / Student Voice

Members of the student jazz group "7," are from left: Jason McLean, Tyler Anderson, Jared Jarvis, Troy R. King and Michael Cain. The group is scheduled to play Nov. 22 at Brandy's.

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

For "7," the new jazz septet at UW-River Falls, it all started with one.

Michael Cain, the group's leader and vibraphone player, was looking for help last April with his senior recital.

As part of his independent study in jazz improvisation, Cain, himself a percussionist, needed a jazz group to perform some of the music he had composed for the recital.

After the recital, keeping the group together seemed almost obvious.

"We had such a great time we decided we should continue playing together," Cain said.

The group, most of whom are musicians with more than ten years of experience, is made up entirely of undergraduates and alumni of UW-RF. Many of the group's members are a part of the UW-RF Jazz Ensemble.

The group's repertoire consists of a variety of jazz, Latin and funk music, half of which are original compositions and the other half jazz standards, or arrangements of "tunes people know," Cain said.

Cain, who composes most of the group's music, is a fifth-year senior majoring in music. Cain said he got his start in music about 10 years ago as a percussionist in an Irish pipe

and drum band.

Though he has only been studying jazz music for the five years he's been at UW-RF, Cain said jazz has quickly become his true passion. Cain said he is most influenced by jazz artists such as Horace Silver and the Dave Holland quintet.

In addition to jazz music, Cain has also studied opera, which he calls his other passion. In fact, Cain is currently in his second season with the Minnesota Opera Chorus.

"Vocal music has helped me develop an ear for melody," Cain said. "Actually, a lot of my arrangements are from vocal pieces."

The group made its first appearance last Friday at the St. Croix Art Barn in Osceola, Wis.

Billed as "The Michael Cain Septet" at the gig, Cain said their new name, "7," reflects the fact that their creative process is very much "autonomous and democratic."

"It's kind of an open process," said Chris Lecher, the group's trombone player. "Anyone who wants to contribute does."

Lecher, like most of his band mates, got his start in music at a young age. He found a beat-up old trombone in the closet of his parent's home.

His parents, both former music teachers, were more than willing to give him lessons.

Troy King, a UW-RF junior who plays alto saxophone in the group,

said he has also been playing for more than 10 years.

"Jazz is my true passion," said King, a music education major.

King said he plans to teach someday, but he would also like to put together a jazz group of his own on the side.

King is also a member of a saxophone quartet on campus that is hoping to play at the World Saxophone Convention next July in Minneapolis. The quartet is currently preparing a recording they must submit by Dec. 1 in order to play at the convention.

"Making it to the convention would be awesome," King said. "Hopefully we can get our act together by then."

David Milne, an associate professor of music, said he's enjoyed working with the group members both individually and collectively.

"I've heartily encouraged them and their love of jazz," said Milne, who directs the UW-RF Jazz Ensemble. "The group is an invaluable experience for each of them."

And it is an experience that is definitely going to be open ended Cain said.

"We're seven creative musicians," Cain said. "Anything is a possibility."

"7" will perform at 4 p.m. on Nov. 22 at Brandy's in the Student Center. Admission is free.

Horoscopes

By Staff Psychics Craig Corsten & Jedd Austin,
who have this thing with death

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graphics
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

As much fun as it is to chase squirrels around campus with a video camera trying to get them to recite popular song lyrics, you might want to reconsider how you spend your free time. There are better, more productive things to do, like watching TRL or sitting at your computer talking to your high school friends on Instant Messenger.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Well 'ya know what, Mean Gene? You've been walking through the dark valley of death, brother, and you've crossed that river of pain, brother. You've stared the grim reaper right in the eye, brother. But you know what, brother? You have 50,000 Hulkamaniacs behind you, brother, shouting your name every step of the way, brother, taking their vitamins and saying their prayers, brother. What you gonna do, brother, when Hulkamania runs wild on you, brother!

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You sent your resume to Salon Selectives a long time ago and they still haven't got back to you about being in one of their shampoo commercials. Sometimes the truth hurts, but don't take it too hard; you know you're sexy and that's all that matters. Besides, you just got off the phone with Econofoods and they want you to come in for an interview. Concentrate on this new goal. Go for it.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Watch out for angry groundskeepers. They are the eyes of this campus. When you think nobody saw you throw your cigarette on the ground, they saw it. Their many weapons of mass destruction—lawnmowers, chain-saws, rakes and shovels—can make your life hell.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You should try drinking beer with a straw if you are a gemini. I heard you won't be able to feel your feet if you do it. If you do try it, let me know how it goes. I want to try it but I'm broke and can't afford any beer right now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You're a little down now because the Twins CHOKED. It'll be OK. You can go ahead and drop off the bandwagon now. Just like you did with the Vikings. Really, it's OK. We expect that sort of thing from Minnesotans. It's not like anyone expects you to be loyal to a sports team that isn't winning. That'd be respectable and everyone knows the only state less respectable than Minnesota is Illinois.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

