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Keighla Schmidt/Student Voice had buckled. KFA's clay floor buckled on Oct. 4. Damage was also reported in the building's base-

KFA endures construction, water damage

Building shows signs of ware

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The Klienpell Fine Arts building has taken a beating this semester.

Facilities management has begun installing new doors, and the clay floor buckled due to rain that has caused water damage in the music department.

On the morning of Oct. 4, Facilities Management employee Waldo Hagan received a phone call from security notifying him that the floor in KFA

"A section [of the floor] popped up," Hagan said.

He said the bricks on the floor are

over time. When clay is used in buildings, expansion plates are installed to prepare the building. In this case, the plates had reached their max and caused the floor to rise.

area that was just recently useable is now blocked off by garbage cans and caution tape.

Jim Murphy from Facilities Management said that the plan is to replace the missing bricks with the same material and add expansion plates to help avoid re-occurrence. Hagan said it was too soon to tell

when repairs will begin. The plan now is to have a temporary fix and then

buckled on campus, five to eight years Murphy said.

made of clay. Clay naturally expands ago the floor in Rodli Commons did a similar thing.

But KFA is experiencing more than floor buckling.

The north doors to KFA were The approximate 11' by 11' brick south door is blocked with neon until Oct. 3, with construction schedorange fencing while contractors install new door and windows.

The doors are being replaced because the old thin aluminum frame was hard to maintain. The new doors have a heavier gage of aluminum that will be more stable, Murphy said.

With System budget cuts in place, and a new air handling system needed in KFA the University is able to budget for the new doors because it will later form a more permanent solution. cost less than \$30,000 and there is no This is not the first time a floor has need for architectural services,

A new air handling system would cost around a million dollars and would affect the whole building.

Faculty and staff weren't notified that the doors all around the KFA blocked off last week and now the main floor were going to be replaced uled to begin the following day.

> Traffic sawhorses prevented people from using the sidewalks leading up to the door to alleviate confusion when they approached the building.

> The contractors began at the main entry last Tuesday and will rotate from the northwest around the building. The work is expected to take two weeks to complete the installation all of the doors according to the e-mail

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Aquatic center proposal stuck in deep end

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The city of River Falls is treading water, deciding what to do about a proposed aquatic center to be built in River Falls. A lack of funding and location are the main proponents the center has to figure out before continuing.

The Youth Activities Committee brought the idea forth three years ago, Mayor Don Richards said. The committee raised the money to get an architectural firm to draw the plans and make presentations to promote the center.

The money, Richards said, is the problem. "It's kind of at an impasse," Richards said.

Richards said that the city does not have the money for an aquatic center at this time.

"They [the committee] have very little money," said Cindi Danke, River Falls Recreation Coordinator.

Danke said if the center used city or donated land, with electricity set up the center is projected to cost \$4 million.

She said the center is not going to happen without the aid of the townships, and taxes from the residents of River

Richards said he would like to see the aquatic center team up with the YMCA, hospital or the University to help fund

UW-River Falls swim coach Bill Henderson said he sat in on several meetings in the early stages of the proposal.

He said he thought the University could come to an agreement with the city. In this plan, Henderson said, the University would provide the land and infrastructure, such as roads and parking. This agreement would allow the University to hold practices there, Henderson said.

He said he lost interest when it became clear the center was more geared toward teenagers and kids, and when it appeared that the center would be an outdoor facility.

"It didn't make a whole of sense to me," Henderson said. He went on to say that an indoor facility would cost more, but it would be open year round as opposed to three or four months. He said he thinks the center would lose money if it sat outside, unused for most of the year.

Darbie Johnson, manager of the Hastings Family Aquatic Center in Minnesota, watches her center lose money every

"I'm not sure if it will ever be a money-making venture," Johnson said.

The pool remains open with the aid of a citywide tax increase that was agreed upon before building the center. She attributes the loss to the operating costs of the pool. It is not all a loss, she said.

"We make money on concessions," Johnson said. On top of that, she said, the people of the city are happy the pool is there.

"We sell probably 1,800 season passes a year," Johnson

The pool just finished its seventh season.

Danke would like to see the River Falls center go up for referendum to let the residents have a voice, she says. "Lets see what happens with it."

JACK IN THE BOX



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Jack Hayes interacts with local children during his three-day stay in his piece for the Art Society's outdoor installation. Jack's piece initially represented students' self-centered isolation, but he said the project is evolving.

UW-RF professor receives Visions, Values Regents teaching award

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UW- River Falls alumni, Brad Caskey, came back to teach at River Falls 15 years ago. This year he has been awarded one of two outstanding faculty members in the whole UW System.

Each year two professors are awarded an outstanding faculty award from the UW System Board of Regents. Caskey, psychology professor, along with Kenneth Maly, professor of philosophy from UW-La Crosse have received the award this year.

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Brad Caskey

University blueprint to be created through survey, student input

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Students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members have been given the opportunity to have a voice in shaping the future of UW-River Falls through Chancellor Don Betz's Visions and Values Survey.

The survey is anonymous, consists of seven questions and can be accessed either online or by number of students who have hard copy at St. Croix Valley public libraries. With a strong focus on the

identity of UW-RF, the survey

poses questions about the University's defining characteristics and what should serve as the foundation of its development for the next five years.

The first question asks, when you think about UW-RF what five words immediately spring to mind?

Betz said he encourages students to actively participate in the Visions and Values Survey. He said he believes each person's response is important for the design of the mission and vision for UW-RF from this point forward.

"I'm very encouraged by the already responded," he said. "No other time as students will they

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Banning the morning after pill, possible bill in review

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A Wisconsin Senate committee is reviewing a bill that would prohibit the University of Wisconsin System from advertising, prescribing and dispensing emergency contraceptives.

The proposal was headed by Republican Rep. Daniel R. LeMahieu on April 19, passed in Wisconsin General

Gov. Jim Doyle has made no intends to veto the bill or not.

Lautenschlager submitted her not offering access to a full range opinion to state senators stating of birth control options. she believes the bill violates female students' constitutional River Falls director of Student determining the kind of services all their opinions when they

mittee on Health, Children, governmental invasion on chil-Families, Aging and Long Term drearing, marriage and contraceptive choice.

The attorney general also formal statement stating if he pointed out that the proposed legislation denies students to Attorney General Peggy A. make contraceptive decisions by that is entirely paid for by stu-

Alice Reilly-Myklebust, UW-

Assembly over the summer and right to privacy. It breaches a Health Services, has worked for provided, Reilly-Myklebust said. come into the clinic. We don't was referred to the senate com- female's privacy protection from the university for 12 years and knows the importance of providing students with every option when it comes to birth control.

Another issue revolves around right or power to ban something

dents' money and tax payers? Since it is students' money they

UW System have worked in college health for many years and Myklebust said. have spent a good portion of our lives working to provide the best whether the legislature has the possible care and services, with because access to birth control, what is best for students," Reilly-Myklebust said.

It is general standard practice to talk to students about healthy should have the greatest voice in choices and letting them know

"My colleagues and I in the just hand them a pill and let them be on their way, Reilly-

"Rep. LeMahieu's suggestion is that this bill is necessary such as emergency contraception, encourages women to be promiscuous is a mischaracterization of the many wonderful,

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VOICE SHORTS

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Red Cross volunteer training session



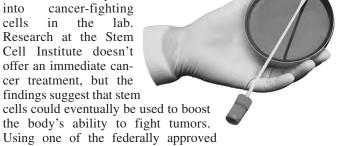
The Chippewa Valley chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a volunteer training session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 22 in Room 118 of the Wyman Education building. The River Falls Hurricane Katrina response coordinator and UW-RF social work Professor Ogden Rogers will lead the training session. The goal of the session is to gather volunteers for Hurricane Katrina

relief efforts, encourage campus and community member involvement in civic engagement and inform citizens on what to expect when assisting with a disaster. All campus and community residents are invited to participate in the session. Prior to attending the session, participants are asked to view the online Introduction to Disaster Services Course at http://www.redcross.org/donate/volunteer/. To attend, RSVP the UW-RF Dean of Students Office at 715-425-3711.

REGIONAL

Stem cells may help fight-off cancer

University of Minnesota researchers have turned embryonic stem cells cancer-fighting in the lab. Research at the Stem Cell Institute doesn't offer an immediate cancer treatment, but the



embryonic stem cell lines, researchers first coaxed the cells to turn into blood cells, including "natural killer cells." They then mixed the cells with cancer cells in a culture dish and watched the cancer cells die, according to a report in the Journal of Immunology. Dr. Dan Kaufman, an assistant professor at the institute and coauthor of the report, said researchers plan to test whether stem cellderived cells will attack tumors in lab mice. He said boosting the body's natural killer cells should help battle cancers, but it remains unclear whether adult or embryonic stems cells will be more promising, adding, researchers may eventually be able to trigger natural killer cells to attack tumor cells, but more embryonic cell lines may be needed.

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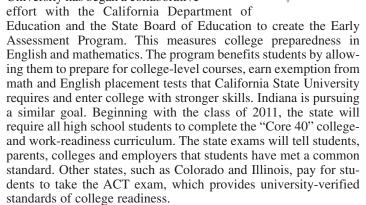
Officials race to prevent flu outbreak

Health officials nationwide are rushing to find ways to prevent a global outbreak of a deadly flu. According to USA Today, President Bush met last week with chief executives of four vaccine companies to determine how he can help boost production to safeguard the population. The Bush administration's plan to battle the avian flu, influenza

A/H5N1, reportedly predicts that almost 2 million Americans could die if an outbreak occurred. The flu has spread through millions of birds for the past two years in Vietnam, Thailand and other Asian countries, and has recently appeared in birds in Romania, Russia and Turkey. So far, the virus has infected 117 people, killing 60. Most people have been infected through contact with contaminated poultry, but if the flu begins to spread quickly from person to person via air, a pandemic could happen. Shelley Hearne, executive director of Trust for America's Health, says no human vaccine for the avian flu has been found, and the U.S. government has supplied enough anti-viral drugs to treat only 1% of the population. Officials in Southeast Asia have killed 140 million birds to help contain the current epidemic, but this has done little to stop the flu from spreading. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt will return from Asia Oct. 18, and will announce the Bush administration's plan to improve the global network to detect disease outbreaks, heighten caution at home, send avian flu test kits to a network of labs, supply anti-viral medications and increase vaccine capacity.

Assessments to test readiness for college

Nationwide, young adults graduate from high school and go to college every year. For many of those students, getting accepted is only one of the steps taken towards higher education. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, college readiness is a concern for 70 to 80 percent of students admitted to less selective or open-door public universities and two-year colleges. A few states have created plans to solve this California University has began a collaborative



Briefs compiled by Amber Jurek, Assistant News Editor **SENATE**

Campus sends wave of aid south

Senate discusses cooling issues, calling reps

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Discussion about campus air conditioning issues, financial aid cuts and Katrina efforts dominated last Tuesday's Student Senate

More than half of the University's goal to aid 75 students at the University of Southern Mississippi has been attained. The University agreed to aid victims of the recent hurricanes by sending requested supplies.

"We only have 31 students left," Senator Carolyn Schenk said.

Student organizations have been responsible for most of the support so far, Schenk said. However, she said she would like to see more support from the academic side of the

"Just spread the word on the academic side," Schenk said.

Buttons are also being sold for \$1 for additional aid. Cost of the buttons was covered by the Leadership Center.

The University has also finalized shipping for the supplies to Southern Mississippi.

FedEx has agreed to cover the shipping of up to 150 boxes, Senate adviser Vicki Hajewski said. Since the University is sending aid to 75 students, there is approximately space for two boxes per student, she said. Senate also discussed recent issues with the air conditioning being shut off.

Senate President Nick Cluppert said that the air is shut down at a specific time so they can drain the chillers.

Hajewski said when temperatures start to vary more between evening and day there is a higher possibility the equipment might be harmed.

"They need to protect the equipment,"

Cluppert added that the Chancellor was aware of the problem and had received many complaints from faculty and students.

Recent legislation concerning financial aid at the national level has caused the Senate to take action.

A proposal to cut \$9 billion in financial aid from the national budget will be the motivation behind an upcoming "call in day." Senator Joe Eggers said senators as well as

students will be calling Representative Ron

Kind, and other key voters, to express concerns with the proposed cut. Eggers said phones will be set up in the

Senate office for students to call representa-

A student e-mail will also be sent out with more information.

Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Regents Room.

PRAXIS makes perfect for COEPS

University surpasses national average on exam

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Only two years after implementation, the PRAXIS II exams have proven education students at UW-River Falls are highly proficient. Prior to student teaching, education majors and minors must prove themselves worthy of certification by passing the PRAXIS II exams. Students must pass the PRAXIS II exams before they can be certified by the state to student teach.

