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Survey's values to determine future

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Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members describe UW-River Falls as a small, friendly campus that thrives on good relationships and quality academics, but has

a few problems with parking, weekend activities and funding.

These were the common themes discussed during a town hall meeting Nov. 15, where UW-RF Chancellor Don Betz spoke about the 585 responses to the Visions and Values survey. About 150 people attended the meeting, which was held in the theater of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Betz said 55 percent of the answers came from students, while 20 percent were from faculty, 9 percent were from academic staff and another 9 percent came from alumni and community members.

"This next year will be tremendously engaged and hopefully an exciting one for the University of Wisconsin - River Falls," Betz said in an introduction to the meeting.

"We're trying to capture, in as few words as possible, the essence of this institution."

The 9,879 individual comments from the University's stakeholders made the survey "a very credible insight into where we are," Betz said, calling the responses "informative and insightful."

"This is not a blueprint; this is not a set of handcuffs that absolutely commits us to a particular process," Betz said of the results. "But it is highly informative and extremely useful for the institution to have this kind of input from stakeholders."

A Visions and Values slideshow was shown at the

meeting, listing the survey's seven questions and a summary of results.

"Respondents love this place," was given as the first theme extracted from the survey results. Betz said this was "a message that came through loud and clear to me."

"It's really about, how do we embrace the very best of who we are and how do we move forward to be the very best that we can become," he said. "We're building an absolutely sensational institution that all of you started and have contributed to."

Instructors also received high marks on the survey.

"When they talk about this institution ... it was the faculty that inspired, that motivated and that actually helped them decide on life paths," Betz said.

One statement said, "It is so comforting that your professors know your name."

In response to a question asking for five words that come to mind when thinking about the University, 53 percent of the comments were positive (clean, quality), 38 percent were neutral (home, horses) and 9 percent were negative (boring, no parking). The idea of "private college attributes with a public college price tag" often came up in the survey responses.

When speaking about the importance of an inexpensive education, Betz told meeting attendees that he was a first-gen



Don Betz

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Pitcher perfect



Survey shows rise in binge drinking

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UW-River Falls students binge drink more than the nation average, but less than the UW System average.

A UW System Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, (AODA), survey was conducted earlier this year that showed that 59 percent of UW System students had participated in binge drinking at least once in the two weeks prior to the survey.

The survey defined binge drinking as having five or more drinks in one sitting.

The UW System percentage is higher compared to a similar study done by Harvard University which found 44 percent of students nationwide had participated in binge drinking, which they defined as five drinks in one sitting for men, and four for women, in the two weeks prior to the survey.

After the survey was conducted at the 13 four-year universities and 13 two-year colleges, each institution was given a summary of responses from their students.

The UW- River Falls portion of the survey showed of the 1,176 students who answered, 50 percent had binged at least once and 50 percent had not at all in the two weeks prior to the survey.

Ground Zero bartender Jeff Schellpfeffer says it hasn't always been so evenly split.

"Drinking now is not anywhere near what it was five years ago," he said.



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Stephan "animal" Grandpre and Detrich Peterson (above) take shots at Emma's bar. Derek Waldera, Dan Sitz, Pete Clothier and Ryan Umlauf (right), three of which call themselves "The Tripod: The All-American drinking team," also enjoy beer at Emma's.

Schellpfeffer said he estimates there are 200 fewer people per week coming into the bar.

River Falls Police Department officer Charles Golden said "a lot of the people we've been dealing with at 2:30-to-3 a.m. have been binge drinking."

As an officer on the force for 12 years, he doesn't see a difference between now then. As far as binge drinking goes, Schellpfeffer said he thinks he sees it less because people do a lot of bar hopping, so seldom would one bartender serve one person five drinks.

He said binge drinking is not

as big of a problem now as it used to be.

"There's never been as many people in this town, but never as few going out," Schellpfeffer said.

He said he thinks much of the binging is happening at house parties. The survey showed that of the UW System students who had binged, 67 percent of it had been done at a house party.

Even though Schellpfeffer may not see it, between the time the last survey was completed in 2003, and this year's, the percentage of students binging has gone up 10.9 percent from the old 39.9 percent.

Since turning 21, student Jennifer Crnobrna started a routine that echoes Schellpfeffer's suspicions.

"We start here at the house, playing cards or something, and then go out," Crnobrna said.

She said some weeks she'll binge drink on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

"It's fun," she said. "If I have drinks, I'll drink a lot."

Crnobrna does admit that she sees consequences, and has experienced some herself.

The main consequence, she said, is an occasional hangover

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Student speaks on experiencing gender identity conflict

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In November, members of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) invited Jessica Janiuk, a senior at UW-Eau Claire to come speak about her experience as a transsexual.

"I cover the basic terms of the transworld," Janiuk said. "I was once male, physically. Mentally is another story."

Among the topics she talked about, was explaining how she has Gender Identity Disorder, which Transcyclopdia classifies as, "for those individuals that cannot resolve the gender/sex conflict they face. It is actually a mental disorder, and is usually

only diagnosed in more severe cases (i.e. transsexuals)."

Janiuk spoke about the differences between sex and gender. Sex would apply to the physical body and what sort of body parts they have, whereas gender is how someone would perceive themselves.

In Janiuk's case, she said since she was five years old she felt different. She said that at that time she started trying on women's clothing and felt comfortable doing so.

Janiuk said when children reach age five or six they start realizing there is a difference between boys and girls. But society often refers to cross dressers as homosexuals or more widely as drag queens, because they are portrayed so vividly in

the entertainment industry, she said.

However, Janiuk said this is not true.

She said many cross dressers are heterosexual and happen to be happily married often having children. Cross dressers and drag queens are totally different things.

Janiuk said it is strange, that women will sometimes dress as men and no one will bother to say anything, but if a man chooses to wear women's clothing, they may experience anything from name calling to physical assault.

When Janiuk told her mother of how she felt about possibly becoming a woman a few years ago, she asked Janiuk if she was gay.

"No," she answered. She said she is attracted to

women, but felt uncomfortable to continue living as a man.

"Labeling is a problem in our society," Janiuk said. "I choose to identify that way."

She said there are two different types of identity. Gender identity is how someone feels inside and sexual identity is what gender a person is attracted to.

Janiuk said the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) discovered from taking brain scans, there are 53 separate genes for identity made while still in the womb.

According to the International Journal of

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EMT training advances to paramedic level

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Culminating a series of upgrades and improvements, the River Falls Area Ambulance Services will be increasing its abilities from its current enhanced level to the paramedic level. The next step should be reached by April of next year.

The paramedic level is the highest level that can be obtained and allows the crew to do more advanced procedures that include cardiac management and the use of more medications.

"As a service we wanted to upgrade," said Wes Halvorsen, operations supervisor.

The upgrade is not easily accomplished.

The crew will have to go through 1,500 hours of training on top of the other training they have done to date to be recognized at the paramedic level, said Jeff Rixmann, director of ambulance services.

There are four levels of Emergency Medical Technicians, and with each comes more hours of training both in the classroom and in the clinical arena: Basic, Basic IV, Intermediate 99 and Paramedic.

To get an EMT fully trained at the paramedic level costs \$10,000, Rixmann said. He also said it will cost \$60,00 per person trained for everything. Four paramedics now serve River Falls. In all,

the city is served by 52 EMTs. Two of them work full time and the rest are volunteers.

"As a city grows, you want to grow with it," Halvorsen said.

The River Falls ambulances receive approximately 1,100 calls per year, which averages to three or four a day, Rixmann said. The River Falls Ambulance Services covers 180 square miles and includes Pierce and St. Croix counties.

He said as the population grows the money they get from taxes grows and helps fund operations, but at the same time the runs they have to make climb.

Rixmann said all four of the ambulances have been out eight times this year already, which is more than the average.

The EMT upgrade is not the only thing changing at the station.

Right now the crew is getting a new ambulance to replace a 1989 ambulance. Doing so requires moving things like radios and equipment from the old ambulance to the new ambulance, Rixmann said.