When you and your bros are walking down the sidewalk and you say, "What's up ladies?" to some passing girls, don't get too down on yourself when they look at each other and break out laughing. It's probably not you...uh...it's probably that they're just mean girls and you didn't want to talk to them anyway.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

You know what will be really scary when it happens to you next week? You'll go to close your drapes because it's bed time. No that's not the scary part! When you get to the window and look outside, there is going to be a very scary clown sitting on the other side of the window. Don't worry though he doesn't want to hurt you. He just wants to scare you a lot.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

Do you know what I like? Processed chicken patties. You put one in the microwave and a minute later you're sitting down and enjoying a wholesome chicken dinner. I'd recomend a tall glass of 1% milk to accompany it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The ram-type creature that is pictured over here ----->
Did you see it? He's over here ----->
OK, I'll draw the arrow again. Follow the line ----->
He's going to kill you.
Have a good day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You walk downtown and see two college guys who thought it would be fun to walk down Main Street drinking 40s out of paper sacks to try to impress the ladies. The only problem is that it's October and no "ladies" are walking by. "These guys are sad," you think to yourself. You go home and read US magazine to catch up on the latest gossip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

In some of my horoscopes I've casually mentioned the fact that I like to drink beer. This little horoscope is more the point. Roll out the barrel and lend me your ear. I like beer. It makes me a jolly good fellow. I like beer. It helps me unwind and sometimes it makes me feel mellow. Makes me feel mellow. Whiskey's too rough, champagne costs too much, vodka puts my mouth in gear. You like beer too. We should hook up.

The 'leadership trail'

Conference provides opportunities

Mariah Fairbanks
Staff Writer

Leadership... Make a Trail" was the title for this year's leadership conference that was held on Friday Oct. 18 from 6 to 12 p.m. in North Hall.

"We are trying to expand leadership opportunities for the student population," said Tricia Solem, a pre pharmacy major.

UW-River Falls has been trying to give students reasons to stay on campus during the weekends.

"One reason this is on a Friday, is because we are trying to get students to stay here on the weekends," said Emily Ronning, the Leadership Training Coordinator. "You can never say there is nothing to do here."

This conference accomplished exactly that goal.

"It was a positive activity," said Pat Gieseke, a senior from New Ulm, Minn. "It was well worth spending my time here tonight."

The evening began with students, staff, and members of the community describing what leadership was to them by saying only one word.

"It was an interesting beginning although I thought that it would have been better if they had said more than one word to describe it," said Ben Jipson, a freshman from South Range, Wis.

Attendees chose three programs from a list of 18. Some topics included resume building, a mock parliamentary procedure, goal jars, and a program called Wrong Side of the Tracks.

"Some of the programs were very emotional," said Caroline Martin, a pre-med. student. "The whole conference was well put together though."

After all the programs ended there was a trust walk from North Hall to Knowles. Students were told to get in groups of three and one had to lead the other two who had their eyes closed.

Once at Knowles, students participated in team building games. The climbing wall was opened as part of the team building activities.

"I think that the students who helped put this together are happy

with the results and they have a sense of accomplishment," Ronning said.

The conference was free to attend, and there were snacks afterwards. Students were welcome to stop by at any time during the event.

"The conference was fun, and yet it made you think," said Jordan "Scooter" Liethen, a sophomore from Wittenberg, Wis.

While students may think that they shouldn't attend because they don't think that they are leaders, others say that they should attend this conference to prove that idea is wrong.

"Every one is a leader, and this is an amazing opportunity to learn not only about leadership but also to learn about yourself and what leadership means to you," said Nicole Smith, a Marketing Communications major.

Smith helped organize the conference.

"My RA got me involved with this organization," said Erika Lepeska, a sophomore from Montfort, Wis. "I told her I was thinking about being an RA and she told me that this really helps you learn what is needed to be one."

The Leadership training committee, the organization that put the conference together, has grown since last year.

"Last year we had about 12 people, and this year it has grown to 37," said Tammy Schueler a sophomore from Willmar Minn. "It's exciting because we still have new people coming to every meeting."

Smith agreed.

"Although it is exciting, it's also a challenge because we are used to working in a tight knit group," she said.

About 100 students attended the leadership conference this year.

"We are always setting goals and trying to increase numbers of people who are involved in organizations on campus," Ronning said.

Those goals have begun to pay off.

"Excitement about leadership has grown so much in the past couple years," Smith said. "Every time I look at how much it has grown, I get leadership goosebumps."