The College of Education and Professional Studies (COEPS) academic adviser Michael Martin said that the PRAXIS exams are not required on a national level, but as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act, they are required by individual states.

According to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Web site, the PRAXIS II exams differ from the PRAXIS I exam, or Pre-Professional Skills Assessments (PPST), in that the PRAXIS I is taken during the first or second year of a student's undergraduate

The PPST tests basic knowledge in reading, writing, and mathematics. Any student enrolling in an initial professional education program at a secondary school in Wisconsin to obtain a teaching license in the state is required to pass this exam.

The PRAXIS II exams, on the other hand, are multiple assessment tests that include subject assessments, principles of learning and teaching (PLT) tests and teaching foundations tests. These assessments measure knowledge of specific subjects that educators will teach.

Forty-five states use some form of PRAXIS exam, but not all of them use the PRAXIS II. Other states have developed their own

There are more than 300 different assessment options that states can use to test their future educators, Martin said. State educational officials decide which of these options will be used and what the passing score will be for their state's PRAXIS II exams.

When the PRAXIS II exams were first introduced, each state was allowed to have education students at their universities complete a sample exam, Martin said. After the results came back, the education officials decided what the passing score would be based on the scores students achieved.

By utilizing this practice, states were able to customize the tests, UW-RF departments so that students do well on the exams. deducing from the sample exams the average number of students expected to pass.

Associate dean of COEPS Mary Manke said the department was very proud of the education students after the results of the first PRAXIS II exams were received.

"When the first results came back we had the highest scores in the state except for Madison," Manke said.

2003-04 PRAXIS II results:

- Area of scientific methodology (science test)
- Average Wis. university: 66 percent of all exam questions were answered correctly
- Average U.S. university: 66 percent of all exam questions were answered correctly
- UW-River Falls: 70 percent of all exam questions were answered correctly

Because no two states have the same test, no comparison can be made as to which state had the best success rate on the exams. Martin said 87 percent of UW-RF students who took the exams passed on their first attempt.

"The English department had particularly high numbers on the tests," Martin said.

Because students must pass the PRAXIS II exams prior to becoming certified to student teach and are only allowed two attempts to pass. Martin said that finishing the bulk of required courses in a student's major is helpful.

"It's intense. The most stressful part wasn't the slightly expensive testing fee," Sarah Bubolz said. "I had only one chance to try again." Bubolz is a student teacher of French at White Bear Lake (Minn.) High School.

Although all education majors and minors are required to take the PRAXIS II exams, the student gets to decide in which content area they will be tested.

The content area focuses mainly on the material that students are learning and the field in which they plan on teaching.

"I felt really comfortable and confident about my score on the test," Molly Madden said. "The majority of the terms were familiar and were things that had been covered in my classes."

Madden took the PRAXIS II exams for English and ESL (English as a Second Language) over the summer. She will begin student teaching in the spring.

Regarding teaching placement, students should not worry about their PRAXIS II scores affecting employment.

"Districts cannot use it as a measure for considering employees," Martin said.

The PRAXIS exams have also helped mold curriculum in certain

'At least two departments made changes that they thought would

improve the student's scores," Manke said. PRAXIS II exams are offered on seven different occasions

throughout the state. UW-River Falls offers education students three opportunities to take the exams on campus. The first date is set for Nov. 19.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Oct. 2

-Stacia R. Belair reported the theft of a purse to Public Safety around 7:30 p.m. Belair told Public Safety that she had left

her purse in the hallway near the kitchen area of Char's Grill while she worked her shift. Belair told the officer she had just started working there and did not have a locker yet. The value of the purse and contents is approximately \$75.

-Lance A. Ihrke and Jessica L. Bahr were both fined \$248 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Oct. 4

Around 11 p.m. Public Safety reported the theft of a sign from B-Lot to River Falls

A Public Safety Officer noticed the sign was missing while driving into the lot. The sign was a 1-foot by 2-foot "Public Safety Vehicles Only" sign valued at \$100.

The sign was removed from its steel post behind South Hall.

Around 6:45 p.m. Jennifer J. Delaney reported damage her dry-erase board and alleged unwanted messages written on it at her residence in Grimm Hall.

Delaney told Public Safety and River Falls Police that for the last three to four weeks she had been receiving unwanted messages on her dry-erase board. According to the report, Delaney said the messages were directed specifically at her and were obscene and derogatory. Officers told Delaney to keep a log of

future occurrences. There are no suspects in this case.

-Sarah M. Schimmel reported she had an unwanted message on her message board in Grimm Hall to Public Safety around 7:10

another resident on her wing had received mushrooms and was unresponsive. threatening messages on her board. Schimmel told the officer that the handwriting appeared to be the same on both boards.

-Sara J. Lessard, 22, was issued a fine of \$103.50 for Public Urination around 2:15

-Both Public Safety and River Falls Police responded to a report of an unwanted male subject in room 432 of May Hall around 2:50 a.m.

fire alarm at May Hall, Kimber L. Seibel of 432 May Hall reported someone had allegedly entered her room sometime during the night and fallen asleep in her roommate's

Alexander M. Rud, 19, was found sleeping in room 432 wearing only underwear, according to Public Safety. Officers tried waking Rud several times before RFPD After Rud was awake he identified himself

in his girlfriend's room. Officers confirmed that neither resident of room 432 was Rud's girlfriend and escorted him back to his room at 332 May Hall where he was identified by a Resident Assistant as Alexander M. Rud.

Officers found there was an outstanding warrant for Rud from Pierce County for failure to pay a \$274 disorderly conduct. Rud was arrested by RFPD and issued

fines of \$279 for disorderly conduct, \$435 for obstructing officers, \$185 for remaining in the building during a fire alarm and \$498 for underage consumption.

-Peter S. Chmelik, 18, was arrested for possession of psiloeybin mushrooms in McMillian Hall around 11 p.m.

hall by several residents and a Resident the newspaper.

Assistant. The Resident Assistant had been Public Safety met with Schimmel who said informed that Chmelik had allegedly eaten

Officers found a cupcake in Chmelik's

jacket that was suspected to contain the mushrooms. Officers woke Chmelik up and placed him under arrest for possession of psilocybin. He was transported to the hospital and then to

the Pierce County Jail. -Brandon P. Sonsalla, 21, and Zebulon T. Zuk, 21 were both issued a fines of \$103.50

for public urination around 2:15 a.m. -Public Safety received a report of some-While Public Safety was responding to a one trying to break in to Hathorn Hall

around 2:55 a.m. It was reported that a male subject allegedly tried entering the hall and broke a window

in the process. The window is valued at \$150.

Oct. 8

Jonathon R. Mosher Jr. reported around 11:30 a.m. someone had broken into his car and stolen several items to River Falls

Police reported that the passenger door as a Mike D. Youcum also stating that he was keyhole was removed from the car. Mosher stated that a subwoofer box, amp and approximately 24 CDs were missing from his car for a total loss of \$435.

Oct. 9

-Carl H. Zeman and Alan J. Knaeble were both issued fines of \$248 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

—Alyce M. Knoop and Katie L. Anderson were both issued fines of \$248 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Oct. 10

Public Safety received a report of a sexual assault occurring in Parker Hall around 11

The victim allegedly met the perpetrator off campus and brought him back to campus. Chmelik was found lying on the floor The victim's name was not revealed to smoking cigarettes on the third floor of the Public Safety for fear of it being published in

Award: Caskey is one of two award recipients in UW system

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"[The Regents award] is as good as it gets," Caskey said. The recipients are given \$5,000.

caskey "I am not going to Disneyworld," Caskey said. He intends to spend the money on travel expenses to do research on infancy to aging in other cultures, and then bring the knowledge back

Caskey has won teaching and advising awards from the College of Arts and Sciences and UW-RF since joining the faculty in 1990. He said he measures the prestige of the award by the compe-

total pool of 12 to 15,000 faculty members that remember the material." could be possible candidates.

are eligible for individual awards," according to the Regents' nomination guidelines.

Each institution in the UW System is allowed to care that they think."

nominate one professor per year.

Each candidate is required to submit documentation detailing their qualifications for the award. Some of the qualifications include evidence of: "a commitment to teaching and learning; extremely effective teaching strategies and significant impact on students' intellectual development," according to the criteria for individual award guidelines.

Professors also have to provide letters of recommendation from colleagues and students.

"I am extremely inspired by Dr. Caskey's teaching ability and commitment to student learning," said Amelia Versland, an alumna who had Caskey as a professor. "Dr. Caskey possessed a unique ability to present information in a captivating manner that sparked critical thinking."

Caskey has made a significant impact on Versland's post-graduate career as well.

"Dr. Caskey provided me with experiences that me," Caskey said. successfully prepared me for a doctoral graduate program in psychology," she said. "He volun- Janna Cowen and Nick Karolides who have teered his time to serve as my mentor in the received the award before. McNair Scholars Program."

McNair Scholars Program is a program designed to help underrepresented students attend graduate

the psychology department to feed off fellow fac- car accident. ulty member's teaching styles.

They share his sentiment.

"We're lucky to be in a department where everyone works together so well," psychology department chair Rik Seefeldt said.

Seefeldt has known Caskey since they were

undergraduate roommates at UW-RF. Seefeldt said that Caskey "is the best argument

against technology in the classroom." Despite one of the suggestions from the Regents to prove extremely effective teaching strategies through technology, Caskey does not often use technology.

"I'm kind of old school," he said. "Often it's just me and a piece of chalk."

He said that he only uses technology if it can do a better job of teaching than he can.

In a time when many teachers use PowerPoint presentations or videos, Caskey goes a different route.

"I have never had a professor who is as animated and excited as Brad is when he teaches," current student Michelle Gryczkowski said in her recommendation letter. "He tells hilarious, off-thewall kinds of anecdotes that not only add humor to The Regents Teaching Excellence Award has a his classes, but also help students understand and

Instead his strategy is three goals he wants each "Current members of the teaching faculty and class to achieve through the course. To learn, have teaching academic staff at UW System institutions fun, and to teach the importance of challenging ideas and not taking them for face value.

"I don't care what they think," Caskey said. "I

Caskey works in the CAS dean's office as an associate dean.

Interim Dean Terry Brown also recognizes his outstanding abilities.

"He has sustained excellence in all areas of ser-

vice, research and teaching," she said. This award is not given to someone who has had a good year or two in the classroom, Brown said.

"It's an award for career achievement." Caskey said he was honored to have been awarded what he considers to be a "life-time achieve-

ment award" at this point in his career. "I am excited to have got it as young as I am," he said. Caskey is 47 years old.

Caskey is busier than many people with administrative duties, teaching, advising, mentoring and

"I don't rely on other people to do things for

Caskey joins other UW-RF faculty members

"I'm joining good company," Caskey said.

Other than fellow faculty and students being proud former Chancellor Ann Lydecker would be as well. She asked Caskey to be UW-RF's repre-Caskey said that he values the ability he has in sentative in 2004 right before she was killed in a

Caskey said last year he was anxiously hoping to receive the award to win respect and to honor

Being awarded this year, Caskey said, "is like winning the super bowl."





KFA: Damages

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get this very unique opportuni-

responses had been received, said Suzanne Hagen, special assistant to the chancellor. This number does not include participating members of the community, as they were not notified until newspapers came out later that week.

Some students have already begun recognizing the importance of the survey and have praised the chancellor for his efforts to keep students included.

cares," said Katie Velebir, a 24year-old junior. "It means that he wants to get some student perspective on everything."

Hagen said Betz initiated the idea when he began his career at UW-RF. She said his desire was to get a sense from all stakeholders in the University about their perceptions of the strengths, key values and vision of the institu-

UW-Whitewater also has a new chancellor and will be using a similar project to shape its future

Students, staff, faculty and members of advisory boards were notified about the survey

through e-mail lists while alumni everyone on campus as well as were informed through Falcon alumni, community members Features, a publication UW-RF

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on a piano and a computer key-

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Research as to why this hap-

pened and what can be done to

had fallen onto the keyboard.

Newspapers in River Falls, libraries.

wants to get some students perspective on everything."

er public is aware, we will start to see more responses coming in," Hagen said, adding that UW-RF has never before done a sur-

Staff in the University's Survey Research Center will handle the data analysis and extract com-

"After looking at themes that have emerged from the responses, we will hold a discussion in this is not being done just for the town hall meeting format," Hagen said. "We will reflect and said." Watch for follow-up have feedback and discussions opportunities to meet and discuss about the results and what our next steps will be."

The meeting will be open to able at www.uwrf.edu/vision.

Entering classroom B61 for his prevent another flooding will be 9 a.m. class Music Department done, according to Facilities Chair Michael Roy noticed the Management.

Keighla Schmidt/Student Voice

The damage made water stains on the wall and floor and made board and part of a ceiling tile one computer temporarily unusable. The keyboard was taken apart and it is functional again, Roy said.