Also, the crew was a recent recipient of a new 2005 Dodge Durango that is equipped as a first responder, which will go directly to the scene and

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Lauren Blaker, EMI- I, a UW-RF senior stands next to Wes Halvorsen, the River Falls Area Ambulance Service Operations Supervisor. To get one EMT fully trained at the paramedic level costs \$10,000.

VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

Speaker to talk about responsible drinking

Speaker Rick Barnes will speak about responsible drinking in a presentation called “Drink Think” on Dec. 6 in North Hall at 7 p.m. The presentation is sponsored by IFC, Cascade, Weeks of Welcome, LDPB, and Panhellenic Council of UW-RF. It is free to all Students and open to the public.

Public hearing set on smoking ban

Bar owners, public health advocates and smokers are expected to descend on City Hall on Dec. 7, when the city holds a public hearing on a proposed St. Paul smoking ban that would rival Minneapolis’. According to the Pioneer Press, City Council Member Dave Thune is proposing a total ban on smoking in bars and restaurants throughout the city. He has the support of a majority of the council, and Mayor-elect Chris Coleman has pledged his support for the law. Thune said that once the public hearing is over, he will postpone action on the law until Coleman is sworn in. As written, the law would take effect 30 days after Coleman signs it, but there is no telling when that will happen. St. Paul operates under a partial countywide smoking ban, but dozens of bars and restaurants have been granted exemptions to the law.



Einstein as entertainment

An actor portraying Einstein will be performing a play that includes science, humor and the violin. The play has won awards for writing, directing and acting. The script has been performed in such places as Italy, Hungary and Argentina. Einstein was considered a slow learner, and didn’t start talking until the age of three. He had a difficult time finding jobs as an adult. But, at the age of 23, the science community was listening to his Special Theory of Relatively.

REGIONAL

Region’s unemployment rates drop again

Figures released by the Department of Workforce Development spell good news for job hunters in the region and across the state, according to RiverTowns.net. The good news in unemployment rates spreads across all counties in the region as rates for October are down from September’s numbers. In St. Croix County the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate dropped from 4 percent in September to 3.2 percent in October. In Pierce County the rate for October was just 2.8 percent. That’s down from 3.5 percent in September. In Polk County the unemployment rate for October was 3.7 percent down from 3.9 percent in September. Statewide the unemployment rate was the lowest in four years, according to DWD. The state’s seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate is 3.8 percent which is better than the national rate of 4.6 percent. The state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October is also down - dropping from 4.7 percent in September to 4.5 percent.

UW-Stout will offer a Golf Management degree

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will start their new Bachelor of Science in Golf Enterprise Management degree program in January. According to the River Falls Journal, “The new program is not about playing the game of golf, but it is about the business of golf,” said Tom Franklin, GEM program director. The program is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level management positions, with a primary focus on the management of golf course properties. Students will receive a comprehensive education with courses in business, customer service, food and beverage, and retail management, in addition to golf-specific content in customer development and retention, golf course design and turf management. The school is just now recruiting students and plans on having the first freshman classes going in the spring and fall of 2006.



NATIONAL

College course works to debunk intelligent design

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Creationism and intelligent design are going to be studied at the University of Kansas, but not in the way advocated by opponents of the theory of evolution. According to CNN, a course being offered next semester by the university religious studies department is titled “Special Topics in Religion: Intelligent Design, Creationism and other Religious Mythologies.” Earlier this month, the state Board of Education adopted new science teaching standards that treat evolution as a flawed theory, defying the view of science groups. Paul Mirecki, the department chairman, said his course, limited to 120 students, would explore intelligent design as a modern American mythology. University Chancellor Robert Hemenway said Monday he didn’t know all the details about the new course. “If it’s a course that’s being offered in a serious and intellectually honest way, those are the kind of courses a university frequently offers,” he said.



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SENATE

Senate takes aim at gun law

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Conceal and carry legislation came under fire from the Student Senate Nov. 29 as they approved a motion to urge Wisconsin senators to add UW-System grounds and day-care facilities to the list of locations where firearms are not permitted. “I don’t understand why you would need to carry a weapon on campus or in a daycare center,” Senator Joe Eggers said. Eggers, who made the initial proposal, said it is currently illegal to carry guns in government buildings, but new legislation is poised to override that law. The new legislation would allow Wisconsin residents who have a conceal-and-carry permit to carry a weapon in most public places. A few exceptions would be schools, police stations and taverns. Under current laws it is illegal to carry firearms in UW-System residence halls as well as daycares. Eggers said the new legislation would override the existing laws. Gun legislation wasn’t the only smoking pistol at Tuesday’s meeting. Senator Jim Vierling briefly discussed

possible future parking expansions on campus. Vierling said the Parking Committee is looking to increase parking availability by up to 800 spaces in the next three-to-five years. “They’re adding onto Ramer, they’re adding onto O-Lot,” Vierling said. He added that the proposed new health and performance facility would also add spaces. Senate President Nick Cluppert questioned whether the expansion was dependent on the new health facility being built. But Vierling said the committee will be adding spots regardless. Vierling said the committee runs on its own budget and has been adding spaces. Around 800 parking spaces were added in the past few years, he said. Despite the additional spaces parking is still an issue. Vierling said this year was the first year that the University recommended that freshman not bring a vehicle to school. The committee is also looking into the possibility of adding a commuter-only parking lot.

Other Senate News

- The Dec. 6 Student Senate meeting will be host to many guest speakers, and UW-RF students will be asked to address the Senate about campus issues or concerns. “The Chancellor will be here next week ... United Council,” Cluppert said. The speakers will also be fielding questions from audience members. “We’ll have a lot of guest speakers and hopefully a lot of students here,” Cluppert said.
- The Senate passed a motion to petition the Gov. Jim Doyle to sign in the new regents legislation at the UW-RF campus. The Wisconsin Legislature recently passed legislation adding another student seat to the UW System Board of Regents. Two students will now sit on the board.

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

Student’s voice at regents grows

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Every student attending a public Wisconsin university will now be more represented at the Wisconsin Board of Regents because of a passed legislative bill that will add another student regent member to the board, once it is signed by the governor. “The addition to the Wisconsin Board of Regents of a second student member offers the state’s students a unique opportunity to enhance their participation in the UW system’s governance. “I look forward to working with the newest Board member and his/her colleagues in crafting future educational opportunities,” Chancellor Don Betz said. The State Assembly passed the bill unanimously, and the Wisconsin Senate passed a com-

panion bill on Nov. 10. The bill was introduced by the River Falls Rep. Kitty Rhoades and Menomonie Rep. Andy Lamb. The bill’s authors are from both political parties. “It was nice to see both Republicans and Democrats use bipartisanship to get this bill passed,” Student Senate President Nick Cluppert said. Currently the Board of Regents is made up of 17 members and one student. The bill is now on Gov. Jim Doyle’s desk, and will be signed or vetoed soon. “I don’t see any reason why the bill will not be signed by the governor,” said Joe Eggers, student senate legislative affairs director . UW-RF Student Senate is trying to get the governor to sign the bill at the River Falls campus, Cluppert said. Student Senate advises everyone to write or call Doyle to ask him to

sign the bill here in town. “Students have been working on getting this bill passed for the last six years, so it would be

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Nick Cluppert, Student Senate president

nice if it could be signed here,” Cluppert said. Eggers elaborated on the necessity for another student representative. “A student regent is important to River Falls because of the tuition, the potential for a new health and human performance and choosing of the chancellors,” Eggers said.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Nov. 15
Rachel E. Meyer, 20, Prescott, Wis., was fined \$708.50 for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and \$739.75 for having a prohibited alcohol concentration after 3 a.m. According to the River Falls Police report, Meyer had been driving her vehicle north on Highway 29 when she allegedly fell asleep. Meyer’s vehicle then crossed the southbound lane crashing through a silt fence in the ditch and eventually rolled over on a pile of topsoil nearby. Meyer was transported to the River Falls Area Hospital by acquaintances and escorted by RFPD. Police questioned her after she received medical attention. Meyer told police she had fallen asleep while driving to River Falls and admitted she had been drinking. Meyer was taken into custody by River Falls Police and was later released. • Michael J. Dougherty Jr. reported the theft of his cell phone and girlfriend’s UW-River Falls student ID from his UW-RF residence hall room, 237 Johnson Hall, around noon. Dougherty told police he had been sleeping on his futon the morning of Nov. 13 when someone had entered his room and stolen his cell phone and the ID. He told police his wallet and an mp3 player had also been near his cell phone and questioned why they had not been stolen. Dougherty stated that his door had not been locked. The cell phone and ID were estimated to be valued at \$460. • Matthew W. McCollon, 18, was fined \$248 for underage consumption on the west end of campus.

