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## October heat wave more than uncomfortable

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Temperatures were high and humidity was even higher Oct. 3 and 4, causing buildings on campus to become uncomfortably hot and destroying billions of research items.

"We are always working with living organisms that are sensitive to temperature," said Karen Klyczek, chair of the biology department. "When using incubators and refrigerators, we count on having reasonable room temperatures."

Temperatures in the Ag Science building reached 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) Oct. 3 and 4, she said.

Biology 100 and 150 classes lost 500 cultures of ferns, which they were using to time fern develop-

ment in relation to temperature. Klyczek said the plants grew twice as fast when building temperatures were increased.

Cell and Molecular Biology classes (Biology 240) lost millions of worms being used for a research project testing temperature on worm growth and development. Most of the worms either died or became dormant, Klyczek said, affecting students four weeks after the hot spell.

Students in Molecular Biology classes were also affected when billions of DNA molecules were lost. Klyczek said the students had been splicing DNA, which requires room temperature.

An ultra-cold freezer that must be kept at minus 80 C (minus 112 F) warmed up to minus 70 C (minus 94 F) Oct. 3 and 4, causing the loss of irreplaceable cells and bacteria that were being used for

research, Klyczek said. The freezer still had not cooled to its required temperature two weeks later.

Classes across the department were shortened or canceled when students reported feeling faint or were not learning well due to the heat, she said.

"It was more than just people being uncomfortable," Klyczek said. "We saw losses of research, equipment, and most importantly, learning."

The life spans of compressors and other equipment shorten when they have to work harder against the heat, she said, adding that the biology department experiences problems every October and April when the climate heats up and the University's cooling systems are not used.

Klyczek said this October was the worst she has seen in her 16

years at UW-River Falls.

The issue is brought to the attention of administration and facilities management every year, she said, and she has been told that the high cost of energy and the risk of cracked pipes have caused the University to make no changes in the past.

"Failed experiments are to be expected in science, but the large scale failure seems unnecessary," Klyczek said. "Students get excited about doing actual science and getting them enthusiastic again is hard."

While the biology department seems to have reported the biggest losses, students across campus were affected by the heat.

Michael Padgett, chair of the art department, said he received concerns from faculty teaching in



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice  
**Renee Schulte and Laura Franz extract DNA for a Biology lab. Abnormally high temperatures in early October had repercussions for many Biology classes. Ferns and worms being used for experiments were killed and billions of DNA molecules were lost.**

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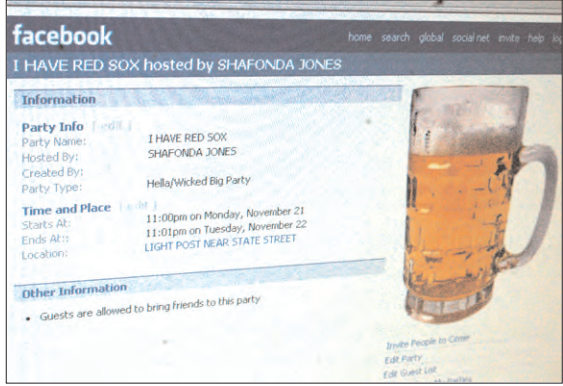


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**Party invites are just one of many concerns some administrators have with Facebook.**

## 'Book' reveals new chapter

UW-RF staff expresses concern over students' use, content of Facebook

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Since Facebook was introduced to UW-River Falls in mid-September, students have been using the Web site as a place to share their opinions and personal information, some that have staff at UW-RF concerned for students' safety, integrity and academic success.

Although some staff members, who are also Facebook members, acknowledge that Facebook can be a valuable communication method, they are starting to notice the disadvantages as well.

"I think it can be a fun and powerful communication tool if used with some caution and sense of awareness," said Gregg Heinselman, executive director of student services and programs.

Some staff members who are registered users on Facebook have also noticed how indiscreet students are being with the pictures they are posting in profiles.

"Students certainly have to be aware of the pictures they are posting on Facebook," Jason Neuhaus said. "Pictures speak louder than words, and the behaviors they are promoting in their pictures is something I certainly will have conversations with students about."

Neuhaus, the west area coordinator for student services and programs, said that he has been passing information gained on Facebook to Public Safety. Neuhaus has called students to express concern for their personal safety, image, and to inform them of how their participation in Facebook takes away from their integrity as a UW-RF student and other students on campus.

Heinselman, who has also been viewing profiles on Facebook, recognized the risqué nature of profile photographs as well.

"As I become more familiar with how UW-RF students are using Facebook, my concern grows regarding the images being shown in some of the photos, the personal information being shared and the intent of some of the groups," Heinselman said.

Staff members are also aware of the importance of students having a place such as Facebook available.

"I believe it is important, and healthy to express their views," Neuhaus said. "However, there is a fine line between expressing views appropriately and inappropriately."

Groups that have been formed not only allow students with common interests to form a connection, but some are also degrading to the campus community. "I am also concerned when groups are openly disrespectful, vulgar, or biased against specific individuals or departments," Terry Willson said.

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## Tradition renewed

Paradise parade revives 21-year-old homecoming tradition

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Falcon cheers, high spirits, excitement and involvement from students are some of the many plans for UW-River Fall's 2005 homecoming celebration.

This year's homecoming will be the first time in 21 years the University will include a parade during the campus celebration.

"We are trying to build programs back up and get back to university traditions," Sean Blackburn, student organizations coordinator, said. "Our main goal is to put Falcon pride back into campus life."

The parade will start at 11 a.m. prior to the football game behind the Regional Development Institute Building and continue on the path throughout campus. The parade will pass by Rodli Commons, Centennial Science Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building, Davee Chalmers Library, South Hall, and will continue down the path between Hathorn Hall and the Agricultural Science Building toward the football field.

Chancellor Don Betz, the mascot Freddy and the game ball are all a part of the grand marshal.

Moody's Chevrolet is loaning a corvette for the grand marshal entrance.

The Falcon cheerleading organization arranged for the Corvette to participate in the parade.

"Our organization is really excited to present the grand marshal in the parade," falcon cheerleader Charlotte Muenzenberger, said. "We feel it is important to support homecoming events and create new University traditions that students will remember."

The special events committee started planning for the homecoming parade last semester.

"This has been a lot of work," Marcus Bonde, chair for the special events committee, said.

The actual production and organization of planning the parade has taken quite some time. Planning a location for the parade, finding orga-



The winning float from the 1969 (above) and the winning float from the 1963 (left) homecoming parades.



nizations to participate, publicizing, budgets and cost are all a part of this year's planning.

Bonde feels the parade will not only be the start of many homecoming traditions, but that the University is taking the time to give back to alumni.

"We are catering back to the alumni by getting them involved in falcon spirit and encouraging them to participate in our events.

Organizations and students are welcome to participate in the parade. Floats should coincide with the theme, "Freddy's Paradise Island." Organizations and groups do not need to necessarily create a float; participants have the option

of walking to represent their organization. The deadline to participate in the parade is Friday, Oct. 28 at 5 p.m.

"I am very excited to participate in this year's homecoming parade," Ryan Stovern, Theta Chi royalty representative said. "Our float includes tiki torches, steamers, and lights. This is one of the largest competitions between organizations throughout the entire week."

Stovern says he is planning on "going all the way to win."

Floats will be awarded points for creativity.

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## Taking classes out of the classroom

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River Falls is a small town tucked away in the western edge of Wisconsin, but not far enough west to be in Minnesota with the large Twin Cities.

In recent years River Falls has grown closer to the Twin Cities suburbia, but is UW-River Falls dragging its feet when it comes to offering students new technology in education?

UW-RF currently offers approximately 34 online classes to its undergraduate and graduate students. But other universities in Wisconsin and Minnesota offer hundreds of them.

A university close in size to UW-RF, UW-Stout, offers approximately

150 online or distance education classes to their student population according to Larry Graves, assistant registrar for UW-Stout. Graves said more online classes are offered at UW-Stout because they are trying to attract the working population to further their education.

While digging up information about online courses at UW-RF a debate arose between professors and students alike regarding whether or not online classes should be offered or not.

"It would be a waste of resources to offer students who live on campus online classes," said Brad Caskey, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Timothy Nissen, a UW-RF professor who instructs the introduction to sociology course online, disagrees.

"It provides the student with much greater flexibility," Nissen said. "The class fits the student's schedule rather than the student having to fit their schedule to the class."

Online courses are a trend in education that is becoming more and more popular, making it less essential that students attend classes and complete work on deadline. Good things that are found in an online class can also be the bad.

"If you can't make yourself get on the computer and do the work then you won't be successful and shouldn't take an online class," Nissen said.

In order to be successful in an online class you need to be a self-motivated student who can stay on task.

Julia Martin, a journalism student

at UW-RF, has taken online classes and agrees with Nissen.

"I loved it, I really enjoyed it," she said. "Online courses allowed me to be flexible with my schedule."

Nissen said he also believes one of the most important benefits of online education is that students who usually don't participate in class discussions "can and must" participate in the course.

"Because they can think about what they say before they say it, can read what they are saying before they say it, they feel much more safer about participating and will do so to a much greater extent," Nissen said. Nissen said as a professor he is able to cover a lot more material, have longer, ongoing discussions,

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VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

American soldier, author to speak



John Crawford will speak on Nov. 1 in North Hall Auditorium at 8 p.m. Crawford is a National Guard soldier and author of the Best-selling Memoir “The Last True Story I’ll Ever Tell”. He will discuss his book, which began as a series of essays written while he was stationed in occupied Baghdad. “The Last True Story I’ll Ever Tell” was released in the summer of 2005. He also will speak about what life was like in the Third Battalion of the 124th Infantry, and give a vision of what American soldiers are facing in Iraq.

Morocco study tour presents information

The Morocco Study Tour will hold an informational meeting on Nov. 2 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building at 6:30 p.m. The study tour will provide students the opportunity to study Moroccan art, archaeology, architecture and culture. More emphasized topics will be the culture and religion of modern Morocco, the art and archaeology of pre-Islamic Morocco, and the art and archaeology of Islamic Morocco. For more information contact Steven Derfler at [steven.l.derfler@uwrf.edu](mailto:steven.l.derfler@uwrf.edu).



REGIONAL

Thrill-seeker gives community scare



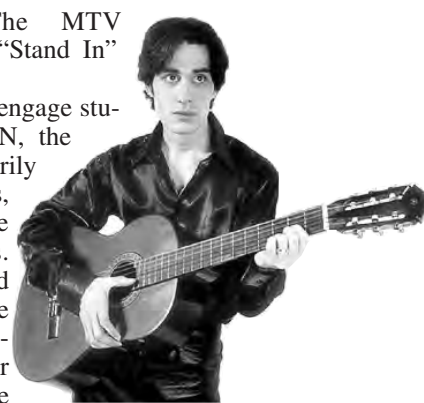
Andrew George Leech was arrested for disorderly conduct Oct. 13 after jumping off the I-94 Bridge in Hudson. According to the River Falls Journal, the 24-year-old self-described “adrenaline junkie” jumped off the bridge for a thrill. But Leech didn’t think his act would be interpreted as a suicide attempt like it was, and was surprised by the reaction of local authorities. Leech apologized for the trouble he caused the law enforcement community, and says he plans to write letters of apology to others involved.

His court date is set for Nov. 7. Leech could face a \$250 fine if convicted of disorderly conduct and could be ordered to pay restitution for law enforcement involvement.

NATIONAL

MTVu brings celebrities to the classroom

NEW YORK - The MTV Network’s new feature, “Stand In” invites celebrities into classrooms to help engage students. According to CNN, the new MTV feature, primarily seen on college campuses, invites celebrities to be surprise lecturers. Participating colleges and MTVu try to keep the secret by telling lies to students who may wonder about the cameras in the classroom.



The appearances offer admiration, and a chance to promote a pet cause for the celebrities.

MTVu cuts out much of the scenes from the appearances, bringing each one down to a four-minute sound bite. MTVu is available only on television systems in dorms and dining halls at 730 college campuses, although this fall it became the first MTV Network streamed continuously on the Web. MTV is considering giving “Stand In” some exposure on the main network, MTVu General Manager Stephen Friedman said, and is also considering making extended versions of the appearances available on the Internet.