Roy said that this was not the first time water damage has happened in that room, but it was the first time it had gotten that bad.

KFA was built in 1973.

Several other issues come into play when determining the morning after pill. It is a moral issue based on religion and it is a scientific issue based on when a baby's life begins. However, if the bill is not unconstitutional then morals and science are

"Why make it not available to students, when it

is available to everyone else," senior Katie Rekow said. "It wouldn't solve anything; it will just cause more problems for students. If the medical capabilities are out there then they deserve the choice," said a female sophomore. "If women have the right to get a abortion they should have the right to the morning after pill."

puts out several times a year.

As of Oct. 5, a total of 250

"I think it really shows that he

as well, Hagen said.

Hudson, Prescott and surrounding areas have also run sus that will provide an answer announcements listing the survey Web site and availability of hard copies at local public

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Suzanne Hagen, special assistant to the channcellor

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mon themes from the results.

and anyone with an interest to continue dialogue about the visions and values of UW-RF.

"The goal is to develop consento these questions," Hagen said. "People can agree on, articulate and use the answers to guide day-to-day actions for teaching and serving students and the community.'

While no specific changes have been set, Hagen said the survey responses will provide a good basis for further exploration of more specific aspects as the year continues.

"The survey is a really good I think it will make Chancellor's job easier to have insight from students," said Nadean Brandt, an 18-year-old freshman. She added that she finds UW-RF to be an institution that makes its students feel "at home and like they're a part of something."

Betz said students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members have a unique chance to directly contribute to shaping the University's future.

"It's important to know that sake of doing a survey," Hagen themes that emerge from this study." The survey will be avail-

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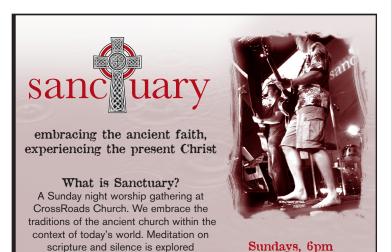
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UW-RF, city relationship sinking fast

UW-River Falls and the City of River Falls have had an intimate connection for more than 100 years.

Both entities have matured around each other to become an interconnected community. Through this relationship one would expect the students of the University to support the community, as well as community members supporting the University.

However, communication between the two seems to break down.

Three years ago the Youth Activities Committee of River Falls proposed the idea of an aquatic centerwaterslides, pools and facilities-to replace the existing community pool at Glenn Park.

In the beginning there were talks of the center being affiliated with another entity such as the YMCA or UW-RF to aid with funding.

Instead, the proposed aquatic center was designed to be an outdoor facility, which as of now is lacking funding and a solid location.

This is a prime example of a missed opportunity for the University and the city to strengthen their connection. Through a UW-RF/city combination, the proposed aquatic center would be able to be partially funded by both entities.

This would address two issues, the failing conditions of the University's current pool and the city's desire for a more modern and spacious facility.

Now both the city and University are left without new facilities because a middle ground could not be met.

This is merely one scenario of how the University and city have failed to come to agreement. Other issues such as parking, housing and the bar scene have continued to be issues in this city.

Neither side is at fault for the problems that have occurred, but this goes beyond a few broken windows to downtown store owners, or commuter congestion from even-sided parking behind the University.

Opportunities like this shouldn't be so quickly pushed aside. The city and the University have to make a stronger effort to become stay connected. While both are interdependent on each other, barriers of communication still exist.

In an age of rising costs and shrinking government aid the University needs to tackle every opportunity that comes along. Likewise the city should embrace the University for all it has to offer.

We are one community and it's time to start thinking

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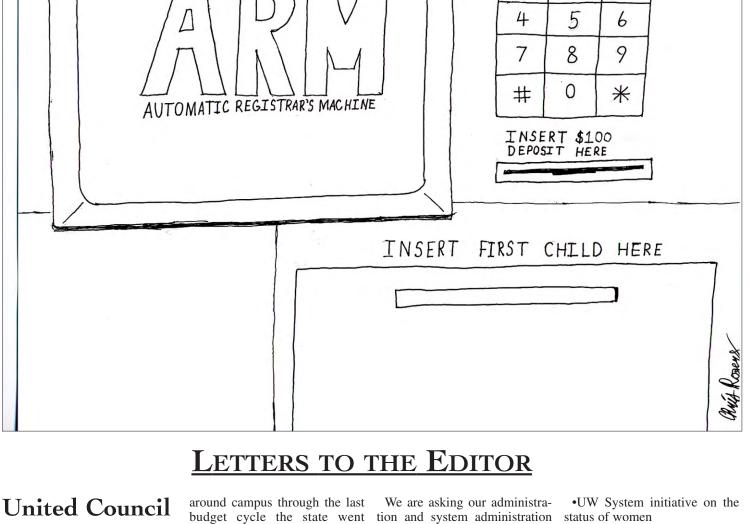
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creates budget priorities

Member campuses of United Council (UC) have set their budget priorities for the next biennial budget.

Students this last year saw more tuition increases and a variety of cuts in different areas

cuts for the next two years, but UC and the UW-River Falls Student Senate are already planning for the next budget session.

The main goal of UC and UW-RF Student Senate is to see UW System present a budget to the Board of Regents that fully funds the UW System. This means no tuition increases and no cuts to other system areas.

through. We have to face these to support a fully-funded UW System.

Other priorities set at the last our money where our mouth is. General Assembly, where member campuses of UC come providing a quality education to together and take stances on a students throughout Wisconsin, number of issues, were:

- •Financial aid •Plan 2008 funding
- •UW-employee pay raises
- •Domestic partner benefits
- Academic and career advising

The UW System has seen its share of cuts and it is time to put

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> If we are truly serious about UW System administration will present a budget to the Board of Regents that fully funds the UW System.

> > **Nick Cluppert Student Senate President**

COOL STUFF FROM 1962...

The Maple Street Laundromat advertised a 20 cent wash and a 10 cent dry. Students could "study while you wash your clothes."

A school-wide pledge song was sung at all school events by all students. "To thee, River Falls, we pledge all our love, And to thy banner floating above. May we in passing add just a gem, To shine forever in thy diadem."

Another wing was added to Hathorn Hall to relieve some of the pressure of overcrowding that existed in women's housing.

A full-page Marlboro advertisement ran in the paper. The slogan boasted, "Marlboro-campus favorite in all 50 states!"

Viewpoints stimulate responses, create opposing campus opinions

censorship. At least be glad the columnist

But what about the columnists? What's

our purpose? While we have many greater

responses we get. My first column got

purposes, one is the amusement from the

three responses — boredom, enthusiasm, and disgust. Let's review all three.

First, there's boredom. This came from a

good friend who's politically like-minded.

Maybe she'd already heard it. Maybe it

was that bad. In any case, when she told

me and 20 friends, "I got through half of

it, but didn't read the rest. I got bored!" I

questioned my writing prowess.

Two days later, the

second response came

enthusiasm, This

came from separate

had an opinion.

Why are you reading this? Seriously, who cares what some conservative twerp thinks? Don't you have better things to do? Better yet, why do I bother telling everyone

what I think? I think we iust like knowing others' opinions. We enjoy laughing at the dimwits or being intellectually stimulated.



We're looking for emotions to be stirred. We want to be hurrahed by someone we agree with, or we want our blood boiling and the opportunity to write a blistering letter to the editor.

When I see a page titled "Viewpoints", I expect to get viewpoints. I don't expect to read ramblings about relationships, sex gay or straight — and partying. I expect Nate Cook to criticize Bush. I expect Jason Conway to write about how to treat women better. I don't have to agree. Political correctness isn't the point.

Someone said Conway's column about nerds should have been blocked. I didn't like that column either but I'd hate that kind of censorship in the Voice. This page is for people's viewpoints. You

won't like all of them. Tough. Get over it.

Write a letter to the editor but don't call for

individuals, neither of whom I personally knew. Both assured me they're not Republican but they liked the column. Two positives to one "bore me." Looking better.

> Then came the negative — disgust. You

rarely get this response in person. It came in a letter to the editor. She called me "Mr. White" through the entire letter, accusing me of "crying" in my column.

sorry. She accused me of saying that

editor but don't

This page is for

You won't like all

of them. Tough.

Get over it.

She said I don't have to be sorry about someone else's actions when they're not

Democrats don't support the troops — I said they don't support the "efforts" of the troops, as in what they're doing overseas.

Last, she said that I "of all people should know how the Republican Party has been most effective when it comes to framing issues..."

She's right.

But party bias — not the topic of my column — has nothing to do with media bias which is the topic of my column. But that's what's great about free speech. It doesn't matter if I think it's irrelevant. She had an opinion, so she let it rip.

Final tally. Boredom, one; positive, two; negative, one.

Of course, there were more people's viewpoints.

opinions I didn't hear and a few others that I did. Maybe they'll have a letter or comment for me next time. After all, isn't the point of writing a viewpoint to stimulate?

We're not converting people. Write a letter to the Or maybe we are. But we're ultimately communicating what we believe and why. Hopefully it's call for censorship. smart enough that a few people consider it and maybe even

Hopefully it's opinionated enough to rub a few people the wrong way because if it doesn't, it's not a viewpoint. And hopefully there's resonance with enough people that we still have enough friends to have a life

Security stems Proposal demands challenge from students against gay marriage debate

About two years ago, the WCCO I-Team did a report on the security of residence halls at several universities, including UW-River Falls.

Their report focused primarily on how easy it was to get into the buildings, which prompted UW-RF to push their planned policy of having doors locked 24 hours-a-day and alarms installed at all building entrances

These corrections addressed the problem of non-residents getting into the building on their own. However, it did nothing to fix the two other primary ways of getting into the residence

halls — outright lying and tailgating.

When someone tailgates, they generally tag along as other people come or go. There is no real way to stop tailgaters,

as many of us are generally more than willing to hold the door open for a stranger. Without becoming a far less polite society, I do not believe the issue of tailgating can be addressed

Students can, however, take an active role in campus security by not letting people into buildings who may not be telling the truth or are obviously lying.

In doing research for this column, I decided to attempt to gain access into four buildings on the east side of campus by means of blatant lying, rather than tailgating.

I started with McMillan Hall and chose a group of students situated at the north entrance of the building. Because this was my first attempt, and I was perhaps still working up my nerve, I invented a story that garnered a little bit of sympathy.

I informed the students that I had been forced to leave my room at 6 a.m. due to the fire evacuation. After forgetting my keys, I decided to go to class.

Despite the fact that these were residents of McMillan Hall, who undoubtedly knew I was lying about there being a 6 a.m. fire evacuation, they still chose to let me in.

For Grimm Hall, I chose a

the hopes that someone would call me on my fabrication.

I told a group of four students that my friend from Texas was staying on the fifth floor and I wanted to go surprise him. Obviously, there is no fifth floor in Grimm Hall which should have clued them in on the fact that I was lying, but no one questioned me. After being admitted twice on two attempts, I figured it was time to take it a step farther.

Outside the west entrance of Parker Hall, I met up with a pair of girls who were standing near the door talking to each other. I

Hans

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told these girls that my girlfriend and I were in a huge fight and she kept hanging up on me. I asked if they would let me in so I could scream at her through her door until she listened to me. Even

though I told them I intended to cause a huge scene in the hallway, they still chose to let me into the building.

To find out if there was a story so ridiculous no one would believe it, I told two people outside South Forks Suites I was with the City of River Falls and needed to inspect the building or it would immediately be condemned. To my relief, they told me that I should talk to campus security before entering the building.

I don't know if it was my blatant lie, my UW-RF t-shirt or my backpack full of school books that made them question my identity, but I was glad to find someone who was willing to deny me entrance.

What my non-scientific experiment reveals is that it's easy to get into the residence halls, but there isn't much more the school can do. It is up to the students to consider who they choose to admit.

While we would all like to hope that most people have good intentions, it is best to scrutinize anyone whose story doesn't add up. If we want to ensure a safer living area, it is up to students to verify the identity of those who are trying to get into our buildings.

Jason

Oct. 11, was official National Coming Out Day. Now I know what you're

thinking, but no, I did not come out of the

I did, however, notice that Gay/Straight Alliance hosted a number of events on campus including a candle light vigil, a coming out pride parade, a drag show and a trip to the Minneapolis club The Gay 90s. Having all these events occurring this week made me think about an extremely divisive issue in our country-gay marriage.

I began talking to some friends about this issue in order to get various people's attitudes and opinions. Quickly, I realized that this issue, like few others, could bring out some very strong emotions.

Breaking down the various arguments I heard for and against gay marriage, I summarized the opposing positions.

Supporters of gay marriage believe that every citizen in the United States is entitled to equal civil rights; therefore two people of the same sex should be allowed to marry if they choose so. Opponents of gay marriage often cite strong religious beliefs that are against the idea of two people of the same sex being married.