Nov. 17
Eric M. Ebert, 21, was fined \$185.50 for skateboarding in North Hall

Nov. 18
Brian P. Bishop reported the theft of a cell phone and headphones from his UW-RF residence hall room, 350 Johnson Hall, around 11 a.m. Bishop told police he had fallen asleep in his room on the night of Nov. 11 with his door locked. Bishop stated when he woke up the door was still locked but the overhead light was on in the room. According to the report he later noticed his cell phone and headphones missing. Bishop’s wallet was in the same area but nothing was taken from it. The cell phone and headphones were estimated to be valued at \$100. • Ian T. Skare, 18, was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

Nov. 19
Samuel E. Giliuson, 22, was fined \$166 for disorderly conduct outside of the Library bar around 2:30 a.m. Giliuson and three other men got into a fight after leaving the bar. RFPD broke up the fight and issued citations to those involved.

Nov. 20
Tanner M. Daffinson reported vandalism to his UW-RF residence hall room, 415 Johnson Hall around 6 p.m. Daffinson told police he had left the room on Nov. 18 and when he returned everything in the room had been messed up. According to the report a bed had been turned over, a dresser was moved food had been thrown on the floor and the window had been opened. However, Daffinson stated that nothing had been stolen or severely damaged. Public Safety officers report that a note was taped near a mirror in the room and read, “Rules before leaving your dorm room. 1. lock

your door 2. lock your door 3. make sure people don’t find out your door is unlocked 4. lock your door.” Daffinson told police the door was not locked when he left on Nov. 18. • Stacy M. Blaha reported the theft of a digital camera from the Library bar around 1 p.m. Blaha told police her roommate had taken the camera to the Library bar the previous night and it had been stolen. Blaha’s roommate stated that the camera had been in the pocket of her coat. She said she hung the coat up at the bar and noticed the camera missing about 15 minutes later. The camera is estimated to be valued at \$150. • Derek J. Hansberry, 21, River Falls, was fined \$166 for disorderly conduct at the Library Bar around 1 a.m. According to the report, library employees witnessed Hansberry try to pass his ID off to another individual and then tried to “screen” bouncers so the individuals could get into the bar. The individuals and Hansberry were told to leave the bar, but Hansberry attempted to get back in several times. The final time he was told to leave he refused and RFPD was called to assist. Hansberry admitted to police that he had been told to leave and had tried several times to get back in. • Nicholas A. Falck, 20; Sunnie S. Copeland, 18; and Trevor B. Huset, 20, were all fined \$248 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Nov. 22
Kraig F. Link, 20 was fined \$279 for disorderly conduct and \$248 for underage consumption; Jess M. Perry, 20, was fined \$279 for disorderly conduct and \$248 for underage consumption; and Amy E. Hassler, 19, was fined \$435 for resisting and obstructing police officers in Johnson Hall around 12:45 a.m. Public Safety received a complaint from a resident assistant in Johnson Hall who had heard a loud crash and saw two people going towards the bathroom, one with blood dripping from his hand. Public Safety responded and reported finding a blood trail on the carpet in the hallway, as well as blood in one of the sinks in the bathroom. The officers followed the trail to a residence hall room 207 where it stopped. Officers reported being able to hear people talking inside the room. After knocking the people quit talking. Public Safety then tried to key into the room to check the well-being of the injured person but someone on the inside held the lock closed. Public Safety called RFPD for backup and were able to gain entry to the room when police officers arrived. According to Public Safety, Link, Perry and Hassler were inside the room and Perry had his hand wrapped in paper towels. Perry allegedly refused to seek medical attention for his injury. Link also admitted that he and Perry had been drinking alcohol. While officers were writing the citations Perry and Link were in the hallway allegedly trying to start arguments with hall staff members. After they received their citations they were escorted out of the building by officers. • Around 1:45 p.m. Martin O. Patzke reported the theft of his bike from the rack between Stratton and Prucha halls. Patzke told Public Safety he had parked the bike in the rack around Nov. 1 and noticed it missing around noon Nov. 22. Patzke said the green Huffy bike was not locked up when he left it. The bike is estimated to be valued at \$75.

Nov. 24
Analee T. Voorhees, 20, was fined \$103.50 for public urination at 214 S. Main St around 11:30 p.m.

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eration college student and believes that maintaining an affordable price is vital to get students to go to college. “UW-RF should be an ethical, knowledgeable, congenial, affordable educational institution that operates with the greatest integrity to meet the education-

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aid victims until the ambulance arrives. The Durango was donated by anonymous community members. The trailer known as the Multiple Casualty Trailer is a fairly new addition and serves many uses, Rixmann said. The trailer is used primarily as a communications center. It is able to run on a generator, powering the television and DVD players so that if a multiple casualty incident were to arise, the EMTs can be updated with news, or playback video.

al needs of its students,” wrote one respondent. Other statements suggested that UW-RF is a visually stimulating institution. “We have all of the ingredients for a campus that is an absolute showplace,” Betz said. “With the right kind of tending and the right kind of resources ... I think we can make it the kind of institution that you’re proud to come to, as you are now, and that people that visit us will be

even more excited about joining us.” Negative comments called UW-RF under funded, undervalued and overworked. One respondent wrote, “The lack of success in obtaining funds for pay raises is seriously demoralizing and undermines commitment.” He also spoke about the need for the survey and steps that will follow. “We cannot; we will not, sit back and wait for people to just notice how good we are at what we do,” he said in

response to a survey finding that the institution’s profile needs to be more visible and distinct. He said searches for the College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Sciences dean and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences are already underway. The articulation of a set of four to six core values, a vision statement and a clear, concise mission statement will be available in the next coming weeks. “We’re looking for a draft of

a plan,” Betz said, adding that it “must be reflective of the values and mission statement” and all of the University’s stakeholders should be involved. “The quality of the instruction and the nature of the inquiry; the way of knowing and the way of learning, actually prepares our students much more completely for a world that we can’t completely predict,” Betz said. A copy of the results slideshow is available at www.uwrf.edu/vision/.

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the next morning. The survey found that in the past year, 62 percent of UW-RF students had a hangover as a result of drinking, and 34 percent had missed a class because they had been drinking. While hosting a party where she said most people were binge drinking, she was given a noise violation ticket from the River Falls Police Department. She said the party got too loud and the police came and gave her a \$103.50 ticket. She also said other negative

outcomes from binge drinking. “Spending too much money, losing things, getting beat up, or not practicing safe sex,” Crnobrna said were possible negative results from binge drinking. The survey found that 15 percent of UW-RF students had had unprotected sex due to binge drinking. Bagnall said she will often see patients and have to tell them they have sexually transmitted diseases as a result of unsafe sex during a night where they were binge drinking. There are some things to help. Bagnall suggested having a sober friend to help monitor

what’s going on, to educate yourself on how much it takes for you to get drunk, and to have open access to help. Student Health Services Health Education Services Coordinator Keven Syverson said some programs help to do some of that through Student Health Services. He said all freshman and transfer students get letters about resources available to students regarding alcohol use and perception of alcohol use. Syverson said while UW-Madison is talking about implementing a program to notify parents when the issue gets out of control, and agreements with bar to curb the higher than national

rate of binge drinking, UW-RF has plans of its own. n ground to work together on with bar patrons who are students and they could come together for the sake of safety. The survey also found that 79 percent of students had drank. People have different explanations for binge drinking. Bagnall said students binge drink because of long winters and boredom. Another reason she said was because Main Street is sprinkled with bars, easily tempting students to drink. Crnobrna said “having beers and going out dancing with friends is the thing to do on those weekend nights.”