Civil rights icon Rosa Parks dies at 92



Rosa Parks, whose refusal a half-century ago to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Alabama launched a new era in the civil rights movement, died Monday. She was 92.

According to USA Today, Civil rights icon Rosa Parks died in Detroit at her home of natural causes, Karen Morgan said, a spokeswoman for Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. Parks’ act of defiance against the segregation laws of the South united blacks behind a victorious boycott of the Montgomery bus system. Parks was a 42-year-old member of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in December 1955, when a white man demanded her seat on a city bus. She refused, despite rules requiring blacks to yield their seats to whites. She was jailed and fined \$14. Her arrest triggered a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by Martin Luther King Jr. It led to a 1956 Supreme Court decision that said discrimination in public transportation was unconstitutional.

While speaking to military spouses in Washington, President Bush said Mrs. Parks’ 1955 refusal to give up her seat “was an act of personal courage.”

At a celebration in her honor in 1988, she said: “I am leaving this legacy to all of you ... to bring peace, justice, equality, love and a fulfillment of what our lives should be. Without vision, the people will perish, and without courage and inspiration, dreams will die—the dream of freedom and peace.”

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SENATE

Student Senate talks multiculturally

Multicultural resource center may be in store for University

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An idea for a multicultural resource center to connect with students of color at UW-River Falls was presented at Tuesday night’s Student Senate meeting.

David Glisch-Sanchez, academic affairs director of United Council, made a special presentation addressing why a multicultural resource center would benefit UW-RF.

Glisch-Sanchez said some large companies like IBM, GE Medical and Hewlett-Packard won’t hire graduates from UW System schools. He said these companies feel that students coming out of the UW System won’t be able to deal with different cultures or ethnicities.

Glisch-Sanchez said UW-RF has 323 students of color, which accounts for 5.5 percent of the student population. He said a multicultural resource center would help with recruitment, retention and resources. The resource center could also provide

educational programs on ethnic and cultural issues.

Senate vice president Liz de la Torre questioned whether the multicultural resource center could be incorporated into Plan 2008. Plan 2008 is a seven-goal plan set forth by the UW System Board of Regents to develop racial diversity on UW System campuses.

Glisch-Sanchez said the University could possibly amend their individual plan to include a multicultural resource center.

Funding for the center was also a topic of discussion.

Glisch-Sanchez said funding could come from student fees, government funding or donations.

“There are only three sources of funding,” Glisch-Sanchez said.

Several attendees at the meeting also voiced their support for a multicultural resource center.

Other Senate news

• Senate President Nick Cluppert and vice president Liz de la Torre met with provost and vice chancellor Ginny Coombs to dis-

cuss the plus minus grading system.

De la Torre said she thinks there is an unlikely chance of reverting back to the old grading scale. However, de la Torre urged the Senate to come up with a motion supporting one system or the other.

“It kind of seems like nobody knows what’s going on,” de la Torre said.

She said she will be looking into why the original proposal came up.

• President Cluppert said students could see a surcharge above and beyond tuition due to high campus utility bills.

Cluppert met with vice chancellor for administration and finance Mary Halada to talk about the large utility bill during the last biennium. Cluppert said if the trend continues students will see a surcharge.

Cluppert said he will be speaking with administrators to see what students can do to help keep costs down.

• Student Senate passed a motion supporting the adoption of a universal design policy at UW-RF and throughout the system.

Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people without special designs at little to no added cost.

Auctioning to aid Katrina victims

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UW-River Falls has been active in helping victims of Hurricane Katrina. The art department contributed to the cause by hosting a silent auction with proceeds going to the Red Cross to assist victims.

“It’s for donation to people who have been really, really struggling,” said Bernice Fick-Swenson, art faculty member, who helped organize the auction.

Current and former faculty members, former students and past gallery featured artists were all invited to individually donate one item. Swenson said she was expecting a “nice, broad range of objects.”

About 40 items were donated. Items included pottery, paintings, fabrics and photographs.

But this is not the first time the art department has donated money to the Red Cross when the country was amidst a crisis.

In 2001, \$4,280 was raised from auctioning off 75 items after Sept. 11.

Swenson said the feedback the art department received in 2001 was positive and “great fun.”



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Possible buyers line up to view silent auction items on the morning of Oct. 26. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to Hurricane Katrina victims.

Almost immediately following the hurricane, Swenson and Morgan Clifford, another organizer for this event, wanted to have another auction.

Swenson said the planning began right away; Gallery 101 in Kleinpell Fine Arts

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Oct. 17

Danielle E. Wolden, 18, was fined \$166 for shoplifting, \$6.39 restitution and \$166 for possession of marijuana around 4:45 p.m.

River Falls Police responded to a call from ShopKo that they had allegedly caught a woman stealing items. Police were told that Wolden allegedly tried to take four items by concealing them in a bag she was carrying.

Officers questioned Wolden, who allegedly admitted to the attempted theft. Police placed Wolden under arrest and searched her belongings.

Officers report finding a glass pipe in Wolden’s bag that smelled like burnt marijuana. According to the police report, Wolden told police she had smoked earlier in the day and had forgotten the pipe was still in her bag.

Oct. 18

Adam J. Mattson, 20, was fined \$248 for underage consumption in May Hall.

Oct. 19

• Mohamed O. Osman, 22, was fined \$166 for possession of marijuana and \$500 for a drunk driving second offense around 2 a.m.

River Falls Police officers reported seeing Osman’s vehicle driving south along S. Main Street at an accelerated speed. Police state their radar clocked the vehicle at a speed of 38 mph in a 25-mph zone.

Officers proceeded to pull Osman over on the 100 block of W. Park Street. Officers report smelling a strong odor of alcohol from inside Osman’s vehicle and placed him under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

While searching the car officers said they found a bag of marijuana in the center console. According to the report, Osman allegedly admitted to drinking but claimed the marijuana was not his.

• Around 8:30 p.m. Hannah C. Coffee of Hathorn Hall reported the theft of her room key and student ID card.

Coffee had allegedly used her key to get the vacuum cleaner out of the custodial closet on her floor. She told public safety officers that she had allegedly left the key in the closet door because she only intended to use the vacuum for a short period.

After returning the vacuum Coffee noticed that her ID card and key were missing from the lock.

Oct. 20

• Lok K. Tual, 28, was fined \$250 for operating a motor vehicle after revocation around 1 a.m.

A River Falls Police officer on foot recognized Tual inside of a running vehicle parked outside of the Ground Zero bar talking on a cell phone. The officer asked for Tual’s

license but he told police he didn’t have it.

According to the police report, Tual stated he had allegedly borrowed the vehicle from a friend so he could drive to work.

• David M. Hildebrandt, 18, was fined \$166 for underage consumption along the 500 block of E. Walnut Street around 11:15 p.m.

Officers reportedly found Hildebrandt vomiting in front of a house and being cheered on by a friend while responding to a noise complaint in the area.

• Leah E. Brinkman, 19, was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Oct. 23

• Kelly A. Commerford, 20, was fined \$166 for underage consumption at 721 S. Main St. around 9 p.m.

Commerford called River Falls Police to report a disturbance between her and her roommates at 203 W. Cascade Ave. Officers spoke to both Commerford and her roommates to resolve the issue.

Commerford’s roommates were allegedly concerned about her drinking habits.

• Kevin G. Rockwood, 18, was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

Oct. 24

April R. Hoffman, 23, was fined \$708.50 for drunk driving as well as \$708.50 for operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited alcohol content around 1:50 a.m.

According to the River Falls Police report, Hoffman was pulled over along the 200 block of W. Charlotte Street because her passenger-side taillight was out.

Officers said they noticed a strong odor of alcohol. After performing field tests police placed Hoffman under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Pierce County Court

The following are the court findings for campus violations.

Jessica L. Bahr, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 3.

Adam J. Baligrodzki, 18 pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Robert L. Boddiford, 18, pled guilty to underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Brandon G. Dadwin, 18, pled guilty to underage consumption on Sept. 16.

Jennifer M. Davis, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 13.

Michael J. Defenbaugh, 18, pled guilty to underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Scott E. Doane, 19, pled no contest to a second offense underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Marshall J. Fassino, 18, was dismissed of charges for skateboarding on campus on Sept. 6.

Ryan R. Fischer, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 2.

Sara A. Flanagan, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Ryan A. Full, 20, pled not guilty to a charge of underage consumption on Oct. 1.

Hans Hare, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 15.

Ashley M. Hayes, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 30.

Sonny T. Heinrich, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 25.

Chelsea R. Henry, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 30.

Lauren M. Hvizd, 18, pled no contest to a fine of underage consumption on Sept. 11, and a second offense of underage consumption on Sept. 25.

Lance A. Ihrke, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 3.

Jodi A. Kauth, 18, pled guilty to underage consumption on Oct. 2.

Andrew S. Kline, 20, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 10.

Myrola E. Kramper, 20, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 2.

Leigh T. Landgraf, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 16.

Karen A. Manke, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 16.

Michael D. Matuszak, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 1.

Joshua M. Miske, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Oct. 2.

Alesha M. Mjolsuess, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Michael C. O’Day, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Joseph R. Podvin, 20, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 10.

Steven L. Schalla, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Jason W.C. Sheplee, 20 pled not guilty to a charge of underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Natalie E. Skinner, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 13.

Angela K. Staples, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 8.

Lucas A. Stevens, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 28.

Jennifer M. Strese, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 25.

Jennifer N. Swanick, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Aubree A. Swenson-Wick, 19, pled no contest to a second offense underage consumption on Sept. 9.

Richard D. Swords, 20, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 10.

Esta M. Vankirk, 18, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 11.

Jonathan H. Wood, 19, pled no contest to underage consumption on Sept. 28.



# Gearing up for Grad School

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As the deadline for graduate school applications draws near, some undergraduates are experiencing added stress as they try to balance classes, work and the grad school application process. Although the thought of attending graduate school may be on students' minds prior to beginning their secondary education, preparation has proven to be a strenuous task. "It's kind of difficult to balance grad school application stuff with regular school, so I guess the only advice I would have to other students is to start early," senior Megan Learman said. Learman said she has been visiting graduate schools that coordinate both with what she wants to do and where she wants to live. More than 1,000 universities, colleges and professional schools in the United States offer some type of graduate or professional education program. Locations of these schools also range in environment. When deciding where to apply to graduate

school, students should keep in mind not only where they want to study geographically, but also which school offers the most opportunity for achievement in their selected career path. Although not all graduate institutions require prospective students to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), those planning on attending graduate school should consider taking the exam. The GRE can significantly strengthen a student's application and chances of being offered financial assistance, according to the Career Services Web site. One opportunity that is often overlooked by students is the availability of internship. When applying to graduate school, the more experience one has, the more likely they will be considered for admission. Students pursuing grad school should take advantage of the multitudes of resources available to them on campus. Sue Watters, program assistant at the UW-RF Personal and Professional Development Center (PPDC), said that students can pick up information about steps they should be taking when applying to graduate school. There are many handouts in the center's resource

room dedicated to graduate school preparation. Once students have completed their application, they may make an appointment with a career counselor who will answer questions and proofread the application. The PPDC is located in the Career, Counseling and Student Health Services office in 24 Hathorn Hall. Advisers receive information about internship that they would be willing to pass on to interested students. The annual career fair on campus also brings in several representatives from local businesses and corporations that are seeking to recruit interns. Bulletin boards scattered in academic buildings across campus are also strewn with flyers informing students of internship opportunities. Students must also consider applying to more than one graduate school, as some are difficult to get into. "You usually want to apply to at least four back-up schools. It's also important to rate your choices," senior English major Lindsey Decker said. "You may want to get into a top-notch school, but if your GPA is crummy and you have mid-range test scores, chances are you won't get in." Some undergraduates are overwhelmed by the difference between applying to graduate school compared to applying to a state university. "There's a lot more to applying to grad school than there was for applying to regular college," Learman said.