Curious of the current national opinion, I found some non-partisan opinion polls from The Polling Report, Inc.

According to the polls, 36 percent of our population favors gay marriage, while 53 percent oppose it. But when the same group

was asked about civil unions, the opinions changed to almost the complete opposite.

Civil unions are legal agreements, which would give gay couples the same rights as married couples. 53 percent of the U.S. population favors civil

unions, while only 40 percent oppose them. Imagining that I got to become President of the United States for a day, I formulated a solution to this issue. What we need is a compromise. Agreeing with supporters of gay marriage

in that I believe that every citizen should be entitled to equal civil rights, but also taking into consideration that many people in this country have strong religious beliefs against gay marriage, the solution I came up with is marriage reform.

Under my plan, when two people — a woman and a man, two women, or two men — decide that they want to get married, their first step is to apply for a civil union.

Civil unions will be a legal agreement

granting various civil rights that we currently give to legally married couples. Civil unions will be given out by each individual

Nate

Cook

state, which cannot discriminate when granting the unions under any circumstance.

After a couple has received a civil union, they then must find a church in which they will be married. When they have a church that is willing to marry them, then they will have a ceremony and legally be married and have full civil liberties regardless of the sexuality of the couple.

With this system in place, if you oppose gay marriage, you can choose to attend a church that will not conduct ceremonies marrying couples of the same gender.

On the other hand, if you are in favor of gay marriage, you can choose to attend a church that will marry gay couples. My solution is able to address the issue of equal civil rights for all U.S. citizens, while not directly attacking people's strong religious beliefs.

If anyone reading disagrees with this reform, then I challenge you to come up with a solution that allows equal civil rights for all citizens, while protecting our freedom of religious choice.

Weekends on campus have potential

not have

've been hearing a lot of people complaining lately. There's nothing to do here over the weekends, they say. Everyone leaves. River Falls is boring.

I have heard too many people label UW-River Falls with the two words no campus wants to hear. It is a phrase that can cause the faculty to hang its collective head and it gives students ample excuse to turn their backs from the campus doors. River Falls is a "suitcase campus."

I happen to be one of the pitiable souls that cannot afford to leave every weekend. So every Friday afternoon I find myself at my dorm room window, watching as the cars line up, load up and scatter.

Friday evenings I get to wander near-empty halls in search of company. Those evenings, the echo takes on a sad and distant dimension.

I find it incredible how many first-year students still manage to escape the dreaded college life when classes stop for two days. I believed that most would

much of a choice this year now that Katrina parking Styx permits are in short supply.

somehow they manage to slip away in the crowds, disappearing so cleanly that even Houdini would be impressed.

There's something wrong with this picture. As a Weeks of Welcome leader I was asked not to advertise to the new students that this is a "suitcase campus." Most of you would probably argue that we were lying by not saying such a thing, but I must disagree. Why? Because it doesn't have to be that way.

Most people I have spoken to claim they leave because there is nothing to do. Maybe there is nothing to do because everybody leaves.

I could start to argue that there is a lot to do in River Falls that doesn't involve classes, but I won't.

I know what 48 straight hours of boredom feels like. I also know what we have isn't enough for many people. What it really comes down to, though, is that we will never get more unless more people stick around. Put simply, more people equals more to do.

Try a new perspective. Why would an event coordinator go through the trouble of organizing programs at a time when the student population is so vastly diminished?

It can be hard enough to fill spots when everyone is around; it would be practically impossible to see a turnout with half the students gone already. Until we can show them that we'll stick

around to participate, we can't expect much in return.

Go ahead and call me crazy if you'd like, but I look forward to my weekends. After five long days of lectures and homework I'm begging for a chance to let all my classes drop into that part of my brain that requires no attention. After five days of work, I need

a break. The weekend is a twoday stretch when I can indulge myself in blissful procrastination. I can sleep in late and watch all the cartoons and movies that I want. I can go to lunch in my pajamas. I can stay up all night with my friends.

A weekend on campus is a time when you don't have to be bound by any schedule, and obligations and deadlines can take a temporary back seat.

But if we want something to do on the weekends, we have to stick around and show the school we can make its time worthwhile. If we don't put in the effort, neither will they.

Rising gas prices cause students to stay on campus

How about these gas prices? They are up almost a buck since the muting? That is up to you, but here are that in other places around the world, like England, residents pay between same time last year. But

is this a bad thing? Many students are going to be affected by the higher gas prices and there is nothing that we can do about it. There are a ton of commuters who go to UW-River Falls and are going to

have to make an important decision.

prices are not neces-

sarily bad.

I know a lot of students who drive to school and they complain about how high Conway gas is today. But the fact of the matter is the gas prices should be higher than they

are. According to inflation, the price for a gallon of gas Should I try to get an apartment close should be in the range of four to five dollars. And if you travel you will see to campus or just eat the costs by comfour and five dollars per liter.

Complaining isn't an option. It's something we must live with. The higher gas prices could be good for some students, especially commuters.

Students who commute are not getting the full college experience. In reference to some of my critics, I am not saying partying or drinking, I am going a little deeper. Commuters do not join clubs or organizations because they can rarely make it to meetings due to a couple of factors. They either have to go home so they can make it to work

on time or they do not want to hang around on campus all day to make an 8 p.m. meeting.

This doesn't include everyone, but the majority of commuters who were involved in the same clubs as I, had these issues to deal with.

Gas prices may make these students stay on or around campus, giving them the opportunity to be more involved with wonderful clubs and organizations. It's a good thing coming out of a bad situation.

Along with the other red-blooded Americans on campus, I see a very cool trend that may occur with rising

gas prices. People may not want to drive trucks and SUVs, which in turn may drive down the price of these vehicles and make them very affordable or even extremely cheap.

Gas prices are affecting everyone but there is nothing we can do about it. Let's focus on the good things that may come from this. UW-River Falls may lose its reputation as a suitcase college and students will stay on campus and reap the benefits of a full college experience.

Not to mention I may have the opportunity to get that Hummer that I always wanted.



Ryan Warwick, senior

"I think it is good for women to have options."

STUDENT VOICES



Rachael Langton, sophomore

"It should be available overthe-counter everywhere."

What is your opinion on the morning after pill?

then."

"I think that it's a good idea if you make a stupid decision and you're not ready for a baby. And it's not like abortion because you are just preventing the pregnancy before it happens."



Josh Miske, freshman

"If you want to use it go for it. I could care less.'



Lindsey Tillman,

sophomore

"I feel that it is a good option

for those who are getting themselves in a tight position. If that's the route they chose to take they should be allowed

Anika Dartsch,

freshman



Tony Shmitz, junior

"I think adoption is a better solution because of the side effects of the morning after pill will have on the women."

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Pro sports worth time



Cassie Rodgers

ne of my favorite parts about going to school in River Falls is going to professional sporting events in the Twin Cities. I grew up in a town that was hours away from the cities and to be able to go to a sporting event was once a year was the best I could hope for.

... unless you're a Packer fan and you want to feel like your team isn't that bad.

I've been able to go to at least one game for each of the professional sports since I have come to college.

The first professional sporting event most people go to is Twins baseball, played in the lovely Metrodome, on Wednesdays for \$3 tickets and \$1 hot dogs. Of course you still have to fork over \$4 for a beverage to wash it down, but at least you can keep the cup. Although the game is a little hard to watch and you might need some binoculars, the Twins are an economically sound way to enjoy professional sports in their natural habitat.

The sporting event I highly recommend is Swarm Lacrosse, played at the Xcel center in St. Paul, same place as the Wild. It is a pretty close drive, about 30 minutes if there is no traffic. If you are willing to walk, you can find a free parking spot on the street and not have to pay more for parking than you do on your ticket. Prices are reasonable and tickets usually can be bought right at the game. And lacrosse is awesome, so games are exciting.

The Timberwolves are probably the most difficult team to go watch, being in downtown Minneapolis and all. Ticket prices are not too bad, just be sure to pack some tissue if you are prone to nosebleeds, and use the hand rails because all those stairs can be pretty dizzying.

The Vikings, if you are willing to actually witness first hand the devastation, are a little more difficult to see in person. Believe it or not, tickets are a little hard to come by and your best bet is to buy from a scalper, so you may spend way more than they are worth. The cost of paper is probably more than what the ticket is worth, unless you're a Packer fan and want to feel like your team isn't that bad.

The best game to see in the Twin Cities is the Wild. My first Wild game was actually in the playoffs against Vancouver two and a half years ago, so the electric atmosphere was an incredible experience. And really, it doesn't diminish a whole lot in the regular season, just fewer white surrender flags waving around. The only problem is tickets, and especially cheap tickets, are extremely hard to get. You have to be willing to fork over some beer money if you want to go.

Going to sporting events isn't just for obsessed sports fans. It is a prime spot to come into contact with some very interesting people who all share at least one, very important thing with you: they are all fans of the game. Like the guy who comes solo to the Twins games every Tuesday wearing his batting helmet and making friends with the outfielders, or the group of middle age men who discuss their marriage problems and fork over enough money for beer to pay for my tuition and of course the kids who paint their faces and watch the players as if they were gods. It is definitely a study-break experience that I would recommend.

Falcons set sights high as post season looms

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The UW-River Falls volleyball team is midway through the season, showing no signs of struggle while having an adequate record of eleven wins and eleven losses.

"We are getting better since the beginning of the season," said freshman Kasey Barrett. "Our passing has improved dramatically."

The team started the month of October by racking up four wins at the Platteville Tournament. The team was led by Andrea Geehan, who has been named 'Player of the' Week for the third week in a

"Andrea has stepped it up in the past three weeks," said junior Kathryn Krtnick "She has proven to everybody on the team that she can be a leader."

Geehan leads the team in blocks per game, second in kills per game, and serve aces per game. "She has been a very

"I think our team attitude has to improve more. We get down..."

> Kasey Barrett freshman player

consistent player and is very intense." said Barrett.

The Falcons have two tough matches coming up. One on Friday against St. Thomas and the second is on Saturday against Stevens Point. The Falcons played Stevens Point earlier in the season in the Eau Claire Tournament.

Krtnick said that when they played Stevens Point the first time, it was "their best match they played all year."

One freshman that has really stood out this year has been Shelby Sand.

"She has proven that she can play at any position that we put

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Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

The Falcon volleyball team works on bumping the ball at a recent practice held in Karges this past week. The Falcons take on Stevens Point at home on Saturday.

Runners go the distance



Jens Gunelson/Photo Services Jason Phillippi leads a pack of Falcon runners at the UW-RF Invitational back on Sept. 10. This was the only home meet for the Falcons this season.

Phillippi and Yaeger lead a strong team of runners Sarah Packingham

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This season the men's and women's cross country teams have been showing promise at every meet they have run in, and there are two runners leading the regions," Yaeger said. "We just need to way. Sophomore Jason Phillippi leads the men and senior Marlene Yaeger leads the women.

There have been various ailments this season but Phillippi and Yaeger remain tough. The men have suffered a lot of injuries, which has caused the varsity lineup for the men to switch around.

"It sets us back," Phillippi said.

The women's team hasn't had as many injuries, but a lot of the team he knows what's best for them in their members have been sick with colds, which Yaeger attributes to the changes in weather patterns.

Yaeger is a leader for the women this took off last season so she could focus goaltender for the Falcons women's

with, but I always place," Yaeger said. "My times are all within a nine second that to these athletes. bubble."

Yaeger believes she has been running competitively for almost a decade.

Phillippi's times lead the Falcons and senior captain Kevin McDonough also mid November." leads the team in support and times.

"He is very consistent as one of our top runners," Phillippi said of McDonough.

Phillippi has been running since high school and is now in his sophomore year at UW-River Falls.

Phillippi and Yaeger both speak well of the team's chemistry. Yaeger points to the strong senior leadership on the men's team, and she believes it all stems from them living together.

This season has been going very well for the Falcons with many of their runners placing at meets.

"We can probably finish the best we've ever done," Phillippi said.

"I think we can do really well at

"They've got great enthusiasm for the team, and they work hard all year long for it."

Don Glover,

head cross country coach

take it one meet at a time."

Both players credit much of their success to their very experienced head coach, Don Glover.

"He adapts really well," Phillippi said. "He's really good at one-on-one training and he's more like a friend."

He also makes a very good workout for each runner.

"Coach is able to read each individual; individual workouts," Yaeger said.

Glover gives a lot of credit to both Phillippi and Yaeger.

"They affect the team very positively. season after taking last year off. She They've got great enthusiasm for the team, and they work hard for it all year her efforts completely on being the long," Glover said. "If they race well our team races well."

Various people stereotype cross coun-"I have no bench mark to compete try as an easy sport where you just run for a couple of days, but it's more than

> "It's not just practice, it's how you eat and sleep too," Phillippi said. "We have the longest fall sport season by far, we start in the summer and don't end until

> The training the summer includes an intense five day camp. Where the runners get to know each other and push themselves to the limits.