Student: defines transgenderism, transition process explained

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Transgenderism, “Transsexuals have the strong feeling, often from childhood onwards, of having been born the wrong sex.” The debate of a “possible psychogenic or biological etiology of transsexuality” has been the subject of debate for several years. For example, the size of the bed nucleus of the stria terminals (BSTc), a section of the brain essential for a person’s sexual behavior, is larger in men than in women. A female-sized BSTc was discovered in male-to-female transsexuals. The size of the BSTc wasn’t influenced in any way by sex hormones in adulthood, thereby independent of sexual orientation. Their study is the first to show a female brain structure in genetically male transsexuals, supporting the hypothesis that gender identity develops as a result

of an interaction between the developing brain and sex hormones. As for the transition itself, Janiuk said she started it in her senior year of high school. She explained that it is a long and expensive process. Her total costs for surgery along with therapy and medication cost upwards of \$27,000. She went through several surgeries, which included a sex change, slightly shaving her atom’s apple for a higher voice, and breast implants. Janiuk’s surgery was by one of the foremost specialists in the field. Even today she still has to take hormone replacement medication, which is in the form of a patch. She said she has to change it twice a week. This is to keep her body from reverting to its previous state. Among the physical changes her body underwent included the disappearance of chest and arm

hair, redistribution of body fat from the neck and torso to the hips, skin softening and the rounding of the face. Bone structure doesn’t change, which Janiuk said disappoints larger men who wish they could be more petite. As for female-to-male surgery, Janiuk said, it “isn’t quite there yet.” She said she was thankful that she had the opportunity to speak at River Falls, to educate people about transgenders and help them understand concept of undergoing a sex change. She said she particularly likes River Falls because there are gender-neutral bathrooms on campus, which are facilities that can be shared by men and women simultaneously. She said she does not regret her decision to change herself, though she has met people who were uncomfortable around her. “I’m here, I exist, that’s all you really need isn’t it?” she asked.

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EDITORIAL

Inconsistent stats mislead students

Using data to make a point is nothing new, but sometimes data proves more confusing than helpful. An advertisement run by Student Health Services in recent issues of the Student Voice has proved this point. Using pointillism, the ad tried to show the distinction between actual and perceived alcohol consumption for UW-River Falls students. But further reporting by the Student Voice found those numbers to be inaccurate. The top of the ad said the data was from a 2005 Alcohol and Drug Survey - a survey collected at UW-RF by Health Services. However, later data collected by the Student Voice from Student Health Services differed from their own ad. The “actual” data offered in their ad claimed that 22 percent of UW-RF undergrads had not used alcohol in the past 30 days. Alternative data from Health Services claims that 28 percent had not used alcohol in the past 30 days.

Yet both sets of percentages claim to be from the same survey. Down the line, each number was inconsistent between the ad and the numbers acquired from Health Services. The ad claimed 61 percent of UW-RF undergraduates had drank zero to five times. But data supposedly from the same survey suggested that 68 percent drank zero to five times.

This alternative data has also been used by Student Health Services for presentations around campus. In the presentation they claimed the national average of binge drinking in the two weeks prior to the survey being conducted for an undergraduate student was 54 percent. According to their presentation they concluded UW-RF to be “about the same as the national average.”

However, the national average for binge drinking is really 44 percent, putting UW-RF binge slightly over the national average at 50 percent. When confronted, Student Health Services scratched the number and penciled in the correction.

While there is no doubt that Health Services was trying to provide accurate statistics for UW-RF alcohol consumption, their study has missed the mark. Accurate and consistent statistics are needed before claims can be made. Whether the ad is correct or incorrect is of little concern when there is conflicting data available from the same source.

Student Health Services does have a link for survey data on their Web site, but the most recent survey data available is from 2002. In order to provide accurate and fair coverage of UW-RF students’ drinking habits, Health Services should make current data available to the public. But more importantly they need to decide on a single set of numbers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Viewpoints lack depth, interest

The best part of any newspaper is the opinion section. Within these pages, journalists can place their opinions in hopes of inflaming, persuading or educating others.

With the *Student Voice*, this is not the case. The Viewpoints page is still mostly a morass of cobbled-together columns of drinking and dating. It is exasperating to see this endless parade when there is the potential for interesting debate and illumination of important social issues.

Jon Majak's column is one that tends to infuriate me every week. His intense obsession with sex puts the GLBT culture, which is striving for recognition and equality, in a bad light. Also, forced witticisms and extended metaphors, it does not make for engaging reading.

Why doesn't Majak use his space to speak of the possible gay marriage ban amendment in Minnesota? Isn't this a pertinent issue to gay men looking for equality or relationships?

Why hasn't anyone mentioned the Kansas school board's inclusion of Intelligent Design in their science curricula? What about the war in Iraq and the laughable "war on terrorism"? Doesn't

anyone want to speak of the issues?

Maybe a lack of material for letters to the editor is the fault of the newspaper staff that repeatedly writes inane material that is of relevance to only themselves and their group of friends. Maybe the cowards are the newspaper staff members who are afraid to broach opinions on social issues to a large audience.

Abraham Simons
student

Liberal views challenge Bush supporters

I would like to start out by saying this letter is meant to be as sincere as possible. It's not a veiled jab at our President or his supporters. It's not a sneaky way to express my views. I am honestly curious.

I'm writing this letter to ask someone that supports President Bush to write a letter giving their reasons for supporting him. It truly interests me. We could strike up an honest and intelligent debate if we better understood the other side of the issues.

From my rather liberal view of things, President Bush hasn't seemed to deliver on mainstream conservative issues. Yet there are

still many people that vehemently support him. It is this seeming inconsistency I would like clarified.

Brian Estervig
student

Donations help disadvantaged people worldwide

Sigurd Hanson, the 2004 UW-River Falls Distinguished Alumnus, graduated in 1975 and has devoted his professional life to helping suffering and disadvantaged people around the globe.

He is currently the Country Director for World Vision in Pakistan. He and others are working to provide relief to the surviving victims of the devastating Oct. 8 earthquake, which killed over 90,000 people and has left 800,000 in need of winter shelter.

The first snows of the season have already hit northwest Pakistan and Kashmir, and the window for an effective response is rapidly closing.

In a recent address to donors, Hanson stated, "We must focus on immediate, life-saving needs; the emergency phase is not over."

In response to a call for help

from our friend and former student, the UW-River Falls community will attempt to raise \$10,000.

The overall requirement for funds is staggering, but in meeting this goal, Hanson and World Vision can purchase the following items: four winterized family shelters, 50 cooking sets, 15 mattresses, 20 strong tarps for winterizing, four shelter materials, ten wood burning heaters, 25 family hygiene kits, 125 quilts and eight rehabilitation kits.

Sig Hanson will visit the UW-RF campus Nov. 30 to speak about his work and provide more details about how we can help. Join us in helping Hanson and World Vision save lives in northwest Pakistan and Kashmir. Your contribution makes a difference.

Send or drop off checks payable to the UW-River Falls Foundation with memo "Sig Hanson-Pakistan" to:

Deans Office
Pakistan Relief
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
410 S. Third St.

River Falls, WI 54022

Thanks for your concern and for your help. You can hear more details on the earthquake directly from Hanson during his presentation at 4:30 p.m. in room 200 Ag Science on Nov. 30.