Obtaining all of the information necessary for completion of applications has also been frustrating for some students. "It's stressful digging up information about clubs I was in in high school," senior Beth Hankins said. "It's like standing at the pearly gates, waiting to see if they'll let you in. They judge you and everything you've done your entire life." Hankins, an animal science major, just recently completed her applications for admission to veterinary school. As with any type of formal application, letters of recommendation are an essential requirement that should be taken into consideration long before applications are due. Students should consider finding faculty and personal acquaintances that would be willing to supply them with letters of recommendation early on as to allow them time to write a well-thought out recommendation. Academic organizations may also be resourceful in the application process. Hankins said that her participation in Pre-Veterinary Club was significantly beneficial during the graduate school application process. The organization helped her to stay on task, making sure she was aware of deadlines and test dates. "I wouldn't have known where to start if it weren't for them," Hankins said of the organization.

## Facebook: Growing concerns of content

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Willson, the UW-RF director of residence life and staff development, became a Facebook member after hearing about the Web site at a UW System Housing meeting. Willson also commented on the easy access certain individuals have to specific information and the effects it may have. "Students should also understand that there are administrators, police agencies, and even potential employers with easy access to this information,"

Willson said. "Anyone may click on 'My Parties' to read party announcements where underage drinking is promoted and attendees are even encouraged to register, which seems to be an open invitation to a party bust by local authorities who, again, have easy access to address and age information posted on Facebook." The information given on Facebook may also be useful in maintaining behavioral issues in residence halls. Many students are members of drinking-related groups and make public the fact they are underage by posting

their birthday in their profile. "If a student is a member of drinking groups on Facebook, and has just received their second alcohol violation, I will visit with the student about how their behaviors violate campus policies, and the way they express themselves increases the probability of additional consequences," Neuhaus said. Dean of students Blake Fry has grown concerned about the possibility of students becoming victimized. "Providing specifics such as one's picture, address, IM username, e-mail and phone number could set a student up to be a victim of stalkers," Fry said.

FredNet services manager Sara Solland also suggested that not all users may use information acquired on Facebook with good intentions. Neuhaus also said that prospective employers could gain access to information on Facebook, which could negatively affect employment opportunities. "If two candidates are being considered, but one has inappropriate association to groups, they may be out of the running," Neuhaus said. "There are a lot of education majors on this campus and the competition in the field may be broadened to how appropriate their Facebook profile is."

## Heat Spell

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classrooms in the basement of Kleinpell Fine Arts (KFA) this fall. Art History (Art 100) classes experienced "severe heating and stuffiness," making lectures and the ability to keep students' attention difficult, he said, adding that morning classes had the most problems. High humidity in the labs also caused problems with paper storage and permanent damage to matting and other material sensitive to moisture, Padgett said. Production of "The Rocky Horror Show" was also affected by high building temperatures, said Director Jim Zimmerman. Cast members were standing on

bricks while they buckled Oct. 4 in KFA, which Zimmerman said he suspects was caused in part by the heat. "I had to spend extra hours of my day to track down fans to try and keep my actors cool so they wouldn't pass out from heat exhaustion while dancing," said Iris O'Brien, stage manager for the show. "The first night I managed to get some fans but by the second night management wouldn't even let me have any fans." Rehearsals were nearly unbearable and the heat served as an obstacle for dancers in the production, she said. However, the problem isn't the University's cooling system, but the unpredictable weather, said Waldo Hagen, director of facilities management at UW-RF.

## Online classes: positives versus negatives seen by teachers

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and introduce students to much more information than he can usually offer in a regular classroom with its time constraints. Caskey said that he is not a big fan of online courses because as a professor you are not speaking directly to someone, the course is not as spontaneous, and he can-

not see his students' reactions. "Personally I like seeing my students face-to-face," Caskey said. "I believe that the focus will continue to be face-to-face learning because there are so many advantages." The humanity of teaching students in a classroom face-to-face is one of the advantages that Caskey said he likes the most.

One of the cons that Nissen and Caskey both mentioned is that students need to be self motivated, and have the initiative to do work on their own. Jaime Schwartz, a senior in Marketing Communications, said that she would have this problem. "I wouldn't have the incentive to do anything," she said.

Going to class and due dates are something that she says she needs as a student. And not all institutions are designed for large selections of online classes. "It's just a matter of mission, vision, priorities etc. and it is not appropriate for every institution, although, as you can see, I believe it definitely has a place," Nissen said.

## Parade: Traditions

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First place will be awarded \$100, second place will be awarded \$50, and third place will be awarded \$25. Blackburn said he hopes this parade, along with the other

homecoming events, will be successful, to allow the parade to become an ongoing tradition. "We are going to take this year and learn what we can improve on for next year," Blackburn said. "We will continue to add programs each year." He hopes to one day add a homecoming bonfire, pep rally, and dance.

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EDITORIAL

# Guidelines make University feel more like home

For most students, going away to college is the first step towards becoming an adult. No longer barred by the rules of home, we are able to make our own choices and are responsible for our own well-being. However, despite the fact that students are all considered adults, the University spends hundreds of dollars each year trying to influence our decisions. In a sense the University has picked up right where our parents left off.

While some of you may find this comforting, it seems more reasonable to believe the University is trying to cover for students' inadequacies.

In an age of lawsuits where overweight people can attempt to sue McDonald's for their weight problems, it is no wonder that UW-River Falls is enacting policies to serve as roadblocks to any future lawsuits by students or angry parents.

As students we need to recognize this behavior and take action against it.

Problems like drinking need to be addressed by students and should not be a major concern of campus administrators. Students should take the first step and hold themselves accountable for their own actions.

Binge drinking has become a major issue on many campuses, leading in many cases to death.

The alcohol related death of a student at Minnesota State University Moorhead is a prime example of students' lack of responsibility.

Although it's extremely hard to judge a case like this from a distance, it seems only one person would have needed to intervene to save a student's life. It would only take one person to stop serving alcohol, to take the time to walk him home or in worst-case scenario call an ambulance if needed.

But because of incidents like this University's continue to build up walls to keep students protected — just like our parents.

It's time for students to take their lives into their own hands. We may not all be adults but we need to start acting like them and take on our own responsibilities.

This is an institution for higher education, not an escape from reality and the throngs of our parents.

As a student you pay thousands of dollars every year for "education." Wouldn't you rather see your money go towards new books, staff members or new facilities instead of programs and policies that condone safe drinking habits?

We can eliminate the need for those programs and policies by taking responsibility ourselves.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Believers relate to dating curse

I agree with last week's column about the dating curse because I have recently started a serious relationship. Now, it seems my options for women are endless. For example, I was eating dinner with one of my girlfriend's friends. We had only met a few weeks ago and I knew she was already flirting with me. She even leaned over and told me to taste her ice cream. The next thing I know, I'm in heaven. I have a beautiful girlfriend and now the girls want me. Before, I was just plain pathetic. Conway is exactly right. A woman can sense a man who is in a relationship and I think they just want to cause trouble. Luckily, I did not succumb to the temptations.

**Tory Schaaf**  
student

### Directory flaws causes complaints

I really don't enjoy ranting, but I found myself doing so today. My first problem is with the inadequacy of the department section of the new 2005-06 Campus Directory. I needed to talk with someone about a student health issue. I looked up "health" and "student health" in the department section of the new directory. I then tried "student services" which I happily found. However, under that listing was nothing about health. At that point I used my knowledge of people on campus and looked up Alice Reilly-Myklebust. But the thought lingered. How would a freshman, or anyone who didn't know Alice was involved with health services, find the number to call about a student health issue? My frustration might not have hit the roof

over this, but I had already ran into a similar problem. "Library" or "Davee Library" aren't listings in the new directory. Luckily I hadn't recycled the 2004-05 Campus Directory, where the library is listed under "library" with the sub-listing "reference desk."

My second frustration has been building over a longer period of time. Many offices, programs and services on campus are changing their names. Let's look again at student health. It seems to be called "Student Health Services." Some time in the recent past, "Career Services" was the name of the office where one would go to receive help looking for a job after graduation.

Both of those functions are within an office called "Personal and Professional Development Center." Maybe it's even a good idea to have those two offices under the staff roof.

Next time a student on campus decides they need to develop personally or professionally, they can easily find the phone number. Staff members will just have to hope that the poor student who needs information on getting a flu shot or wants help writing a resume will get up to speed on reference names.

That is the end of my rant. I just hope that the "library" is still called the "library" until I retire. I'm not sure I could manage to remember the name if it was changed to something like the "Information Resource and Recovery Center."

**Davida Alperin**  
associate professor,  
political science department

### Column ignores real issues

I always get a good laugh from Jason Conway's columns, but I was surprised to see that his most

recent column, "Dating curse plagues single men," contained a seed of truth. Women can smell desperation. They are about the conquest and dislike other women.

The problem is Conway never looks to the reasons for this perceived phenomenon and fails to say anything helpful. First, women are drawn to taken men because they are safe. The longer the man has been with his girlfriend, the safer he is for a friendship. Though he will most likely keep it platonic, I wouldn't walk in to a tiger cage if they weren't already being fed.

All other problems plaguing single men are caused by a lack of honesty with themselves. Should you be desperate? What are you desperate for? Do you want to fool around or do you need someone to fill a void? Either way, it would be unhealthy for a woman to get involved with you.

Don't act like you don't want them or act like you're taken. Learn to be yourself without the dependence on a good woman that loves you. This destroys desperation and breeds self-confidence and autonomy, which are the ultimate aphrodisiacs.

**Kris Evans**  
student

### Community, University can still cooperate

Your recent editorial, "UW-RF, City Relationship Sinking Fast," made several good points, but missed the mark on the so-called sinking relationship. I strongly agree that the "city and the University have to make a stronger effort to stay connected."

However, your editorial makes it seem as if there is no more opportunity to come together on

issues such as an aquatic center. First, I'm not sure it's known the idea of a stand-alone outdoor aquatic center has virtually no support from the city council. A recent 6-1 vote of the council denying a place for an outdoor aquatic center in the 2006 Capital Improvement Plan shows that lack. UW-River Falls swimming coach Bill Henderson, once a part of the committee exploring such a facility, lost interest for the same reason the city council would not support it. This does not mean, however, that a middle ground between the city and the University "could not be met." It merely means that one impractical idea put forth by a committee has failed, not that a better one-a collaborative effort between the city, the University, the YMCA, and the hospital-can't now proceed.

Second, the other issues mentioned in the editorial-parking, broken windows — some allegedly caused by students following bar closings — and housing, have not been "pushed aside." They are problems that are being discussed by joint committees.

Unfortunately, tough issues take time and aren't easily solved. However, the city will continue to work with the University to solve them. I'm much encouraged by Chancellor Betz's obvious early efforts to emphasize the importance of close "town/gown" cooperation.

As a graduate of UW-RF and a long time resident of River Falls, nobody is more aware of the importance of the University to the city and vice versa. As the editorial said, we "are one community." But we have never stopped "thinking like one" as is implied. Please know that the city will continue to "embrace the University for all it has to offer."

**Don Richards**  
River Falls Mayor

# Agreement exists on moral issue

Recently, President George W. Bush nominated his White House counsel and former personal attorney, Harriet Miers to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor as Supreme Court Justice. Before everybody reading this screams "boring!" and turns the page, there is an important issue at stake here — abortion.

Abortion has become less about public policy and more about personal values. Much of the debate around whether or not Miers should be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court revolves around her different ideological viewpoints, including her views on abortion. The landmark Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade is a great way to gauge what a person's views on abortions are. The Supreme Court decision

protects a woman's right to privacy in choosing whether or not they choose to terminate their pregnancy.

**Nate Cook**

Miers has shown her opinion on this issue by siding against the Roe v. Wade decision.