> While at the camp and during the school year the runners can always find a running partner to help push them.

> "Scott Sekelsky is a godsend. He's my workout partner," Yaeger said. "He runs every day with us."

The team also has a former member of their team helping out as an assistant coach and doing a lot of recruiting for the team. Gina Schindel is in her first year of coaching the Falcons.

The Falcon's have a rather large team,

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Apathy plagues athletics

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In a state that has the Green Bay Packers, one of the most beloved football franchises of all time. and in a town eight miles out of Minnesota, a state that sells out nearly every professional football game, UW-River Falls receives minimal fan support for their own football team.

"It's been like this since I played here in 1971," head football coach John O'Grady said.

In 2004, the Falcon football team was ranked 173 out of 227 Division III football teams in attendance. The average attendance at a Falcon home game was 992 in 2004, which was a decrease of 334 fans from the 2003 season.

This season the fan support has decreased even further, with an average of 902 students attending the first three home games. The average attendance for teams in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is 1,862, about twice as much as the attendance at games at UW-RF.

On Sept. 24, the attendance at the Falcons win over Pacific Lutheran was a modest 450.

The lack of attendance may be due to the priority of students, rather than apathy towards the

The students at River Falls are usually from the cities or kids that work on farms and need to go

home and work on them, O'Grady said. "I have 10-12 kids on the team that would be

doing that if they were not playing football," O'Grady said.

The University has always been a "suitcase college", O'Grady said, with students heading home to work or to be with family.

"I have to go home and work every weekend, I don't have time or money to stick around and go to football games," student Mike Militello said.

There isn't a quick fix to improve the fan support from the students of UW-RF and the community. An idea to gain support has been to have games on Thursday nights or Saturday nights, but scheduling game times is restricted by the WIAC to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, with few exceptions.

As a means of drawing fan support O'Grady hopes to liven up the style of play on the field.

'We're trying to be little more entertaining, which means throwing the football, which we are trying to do," O'Grady said.

He also understands that the success of the team has an impact in fan support.

'Winning will help," O'Grady said.

The Falcons won their first conference game of the season on Oct. 1. On Oct. 8, they were defeated at home 23-11 by Eau Claire but the atten-



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Many UW-RF athletic teams deal with low crowd turnouts. Average Football attendance has been low this year

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SPORTS WRAP

Football team suffers its first WIAC loss

The UW-River Falls football team suffered its first conference loss of the season this past weekend, losing 21-1 to visiting UW-Eau Claire.

The Blugolds got off to a fast start, scoring a touchdown on the game's opening drive. After a Falcon punt, UW-Eau Claire charged down the field again to score another touchdown. The Falcon's quickly found themselves down 14-0.

River Falls was able to put some points on the board before halftime, with a 21 yard field goal booted in by Spasmir Bodurski. But those three points started to look pretty insignificant after the Blugolds scored a third touchdown, heading into the locker room for halftime chats with the scoreboard reading a discouraging 21-

The Falcon defense came out fighting after halftime, not allowing the Blugolds a single point. The offense stepped it up a little too, with a 13 yard touchdown pass from Jeremy Wolff to Chris Anderson, ending a 10 play, 85 yard drive. The Falcons opted to go for two, and it seemed that for at least one drive the offense was clicking. Dave Affeldt took the ball in for the two points to make the score 21-11.

Even though UW-RF had a very nice second half, their slow start in the first half was too much to overcome.

"We kind of stopped ourselves," coach Jon O'Grady said.

The loss is especially tough because, in the legendary WIAC conference, every W counts.

"That's the way it is in this conference," O'Grady said, "Anybody in this league can beat any team."

The Falcons will try to get back above .500 in conference play as they travel to UW-Stevens Point on Saturday at Goerke field.

October 8 results

UW-Eau Claire 14 7 0 3 - 21 UW-River Falls 0 3 0 8 - 11

11:25 EC - Hull 5 yd pass from J. Krzyzanowski (Schneider kick), 9 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:35, EC 7 - RF 0. 06:20 EC - Hull 7 yd pass from J. Krzyzanowski (Schneider kick), 8 plays, 55 yards, TOP 3:23, EC 14 - RF 0.

2nd Quarter 14:56 RF - Bodurski 21 yd field goal, 15 plays, 67 yards, TOP 6:18, EC 14 - RF 3. 3rd Quarter

No scoring 4th Quarter

03:16 RF - Anderson 13 yd pass from Wolff (Affeldt rush), 10 plays, 85 y ards, TOP 3:02, EC 21 - RF 11.

	Visitor	Home
First Downs	20	20
Rushing	33-92	65-308
Passing	183	49
Total Offense	61-275	75-357
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Interceptions	0	0
Penalties	5-42	10-89

Possession

Individual leaders Rushing (att-yds) RF - N. Anderson 44-230; Secrist 1-19; Wolff 10-19; Kolstad 3-19; LeRoy 5-17; Affeldt 2-4.

28:43

EC - Gast 22-72; Krzyzanowski 8-11; Nitchell 1-6; Hennessey 1-4. Passing (cmp-att-td-yds) RF - Wolff 4-10-0-49.

EC - Krzyzanowski 21-28-0-183.

Receiving(catch-yds) RF - C. Anderson 2-34; Grover 1-8; N. Anderson 1-7. EC - Gast 22-72; Krzyzanowski 8-11;

Mitchell 1-6; Hennessey 1-4. Tackles (Solo-Assist) RF - Jordan 6-5; Dorner 3-7; Acosta 4-5; Hanson 7-1; Buker 4-3; Baillargeon 3-2;

Agrimson 3-1; Retzlaff 2-1; Hoglund 2-1; Neumann 0-3; Cassellius 1-1; Nesvig 0-2; Hansen 1-0; Renk 1-0. EC - Klicka 6-5; Jahn 5-4; Alexejun 4-5;

Siegert 5-3; Cummings 5-3; Tieri 6-1; Rucker 2-5; Sikora 5-1; Dohr 3-1; Rogney 3-1; Hull 2-0 Below 2-0; Kasson 2-0; Plese 1-1; Schulz 1-1; Murphy 1-0; Zehm 1-0; Darley 1-0; Leadholm 1-0; Kolumbus 0-1.

Whitewater proves to be toughest test

The Falcon tennis team lost 7-2 to a tough UW-Whitewater team in WIAC play last Saturday morning.

Both of the winning Falcons had to put up a tough fight to win their matches. No. 1 Megan Knobloch came back from 0-6 in the first game to win the next two 6-4, 6-4. Her opponent, UW-Whitewater's number one player, had been undefeated this season, including some matches against Division I competition.

"Whitewater is a very strong team, probably the third strongest team in the state regardless of division," coach Lee Lueck said.

The next four Falcons suffered dispiriting losses, some by only a few points. The slump was finally ended by No. 6 freshman Mindy Rudiger, who won her match in three close games (6-4, 3-6, 6-4). Those would be the only Falcon wins as all three doubles teams lost to UW-W by scores of 8-6, 8-4 and 8-4.

The Falcons will be the host for the last time this season, taking on the UW-Stevens Point Pointers on Friday, with action starting at 3:30 p.m.

October 8 results UW-River Falls 2, UW-Whitewater 7

No. 1 - Knobloch (RF) def. Stamm (W), 0-6, 6-4, 6-4. No. 2 - Farrar (W) def. Baron (RF), 6-1, 6-1. No. 3 - Theis (W) def. Briese (RF), 7-5, 6-4. No. 4 - Seitz (W) def. Sorensen (RF), 7-6, 6-0. No. 5 -Amundson (W) def. K. Anderson (RF), 6-2, 6-0. No. 6 - Rudiger (RF) def. Wojahn (W), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

No. 1 - Stamm-Farra (W) def. Knobloch-Baron (RF), 8-6. No. 2 - Theis-Seitz (W) def. Briese-Sorensen (RF), 8-4. No. 3 -Wojahn-Stamm (W) def. Rudeger-Huper

October 7 results UW-River Falls 9, Ripon 0

No. 1 - Knobloch (RF) def. Lichon (R), 6 0 6-4. No. 2 - Baron (RF) def. Koyama (R), 6-0, 6-2. No. 3 - Briese (RF) def. Denis (R), 6-0, 6-4. No. 4 - Huper (RF) def Verwys (R), 6-4, 4-6, (10-6). No. 5 - K. Anderson (RF) def. Dricken (R), 6-1, 6-0. No. 6 - Rudiger (RF) def. Kiszonas (R), 6-

No. 1 - Knobloch-Baron (RF) def. Lichon-Verwys (R), 8-3. No. 2 - Briese-Sorensen (RF) def. Wagner-Denis (R), 8-4. No. 3 Rudiger-Huper (RF) def. Petri-Guimond

Sports Wrap compiled by Cassie Rodgers

Athletic hall of fame adds eight

The UW-River Falls will hold an induction ceremony for eight men and women that have contributed to UW-RF athletics. According to a press release from Matt Stanek, sports information director, they will be honored during the halftime of the UW-RF and UW-Platteville football game on Oct. 29 at Ramer Field.

A banquet will be held at 5 p.m. with dinner after. It will be held

in Rodli Commons. The inductees are...

-Mark Cota, Football

-Dick Novak, Hockey

-Chris Stainer, Softball

UW-River Falls (11-11) UW-Superior (11-11)

-Steve Stocker, Track & Field -Merilee Cardinal, Gymnastics -Keven Syverson, T & F, CC

-Steve Walker, Football -Doris (Hop) Wolf, Service

STANDINGS

Football						
WIAC Standings	W	L	Soccer			
UW-Whitewater (5-0)	2	0	WIAC Standings	W	L	1
UW-Lacrosse (3-1)	2	0	UW-Oshkosh(8-4-1)	5	1	1
UW-Oshkosh (4-1)	1	1	UW-Eau Claire (9-1-2)	4	0	C
UW-Stout (4-1)	1	1	UW-River Falls (9-2-1)	3	2	C
UW-Eau Claire (2-3)	1	1	UW-Stevens Point (5-5-1)	2	2	1
UW-River Falls (2-3)	1	1	UW-Stout (6-2-2)	1	1	1
UW-Platteville (1-4)	0	2	UW-LaCrosse (5-4-1)	1	2	1
UW-Stevens Point (1-4)	0	2	UW-Platteville (6-3-3)	1	3	C
			UW-Whitewater (6-5-0)	1	3	C
			UW-Superior (8-4-0)	0	4	C
Volleyball						
WIAC Standings	W	L	Tennis			
UW-Whitewater (19-2)	5	1	WIAC Standings	W L		
UW-Eau Claire (17-2)	5	1	UW-Lacrosse (5-0)	4 0		
UW-Oshkosh (22-2)	3	1	UW-Whitewater (10-3)	4 0		
UW-LaCrosse(16-5)	4	2	UW-Eau Claire (5-3)	4 1		
UW-Platteville (15-5)	3	3	UW-River Falls (7-4)	2	2	
UW-Stout (13-11)	2	4	UW-Stout (6-5)	1	4	
UW-Stevens Point (11-11)	1	3	UW-Stevens Point (4-4)	0	3	

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at www.uwrf.edu/sports

Hope remains as season nears end

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With only six games left in the regular season for the UW-River Falls women's soccer team, they hope to only improve their 9-2-1

While the Falcons are 9-2-1, their WIAC record is 3-2. The Falcons have only lost to WIAC foes Oshkosh and Eau Claire.

"The two games we lost were by one goal, and one of them was in overtime," said head coach Sean McKuras.

"It's good that we lost though," said sophomore Julie Sperstad. "Then we can see how it feels to lose and how we do after it."

The game the Falcons were most worried about was a conference game against UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons squeezed out a 2-1 victory against the Pointers, with Falcon senior Sarah Carlson, scoring

The Falcons have two important WIAC games this week. On Friday the Falcons travel to Platteville to play, and then on Saturday they play in La Crosse.

rest of our games," said McKuras.

Fan support has been huge to River Falls so far this season.

"They really get us pumped up," Sperstad said. "Hopefully it keeps going.'

McKuras is in his fourth year first senior class will be graduat-

"It's very gratifying to see these girls graduating," McKuras

Players are just as fond of McKuras as he is as fond of

"He's a really good coach," Sperstad said. "He encourages us to play to our ability and he believes that we're good.'

Balance between the team members has been huge this sea-

"They get us really pumped up, hopefully it keeps going,"

Julie Sperstad, sophomore soccer player

"They really stepped it up," senior Gina Hawkins said, about the freshman. "They've raised the bar. They work hard for their time on the field and they really fit in."

On any given day any player can step up for the Falcons and get an important point, or make an important defensive play.