Steve Ridley
Dean of Ag Science

Alcohol correlates with stupidity

So I have a great idea. Why don't we all head out after dark and pee on the sidewalks, fall over repeatedly, mumble things that make no sense to strangers, have sex with people we've never met, forget who the person holding us semi-upright is and then expect this forgotten person to drag us somewhere safe where we can throw up, pass out and wake up feeling like a jackhammer is pounding on our heads.

Sounds like a riot. At least until you realize you can't remember most of what happened, much less with whom.

It's funny how you didn't even notice you reeked of vomit and urine the night before, but now the stench would make you throw up again — if there was anything left to throw up.

People don't act like this normally. It takes a very special kind of stimulus to induce a person to such extravagant and irrational behavior. You know what I'm talking about. Alcohol.

But I'm guessing most of you aren't like that when you're drunk, right?

You gain intelligence. Sure. That's not what sober people see. Drunks are loud, obnoxious and incredibly gullible. They can be smelled as soon as they enter a room. They are so uncoordinated that they are likely to do damage to either someone else or themselves, or both.



Katrina Styx

Being drunk may be funny, but it is not attractive — unless, of course, everyone else is drunk as well.

Now here's one thing that really doesn't make much sense to me.

Athletes are the role models of a school. They are the ones that are held up as having achieved their physical peak. They are the ones striving to break records. Yet hey seem to be the ones doing most of the drinking.

The hockey house, football house, rugby house — they all have their reputations.

So are we to believe that alcohol is responsible for our teams' performances?

I suppose if you're drunk, our football record might not look so bad.

And what's with alcohol in the stands?

Don't we have enough team spirit to cheer for our fellow students without being plastered?

It's pretty pathetic that we can't even sit through a two-hour game without chugging it down. And it doesn't say much for our opinion of our teams, either, much less our school's public image.

I hear too many people tell me that they started drinking in college because everyone else was.

That's a scary thought. Polls taken at UW-River Falls show that students think 90 percent of college stu-

dents are drinking at least once a week. That means more than half of college students drink less than once a week or not at all.

Defenders of the alcohol way-of-life claim drinking is the only thing to do around here.

First of all, whose fault is that? Heavy drinking is damaging to the human body, often resulting in malnutrition, anemia and cirrhosis of the liver, to name a few. But I guess it's okay to willfully damage yourself just for a buzz.

Some people get a buzz from cutting themselves. They're not trying to kill themselves, but we still wrap them up and tell them they have a disorder. How is getting drunk all the time any different? Either way, people are consciously harming themselves, or at least they're conscious at the start.

But alcohol is not just dangerous to the drinker. It can be fatal even for those who never drank one drop.

Allow a drunk driver to sit behind the wheel of a vehicle and you have more than one ton of mindless metal careening down the road. It's worse than having artificial intelligence trying to take over the world; at least those machines have some sense of logic. Someone dies every 31 minutes because alcohol was allowed to drive a vehicle. Every two minutes, someone is injured in a crash because of alcohol.

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Moral issue violates democracy

This past week, an important milestone in morality was scheduled to be reached. The 1,000th inmate on death row was scheduled to be executed. In 1976, a U.S. Supreme Court decision gave states the right to implement capital punishment if they chose to do so. With the 1,000th person being executed since that decision, it is important to understand why capital punishment must end. Under the current situation, it is up to each state individually to determine whether or not the state will implement a capital punishment system. Twelve states have elected not to implement a capital punishment system and two others - Illinois and New Jersey - have placed formal suspensions on capital punishment, effectively stopping them. There is no evidence to show that states that have implemented the death penalty have lower crime rates than those that haven't. This fact should silence the argument that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime. People who commit violent crimes can hardly be considered rationally thinking people, and I find it hard to believe that a



Nate Cook

person who is capable and willing to commit such crimes would take the time to rationally think of the possible punishments before they commit the crime. Therefore, I find that it is impossible to deter violent criminals by enacting capital punishment. The other argument used to support capital punishment states that those who commit violent crimes often earn or deserve the death penalty. I find this troubling because those who use this argument are frequently from the right wing of political ideology and claim to be religious people. It's a great contradiction to claim good moral values based upon your own religious beliefs and yet feel justified in supporting the judgment of the death penalty on other individuals. Last time I checked, the Ten Commandments in the Bible read, "Thou shall not kill." However, right-wing Christians who live their lives by the Bible tend to ignore that commandment when supporting the death penalty. Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the capital punishment debate is considering the possibility that innocent people have been executed. Since states have been allowed to enact

capital punishment in 1976, 122 prisoners have been freed from death row, mostly due to DNA testing. These are cases where innocent people were near execution and were lucky enough to be saved in time. It's scary to think of the number of innocent people who may have been executed. One recent example is the Texas case of Ruben Cantu, who was executed in 1993 for supposedly shooting a man to death during an attempted robbery. Recently, the lone witness to the shooting stated that Cantu wasn't the gunman, but he felt pressured by the police to say he was. An innocent man was executed. According to Amnesty International, the United States is among a short list of countries permitting the death penalty. That list includes such great countries as Afghanistan, Cuba, China, Iran, Iraq, North Korea, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, to name a few. To state that the United States is a great democracy while we still participate in the barbaric act of capital punishment is a flat out contradiction. By executing individuals, we as a society are lowering our moral values down to the violent criminal's level. We need to rise above this atrocity and look to the rest of the civilized world as an example and end capital punishment.

Columnist offers tips for better teaching

In my 21 years of existence, I've had a lot of teachers. Some of them have been simply incredible, others absolutely terrible, with the vast majority of them falling somewhere in between these two extremes. Because finals are coming up soon, and I know many teachers read this paper, I've decided to offer a student's perspective in regards to what makes a good teacher.



Hans Hage

I believe the number one thing the best teachers have is the understanding they are not infallible. No single person has all the answers, and therefore it is an incorrect assumption that teachers are never wrong. This is why a grading curve is often applied by the best teachers. If a professor is teaching perfectly, at least one student should be able to answer every question on the test. If not, then whoever scored the highest grade on the test should be given a perfect score, with all of the other scores falling in line behind it. Being able to accept that no one is immune from making mistakes can go a long way towards being a remarkable professor. Another aspect of great teachers is that they don't ask specific questions out of the assigned readings that are not mentioned in class or not main points in the chapters. Asking details only mentioned in a single sentence in the entire 150 pages of assigned reading in order to "test the students who are really reading the material" is not a good practice. Good students do not memorize the sentences out of the book; they read and comprehend the concepts addressed in each section to give them a

broad understanding of the material. Getting away from testing, I believe that many teachers will get a much higher quality performance out of their students if they find a way to relate to them on a personal level. Ed Peterson, the former UW-River Falls history professor who died last year, is a prime example of a teacher who really cared about his students and showed an interest in their daily lives. Not only did he convey his true passion for the material he taught, but he also took time to get to know his students both in and out of class. In developing a relationship beyond saying "here's the material, the test is on Friday," students respected him more and they took the class far more seriously than they otherwise might have. Overall I think almost all of the teachers that I have had at UW-RF can be bunched into the category of good to excellent, however I have also had a couple who haven't quite been up to snuff. I won't mention any of the teachers I currently have due to the fact that I wouldn't want anything to influence my grades this term. However, some of those at UW-RF who have gone above and beyond to really inspire students to learn are Jim Davis, Robert Baker, Bill Cordua and David Riggs. Current professors looking to improve upon their performance would do well to emulate these individuals, and current students looking for teachers who really do a great job should look into taking classes with these professors.

THE CONWAY EXPERIENCE

Holidays warrant unhealthiness

The holidays are here and to many it means only one thing besides the presents — some extra pounds. All this good food and the opportunity to eat adds up. Before you know it, you have gained 10 to 15 pounds you do not want. There are many ways to get around this and to just stop it from happening. But if it does, you have to realize it and take the necessary steps to get rid of the extra weight, or at least cover it up. The holidays are a lot of fun and they also are the most tempting time for people that would like to maintain their current weight. There is food and candy to eat and it's hard not to indulge. The best thing for you to do is not to overdo it, as the more you eat

the more you will gain. All you have to do to prevent this is to not eat until you feel stuffed. With just a little moderation, you will be alright. But for the rest of us there is an inevitable weight gain. Like a lot of people, I really enjoy the holidays and all the food. I also gain quite a bit of weight during this time, and then I have to spend the rest of the year trying to lose it. The only thing I have left to do is to go to the gym and work out to lose the weight I gained. And for the rest the people in the world, they let the weight stay and never try to lose it.