With increased media attention on the abortion debate, I began to question why politicians are making decisions regarding a woman's body. A woman's body is an intensely private and personal subject, which should not be debated in Washington D.C. With the United States Congress populated primarily by males, it startles me that these politicians feel they have the right to debate what a

woman can and cannot do with her own body. Since the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, many politicians have set out to create "legal hurdles" for women to overcome when it comes to having an abortion. Laws that restrict information, access, availability and funding for abortions are unconstitutional and are a direct violation of a woman's right to privacy. Politicians, especially males, have no right to create laws that inhibit females' right to privacy with this matter. If I was a female and was facing an unwanted pregnancy, I don't think I would be able to have an abortion. However, my own personal views should not influence the decisions of women who have to face this issue. Many people will argue about when life begins. Whether it is at conception or at birth, or at an entirely different time during

a pregnancy, they will equate abortion with murder. I won't begin to attempt to answer that debate, but I will state that politicians have no right to voice their opinion regarding this. Instead, individual women and their doctors have to make the decisions involved with this issue. While those who feel they are pro-life or pro-choice disagree with whether a woman has the right to privacy in her own choice to terminate a pregnancy, there is however some agreement. Both sides agree there needs to be fewer abortions. The government can help accomplish this by increasing funding for programs that increase sexual education, give more access and information to birth control options, and help educate those who are sexually active into making smarter and healthier decisions.



# Expectations hinder college, Halloween

It's that time of year again. Halloween is upon us once more, and you know what that means. Drunken parties, disgruntled police officers, smashed pumpkins and stories in the making that could eventually become college legend. Anybody who is anybody will be going to a Halloween party this weekend to set new personal levels of drunkenness and debauchery because that's what college is about, isn't it? Halloween is a holiday designed for people to party, and anyone who doesn't go out and get messed up must be a loser or a freak.



Hans Hage

carried away doing something you may not be comfortable doing. Try not to let the pressures of drinking and partying get in the way of having a good time. If parties are your thing, by all means take advantage of the many houses that will be opening their doors this weekend. If you'd rather hang out with friends, decorate your room, hand out candy or simply turn out the lights and watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown", then by all means feel free to do so. The point is to have fun doing something you enjoy doing, rather than what you feel is expected of you.

College is not all about who can drink the most or do the craziest things. It is about discovering who you are as a person, meeting new people and having a good time, while perhaps learning a thing or two academically. With a student body of more than 5,000 people, it is pretty much guaranteed there is someone out there who has interests similar to your own. If you're not up for the party scene, try using Halloween as an excuse to get involved with the activities around campus and meet some new people. The UW-River Falls recreation department is running intramural Halloween dodgeball complete with costumes at 7 p.m. in the Knowles Center. Area Council is sponsoring a Halloween in the Halls event from 6-8 p.m. in all of the residence halls. However you decide to celebrate Halloween, try to have a good time. If you don't get involved by partying or celebrating the holiday in your own way, you'll have nothing but regrets when you look back on your memories of Halloween 2005.

# Gender gap ignores males

If you found out America had more young women than young men in the population, but only 43 percent of college graduates were women, would you care? Would you be upset at the absence of an affirmative action policy granting more women admission to college? If so, you might be upset that the exact opposite is true. Our nation has 14.2 million women ages 18 to 24 and 15 million men in that same age group. That's 800,000 more men than women and 57 percent of them are college graduates. In Minnesota alone, women receive the majority of degrees in every category, be it associates, bachelors, masters, doctorates or professional. In Maine, there is even more inequality, with three girls for every two guys. If you're not outraged by now, you should be. Wait, I forgot ... this is a sign of progress, right? We've given women the opportunity that didn't exist just a few decades ago. However, that isn't the point. Giving women opportunities is great. For that matter, 57 percent of college graduates being women is fine. What isn't great or fine is that while the public and the media are mum on this issue, but they're outraged when women or minorities are on the lower end of statistics. They cry because these gaps are related to problems in the educational or societal sys-

tem and must be solved immediately. However, when men are 14 percentage points behind women, it's okay. The 1992 report, "How Schools Short-Change Girls", published by the American Association of University Women, drew national outcry. Forgive me if I'm unconvinced this supposed research was accurate or really accomplished anything. This report couldn't have affected last year's graduating class, as they were nine-years-old when it came out. Any changes in schools resulting from the report couldn't have been implemented quickly enough to affect this group, yet it is this very group that produced a higher number of female college graduates than male graduates. The problem is that groups like the American Association of University Women focus on researching gender inequalities. Their intention in their research is to find perceived inequalities. They're not interested in equality. If they were, they would have published a 2002 report called "How Schools Short-Change Boys". Nope, I didn't see that one either. It's not that everyone has ignored this issue, but our judicial system wouldn't



Joey White

allow a publicly-funded school to practice something as horrible as affirmative action, right? I disagree with affirmative action, but it's contradictory for the same judicial system that legalized affirmative action to rule in 2000 that the University of Georgia couldn't give males bonus points in admissions. UW-RF alone has gone from 55 percent males 20 years ago to 61 percent females today. Should we use affirmative action to alleviate this so-called problem? No. Our society simply needs to stop whining when statistics show gaps between races or genders, regardless of who comes out ahead. We have programs to advance women in math, science, engineering, and other areas because our society has decided that if women don't hold at least 50 percent of positions in every department, there's a problem. Yet as more boys drop out of school, Americans are complacent. Affirmative action isn't the answer to the gender gap. A change in our culture's perception of equality is the answer. If we are to ignore a gender gap with men on the bottom, we must ignore a gender gap in which men are more successful than women. Once this happens, we'll be on the road to a true sense of equality in America.

# Dating fails to offer answers

I thought college was supposed to make people smarter. So why is it that we still can't learn how to be content? Why is it that whenever we find something that makes us so incredibly happy, we throw it away, convinced that it's not enough? It's easy to find dating advice nowadays. We can find it in horoscopes, magazine and newspaper articles, self-help books, peer advice and thousands upon thousands of Web sites and services. They tell us how to find the right one, how to catch the "right one." Why aren't we satisfied? Last year I dated a guy that treated me like an angel. He was considerate, charming and devoted. He was so close to



Katrina Styx

being the man I had always hoped for. Of course we had our problems, but we were happy for the most part. I broke up with him, though. I couldn't be content with what we had. It wasn't enough. What makes us toss those special pieces of our heart? I convinced myself it was my parents, my upbringing and my faith. But it was really only me. A part of me blamed him for being so close to me when all my life I've tried to keep everyone at a distance. Looking back now, I realize how juvenile I was. I brought most of the pain upon myself. Much of it was an act of rebel-

lion. I dated him for so long because my parents didn't like him. I was certain that they were mad at me because I was with him. In reality, it was because I had shut them out and turned them into the villains. I would later blame my poor grades on the relationship as well, telling myself that it was his fault that I never did my homework and his fault that I didn't go to class. But that's just absurd. I didn't think they were that important. He didn't have anything to do with it. Why did I break up with him? I know that my problems were all my doing, not his. What was it about me that wouldn't allow myself to be content? Most people would say it's a fear of commitment, but that is not my case. I try to tell myself logical reasons, but those don't seem to justify my behavior. When I was with him, none of

the logical arguments mattered. I was happy when I was with him. They say that hindsight is 20/20, but my vision is still cloudy. I'm sure many of my readers know exactly what I'm talking about. Are there any answers? You would think that with so much advice out there, someone would have figured it out by now. But I haven't. And I haven't met anyone who has, either. It's something no psychologist can pin-point and no scientist can measure or explore. Yet sadly, it is something we all have to live with. Why can't we be content? The reasons will be different for everyone. Somehow, we must all learn to overcome these obstacles, give into the greatest things in life and smile.

## THE CONWAY EXPERIENCE

# Revamped bar scene leaves regulars distressed

On Saturday night some of my friends and I were walking across the street to go to the Library bar and passed one of my old favorite stomping grounds—Boomers. Once the Library opened, the management decided to put all its efforts into the new place and let the famous Boomers stay dark. When I passed Boomers on Saturday night and saw it was closed, it made me a little sad and gave me a reason to write this column. There are many reasons why I miss Boomers but the most important is that it was the first bar I went to. It was the place to go and everyone

went there. Any night of the week you could find people there celebrating a birthday or just hanging out. Boomers had a certain atmosphere that attracted many people and kept them coming. Another reason to go was the men's bathroom. It had a trough filled with ice in it. It was fun to pee into some ice and melt it. It was also fun because Boomers used to get so packed you would have to use



Jason Conway

a crowbar to get a drink. It was a great place and I am very sad to see the lights off every time I go by. The Library has a lot of problems and it will never take the place of Boomers. The major problem with the Library is that it used to be Club Kaos. A lot of you younger students might not remember this, but Kaos was not known as a really cool place and was always over-priced. It was the place in town you felt embarrassed to be in. This might not be true for everyone but for the group of friends that I hung

out with, you did not want to be caught dead in Kaos. The new Library also has the most expensive drinks in town. The management says they need to charge more for drinks because the place cost so much to buy. Whatever the reason, it is very lame. The place is too big and crowded. It has the feeling of a big city club and that is not needed in River Falls. There are too many people in one place at one time. I am a guy who likes smaller places; I had my fill of the large club scene when I lived in California. I am being very critical but I am just

sentimental when it comes to things that I like. When something I like goes away, I feel kind of sad and at times a little lost. I am a creature of habit and I am not very receptive to change. And the change that I do not like is the "new" Boomers. Boomers is a part of history in this town. You can ask anyone, especially the alumni that will be around this weekend for homecoming, and find that they will be disappointed to see it closed. I say bring back Boomers and let this piece of history reclaim its rightful place in this town.



Brandon DeMotts, freshman

"I like it because we get a good variety. It tastes good. It is nice when we live on the West side so we don't have to walk all the way to the other side."

## STUDENT VOICES

# What do you think of Chartwells as a food option?



Crystal Bonnett, senior

"They suck. We need more options. At Freddy's you should be able to get a salad for free if they want us to eat healthy. Not weighing them to see if it's still a transfer."



Megan Lach, sophomore

"I think it's better than some campuses. They should be open later and have healthier options and more food on a transfer. Salads should be a transfer everyday."

Brandon Heebink, junior



"There really is no variety. They have the same thing every week. Every Monday is the same thing, every Tuesday is the same thing and so on. The food is really greasy."

Jena Iveson, freshman



"It's my favorite place to go eat because they have good fries. However, they need a better selection and bigger helpings. I like it because there are cool people that work there."

Brock Schile, sophomore



"It's not very good, but a step up. They need more of a variety of transfers. They should have transfer on other stuff like the chicken kiev. They should change the weekly choices, but we like the stir fry."



SIDELINED

Traditions at their finest



Cassie Rodgers

Goalposts, beavers, wooden axes abound

College sports have a lot of appeal over professional sports. The competition is still at a level that players can get by on mostly heart and a little talent, and the fans appreciate them all the more for that. There is not the motivation of riches and fame for the majority of the athletes. As the commercials say, most of these student athletes are going pro in something other than sports, a field which actually utilizes their college education. And then there are the games themselves. The

...there is too much damage and after the emotions fade there is nothing to be proud of.

skill level may not be as high as in professional sports; there are a lot of those mental mistakes which make fans cringe in the stands or their recliners. Minnesota Gopher football punter, enough said. But the play is good and the competition fierce, and there are teams who are good because they have a staff that can judge talent and recruit, not necessarily because they have deeper pockets.

Another great feature unique to college sports are their traditions, and their sporting events are full traditions. There are traditions unique to one school, such as Wisconsin's jump around break for football or Georgia Tech creating t-shirts in homage to the goofiest looking player on the basketball team, to name a couple. There are traditions unique to conferences, such as the Big Ten's battles-for-meaningless-objects football contests. Never has a little brown jug or huge wooden ax held more significance and value than on those Saturday afternoons when two old rivals meet up for some football.

Some traditions extend across most, if not all, of the universities in the country. One of these traditions is the pandemonium that breaks out after a huge upset or an amazing comeback. Crowds flood the field in a sea of school colors, and start wreaking havoc on the first thing they can find: the goal posts. This is one of those traditions which most schools would not be proud to see their fans carry out. Especially when things go terribly wrong, as they did at the University of Minnesota-Morris where a student was actually killed over the weekend by a falling goal post. I love the traditions in college sports. Even the mascot is a lingering sign of historical events. Bemidji State students can proudly call themselves Beavers or Lady Beavers because they know that a president thought they fought like beavers. Many traditions go back further than anybody living can remember, hanging around for more than half of our country's existence. Their roots are so deep that most don't even know the explanation behind those practices. There are not many things in America that have lasted that long and show so much promise to never fade away. Some of the new traditions are great too, incorporating popular culture into the mix. But I for one think that the tradition of the post-game riot should be one that does not stick around. Too many are hurt, there is too much damage and after the emotions fade there is nothing much to be proud of. I suggest that we start a tradition of picking up roadsides and reading to senior citizens as the new tradition in celebrating if our teams ever win. That would be something to be proud of.