"It's great how deep our team "We hope to go out and win the is, we can play the girls that don't start and they still do a great job," McKuras said.

With two losses in WIAC already this season it will be difficult to win the conference, but McKuras believes they have a very good chance of winning the WIAC tournament. The team with the program. This year his had a very tough schedule this season, both in WIAC play and in non-conference games.



Eric Ebert/Student Voice

A Falcon soccer player escapes with the ball to attempt a goal against UW-Whitewater. The Falcons won the game 2-1.

"Our non-conference schedule teammates." was very difficult, it was one of the top schedules in the region," McKuras said.

The team is extremely unified this season. Even though the girls are all different ages, it doesn't matter.

team," Hawkins said. "It's really nice to feel the support in your

October 8 results UW-River Falls 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Saint Ben's

No scoring Second half

Also seniors think this may be the best team they've ever played at in River Falls even though they were first place in WIAC two seasons ago.

"I think we have the most talented team," Hawkins said. "We have a really cohesive "Everyone gets along really well too. Everyone's really excited."

> Overtime No Scoring Overtime 2 No Scoring

Goalkeeping (min-ga-saves) SB - Broadbent 110:00-0-13

Volleyball: Falcons search for the kill

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her at," said Krtnick.

The one thing that is troubling her is injuries. She has knee and hip problems that she needs to tend to and to heal.

The team has improved on many things, but there is still room for improvement according to Krtnick and Barrett.

"We get down on ourselves when son starts on Nov. 1. something goes wrong."

Krtnick disagrees. "Our attitude is fine, it's our team chemistry on the court that

we need to improve on," said 23 30 30 30 16 - 3 30 21 32 21 14 -- 2

UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Geehan 29-0-1-6-0; Schroeder 0-0-0-0-0; Olson 2-22-4-8-0: K. Thompson 16-0-7-16-0: Gustafson 1-1-0-20-0; Cordes 8-0-0-3-1; Krtnick 8-31-2-10-0; Mace 0-2-0-14-0; Barrett 0-0-0-0; Russell 2-4-0-3-0; Ingalls 4-

Coe College (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Ita 0-0-0-0; Stock 8-0-0-15-0; Freiberg 0-0-0-0-0; Upah 3-49-2-9-0; Williams 0-0-0-12-0; Schmidt 7-1-0-8-0; Olson 12-0-1-7-0; Pilch 0-0-0-2-0; Knoll 12-1-0-2-1; Nelson 14-0-1-0-

October 8 results UW-River Falls 30 30 30 -3 23 10 16 - 0 Clarke

UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Soine 0-0-0-1-0; Geehan 18-1-2-2-2; Schroeder 0-0-0-2-0; Olson 0-21-4-2-0; K. Thompson 10-0-1-7-0; Gustafson 1-0-1-3-0; Cordes 2-0-0-2-2; Krtnick 11-19-1-9-0; Rogers 2-0-0-3-0; Zamzow 0-0-0-0; Mace 0-0-2-15-0; Barrett 1-0-0-0; Russell 0-0-0-1-0; Ingalls 2-0-0-1.

Clarke (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Nie 9-0-0-7-0; Naumann 6-1-0-7-1; Waddell

Krtnick.

Krtnick also said that the Falcons need to "be a team" and not be individual players on the

The Falcons have twelve matches left before the post-season starts. Eight out of those twelve matches are in tourna-

The Whitewater Tournament "I think our team attitude has to and the River Falls Trick-orimprove more," said Barrett. Treat Tournament. The post-sea-

> The last time they had a losing record was back in 1992. Which was also the last time they missed the post-season.

1-15-0-10-0; 3-2-0-4-0; Wegner Hollingsworth 3-0-0-0; Lenz 0-1-0-6-0; Kenneheck 0-1-0-7-0

October 7 results UW-River Falls 25 30 30 19 15 - 3

UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Hample 0-0-0-1-0; Geehan 21-2-1-1-0; Schroeder 0-0-0-2-0; Olson 2-22-4-16-0; K. Thompson 15-1-0-22-0; Gustafson 0-0-3-10-0; Cordes 5-1-0-2-0; Krtnick 9-23-2-14-1; M. Thompson 0-0-0-0; Mace 0-1-2-20-0; Russell 4-3-0-1-0; Ingalls 1-0-0-0-2.

UW-Platteville (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Morschauser 7-9-2-19-0: Burchell 0-0-0-17 0; Chapman 16-0-0-2-0; Dzubay 16-0-0-6-0; Renick 0-1-0-5-0; Alf 21-0-0-3-0; Laschinger 4-53-1-11-0; Miller 1-0-0-0; Schueller 8-1-0-3-0; Hall 1-1-0-23-0.

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UW-River Falls (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks) Geehan 20-0-1-4-1; Olson 0-16-1-3-0; K. Thompson 10-0-1-14-1; Gustafson 1-0-1-9-0; Cordes 6-0-0-5-0; Krtnick 2-26-0-3-1; M. Thompson 7-2-0-1-0; Mace 0-0-1-19-0; Ingalls 3-0-0-0-2.

Apathy: Is problem for compus The Falcons are 2-3 this sea-

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dance was 1084.

Despite the lack of fan support and inability to attract football fans to home games, O'Grady tries to take the best out of the circumstances.

"We try to draw humor from it. The important people are going to be there," he said.

O'Grady also insisted that fan support isn't a deciding factor in the team's morale or on field play. "It's the love and the passion

for the game that they have, and

that's what is really important,"

O'Grady said.

UW-RF Student

Oct. 1 they defeated Oshkosh 13-10 for their first conferenceopening win since 2001, which is also the last time the Falcons finished the conference season with a winning record.

son and 1-1 in conference. On

"I don't have time

or money to stick

around and go to

football games."

Mike Militello,

Cross country: One race at a time

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but that is completely fine to its

"Here on our team, you're guaranteed a spot," Yaeger

For the are ?

But competing for the Falcons isn't always easy.

"It's tough to compete in this conference,, we're the best in the country," Phillippi said.

With about a month remaining in the season this Falcon team will do everything in their power to compete well, and

"Coach is able to read each individual; for them..."

> Marlene Yaeger, senior runner

since they all support each other that should not be a problem.

"Everyone cares, it's a great support system and a great family based team," Yaeger said.

Stats from the Oct. 1 Blugold open

October 1 results Blugold Open (Eau Claire) Team Place: 7th out of 20 teams UW-RF runners

Women

7. Marlene Yaeger - 23:37; 27. Amanda Kozicky - 24:22; 29. Michaud - 24:27; 47 Peters - 25:02; 58. Hurlbut - 25:31; 82. Jicinsky - 26:14; 85. J. Olson - 26:17.

Men September 24 results Blugold Open (Eau Claire)Team Place: Team Place: 4th out of 20 teams **UW-RF** runners

8. Phillippi - 26:53; 19. Moe - 27:06; 27.

McDonough 27:25; 28. Hanson - 27:28;

31. Quarford - 27:30; 39. Wenig - 27:48;

43. Kirmse - 27:53.

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Swimming/Diving vs Oshkosh/Webster, 6 p.m.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Oct. 14

Soccer at Platteville, 4 p.m.

Volleybal at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.

Tennis vs Stevens Point, 3:30

Saturday, Oct. 15 Football at Stevens Point, 1 p.m. Soccer at LaCrosse, 4 p.m. Volleyball vs Stevens Point, 12 p.m. Tennis at LaCrosse, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

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Swimming/Diving at Midwest Co-ed Relays, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 Soccer vs Augsburg. 4 pm.

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Volleyball at Eau Claire, 7 pm.

Tuesday, October 18th at 4 p.m.

Versatile music student receives System award

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A senior in instrumental music education who plays the trombone, sings in three choirs, and is involved in campus affairs can add one more item to his résumé--a prestigious statewide award.

Kristofer Kulsrud won the Richard A. Gaarder award, an award that acknowledges academic excellence and dedication to music education by an undergraduate student with senior standing at a Wisconsin college or university, according to their Web site.

Gaarder was a music educator in the Madison area, who for 25 years, provided leadership in music education. The Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA) established this award in his name to commemorate his service to the organization and to the young people that he worked with for years.

In order to be considered for this award by the WMEA you have to be nominated. There could possibly be one person nominated from every UW System school and also private colleges in the state that have music education programs.

Hilree Hamilton, assistant professor in music education, nominated Kulsrud for this award. He was the first student at UW-River Falls to be nominated.

"He sticks out in my mind as someone who has shown a lot of leadership and desire to give



"Extremely humbling, I received the award above any other possible music educator in the state."

> Kris Kulsrud. Richard A. Gaarder award recipient

back at both the collegiate, state, Kulsrud has had to learn how to community levels," Hamilton said.

Kulsrud is actively involved in the music scene on campus and also in the surrounding commu-

Valley Community Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, and Bone-a Fide, why he enjoys music. a trombone quartet. Not to mention singing in the UW-RF Singers, and a community choir in Apple Valley, Minn.

Kulsrud is very active with leadership on campus also.

He is chair of the performing arts committee and serves on the WMEA Collegiate State Steering

"Extremely humbling," award. "I received the award above any other possible music service oriented person and educator in the state."

play 12-13 different instruments, from piano to the clarinet to the guitar. Kulsrud said he loves to sing, play the trombone and also the guitar.

"The feeling of being on stage He plays bass trombone in the in front of people, knowing that Symphony Band, St. Croix they came to see you do what you do best," Kulsrud said about

He said that it is not just that he was noticed for all of his hard Concert Choir, Chamber work but he is more ecstatic about bringing recognition to the UW-RF music department.

> tucked away in the corner of the state, that there is life west of Eau Claire," Kulsrud said.

WMEA's State Conference in Madison on Oct. 27, where he Kulsrud said about receiving the will be presented with the award.

always will be, and that there are Being a music education major a lot of deserving students that

"It shows that we are not just

Kulsrud will be honored at the

Hamilton said that Kulsrud is a



The UW-RF Concert Choir performs a concert in Japan last May. Select members, including Kris Kulsrud, of the choir participated in the concert tour to Hawaii, Korea and Japan.

should be nominated for awards n't pass it up. like this.

for her to nominate a student for Hamilton said. this particular award she could-

When the opportunity came up somebody like Kris should get,"

Although there was no mone- dent teaching next fall.

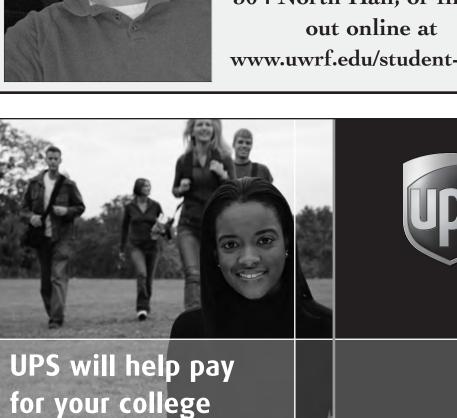
tary award Hamilton said that it "This is the kind of award that is all about the honor and glory.

Kulsrud is set to graduate in December 2006, and will be stu-



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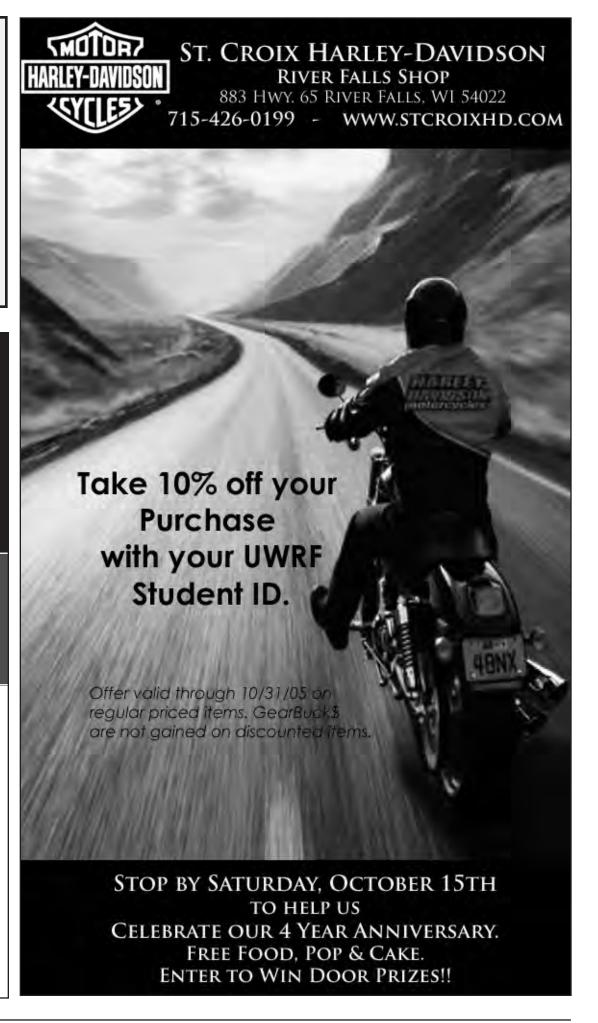
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Watchable wildlife coming alive at UW-RF

Lindsey Slattery

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Vacations are a welcome change to a person's schedule. For some people they can open their eyes to things they would not normally get the chance to notice, like nature.