Jason Conway

This is very unhealthy and I would like to see more people try to lose the weight — that is the trend now with health crazes. There are a lot of shows on television geared toward people getting healthier and losing the weight. This is a cool trend to me and I wish people would jump on this bandwagon. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be healthy and I will be the first to say that I am not in the best shape right now. However, unlike a lot of people on campus, I try to cover and hide the little belly that I now have.

I go out to the bar and see guys and girls with their bellies hanging out, which is pretty gross. I am happy that they are satisfied with their body. But that does not mean everyone else is. If you do gain a little weight, buy the size that fits. Don't squeeze into the clothes you were wearing before. The best thing to do this holiday is to keep the portions small and don't overdo it. Try to get into a gym and keep healthy with the new trend. There is nothing wrong with wanting and trying to be healthy. If you need help, just ask a friend to get you started. But if you do not care and want to stay overweight and unhealthy, I recommend asking for some new clothes for Christmas — in a bigger size.

Online match-making requires deep investigation

No one likes to admit they met someone online, but I think with the increased popularity of MySpace and Facebook, it's becoming more acceptable. It's so easy to meet people who you go to school with but just don't know exist. Take advantage of this great resource to possibly meet great new friends or that someone special. The story starts with you seeing



Michelle Dodge

someone's profile, they seem attractive and you read on to find that you do have a lot in common. A friendly e-mail is sent and if the feeling is mutual, the e-mail is replied. The benefit of this whole way of meeting people is that you can ask all you need to know about life, values, job and family before you meet. Always ask what they are looking for because some want a serious relationship. At the other end of the spectrum, others may be looking for a participant

in their upcoming threesomes. Make your goals clear and stick to them. It can be a great thing to really talk to someone for a while and actually get to know them outside of the bar or party scene before deciding if you want to actually meet them. Another important aspect is the picture. We all know that personality is the most important thing, but you have to make sure you're not setting yourself up with the "Elephant Man" or a 12-year-old. The next tip is make sure you're honest. There is always that great question about what your body looks like. Don't say you look like Jessica

Simpson just because you have blonde hair. Don't say you look like Tom Cruise just because you like Top Gun and think you look good in aviator glasses. It's better to be up front and show the full body picture or give an honest description. There is nothing worse than seeing the disappointment on their face when Jessica Simpson turns out to be a short brunette with a little junk in the trunk. Watch out for the red flags during this process. If their screen name sounds like a porn star or their first question involves what you're wearing, just let it go. If their description includes "more than 30 years old and still living

with parents", also not a good thing. I have to give the "Mom" speech because you need to be safe when meeting someone from online. Always go to a public place and have a friend call a few times to make sure you're not dead. This offers the "something bad happened" option, for those of you who watch Sex and the City. You can tell within the first date if this person really works for you. If they don't, it's not a big deal because you met online and running into each other probably won't happen again. Try something different and see how the world of online dating could work for you.



Andrew Thompson, freshman

"I thought they were doing it for a good cause. They showed bravery to sit out there all night and showing how important it was to them."

STUDENT VOICES

What did you think of the people sleeping in boxes for awareness week?



Beth Ashton, sophomore

"I think it was really cool, especially those who stayed all week when it snowed. That's dedication"



Rob Bovee, sophomore

"I thought they were crazy because it was cold. I hope the homeless got help anyways. I'm glad I don't live in a box."

Jennie Glisch, sophomore



"I don't think it did much other than get people sick. We know there is a homeless problem. Flyers or a dinner would have been more effective."

John Daleiden, freshmen

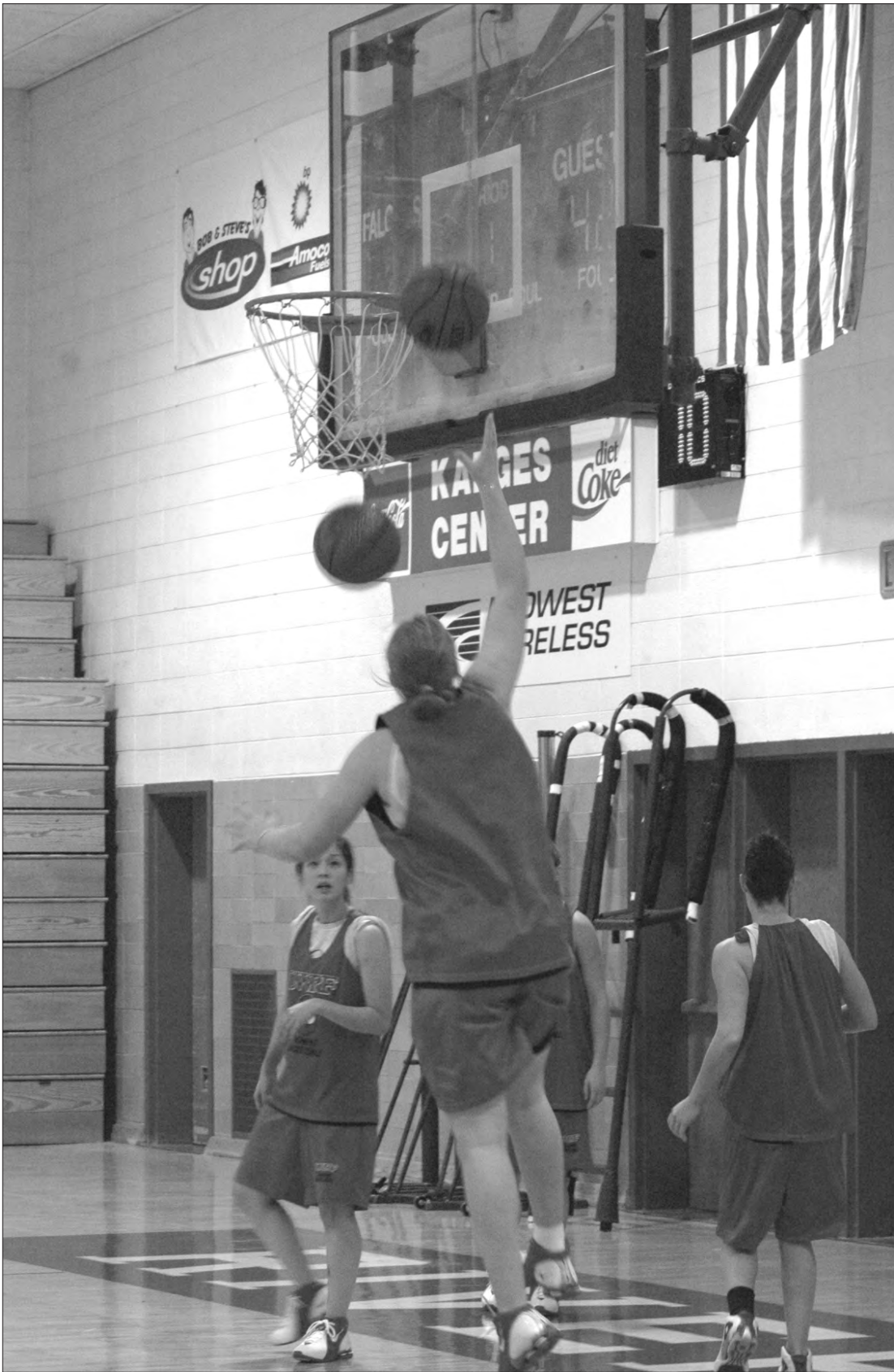


"Thought it was a good thing for them to do. They were brave to sleep in the blistering cold. Their actions spoke louder than words. They showed the campus how dedicated they were and got the point across."