Volleyball waiting to peak at the right time

Rough start for Falcons

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When the Falcon volleyball team was predicted to be the number-three team in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by WIAC athletic directors in pre-season polls, optimism ran high. "We all thought we were going to do very well. We had a lot of good returners," Andrea Geehan said.

The Falcons' optimism was well-warranted; the Falcons have won at least 20 games per season in the last 12 years. In 2002 and in 2003 they won the conference championship. But this year the team has struggled.

The Falcons haven't performed quite as well as expected, with an overall record of 12-14 and a 2-6 record in conference play.

The returning players came into the season after playing in a summer league at Bethel College, where they played well.

But the chemistry formed in the off-season didn't follow the Falcon players back to River Falls. "When you put new faces in the mix, it makes things difficult," volleyball co-captain Kat Krtnick said. The Falcons opened up the conference season with three consecutive losses, but the team continues to improve. The Falcons have won six of their last nine matches, entering this weekend's Trick or Treat Tournament hosted by UW-River Falls.

"We've been getting better since the beginning of the year," Krtnick said.

The low point for the Falcons was a loss to UW-Superior, who can usually be found at the bottom of the conference.

"That was one of those games where you go in and think you are going to win. We just didn't take them seriously," Krtnick said. "We kind of got used to losing for awhile there."

Despite the difficulties that the Falcons have endured this season, team members remain optimistic and continue to work

"When you put new faces in the mix, it makes things difficult."

Kat Krtnick, volleyball co-captain

hard for upcoming games. "You have to keep positive attitudes, because you don't want the season to be over [in your mind], in the middle of the season," Krtnick said. "Everyone is trying to stay positive, we want to end the season on the best note."

Geehan also said the team continues to give their best effort,

"We've still worked our hardest to beat the next team we play," Geehan said.

The Falcons still have optimism for the future. They have a very young team, with only two graduating seniors.

"If this team stays together good things are waiting around the corner," head coach Patti



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice  
Drew Hample and Courtney Schroeder work on their serves.

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Swimming towards success

Falcons to host conference meet

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In the past two weeks, the UW-River Falls men's and women's swim teams have already showed great promise. Even though the meets meets can't be held at UW-RF, the team still manages to host a few meets each season.

"We generally host 3-4 meets a year, it just depends on the season," senior Ryan Smaaguard said.

The home meets are held in town, just not in the campus pool.

"Our home meets are held at River Falls High School," head coach William Henderson said.

The Falcons have a very large freshman class and four very capable captains. Sophomore Marissa Merchant and senior Ashley Crunstedt lead the women and seniors Eli Eschenbauch and Dan Kessenich are captains for the men.

UW-RF has already competed in two meet this season. The first being a double duo meet with Oshkosh and Webster. The men beat both teams, and it was the first time in almost 12 years they beat Oshkosh.

The women split the event, beating Webster, but losing to Oshkosh.

"We got second, and we had no divers, otherwise we probably would have placed first," Merchant said.

The Falcons also took part in the Midwest Co-ed Relays in Eau Claire.

"The Co-ed Relays are a really good opportunity to see how people swim in different events," Henderson said.

In those events the swimmers have the

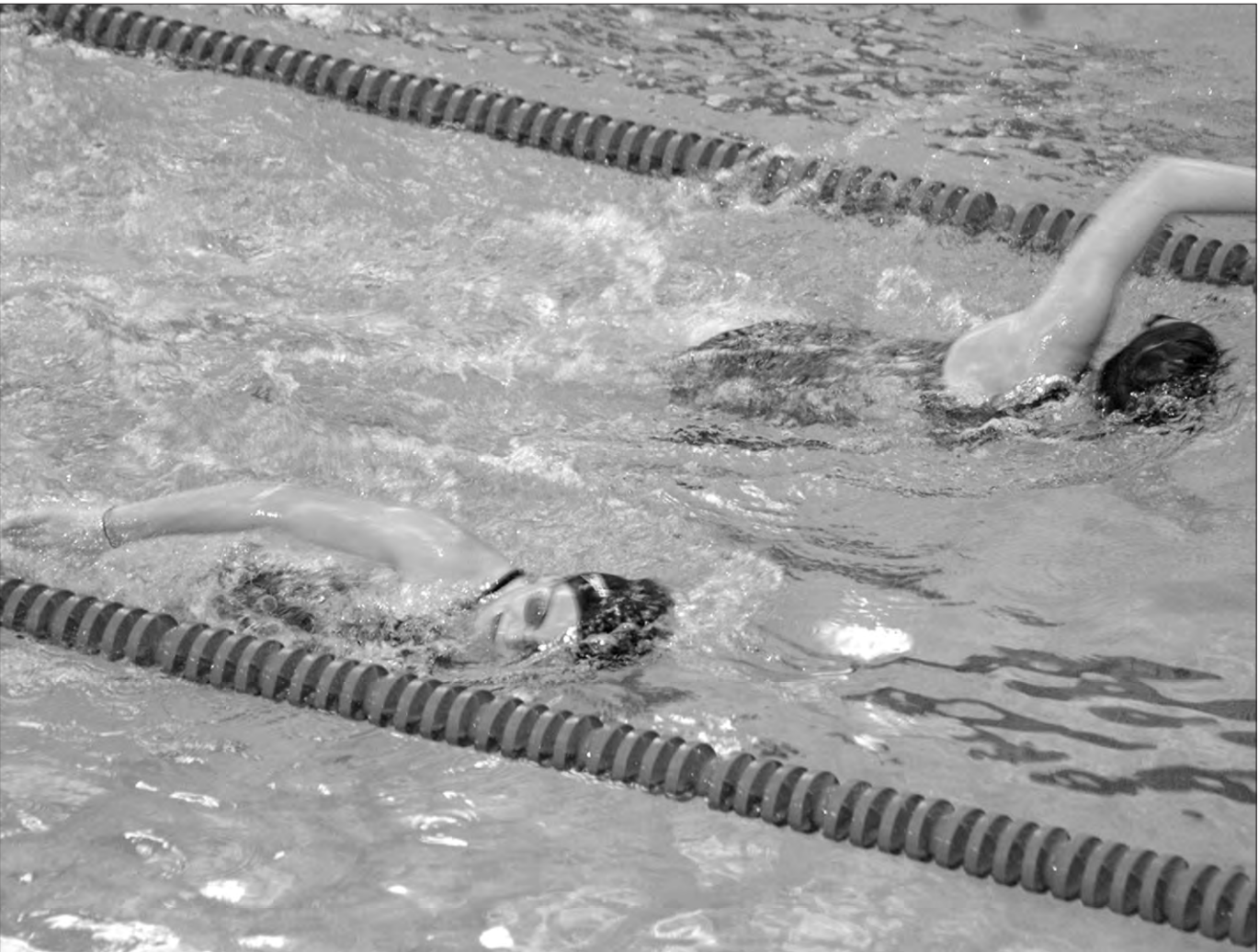
"We have a lot of good freshman and hope to place well in the conference."

Marissa Merchant, sophomore swimmer

opportunity to show their stuff in a lot of different events. Smaaguard said he raced in six out of the 10 events.

Henderson sees this team as very strong.

"They're really focused," Henderson said. "They're very well balanced with their studies, swimming, and social life. I'm very pleased."



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice  
Two UW-RF swimmers exrcises during a recent practice. The team works out five to six times a week. The pool on campus cannot be used for home meets, so they must use the pool at the River Falls High School.

Henderson said that many of the new freshmen are going to be very strong contenders on the team this season.

The teams have a very strict training schedule this season.

The teams practice from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and then 4:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m. every Monday through Friday. The first 30-45 minutes of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays are specifically set aside for weight training.

"The athletes take good care of their bodies and are very well conditioned," Henderson said. "Sometimes we use medicine balls and stretch chords outside of the pool."

The team has a very close bond, even though it is rather large.

"Even though we are men's and women's swimming we still swim together," Smaaguard said. "We act as one team."

The goals for the season are simple.

"We hope to better our record from last season," Merchant said. "We have a lot of good freshman and we hope to place well in the conference."

The Falcons swim a lot of meets during the season, but they don't swim against every team during the season.

This season the Falcons will host the WIAC Meet. The meet takes place in February and will be at the University of Minnesota. This is the first time the Falcons have hosted the event in nearly 40 years.

"This is also the first time that the WIAC meet has taken place outside of the state of Wisconsin," Henderson said. "Hopefully this will get us back into the rotation of hosting the meet."

The swimmers are very pleased with hosting the WIAC Meet.

"It's amazing, that pool is spectacular,"

"They're very well balanced with their studies, swimming and social life."

William Henderson, swim coach

Smaaguard said. "I've swam there a lot, and I love it. All the other teams are looking forward to swimming there as well."

The team is also looking for volunteers to help out at the WIAC meet come February.

Many students and community members aren't even aware the Falcons even have swim teams. Now at practices they leave the doors open so that people have knowledge that the team actually exists. Since they started doing this a lot of people

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Falcons battle Stout through two overtimes



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice  
Falcon junior Kim Saufl tries to keep the ball from a UW-Stout defender. The teams played on Tuesday in a game that went into double overtime. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Soccer anxiously awaits WIAC tournament

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With two games left and the WIAC tournament coming up, the UW-River Falls soccer team is feeling the sensation of victory going into the tournament.

The UW-RF soccer team played its final conference game against Stout last Tuesday. The game ended in a tie at one to one. The only goal that was scored was by Freshman Betsy Straub, who was assisted by Sarah Carlson.

"Ties are rough," sophomore Tracy Olson said. "No one wants to tie."

This season, the team has played exceptionally well. They have a record of 10 wins, three losses, and three ties. All of the losses have come against conference teams.

"When we hear the word conference, we get scared," Straub said. "We just don't perform like we usually do when we play within the conference."

Weaknesses are a factor for the team.

"We need to finish the game," Straub said. "That is are only weakness, otherwise we cant be stopped."

Olson agrees.

"We have a really good team," Olson said, "I think we can beat anybody."

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SPORTS WRAP

Football searches for Homecoming victory

The Falcons suffered their third loss in as many weeks as they fell to UW-Stout last weekend at Williams Stadium in Menomonie.

The Falcon defense was very strong for the first half. The first points of the game were scored by UW-Stout on a fumble that was returned 22 yards for a touchdown. In the second quarter the Blue Devils scored with a 35-yard field goal and then drove 35 yards in 12 plays to score a rushing touchdown. At the half the score was 17-0.

The Falcons did not appear ready to return after the half as UW-Stout took the ball to the end zone three times, two touchdowns coming from the pass and one coming from a 69-yard punt return.

UW-RF finally was able to put some points on the board in the fourth quarter, the only points posted in that quarter by either team. Nathan Anderson scored on a two-yard run to make the score 38-6. The two-point conversion failed.

The Falcons will look to snap their skid this weekend as they play host to UW-Platteville at 1 pm at Ramer Field.

<b>October 22 results</b>		Possession	33:38	26:22
<b>UW-River Falls</b>	<b>0 0 0 6 - 6</b>			
<b>UW-Stout</b>	<b>7 10 21 0-23</b>			

**1st Quarter**  
00:01 S - Schils 22 yd fumble recovery (Larsen kick), RF 0 - S - 7.

**2nd Quarter**  
07:16 S - Larsen 35 yd field goal, 12 plays, 35 yards, TOP 5:50, RF 0 - S 10.  
01:14 S - Reese 17 yd run (Larsen kick), 8 plays, 66 yards, TOP 3:04, RF 0 - S 17.

**3rd Quarter**  
08:27 S - Wendt 15 yd pass from Kattre (Larsen kick), 12 plays, 55 yards, TOP 4:20, RF 0 - S 24.

06:07 S - Wendt 10 yard pass from Kattre (Larsen kick), 3 plays, 31 yards, TOP 0:56, RF 0 - S 31  
04:02 S - Seep 69 yd punt return (Larsen kick), RF 0 - S 38.