According to the 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation, wildlife tourism has been growing by leaps and bounds, and has become a significant source of income for many states' parks systems.

Wildlife Recreation and Nature Tourism (WRNT) is a new graduate-level certificate program at UW-River Falls in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science (CAFES) that will focus on the economic side of watchable wildlife.

Watchable wildlife in the WRNT program is defined as any species that is followed by enthusiasts of nature. A classic example is bird watchers, or 'birders'. There are also whale watchers, seal watchers and deep-sea divers just to name a few.

"In a matter of three years, we have gone from no courses to having our first six or seven graduates."

Kelly Cain,

professor of earth and science and initiator of WRNT

According to the program's Web site, WRNT will "help conservationists, community leaders, and recreation and hospitality providers build the skills necessary to effectively preserve the natural resources of and generate jobs and revenue for their communities.

"It's capitalism with a conscience," said Kelly Cain, professor of plant and earth science and ini-

According to WRNT Web site, the program was a product of both UW-River Falls and Watchable Wildlife, Inc (WWI).

WWI is a nonprofit organization "helping com-

munities and wildlife prosper," according to their Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has Web site.

Cain said the program began with a meeting three the program. years ago between himself and founder/current president of WWI, Jim Mallman.

"The program was approved over two years ago," Cain said. "The first graduating class is getting their certificates this week."

Cain explained how watchable wildlife became the focal point of the meeting he had with

quality between government and communities with ecotourism," Mallman said.

Visitors seemed to interfere with biological

"Managers in the past saw visitors as something they had to deal with," Cain said. "They were more interested in the biology of the watchable wildlife they were explaining."

WRNT program is designed to change the way nature tourism is run, and gear it so that there can be a profit while remaining loyal to nature.

The program is becoming so well known that the

been encouraging their employees to participate

"Protecting habitats like the Kinni have economic effects on the town," Cain said.

Cain has seen firsthand what money spent on

nature can do under the worst circumstances. 'My wife and I used to own a dude ranch outside of Aspen, Colo.," said Cain. "We've seen the dark

side of how egos will pay to destroy nature." The WRNT program is unique to not only the "There was a tremendous gap in management UW System but to the world as well.

"It's the only online nature tourism program online with graduate credit available that I know of," said Cain.

CAFES will not be the only college that will offer this program for long.

"George Washington University is becoming a

huge competitor," Cain said. Yet Cain remains proud and hopeful of the new

WRNT program.

"In a matter of three years we have gone from no courses to having our first six or seven graduates,"

CBE students use Fridays economically

Seminar series encourages student exploration

Justine Benzen justine.benzen@uwrf.edu

UW-River Falls College of Business and Economics (CBE) students can add to their understanding of the business world through seminars sponsored by the Center of Economic Research.

The "Friday Seminar Series" showcases professors who will give presentations that will encourage students to explore corporate and other work environments.

"The series is an exchange of scholarly ideas and research activities," Hamid Tabesh, director for the Center for Economic Research said.

The Center for Economic Research is designed to assist and encourage research that supports economic development in the region.

The center not only focuses on encouraging faculty to engage in scholarly research, it encourages the presentation of interdisciplinary research to enrich the knowledge of the greater communi-

ty.
"Since its inception, the Center has actively engaged and issues in the St. Valley," Croix Tabesh said in a release. press

'Acting as a liaison for the college to the region, the center helps to identify the expertise faculty can offer to the business community."

Tabesh said, faculty who are engaged in research and learning can improve the depth, breadth, and currency of their teachings, which should benefit the stu-

The first seminar presentation took place on Sept. 23, by marketing professor Darryl Miller.

His presentation, "Assessment of Health Care Brand Logos," presented findings from a content analysis of health care brand logos of Fortune 500 health care corporations.

In the second seminar, Jude Rathburn

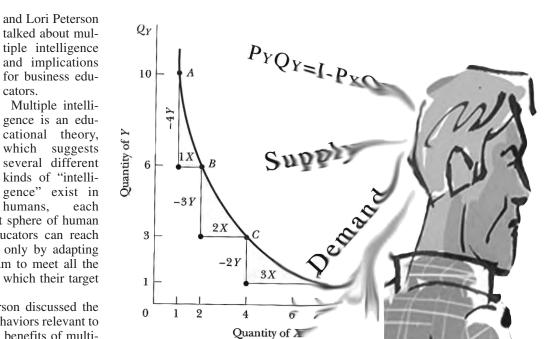
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> gence" exist in humans, relating to a different sphere of human life and activity. Educators can reach out to their students only by adapting their teaching program to meet all the types of intelligence, which their target

audience possesses. Rathburn and Peterson discussed the characteristics and behaviors relevant to each intelligence, the benefits of multiple intelligence theory for management "Data Infusion Using Artificial Neural Dec. 2, by Megan Sun. education, the implications for faculty and students for using multiple intelligence in the classroom and examples of learning activities that may be used to draw out each of the eight intelligences.

Three upcoming seminars include:



Networks," presented Oct. 21 by Orientation Lead to Customer social and refreshment time is sched-Commitment?" presented Nov. 11 by uled prior to the events at 3 p.m. in 317 Ozcan Kilic, and "Volume and South Hall. The presentations are free Volatility: What Drives It?" presented and open to the public.

All of the presentations will be from Hossein Najafi; "Does Customer 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in 321 South Hall. A

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Joan McDonald **University Services Associates**

When people enter the Leadership Center, one of the first people they will see is Joan McDonald. Joan works with to the "Stu Crew" Desk assistants at the Leadership Center and Information desk, she is the

Co-Chair of Employee Development Committee and she works with entertainment contracts for Student Services and Programs. Joan has been at UW-RF for seven and a half years, she worked at financial assistance for her first two years and has been at the Leadership Center ever

I hope to have the energy to stay here for years to come, she said about her future plans.

Joan has three daughters and one attends school here, she lives in rural River Falls/Hudson and is originally from Wausau, Wis.

Joan loves to travel and anything to do with the outdoor, the coolest place she has ever been is Costa Rica.

Campus Calendar

Friday, October 14

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - World Food Day

"Reflections on Fighting Hunger: Roads not Taken, Goals not Met, the Journey Ahead" Fee: No charge

Location: Student Center President's Room

3:30 p.m. - The Student Reading Series Presents the first Student Reading

Students of all majors are welcome to read. Fee: Free

Location: Library Breezeway

6 p.m. - Movie Night! Enjoy a movie or two in the Falcons Nest with the Gay/Straight Alliance! Bring friends! Fee: Free

Location: Falcons Nest, Student Center

8 p.m. - Ike Reilly Assassination with The Hopefuls (Friday October, 14) Ike Reilly

The Hopefuls Fee: \$5 Location: Brandy's

Monday, October 17

7-8:30 p.m. - Does God Play Dice? 100 Years after Einstein

Help us celebrate World Year of Physics and join us for an easy to understand discussion about the incredible and mysterious phenomena in the field of quantum mechanics.

Fee: Free Location: River Falls Public Library, Lower Level

Tuesday, October 18

8 p.m. - Wyman Series: Jawaahir Dance Company

Jawaahir's repertoire captures the essential spirit of Middle Eastern dance. Free for UW-RF Students with ID

\$3 for 18 and under

\$5 for general public Location: North Hall Auditorium

Wednesday, October 19

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Career Fair Karges Gymnasium, Student Services Building

8-10 p.m. Live Jazz and Open Mic Take a break from your busy life to come listen to the cool, mellow stylings of jazz music.

Fee: Free Location: Brandy's WHIP-SMART

Desperate singles



Jon Majak

Gavin's friend Marc Wilson was known by most of his social circle to be a very involved young man. He did community theater, had two jobs, and one particular evening, he was involved in the airing of some dirty laundry. One recent evening, Marc found himself

wedged between a shirtless gay couple. As they bumped and grinded to the beat, Marc couldn't help but wonder where he knew one of them from

It was then that Marc flashed back to a previous Sunday at church. He had been dutifully in attendance when his father came up to him to introduce him to a new member who had recently gotten involved in his prayer circle.

"This is Jesse," Marc's father told him as he shook his hand. While they shook hands, another person came up and joined them. "Oh Marc, this is Jesse's wife Marcia and their new baby, Eva."

As Marc continued to dance with Jesse and Jesse's boyfriend, and watch them flirtatiously

wink at one another, he quickly came to the conclusion that Jesus was not the only man involved in Jesse's life.

All the while on Spruce Street, another desperate homo was airing some emotional dirty laundry of his own.

"I think I like The Russian," I confided to Gavin. "It's like we're stuck playing this romantic version of Clue; he broke my heart in La Crosse with a knife to my back.'

'You've got to find somebody new to move on with," Gavin advised.

"I do like a new guy," I confessed. "His name is Denton and he's a bartender in La Crosse. We've been IM-ing each other for awhile, always flirty, and I met him at Oktoberfest last week."

It had been at the bars when I forced my way up to the bar to get a drink and he leaned over and whispered in my ear in a seductively low pitch voice.

'Are you the man from River Falls?" he said. He leaned back as I smiled a bit. He was tall, thin, and boyishly charming with a brown news-

boy cap on top of his head. "And get this," I continued. "He plays the bagpipes and owns three kilts. Somehow, even though I'm gay, I still end up being a skirt chas-

In the middle of my conversation with Gavin, I received an e-mail. When you're writing a gay dating column, you often times get promotional materials but what I received was most definitely a first.

"You know that there is gay porn called Desperate Husbands," I typed to Gavin.

"How is it?" he asked excitedly.

"For gay porn stars, they look remarkably less worn-out than Teri Hatcher," I replied. "But personally I'm holding out for Gay's Anatomy."

That evening, Denton sent me an IM so we could arrange a date when we could go out on

"You know you're much cuter in person," he said to me.

"I'm going to take that as a compliment," I replied. "I have a question for you; what exactly does one wear underneath a kilt?"

"You'll just have to go under there and see for yourself," he answered. After Denton logged off, I continued chatting with some of my messenger mates including twenty-something Mark, a student at UW-La

'What are you up to?" he asked me.

Crosse.

"Just finished talking to this guy named Denton," I replied.

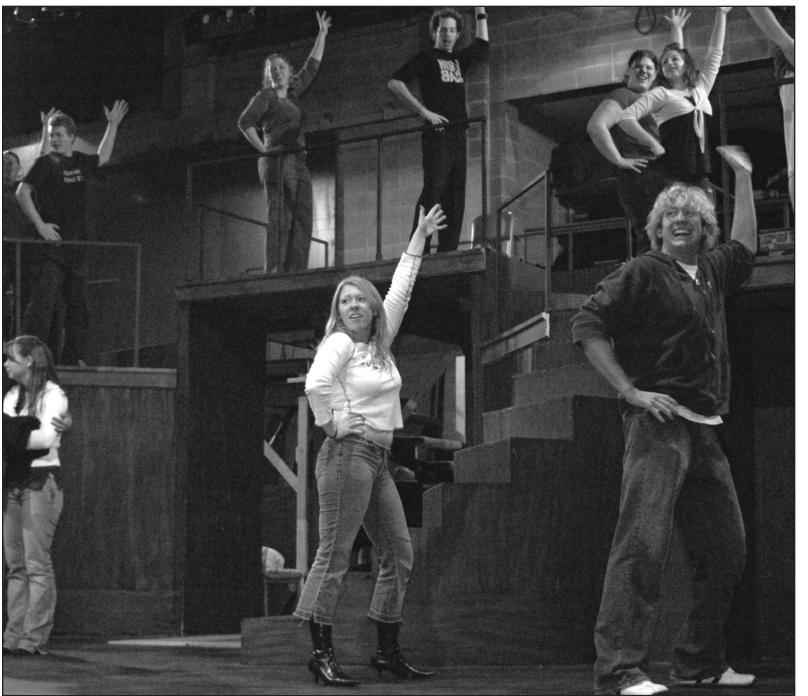
"Oh really," he said. "I know him." "Cool," I typed back.

"Oh Jonathan, what did you do?"

"Yeah," Mark continued. "He's my boyfriend." I sat back in my chair, stunned by this revelation, and could only say one thing:

Note: Next week will feature the second part of this series...so remember to read it.

ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW



The University of Wisconsin-River Falls University Theatre presents "The Rocky Horror Show" Oct. 27-29, 31, and Nov. 2-5 in the Blanche Davis Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p.m. The play is based on the 1975 sci-fi movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show."Tickets will be on sale at the box office two weeks before the production and one hour prior to performance. Adult tickets are \$10 and students/senior citizens are \$6.