Jill Moorley, junior



"Many of them were my fellow CCFHH peeps. I think they are amazing people who raised \$1800. The money we raised goes to the Simpson House and it really helps people when it's cold."



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

The women’s basketball team shoots layups during a team practice earlier this season.

Women’s hoops start slow

Sarah Packingham
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The weekend before Thanksgiving break a lot of students were cramming for midterms and working on projects, but that same weekend the UW-River Falls Falcons women’s basketball team traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich. to participate in a tournament and start off their season.

“We played two pretty good teams,” head coach Cindy Hovet said.

They played their first game of the young season on Nov. 18 against a tough team from Finlandia. The Falcons played a strong game and won their first game of the season by a score of 95-61.

In that game the Falcons showed a lot of offense and took many positives out of the game.

“The Finlandia team had mostly guards and that prepared us to play a different style of basketball,” Hovet said.

Five Falcon players scored points that were into double digits including: Miranda Biteler, Megan Lindman, Traci Reimann, Melanie Preiner and Meghan Hunstock. Reimann also lead the Falcons in rebounds, accomplishing a double double with her 16 rebounds.

“The first game was better than the second,” junior Krista Cordes said of the Kalamazoo Tournament.

In the second game the Falcons

took on Kalamazoo for the championship, but they were unable to keep up their momentum from the night before and fell to the host team 63-54, despite going into halftime tied 34-34.

“We had a good first half against Kalamazoo,” Hovet said. “But we did not have a good second half.”

Reimann once again led the Falcons, scoring 17 points.

Coming back to River Falls with a 1-1 record the team felt like they could have done better. “The tournament was alright,” Cordes said.

Just a few days after the tournament the Falcons didn’t get much time to rest as they traveled to Hamline to play the Pipers. The Falcons lost their second straight game by a score of 65-53.

Even after the mediocre 1-2 start, the Falcons have very high hopes for the remainder of the season.

“We have three out of five starters that are back, with a lot of people looking for playing time,” Cordes said.

On Saturday, the Falcons had their first home game against Viterbo, and they took full advantage of playing on their home courts.

The teams played a close game all throughout the first half, only coming out ahead by four going into the second. But the women remained consistent throughout the second half, taking a 75-71

victory.

That game brought the Falcons record back to .500. Again, the Falcons received little rest traveling to St. Thomas the next day.

The game between the Tommies and the Falcons was back and forth the entire time.

The Falcons even had to take the game into overtime, where they eventually lost to the Tommies, 66-64.

Biteler lead the team offensively with 16 points.

UW-RF has high hopes for this young season. In recent weeks, the Falcons have sat down and discussed their goals, and have come up with some very feasible ones.

“Our performance is our main goal,” Hovet said. “It’s our main goal in every practice or game. We also want to get 18 wins, which will be tough, and we’ll really have to play well.”

This season it’s going to help to have every Falcon on the same page.

“We have to come out and play hard and work to win every game,” Cordes said. “We have to play to our potential.”

The Falcons also took on UW-Superior on Wednesday and came out with a 70-53 victory.

Next up for UW-RF is a trip to play UW-Stevens Point Dec. 3. Tip off is set for 3 p.m.

The next home game is Dec. 7, against conference foe UW-Eau Claire, the game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m in the Karges Center.

November 30 results			
UW-River Falls	29	41	— 70
UW-Superior	28	25	— 53

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 17-23-1; Preiner 27-33-4; Reimann 7-7-2-0; Cordes 7-5-5-0; Lindman 14-5-0-3; Nakaïke 0-0-0-1; Sorenson 0-2-2-1; Benitz 13-6-2-1; C. Hunstock 0-0-0-0; M. Hunstock 0-0-0-0.

Superior (pts-rebs-assist-steals)			
Moench	17-6-3-2;	Carlson	4-6-2-0;
Duffy	2-3-1-1;	Matkovich	7-0-2-1;
Ray	14-3-1-0;	Johnson	14-3-1-0;
Duffy	1-0-3-2;	Laidley	0-0-0-0;
Schoenborn	0-0-0-0;	Higgins	4-2-0-2;
Brown	0-0-0-0.		

November 27 results			
OT			
UW-River Falls	29	25	10— 64
St. Thomas	27	27	12 — 66

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 20-4-6-3; Preiner 17-6-5-7; Reimann 15-11-1-0; Cordes 12-1-2-1; Lindman 5-5-0-2; Nakaïke 0-0-0-0; Sorenson 2-6-2-3; Benitz 7-0-0-0; C. Hunstock 0-0-0-0; M. Hunstock 0-0-0-0.

St. Thomas (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Katch 10-14-4-4; Keiser 16-3-2-1; Opdahl 12-11-1-1; Wirtz 21-2-2-1; Gotchnik 9-8-3-1; Guidry 0-1-1-1; Swanson 12-2-0-0; Kane 0-1-0-1.

November 26 results

Viterbo	32	39	— 71
UW-River Falls	36	39	— 75

Viterbo (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Kammel 14-1-3-0; Thiel 14-5-4-0; Berger 2-3-0-1; Wilson 16-8-2-2; Hayes 9-2-1-0; Stumbris 5-2-0-0; Olson 0-0-0-2; Bauch 8-1-3-2; Mizak 0-1-1-1; Lane 15-3-0-2; Soper 0-1-0-0.

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 12-2-3-3; Preiner 20-3-1-4; Reimann 24-13-3-2; Cordes 5-3-1-1; Lindman 9-3-0-5; Nakaïke 1-0-0-0; Sorenson 0-0-1-1; Benitz 4-0-0-2; C. Hunstock 0-0-0-0; M. Hunstock 3-2-0-0.

November 22 results			
UW-River Falls	21	32	— 53
Hamline	26	39	— 65

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 12-4-0-1; Nakaïke 0-1-1-0; Preiner 5-3-3; Reimann 8-8-2-0; Lindman 4-4-0-1; Sorenson 6-3-0-2; Benitz 10-1-3-1; Shun 0-2-0-0; C. Hunstock 2-1-0-0; M. Hunstock 0-0-0-0; Cordes 14-3-0-2.

Hamline (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Bratsch 12-4-0-1; Senser 10-7-1-1; Lines 9-8-1-2; Korchik 18-3-4-4; Ewert 8-8-3-1; Tschumberlin 0-0-0-0; Koehler 0-0-0-1; Vorwerk 0-0-0-1; Schwartzhoff 14-3-0-0; Heinen 4-8-0-0; Jurewicz 2-2-0-0.

November 19 results			
UW-River Falls	34	20	— 54
Kalamazoo	34	29	— 63

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 5-2-5-1; Nakaïke 7-0-0-0; Preiner 14-7-3-1; Reimann 17-12-3-2; Lindman 10-5-0-3; Sorenson 0-1-4-2; Shun 0-0-0-0; C. Hunstock 4-3-4-0; Kauth 2-0-0-0; M. Hunstock 10-1-1-0; Cordes 4-3-0-2.

Kalamazoo (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Howell 9-5-3-0; Layne 22-4-1-1; Demres 4-2-1-1; Salasky 10-10-2-0; Brown 10-8-3-1; Eddy 0-0-0-0; Dorris 0-1-1-0; Williams 12-0-1-1; Anderson 0-2-0-0; White 2-1-1-0.

November 18 results			
UW-River Falls	38	57	— 95
Finlandia	28	33	— 61

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Biteler 20-6-7-3; Nakaïke 10-3-0-0; 18-9-5-3; Reimann 17-16-4-4; Lindman 18-8-1-2; Sorenson 2-6-1-2; Speckel 0-1-0-0; C. Hunstock 2-2-0-0; M. Hunstock 2-1-0-1; Cordes 7-2-0-0.