'The Ring' a cliché-ridden disaster

Chris Anderson
Movie Critic

The first five minutes and the last five minutes of "The Ring" scared the hell out of me. But I can't say the same for everything in between, as it's a muddle of horrendously clichéd characters, gaping plot holes and logic flaws.

The premise for "The Ring" goes like this: There's a video, that can't be recorded over, which, once watched, will result in the viewer receiving a phone call informing them they will die seven days later. (We're never told why somebody hasn't merely destroyed the evil tape.)

The film opens with two vain teenage girls, already on Botox and breast-enhancing treatments, discussing the videotape legend, and by a remarkable coincidence one of them saw the tape a week earlier.

This teenage viewer is done for but Gore Verbinski wisely directs the scene to create underlying tension before the murder, and when the killing does take place, everything is very vaguely portrayed in one second so the movie viewer has no clue what has happened.

What looks like an above-average horror flick quickly descends into corporate Hollywood trash and gimmicks.

For starters, much to the glee of the largely self-serving cosmetics, weight loss, and drugs-we-do-not-need companies, the main character, Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts), promotes male-oriented concepts of unattainable physical beauty. Every woman in the movie has plush lips and no wrinkles; every woman wears make-up 24 hours a day and it doesn't smear when they take show-



ers, go to bed or even fall into wells; every woman has long hair they can't stop moving around; and every woman has large breasts.

Keller is a reporter dressed like a hooker, and she's also related to the teenage victim. She sets out to find the tape, which is at a lodge in the mountains.

So off to the lodge she goes, and there's a very artistic close-up shot showing Keller renting a cabin with her American Express card.

Keller finds the videotape (it's the only one on the shelf in the lobby that's not encased) and steals it like all good reporters would. (No one gets suspicious as to its origins when Keller brings it into an editing room later to make a copy, either.)

Keller goes back to her cabin, waits until it's dark outside and puts the tape in the VCR.

The tape is a cross between a brainwashing film gone awry and something a freshman film-school student hacked together in five minutes.

Then there's that dreaded phone call, and Keller spends what may be her final days tracking down the origins of the tape and, in the meantime, finds a story of murder, insanity and lies.

There are plenty of predictable supernatural happenings and a touch of science fiction, concerning how deeply people can bond with their television sets.

Another character in the movie is Noah (Martin Henderson), the father of Rachel's child, who's also, conveniently, a video technology expert.

Noah fits the female stereotype of the ideal man: He grows no facial hair but stubble and frequently emphasizes the body parts girls are most interested in by the way he dresses.

Being the male protagonist, he is frequently portrayed as the smarter, stronger, and more controlled of the two, opting to break in to places whereas Keller uses the door.

Likewise, he doesn't get emotion-



Photo courtesy of Dreamworks
Naomi Watts takes a close look at the video in 'The Ring.'

ally worked up about his potential death after he views the tape or about the impending death of others.

The other main, and wholly unnecessary, character is Keller's son Aidan (David Dorfman), who talks like an adult and seems to know what is going to happen before it happens. But all those stupid adults don't pick up on his abilities.

In other words, because a little tyke cursed with psychic powers was effective in "The Sixth Sense," now every confounded ghost movie has to have one.

All the pieces are put together in the video-murders puzzle, but it turns out the evil wasn't stopped after all. (Surprise, surprise.)

"The Ring" returns to the above-par horror it promised at the beginning as the final scenes are intense and explain what happened in the beginning.

And the movie ends by punishing the audience for their voyeurism, just as the characters are punished for theirs. However, having to sit through the entire film is plenty of punishment in itself.

The shocks delivered at the begin-

ning and end are only minimally redeeming for the entire film and the only other reason I gave this film two stars instead of one is that it didn't morph into slasher flick nor, not counting the tape, macabre art.

'The Ring'

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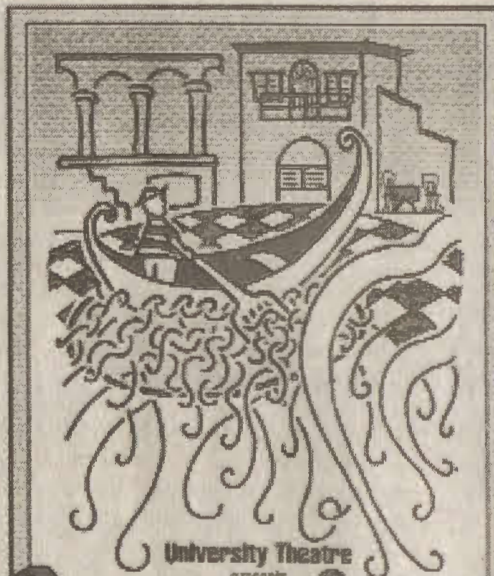
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