**4th Quarter**  
07:41 RF - Anderson 2 yd run (Wolff rush failed), 11 plays, 82 yards, TOP 4:43, RF 6 - S 38.

	Visitor	Home
First Downs	12	18
Rushing	68-249	46-236
Passing	0	85
Total Offense	71-249	63-321
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Interceptions	1	2
Penalties	3-15	6-73

Falcons finish fourth at WIAC

The Falcon tennis team finished fourth at the WIAC tournament over the weekend in Madison. UW-Lacrosse was first with 59 points, followed by UW-Whitewater (53) and UW-Eau Claire (44).

Sunday was the singles competition. UW-RF No. 6 player Mindy Rudiger was the top Falcon, placing second overall. She defeated Sarah Koch of UW-Oshkosh 6-0, 6-2. In the second round she defeated Jenny Sponholtz of UW-Lacrosse 6-0, 7-5. She lost the championship round to Tiffany Dawson of UW-Whitewater (6-1, 6-4).

The No. 1 Falcon player, Megan Knobloch won her first round, but lost the second round. She bounced back for the third round to place third overall. No. 2 player Leah Baron was also third overall, winning the first and third rounds. Becky Briese, the No. 3 player, placed fifth by winning her second match. No. 4 player Kaylei Sorensen won her first round, lost the second and came back to win her final match, earning her a third place finish. No. 5 player Katie Anderson also placed third, and also winning the first round, losing the second round and winning the final match.

Saturday was the doubles competition. The No. 1 Falcon team of Knobloch and Baron placed fifth. They lost the first round and came back to win the second and the third matches. The No. 2 doubles team of Briese and Sorensen lost their first round match and also their second round match by close scores. The No. 3 doubles team of Rudiger and Molly Keifenheim placed fifth, losing the first round but winning the second and third rounds.

This ends the Falcon tennis season for this year. With only two seniors on this year's solid team, the Falcon tennis program has a lot to look forward to next season.

**October 22 & 23 results**  
**WIAC Conference Meet**  
**UW-Lacrosse 59, UW-Whitewater 53, UW-Eau Claire 44, UW-River Falls 36, UW-Stout 9, UW-Stevens Point 19, UW-Oshkosh 17.**

**Singles- Round One**  
No. 1 - Knobloch (RF) def. Thornburg, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 - Baron (RF) def. Brown (SP), 6-1, 6-3. No. 3 - Czech (S) def. Briese (RF), 6-3, 6-3. No. 4 - Sorensen (RF) def. Hohl (S), 6-3, 1-6, 6-0. No. 5 - Anderson (RF) def. Fosdick (O), 6-4, 7-5. No. 6 - Rudiger (RF) def. Koch (O), 6-0, 6-2.

**Singles- Round Two**  
No. 1 - Stamm (WW) def. Knobloch (RF), 6-2, 6-3. No. 2 - Farrar (WW) def. Baron (RF), 7-6 (2), 6-0. No. 3 - Briese (bye). No. 4 - Fekete (LC) def. Sorensen (RF), 6-0, 6-0. No. 5 - Amundson (WW) def. Anderson (RF), 6-2, 6-1. No. 6 - Rudiger (RF) def. Sponholtz (LC), 6-0, 7-5.

**Singles- Round Three**

No. 1 - Knobloch (RF) def. Kuzma (EC), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2). No. 2 - Baron (RF) def. Carlson (EC), 6-3, 7-5. No. 3 - Briese (RF) def. Nauer (O), 6-3, 6-2. No. 4 - Sorensen (RF) def. Seitz (WW), 6-4, 6-0. No. 5 - Anderson (RF) def. Taplin (EC), 6-4, 6-0. No. 6 - Dawson (WW) def. Rudiger, 6-1, 6-4.

**Doubles- Round One**  
No. 1 - Kuzma-Geissler (EC) def. Knobloch-Baron (RF), 8-2. No. 2 - Carlson-Hunt (EC) def. Briese-Sorensen (RF), 8-2. No. 3 - Deprey-Neuman (EC) def. Rudiger-Keifenheim (RF), 8-2.

**Doubles- Round Two**  
No. 1 - Knobloch-Baron (RF) def. Bouch-Thornburg (SP), 8-3. No. 2 - Salo-Debruin (O) def. Briese-Sorensen, 8-6. No. 3 - Rudiger-Keifenheim (RF) def. Poppo-O'Melia (SP), 8-3.

**Doubles- Round Three**  
No. 1 - Knobloch-Baron (RF) def. Baur-Abbot (O), 8-5. No. 3 - Rudiger-Keifenheim def. Czech-Farchmin (S), 8-6.

Cross country gears up for weekend

Hope remains high for WIAC Meet

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UW-River Falls has a big weekend coming up this weekend with the WIAC Meet on Oct. 29 in Superior.

The Falcons haven't competed in a meet since the Fall Freeze on Oct. 15, also in Superior.

Both the teams did extremely well that day. The men took second place to St. Johns finishing above six other teams; while the women placed second out of six teams. They only lost by seven points to UW-Stout.

"It was a great meet in Superior," head coach Don Glover said. "The men even beat St. Thomas, which is really big."

Falcon senior Marlene Yaeger took first place out of all the women runners in the Fall Freeze, and sophomore Jason Phillippi took ninth place leading the Falcon men.

Scoring in cross country may be confusing to some, but the Falcons know how to score the points they need to place well.

"They take the scores of our top five runners," Glover said. "If our top five runners take six, 10, 20, 30 and 40 that's our score all added up."

Even though the scores of the top five are the only ones used in the score, the runner who is in tenth can do some damage if he or she beat the fifth runner from another school. If they can take the lead over the fifth runner

from another school it can cause their score to be higher.

And since you want to have the lowest score possible, that is a very positive aspect for the Falcons to shoot for.

With only the WIAC Meet along with the Midwest Regionals and the National meets remaining, the Falcons have changed their style of training a little bit.

"Only five out of 40 teams make it to nationals, and our dream is to get there," Glover said. "But that's going to be tough, but we'll try."

The training regime is now a different style.

"We're doing a different type of training for the conference meet," Glover said. "Our workouts are shorter and faster distances, some people respond really well to that type of training."

These workouts have proven to be very difficult.

"Coach Glover has been giving us some really difficult workouts," Christopher Wenig said. "We are finished with intervals and we are now doing speed workouts."

Phillippi and Yaeger are still the team's strong holds, but now that the conference meet is in plain view Glover expects all of the athletes to pick it up a little bit.

"They're our number one runners, but everybody has to be on their game and improve," Glover said.

The conference meet will have very tough and intense competition.



Jens Gunelson/Photo Services

**The UW-RF men's cross country team leads the pack in a race earlier this season. The conference meet is this weekend.**

"In the coming weeks we are hoping to take all of the hard work that we have put into the season and perform excellent at the conference meet which is being hosted by UW-Superior," Wenig said. "We will be running against some of the toughest teams in the nation, which are in our conference."

Unfortunately the Falcons have had a few injuries at this point in

the season. The most common injury seen is an overuse injury called "Runners Knee."

The Falcons are hoping to come back next year with another strong season.

"Recruiting is going very well," Glover said. "I hope every freshman coming in next year has a hard time getting on the team because we're going to be so strong."

**Women**  
**October 15 results**  
**UW-Superior Fall Freeze**  
**Team Place: 2nd out of 6 teams**  
**UW-RF runners**  
1. Yaeger - 23:02; 7. Kozicky - 24:17; 8. Michaud - 24:19; 10. Peters - 24:34; 11. Hurlbut - 24:54; 19. Murphy - 25:36; 21. Dekkers - 25:50; 22. Black - 25:56; 23. Tessier - 25:59; 25. Olson - 26:08; 26. Jicinsky - 26:11; 32. Gardner - 26:41; 38. Frazer - 27:31; 43. Berresford - 28:15; 60. Locke - 30:32; 64. Scudder - 33:06.

**Men**  
**October 15 results**  
**UW-Superior Fall Freeze**  
**Team Place: 2nd out of 8 teams**  
**UW-RF runners**  
7. Phillippi - 27:06; 13. Hanson - 27:14; 15. Moe - 27:17; 20. McDonough - 27:32; 24. Kirmse - 27:38; 26. Quarford - 27:40; Cavanaugh - 27:46; 34. Wenig - 28:02; 36. Olson - 28:07; 40. Cardinal - 28:28; 43. Reckard - 28:34; 45. Nordgren - 28:45; 53. Reise - 28:56; 56. Kessenich - 29:04; 87. Hartwig - 30:29; 104. Gamlin - 32:44.

Swimming: Early meets show promise

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ple have poked their heads in the door and seen the team in action.

"We do have a team and a pool, and it's not an easy sport," Smaagard said. "We work our butts off, it's not an easy sport."

There are only five Wisconsin schools that have WIAC swim

teams, besides River Falls they include: UW-Eau Claire, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Whitewater.

The Falcons host the Long Event Trials on Oct. 29 and against Lawrence on Nov. 5 at River Falls High School. This weekends events take place at 10 a.m. and next weekend will begin at 1 p.m.

**Women**  
**October 14 results**  
**Oshkosh, Webster**  
**Oshkosh 60, River Falls 43, River Falls 69, Webster 26.**

**UW-RF top finisher's (eventTime/score)**  
1.Sandeborg, 200 yd freestyle - 2:09.83; 2.W. Thompson, 200 yd freestyle - 2:11.66; 1.Mandich, 50 yd freestyle - 25.52; 2.Thayer, 50 yd freestyle - 26.35; 1.Cannady, 200 yd IM - 2:23.66; 1.Mandich, 100 yd freestyle - 56.59; Cannady, 100 yd breaststroke - 1:12.24.

**Men**  
**October 14 results**  
**Oshkosh, Webster**  
**River Falls 57, Oshkosh 46, River Falls 55,**

**Webster 40.**  
**UW-RF top finisher's (eventTime/score)**  
2.Brudzinski, 1000 yd freestyle - 12:27.45; 2.Peltier, 200 yd freestyle - 2:03.00; 3.Fritchen, 200 yd freestyle - 2:03.40; 1.Smaagard, 200 yd IM - 2:16.04; 1.Banz, 100 yd butterfly - 56.79; 2.Bornseif, 100 yd backstroke - 1:13.91; Fritchen, 500 yd freestyle - 5:50.75.

**Coed**  
**October 15 results**  
**Midwest Coed Relays (Eau Claire)**  
**Eau Claire 80, Oshkosh 58, Webster 42, River Falls 38.**

**UW-RF top finisher's (eventTime/score)**  
2.Thayer, Banz, Mandich, Smaagard, mixed 200 yd freestyle relay - 1:39.46.

Soccer: Prepares for final two games

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Junior Ashley Peterson has really stepped it up this year. She emphasized the team play. She may not be the leading scorer, but she is still a team player.

Straub said that there is only one word to describe her and that is "amazing."

The team was ranked fifth out of six for the WIAC tournament and will be playing UW-Stevens Point, a team who they beat for the first time in over 12 years.

"This team and us have a big rivalry," Olson said. "I think we

have the better team and can beat them again."

Straub, a freshman this year, has learned of UW-RF's history with UW-Stevens Point, but didn't let that discourage her.

"I was thinking that they would be great." Straub said, "They weren't as good as I thought they were going to be."

The team has two non-conference games left. One against UM-Morris on Oct. 28 and the against Nebraska Wesleyan on Oct. 30. These games make no difference in the WIAC tournament.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

**Falcon soccer player Diana Hermes tries to get through a pack of Stout defenders. The Falcons are 9-3-2.**

Volleyball: Hosts home tournament

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Ford said.

Hope still exists for this season as well. The Falcons clinched a playoff birth on Oct. 15, with a win over UW-Stevens Point. It's back to square one once the playoffs begin.

**October 22 results**  
**UW-River Falls 26 24 16 - 0**  
**Central 30 30 30 - 3**

**UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Geehan 7-0-1-5-0; Schroeder 0-0-0-2-0; Olson 0-9-2-3-0; K. Thompson 5-0-0-3-1; Gustafson 1-0-2-16-1; Krtnick 9-12-2-7-0; M. Thompson 4-1-0-1-0; Mace 0-1-1-9-0; Ingalls 2-0-0-0-0.