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That's right, it's to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.

By: Neng Yang



Loud and proud



Photos by Eric Ebert/Student Voice

Above: National Coming Out day was on Oct. 11, members of GSA marched down the streets of River Falls full of energy and humor. Below: Drag Show contests shook their butts and sang their hearts out to a packed crowd at Brandy's on Oct. 12. Weeklong events were held in celebration of Coming Out Week.

Three main issues associated with coming out: Affect on social relationships, school and self esteem.

Who to tell, fear of rejection, or reaction causing upset or distress.

Support and guarantees of safety.

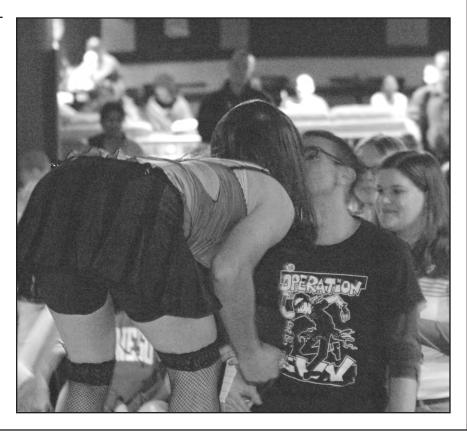
Coming Out Day

"The purpose of Coming Out Day is to encourage GLBT persons and allies to come out," GSA Co-Chair Audrey Liquard said.

The day someone comes out can make serious changes in peoples lives and is a different experience for everyone. The GSA on campus has many activities throughout the week and is active throughout the year and encourages people to join.

"A lot of people have the misconception that GSA is just for gays and lesbians, when it is for everyone and that any allies are very important," GSA Co-Chair Raeann Flood said.

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Alumni Room, South Hall - and all meetings are confidential.



Urine ignites pissing match



Eric Ebert/Student Voice

Students stumbling home drunk find it convenient and relieving to piss wherever they please instead of trying to make it to the nearest bathroom. The group is part of an antitask force set up to combat a task force designed to urinate every student's door.

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The item that follows is a parody and is not to be taken seriously.

The local police have recently called in a task force to deal with the steep incline in student public urination citations.

"The task force will give the students what's see how they like it."

coming to them," said an official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "Clearly citations are not working, so it is time to resort to a quasi-vigilantism."

The task force is comprised of local police and storeowners that are growing tired of public urination on Main Street River Falls.

"Our goal is to go around to every student's dorm door, apartment door, and crappy party house door - and piss on it," a local shop owner said. "Let's

The task force has been dubbed 'Pissy Revenge

It is the brainchild of Ima Badparent. Badparent was appalled to see a student urinating into the gutter by a local bar at approximately 3 a.m.

"I would not have minded the urination, but the fact that my 12-year-old had to see it was just wrong. He was drunk, and he could hold it 'til we got home," Badparent said.

The task force would not say when the strike of urine would come, nor would it say exactly how many people had taken arms with them.

They issued a warning, be carefule to students. There appears to be a mole in the task force.

A student's anti-task force team has been formed, called "If I am drunk, I will pee wherever I want."

The group is headed by seventh-year senior IP Anywhere, who said that for the townspeople to retaliate would be wrong.

"They act like they have never gotten drunk and peed on a wall, bush, or running squad car." Anywhere said. "They try this 'holier than thou' attitude."

Anywhere's group is going to raise the ante, he

"If they piss on my door, we are going to get every student to march down Main Street, pants down and letting it go," Anywhere said.

The police have said that giving fines to that many students would be too much work, so there is nothing they can do to stop it.

Badparent won't allow that to happen, she said. "I will pee on every bar if that's what it takes," Badparent said.

She said she hopes that if the bars have to clean up urine, they will take more responsibility and enforce mandatory bathroom breaks for students. Local bartender Ivanna Getyoudrunk, said there is no way she is cleaning up urine.

"Vomit on the bar, fine. Vomit on the floor, fine. But urine on the street, no way," Getyoudrunk

The federal government, fearing an escalating urine war in downtown Main Street, issued this statement,

"Don't pee on the street. At least try to make it to an alley. And to answer your question, yes, we care more about pee on the street than your tuition

and the teacher's salary. We suck like that.' Anywhere is not pleased with the strong-arming of the government on the issue, he said. If you would like to join the "If I am drunk, I will pee wherever I want" there are meetings every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at every bar and house party in River Falls.

Du jour

MICROWAVE CARAMEL CORN

Ingredients:

6 qts. of popped corn in brown paper bag (use hot air popper)

2 c. brown sugar

1 tsp. salt

2 sticks margarine 1/2 c. corn syrup

Mixing Instructions:

Boil this 5 minutes and remove from heat. Add 1 teaspoon baking soda. Stir. Pour mixture over and stir in bag. Bake 3 minutes on full power, stirring frequently. Pour out on wax paper or heavy aluminum foil and crumble. Store in airtight container.

MEXICAN BEAN DIP

Ingredients:

1 (16 oz.) can refried beans

1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

1 (1 1/4 oz.) pkg. taco seasoning mix 1 sm. onion, chopped

3 drops hot sauce

Mixing Instructions:

Place all ingredients in a medium Microwave-safe bowl. Mix well. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on High 6 minutes. Stir at 3 minutes. Serve with corn chips.

MICROWAVE MINI PIZZAS

Ingredients:

1 (6 count) pkg. English muffins 1 sm. jar pizza sauce (any flavor) 8 oz. pkg. shredded Mozzarella cheese 48 slices pepperoni (optional)

Mixing instructions:

Pour sauce on to open-face muffins. Place 4 slices of pepperoni on each muffin. Top each muffin with a generous amount of cheese. Bake in microwave for 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serves 3 or cut into fourths to serve as party food.

AFTER PARTY Ingredients:

2 cups Vodka

4 cups Pineapple juice

4 cups Cranberry juice

64 oz Ginger ale 2 cups Sugar

Ice

Mixing instructions:

Mix all ingredients! More or less vodka and sugar can be used. Mix to your

FLAMING DRAGON

Ingredients:

1 oz Green Chartreuse

1 oz 151 proof rum (Bacardi)

Mixing instructions:

Mix together in a double shot glass. Light on fire. Let the flames warm the concoction about 20 secs. Blow out fire. Swallow quickly. Be careful as the glass may be hot. Now lay on the ground, put your claws in the air, and "wrestle with the dragon".

MIRAGE

Ingredients:

2 oz Melon vodka

2 oz Pineapple juice 1 oz Lemon juice

1 oz Strawberry juice

Mixing instructions:

Shake with ice and stir in chilled glasses. Garnish with a strawberry.

SPINACH QUESADILLAS

Ingredients:

16 oz. bag frozen cut leaf spinach, thawed and very well drained 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese 8 flavored or plain flour tortillas

Preparation:

Drain the spinach well, then squeeze it between paper towels to get out as much moisture as possible. On four tortillas, sprinkle half of the cheese. layer on all of the spinach. Then top with remaining cheese. Top each with another tortilla and press gently. Heat nonstick skillet for 1 minute over medium heat, then cook each quesadilla for 2-3 minutes on each side until cheese melts and tortillas are crisp, pressing gently with spatula as they cook. Cut each into six wedges to serve. 8-10 servings

Send drink or food recipe ideas to:

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Let the betting begi

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Being into sports usually means getting together for an intramural game with friends or cheering on the Brewers a few times a week. Now a new, somewhat untraditional sport, is occupying TV screens and recreational time-poker.

ESPN's "World Series of Poker," Bravo's "Celebrity Poker Challenge" and the Travel Channel's World Poker Tour all focus on viewers watching real poker games play-out just like any other sport. According to ESPN.com, the winner of the Texas Hold'em main event in the "World Series of Poker" in 2004, went home with a prize of \$7.5 million.

Texas Hold'em has now come to UW-River Falls through a Health and Human Performance class. As an assignment from assistant professor Culpepper, his Organization and down. Then the first round of done ahead of time, and prizes Administration class was challenged to get 200 students can decide if they wish to stay in instead of money. together and organize an event. the game or not. The students chose a Texas Hold'em tournament.

going into teaching HHP "don't and takes the pot. get a lot of hands-on experience physical experience with action and organizing a big event.

According to the World Series Poker's



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Prucha hall residents socialize together while playing a game of Texas Hold'em poker.

www.worldseriesofpoker.com, it," Culpepper said. Texas Hold'em begins with each Dean player being dealt two cards ferred at the event, it has to be betting occurs where each player have to be awarded to winners

Next, five community cards are RF tournament is \$10 during the returning to serious gambling put down with betting after the pre-registration period from Oct. problems." The assignment was given for flop, the turn and the river. In the 10 to Dec. 2, and \$25 at the door students to get some job-related end, the person with the best five of the event on Dec. 10. experience because students card combination wins that hand

education," bling is illegal, Culpepper had to Recreation Culpepper said. This provides an abide by a few specific rules and involved. get the project cleared through student services.

> "As long as it's fundraising for official site, an organization they're OK with

Also, no money can be trans-

The entrance fee for the UW-Culpepper met the organization

requirement by getting the In light of the fact that gam- Health, Physical Education and Club (HPER)

Culpepper said he decided to have the event benefit the HPER club because most of his student tant to you such as school work were members. With a goal of raising \$2000, \$1500 of it will go to the HPER club to send members to conferences and to fund demonstrations and guest speak-

The remaining \$500 will be used to purchase the prizes.

Culpepper said the tournament will be run "just like if you were 18 and went to a poker tournament in Minnesota."

per table and the blinds will raise Also, counseling services are every 15 minutes.

The increasing popularity of with gambling problems.

gambling sent up a red flag to researchers. According to a study done by the Journal of Gambling Studies on gambling disorders, "between 9.9 percent and 14.2 percent of adolescents are at risk of developing or

Psychology professor Richard Seefeldt said that to have gambling be considered an addictive behavior for a student, it must affect his or her life negatively by "interfering with social or occupational functions."

Examples of this are beginning to ignore things that are imporor relationships, Seefeldt said.

In terms of having gambling on campus, Seefeldt said he thinks it does promote gambling, there are probably more benefits to having these activities for students, such as meeting people and being involved.

The concern of gambling is addressed through a brochure produced on gambling available in Student Health Services. There will be eight to 10 people located in 24 East Hathorn Hall. offered for students struggling



Texas Hold'em Poker Rankings



Royal Straight Flush- cards in the same suit from 10 to Ace

Straight Flush- cards in the same suit in order Four of A Kind- all cards with the same face

Full House- a three of a kind and a pair Flush- five cards of the same suit

Straight- any five cards in order **Three of A Kind-** three cards with the same

Two Pair- two different pairs of the same

One Pair- two cards of the same ranking **High Card-** highest card on the table







Key Terms in Poker

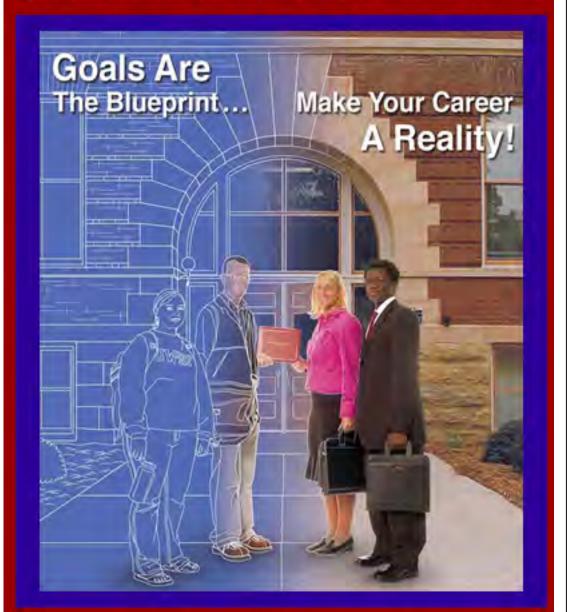


- •Flop: The dealer turns over three cards in the middle of the table, these cards are used by all players to make the best hand with the two cards they are dealt.
- •Turn: The forth community card dealt.
- •River: The dealer turns over the fifth and last community card. Betting occurs for the last time after this card is dealt.
- •Pot: The chips in the middle of the table that increase with betting.
- •Blind: To insure that betting will happen, two players are always small blind and big blind betting the amount before the cards are dealt. The people that are placing blinds rotates around the table with each hand as the dealer rotates. Blinds increase in increments through the game as the time passes.





COMING WEDNESDAY!



Career Fair 2005

Wednesday, October 19th, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Karges Gymnasium

For more information, please visit our web site: http://www.uwrf.edu/ccs/events/career_fair/welcome.htm

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