**Central (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Ripperger 6-0-0-2-1; Pederson 5-0-0-0-2; Kouba 1-0-6-9-0; Callahan 0-0-1-1-0; Berger 4-33-0-5-1; Coshigan 7-0-0-13-0; Prati 8-1-0-1-1; Johnson 7-0-1-2-1; Nowicki 0-0-2-14-0.

**October 22 results**  
**UW-River Falls 17 30 30 27 15 - 3**  
**Beloit 30 21 15 30 5 - 2**

**UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Geehan 17-0-0-8-1; Schroeder 0-0-1-11-0; Olson 0-23-1-8-0; K. Thompson 13-0-1-6-0; Gustafson 16-1-0-12-1; Krtnick 8-39-1-6-0; M. Thompson 13-3-0-0-0; Mace 0-0-3-20-0; Ingalls 2-0-0-0-0.

**Beloit (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Brown 9-3-0-8-0; Maure 8-1-2-11-0; Carmody 1-2-0-6-0; Rybka 8-2-0-2-0; Maure 1-0-3-40-0; Rynders 7-0-0-2-1; McCool 16-1-0-3-5; Algreem 3-41-0-8-0.

**October 21 results**  
**UW-River Falls 30 30 30 - 3**  
**Edgewood 12 22 13 - 0**

"I still think we can beat the No. 1 and No. 2 seed in the conference tournament," Geehan said.

Krtnick also hopes the team can finish the season with a few big wins.

"Hopefully we can peak at the right time," Krtnick said.

**UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Hample 0-0-1-6-0; Geehan 12-0-1-0-1; Schroeder 0-0-1-1-0; Olson 0-10-1-3-0; K. Thompson 16-0-2-3-0; Gustafson 1-0-2-5-0; Cordes 0-0-0-2-0; Krtnick 2-29-11-7-0; M. Thompson 4-2-0-0-0; Rogers 0-0-0-3-0; Zamzow 0-1-0-0-0; Mace 0-0-1-3-0; Vandenberg 3-0-0-0-0; Russell 1-0-0-0-0; Ingalls 6-0-0-1-0; Koch 2-0-0-0-0.

**October 21 results**  
**UW-River Falls 30 30 30 - 3**  
**Elmhurst 26 26 26 - 0**

**UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Geehan 14-0-3-0-1; Olson 0-23-1-5-0; K. Thompson 12-0-1-6-1; Gustafson 3-0-1-14-0; Krtnick 7-19-0-12-0; M. Thompson 5-1-0-1-0; Mace 0-0-0-18-0; Ingalls 5-0-0-0-0.

**October 19 results**  
**UW-River Falls 17 24 21 - 0**  
**UW-Eau Claire 30 30 30 - 3**

**UW-River Falls(kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Geehan 12-0-0-0-0; Olson 1-12-2-3-0; K. Thompson 9-0-0-5-0; Gustafson 1-2-0-6-0; Cordes 1-0-0-1-0; Krtnick 3-21-0-8-0; M. Thompson 6-0-0-5-0; Mace 0-0-2-18-0; Barrett 1-0-0-0-0; Vandenberg 0-0-0-0-0; Ingalls 2-0-0-0-0.

**UW-Eau Claire (kills-assists-aces-digs-blocks)**  
Danielson 3-2-0-0-0; Menard 16-0-2-8-0; Berger 0-0-1-15-0; A. Freiborg 0-1-0-4-0; C. Freiborg 5-33-3-7-0; Harnell 0-1-0-6-0; Walter 7-3-1-1-0; Dunbar 5-0-0-2-0; Groh 10-0-0-0-0.

**October 25 results**  
**Period 1 2 OT OT2**  
**UW-Stout 0 1 0 0 - 0**  
**UW-River Falls 1 0 0 0 - 0**

**First half**  
17:31 RF - Straub (2) (Carlson)  
**Second half**  
55:23 UWS - Lizotte (8) (Smiskey)  
**Overtime**  
No Scoring  
**Overtime 2**  
No Scoring

**Goalkeeping (min-ga-saves)**  
RF - Tvedt 110:00-1-4  
UWS - Buxbaum 110:00-1-6

**October 22 results**  
**Period 1 2**  
**UW-River Falls 2 2 - 4**  
**St. Catherine 0 1 - 1**

**First half**  
17:34 RF - Piersak (4) (unassisted)  
41:42 RF - Jensen (9) (unassisted)  
**Second half**  
60:53 CSC - Litt (Muller)  
67:51 RF - Carlson (9) (Straub)  
89:24 RF - Hermes (2) (Hawkins)

**Goalkeeping (min-ga-saves)**  
RF - Tvedt 90:00-1-2  
CSC - Knodel 90:00-4-8

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Hockey



UW-RF

vs



UW-EC

7:05 p.m. Friday  
at Hunt Arena

The Falcons start their 2005-2006 season on Friday at Hunt arena against UW-EC at 7:05 p.m. The Falcons finished last season at 17-9-2 and are searching for a WIAC Championship this season. The Falcons also play at home the following night against Lawrence University. The Falcons are looking for a big crowd to lead them to victory on this Homecoming weekend. The Falcons will be on the road next weekend at St. Olaf on Friday night.

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STANDINGS

Football					
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Soccer</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
UW-Whitewater (6-0)	4	0	<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
UW-Oshkosh (5-1)	3	1	UW-Eau Claire (10-1-3)	5	0
UW-Eau Claire (3-3)	3	1	UW-Oshkosh(8-5-1)	5	1
UW-Stout (4-2)	2	2	UW-Stevens Point (7-5-2)	4	2
UW-Lacrosse (3-2)	2	2	UW-Stout (8-2-2)	3	1
UW-River Falls (2-4)	1	3	UW-River Falls (9-3-2)	3	1
UW-Stevens Point (2-4)	1	3	UW-LaCrosse (6-5-2)	2	3
UW-Platteville (1-5)	0	4	UW-Platteville (7-5-3)	2	5
			UW-Whitewater (7-7-0)	2	5
			UW-Superior (8-6-1)	0	6
<b>Volleyball</b>			<b>Tennis</b>		
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
UW-Oshkosh (30-2)	7	1	UW-Lacrosse (7-0)	6	0
UW-Whitewater (29-2)	7	1	UW-Whitewater (11-4)	5	1
UW-Eau Claire (22-3)	6	2	UW-Eau Claire (5-4)	4	2
UW-LaCrosse(20-7)	4	4	UW-River Falls (8-5)	3	3
UW-Platteville (20-7)	3	4	UW-Stout (7-5)	2	4
UW-Stout (16-14)	3	5	UW-Oshkosh (3-6)	1	5
UW-Superior (17-13)	2	6	UW-Stevens Point (4-6)	0	6
UW-River Falls (15-15)	2	6			
UW-Stevens Point (14-16)	1	6			

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# Conference attracts leaders of both sexes

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Women and men from college campuses throughout Wisconsin will be heading to UW- Eau Claire for the 10th annual Women's Leadership Conference from Nov. 18- 20.

The theme of this year's conference is "Many Women-Many Voices, Laying the Foundation for our Movement."

This theme was chosen to stress the importance of understanding all women's struggles and stories; to create an inclusive youth movement, according to the women's conference pamphlet that has been passed out in the Student Center for the past week.

The program has come a long way since its first conference, which was held in 1996 and attracted 70 students from across Wisconsin.

This year's conference leaders are expecting more than 300 students from 17 colleges in the UW System. The conference will feature three well-known and respected national speakers, according to the pamphlet and the United Council Web site.

The conference is organized by United Council, a program which strives to create access to higher education and works to resolve student issues, according to Katie Lapp, Women's Issues Director for United Council and the organizer of this year's conference.

Since UW-River Falls is a member of the council, the three-day event is free to any student who wants to go.

Transportation, depending on the number of students attending, will be provided either by vans or a bus, and students will stay for free at the Ramada Inn, said Liz de la Torre, Student Senate vice-president and recruitment coordinator for the women's conference this year.

"The goal of this conference is to get students together, not just to learn but to offer an opportunity for student networking in order to create change," Lapp said.

"I know some guys may think what am I going to learn, but there is something for everyone at the conference," said Nick Cluppert, Student Senate President. "It's a great opportunity for student leaders to share ideas, work with students from other campuses and bring those ideas back to those who may not have been able to attend."

The conference will host three keynote speakers, all who are nationally recognized, de la Torre said.

The first speaker will be Pauline Park, who will be speaking at lunch on Saturday.

Park, after coming out as an openly transgendered woman, co-founded and is currently the chair of the first statewide transgender advocacy organization in New York called the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy (NYAGRA), according to the Women's Leadership Conference Official Web site.

The second speaker is a woman named Crystal Plat, who is executive director and founder of the Cyprus Youth Federation of America.

"Her vision is to change the face of the reproductive rights

movement by engaging under-represented communities like youth and people of color, re-defining reproductive freedom broadly and deeply, and reviving the perception of reproductive rights as a social justice issue," according to the Women's Leadership Conference Official Web site.

She will also be speaking Saturday.

Senator Lena C. Taylor is the third speaker. She will be speaking Sunday morning. Taylor is the senator of Milwaukee and previously worked as a public defender representing indigent citizens in need of legal services. She now provides free legal clinics and referrals through her law office in Milwaukee.

"It's important for the student body as a whole because you get training that you otherwise wouldn't get all in the same place," said David Glisch-Sanchez, Academic Affairs Director for United Council. "It's a great opportunity for women because it is an empowering atmosphere in which to discuss their issues, and it's a great opportunity for men to be helpful and supportive of these issues without being condescending."

## Silent Auction: Betz volunteers time to open auction

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Building was open for five days, so they booked it. Invitations were sent out to the artists and advertisements sent out to the community and their mailing lists through fliers.

Chancellor Don Betz also became involved. He volunteered to open the auction by presenting the items to bidders.

"The silent auction is a visible demonstration of the artists and UW-River Falls's commitment to public service and to making a difference," Betz said.

Swenson said she really appreciates the dedication from Betz.

"He's been really wonderful in helping to support us," she said.

The bidding will be done by secret ballot.

By assigning each bidder a number, people place a bidding price with their number on the sheet corresponding with the item they wish to purchase.

In 2001, bidder's names were used instead of numbers, they changed the format because many people would not bid on items University administrators had bid on out of respect, Clifford said.

They also made the auction more practical for students. Anyone donating \$5 was eligible to win a necklace with a carnelian pendant, made by art faculty metals instructor Patrice Wernlund.

Swenson said she thought it was an important element



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Students Andi Back (far left), Brad Labadie (center) and Tina Lindgrin (right), view arts pieces during the silent auction.

because it is one way students could donate without spending a lot of money.

"The artists' participation and generosity," is the best part of the auction Clifford said.

Swenson said the best part was "to donate to a really good cause."

Around 100 artists were asked to participate this year, said

Susan Zimmer, program assistant from the art department.

Clifford said the artists were chosen based on the quality of work they have done in the past. The artists gave the value of the piece and then set the minimum price below the value.

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To daylight savings time and it being dark so early! 

Falcon Favorites



Brad Gee  
Coordinator of  
reference services

Sitting in the quite center of the library is the desk of Brad Gee. At the research help desk Gee helps students find reference materials and do research. For the past 13 years he has assisted students in the library. "I do enjoy working with the students, it's a very rewarding experience," Gee said. Unlike many students, Gee isn't afraid to do a little research. "I actually enjoy the research," he said. Gee said he likes the steps leading up to the paper rather than writing it. Aside from researching, Gee also coordinates the semester abroad Europe program.

Campus Calendar

**Ongoing Event:**  
**The Rocky Horror Show**  
**October 27-29 at 7:30 PM, & 31 AT 10:00 PM and November 2-5, 2005 at 7:30 PM**  
**\$12.00/\$7.00**  
**BOX OFFICE OPENS OCTOBER 17 (10:00 - 3:00 WEEKDAYS)**  
Whether you have seen the movie or not, you will enjoy the play version of this show. Complete with sass from the audience, cascading toilet paper and an array of other audience participation props, this deliberately kitschy rock'n'roll sci-fi gothic is more fun than ever. Directed by Jim Zimmerman. For mature audiences only.

**Friday, October 28**  
**4- 9 p.m.** Powder Puff Football competition open to all students.  
Location: Intramural Fields

**Saturday, October 29**  
**11 a.m.** Homecoming Parade

**1 p.m.** Homecoming Football Game  
Location: Ramer Field

**Sunday, October 30**  
**3 p.m.** The Homecoming Concert will be presented in William Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts Bldg. The concert will feature The UW-RF Choral Ensembles conducted by J.W. Park, Sarah Parks, and David Scholz, the Alumni Choir conducted by Elliot Wold, and the Symphonic Wind Band conducted by Craig Hara. Tickets available at the door; Adults \$5, Seniors \$3, all students \$2, 5 and under free.

**Tuesday, November 1**  
**8 p.m.** Wyman Series: Speaker John Crawford Crawford joined the National Guard in Florida and was called to deployment on his honeymoon. The "Last True Story I'll Ever Tell" is Crawford's expose of what life in Iraq was really like. Fee: Free for UW-RF Students with ID \$3 for 18 and under, \$5 for general public Location: North Hall Auditorium

**8 p.m.** A Trombone Choir & Bone-a-Fide Concert Rick Gaynor, director, will be performed in William Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts Bldg. Free admission.

**Wednesday, November 2**  
**6:30 p.m.** - Morocco Informational Session The Treasures of Morocco, Spring Break 2006 Study Tour Informational Meeting Fee: Free Location: B107 Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

**Thursday, October 27**  
**9 a.m.-9 p.m.** - Art Silent Auction The Art Department will hold a silent auction of faculty artwork with the proceeds to Katrina victim relief. The auction is in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

**4-9 p.m.** Powder Puff Football at Intramural Fields for all students.

BIRD DROPPINGS

Trick or treat, sneak a peek



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

UW-RF females see Halloween as a prime opportunity to wear as little as possible and not get called slutty.

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

UW-River Falls females patiently wait for Halloween weekend so they may have an excuse to show off more skin, according to a recent drunken night at the bar. "I just can't wait to dress up like Barbie. She is the porn star of toy dolls," Missy D. Meanor, a senior, said. "Normally I can't get away with it, but it's Halloween, so what do I care?" Of the women polled, most were planning on dressing in a "naughty" style. The most popular costumes were naughty nurse, naughty schoolteacher and naughty anything-with-fish-net, according to the survey. "Usually on Sunday morning I go to church with my parents," said Halle Ween, a junior said, "but it's Halloween so I will be hung-over and this naughty nurse gets to be gettin' her drink on, straight up." Ween's friend, known only as "Puddles," has already started her Halloween activities. "I just really like having an excuse to dress slutty," Puddles said. She was then notified it was 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning and said, "[expletive deleted] you! I'm half loaded right now," before falling over a campus smoker bin. The survey also concluded males are not bothered by the local phenomenon. "Really? You think I would have a problem with this?" Dirks McGroin, fifth year senior said when asked about the issue. Many males who never go out will be headed to parties and bars in the area.

"It's like going to Hooters, but without wasting ones in their panties. It's a free show," said a local retired River Falls resident. "I'm goin' as a sex-starved farmer." The psychology department was especially concerned over the survey results. "It seems to me that Freud's third law of paternal absent psychosis bipolar effecting the Id is in full affect," said psychology professor Duke Wellington III. The women are fighting with their subconscious "inner-skank," Wellington said. "That being said ... I hope their inner-skank loves a naughty Freud costume," Wellington said. The UW System has opposed the flashy skin, for legal reasons. "Doing so may result in fun, stories worth remembering, and a good time had by all. The system will not stand for it," according to a statement released by the UW System. Once the legalities were out of the way the statement played a different tune. "If it will keep your drunk asses out of Madison for just one Halloween, go as the naughty nudist for all we care," according to the statement. The Neo-Feminist club has taken up a protest against females using Halloween as an excuse to dress more risqué. "This idea that girls can dress up like a whore on University Ave. just perpetuates a stereotype that women have fought for decades," Girl Power, a senior, said. She said by participating in Halloween activities women are subjectifying themselves to a male driven world. McGroin countered with, "yeah, but dude ... they hardly wear anything at all."

Sex party invite declined



Jon Majak

My friend "Owen" was the envy of most of his hipster friends, getting invited to the most fabulous parties all over the Twin Cities and living one of those delightfully scandalous lives that dreams and sex tapes are made of. He hadn't always been that way; I knew him when he could only afford thrift store clothes and pot, before he traded up to Guess jeans and coke. Anyway, Owen decided to pass along an invitation to one of his friends, yours truly. "Do you want to go to a sex party?" he asked me. "A group of guys gather together, have some drinks and rotate partners." "I don't even like the concept of speed dating let alone speed screwing," I countered. "Come on," he hissed to me over the phone. "It's like a potluck dinner except you're the dish that gets passed around." "You should totally go," my friend "Hank" said to me a few days later. "Of course you would say yes to it," I replied.

Hank, in retrospect, wasn't the best sounding board for such matters. Before entering a monogamous relationship with his boyfriend Randy, Hank had been quite the voracious single; and even though he was happily together with Randy, he still found ways to see others. "You spend your free time masturbating on a Web cam for total strangers," I snickered. "Hell, a sex party would just be a fan club meeting."

"It'd be fun and you'd get material for your column," Hank persisted, undeterred. "Besides, you're single. You should be out, having fun." "Fun is one thing," I interjected. "Being essentially compared to a casserole is another." Still unsure about whether to RSVP yes to the party, I decided to survey some of my friends. "Would you ever go to a sex party?" I asked one of the most sexually-free people I knew, my main metro Thad the Cad. "Excuse me?" he replied. "It's not an invitation; just a hypothetical question," I interjected. "Are you going to go to one?" he asked. "No," I said. "It was bad enough being chosen last in kickball in elementary school and we had all our clothes on." "I would be scared of that as well," he replied. There was a little pause as I thought of the number of hot girls and horri-

bly misguided boys that hit on Thad on a weekly basis. "You know," I laughed. "I almost believed that bit of humility." The next night, I talked to Denton about the sex party. "Why aren't you going?" he chided me. "It sounds interesting at the very least. You're probably too prudish." "Could be," I agreed. "Or maybe I'm just a nympho," he said. "But you know, good sex does abound." "Is that so?" I replied. He paused for a moment. "You'll just have to wait and see." That night, I sent Owen an e-mail declining my sex party invite. Five minutes later, I got a phone call from him. "The sex party is cancelled," he mournfully told me. "His neighbors complained when they found out." "Aren't you going to fight for your right to sex party?" I chuckled. "Please," he sighed, "I was only going because I wanted to stop thinking of my ex who I just split up with." He sniffled a bit, finally pulling back the velvet rope in front of his party boy persona. "But that's life," he sighed. He then imparted one of the most astute observations about parties and dating I've heard in a long time: "Lovers are like parties; there is always a better one somewhere that everybody is dying to get into."

Du jour

- Spooky Juice**  
**Ingredients:**  
1 oz Vodka (Absolut)  
2 dashes Blue Curacao  
1 dash Grenadine  
Fill with Orange juice  
**Mixing instructions:**  
Stir together with ice.
- Vampire's Kiss**  
**Ingredients:**  
2 oz Vodka  
1/2 oz dry Gin  
1/2 oz Dry Vermouth  
1 tblsp Tequila  
1 pinch Salt  
2 oz Tomato juice  
**Mixing instructions:**  
Shake with ice. Strain over ice in an old fashioned glass.
- Pumpkin pie**  
**Ingredients:**  
2 parts Kahlua  
1 part Bailey's irish cream  
1 part Goldschlager  
Cinnamon  
**Mixing instructions:**  
After adding the Goldschlager, set on fire. Sprinkle cinnamon on the flame to "cook" and for dramatic effect. Blow out and serve.

The Student Voice does not condone underage drinking. If you are of age and choose to drink, please do so responsibly.

MITCH

By: Neng Yang

There's a Halloween party this weekend do you want to go?

I can't, I don't have a costume

Its ok, your scary enough, you probably wont need one

I guess that means I can go



# Music down under



Students looking for a night of cool jazz music and just a time to relax can stop down to Brandy's every other Wednesday. Every student is welcome to jam on the open mic offered as well or just sit and listen.

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The kick-off to "Live Jazz and Open Mic Night" was Oct. 19 in Brandy's.

The sweet sound of live jazz music will continue to be heard drifting out of Brandy's every other Wednesday evening throughout the school year.

Students can enjoy the price as well as the music. The music is free and the microphone is open to whomever wants to sit in with the house jazz band or whomever wants to perform any other form of art.

This is a continuation of a program started last year by Anthony Bloch, a senior music major and Mike Cain, a graduate of the music department.

The intention of the program was to get student musicians together outside the classroom environment and also to provide an open mic and comfortable atmosphere, for any form of expression, Bloch said.

The program was held in the Coffee Shop of River Falls which closed last year after one last "Live Jazz and Open Mic Night"

and has since been replaced by Mariachi Loco.

Last year the turnout at the coffee shop was great but there has been some difficulty getting the program off the ground now that it has been moved to Brandy's, Bloch said.

"We wanted to make sure that the shows stay open to all ages," said Bloch. "That is why we decided to move the program on campus after the close of The Coffee Shop."

Last week's turnout was good, about 30 students attended and 5 or 6 students sat in with the band and played jazz music," said Kyle Tennis, a senior music major and the new guitar player in the house band.

"It's a great opportunity to play in front of people in a comfortable setting," said Joanne Sander, a senior music major and jazz flutist who has participated in the program in the past.

The nights usually start off with a few songs from the house band and then the mic is opened up to anyone.

"We'd like it to be a lot of different ideas and a lot of different people from different backgrounds," Bloch said.

Usually there is a lot of acoustic guitar, poetry reading and jazz but the original idea for the program included all art forms including painting, theater and dance we just didn't get much of those kinds of art, said Bloch. It's only called jazz night because that is what the house band likes to play and what can be expected to be heard for sure.

"I think more people should take advantage of the open mic night," said Casey Andersen, a fourth year music major.

"There are a lot of young musicians on campus; I just don't think they know about the program."

This forum is a great opportunity not only for music majors to have a venue to perform, but for anyone that wants to come.

"It's sweet music for free," Tennis said.






"What more do you want?"

The program will take place every other Wednesday. However their Nov. 2 show has been moved to Nov. 9.

Photos by Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice



## Paradise tunes




Photos by Kirsten Farrar

**Freddy's Paradise Island Lip Sync** was held on Oct. 26 in the North Hall auditorium at 7 p.m. Performers danced and sang for two hours for a packed house. The Lip Sync is a favorite event for students to attend and many surprises shocked the audience throughout the night. Hoots and hollers came abounding from North Hall as each organization got their groove on.

## WHICH CAMPUS IS YOURS?

Each dot of color represents one UWRF undergraduate student. There are 5663 dots per picture.


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**Actual Alcohol Use**

"Over the past 30 days on how many days did you use alcohol?"

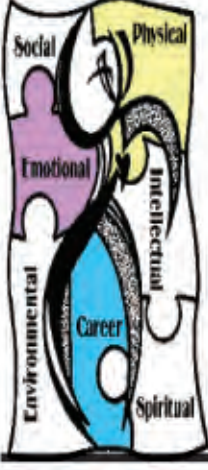
- (Blues) Did Not Use: 22%
- (Greens) 1-5 days: 39%
- (Gray/Black) 6-10 days: 21%
- (Cream) 11-15 days: 10%
- (Reds) 16-20 days: 4%
- (Orange) 21-25 days: 2%
- (Browns) 26-30 days: 2%



**Perceived Alcohol Use**


"Over the past 30 days, on how many days do you think the average undergraduate student on your campus used alcohol?"

- (Blues) Did Not Use: <1%
- (Greens) 1-5 days: 9%
- (Gray/Black) 6-10 days: 26%
- (Cream) 11-15 days: 31%
- (Reds) 16-20 days: 19%
- (Orange) 21-25 days: 9%
- (Browns) 26-30 days: 6%



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