Finlandia (pts-rebs-assist-steals)
Holsworth 7-4-7-1; Rosga 2-1-1-0; LaPointe 35-4-3-0; Rajala 2-2-1-0; Vivian 20-5-1-1; Antilla 1-1-2-0; Bellinger 0-1-0-0; Benson 5-1-0-0; Luke 10-6-1-1; Bellinger 0-1-0-0; Babcock 0-2-0-0.

New insurance rules affect Falcon athletes

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In July 2005 the National Collegiate Athletic Association instituted a new policy that requires student-athletes to have proof of health insurance in order to participate in any athletics.

The rule went into effect on Aug. 1., and has had an effect on student athletes at UW-River Falls.

The most evident effect has been on the track and field team here on campus. Three athletes that hoped to participate did not have insurance, two of which were minority students.

Track and Field coach Martha Brennan was divided on the new policy.

“I know insurance is necessary, but it adds another barrier to the lower income student athlete,” Brennan said. She also referred to the new policy as “almost discriminatory.”

Of the three athletes that did not have insurance, two of them are not out for the team. The other student was able to borrow money from a teammate to cover a monthly policy for around \$50.

Before this rule went into effect in early August UW-RF didn’t have any restrictions on student-athletes eligibility based on insurance.

Although some institutions, specifically Division I schools, aid students in their health insurance, most Division III schools do not.

“The school (UW-RF) does not provide health insurance,” athletic director Rick Bowen said. “It’s the same deal as if someone hurts themselves walking across the street.”

According to an example memo from the

NCAA Web site, Insurance coverage must have a limit of at least \$75,000 and cover athletically related injuries. If the insurance does not meet this requirement the University can look at individual circumstances to determine if the insurance meets the insurance coverage requirement.

In recent years there have been numerous incidents at UW-RF where students would injure themselves in athletic competition and not have health insurance to cover their injuries.

“It happened all the time, that’s why the rule was instituted,” Bowen said. “You were on your own.”

The new policy can be seen as a double-edged sword to some. With the new rule, it is virtually impossible for a student to injure themselves on the athletic field or court without their insurance backing them up, but acquiring the insurance in the first place could be an issue.

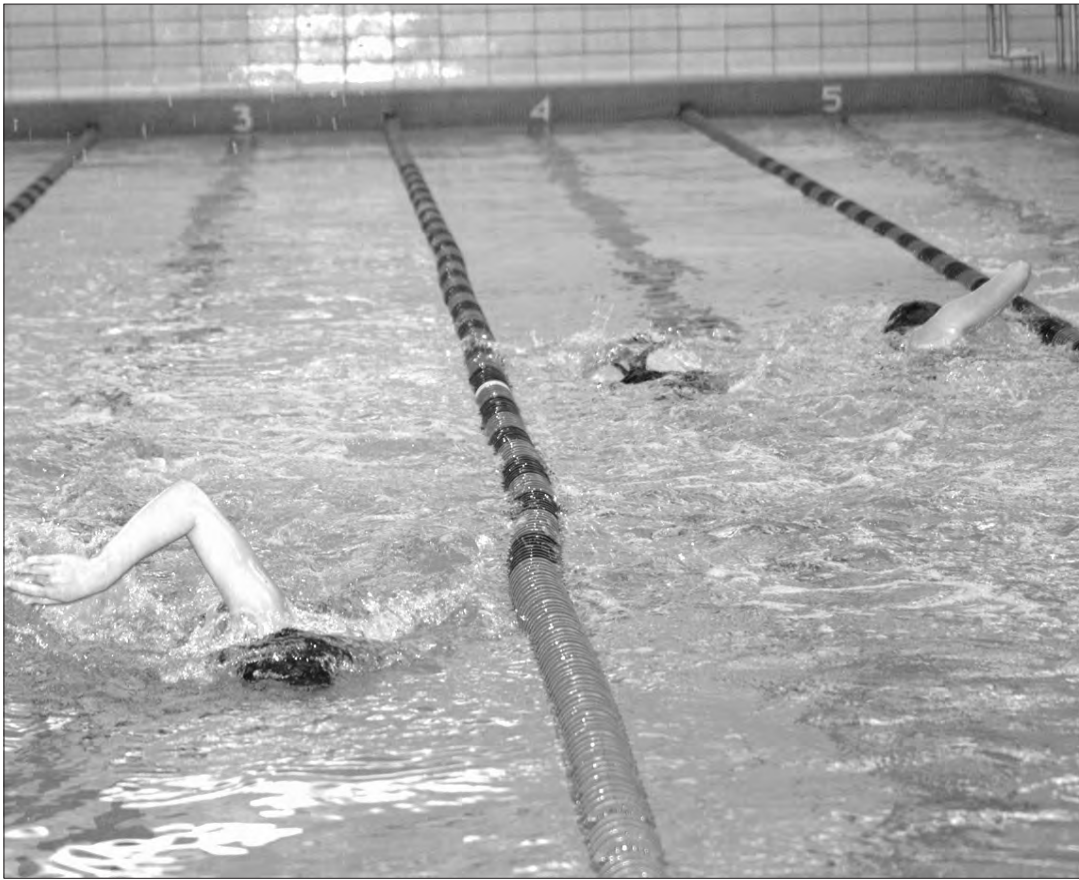
“This policy on insurance will hinder our program and ability to get certain student athletes,” Brennan said.

“It’s kind of a good news, bad news thing,” Bowen said. “The problem is, look at who doesn’t have the insurance, it’s mostly the poor.”

There has only been one incident where a student had trouble participating in athletics at UW-RF and the problem was resolved shortly after it was found out.

Bowen insists that the issue may cause troubles to some, but that the new policy is necessary.

“If you can find a way to get those \$100 shoes, you can find a way to get this insurance.” Bowen said.



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Members of the UW-River Falls women’s swim team practice in the pool in the Karges Center. The women and men compete in the Lawrence Invitational on Dec. 2-3.

Weekend swim allows some some Falcons time to relax

UW-RF optimistic about upcoming meet

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With the end of the semester coming up quickly, the midway point of the UW-River Falls swim season also comes.

“We’re practically right at the halfway point of our season,” Head Coach Bill Henderson said.

The Falcons will be taking part in their first meet since the WIAC Relays on Nov. 19.

“I’m not a big fan of the relays,” Henderson said. “At least not at this time in the season when we need to see our individuals.”

Both the men’s and women’s

teams took sixth place at the relays.

“We didn’t go into it saying it was going to be a great weekend,” Henderson said.

But the Falcons did have some good swims with strong times. There were also some disappointing finishes.

But the Falcons are putting that behind them as they get ready for the Lawrence Invitational on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3. Henderson said he is looking forward to the invitational and hoping for a strong showing from his team.

“We’re feeling very good about it,” Henderson said. “We’ve been training pretty hard, and we stayed on top of our training during break.”

This meet has closely skilled participants such as UW-Eau

Claire, but this meet also has UW-Green Bay competing in it.

Green Bay swims at the Div. I level. Henderson said he can’t recall ever swimming in a meet with a Div. I school during his coaching career here at UW-RF.

“This meet is the kind of like a let’s see where we are meet,” Henderson said.

This season has lived up to the expectations that Henderson and his swimmers have had, there have been few surprises.

The team is a mix of new and old swimmers, they have been having excellent swims with excellent times. Sara Cannady, Danielle Mandich, Stephanie Thayer, Matt Banz, Michael Brudzinski and Ryan Smaagard have all been swim-

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Stadiums cause much debate



Cassie Rodgers

Sports as a form of entertainment for the masses have been around long enough that their venues are starting to wear down. New stadiums, fields, arenas and parks are popping up all over the country. Minnesota is in

need of three new venues. The Twins need a new ballpark, the Vikings need a new stadium, and so does the Gopher football team.

At the moment, all three utilize the relatively young Hubert Humphrey Metropolitan Stadium, known affectionately by most as the Metrodome, and to me, for several reasons, as the marshmallow factory. The Dome has been making the bottom five in every list for every kind of sporting event venue in every magazine, for its crappy blue plastic seats that face the wrong way at baseball games, huge white canopy of a roof and

unintelligible sound system. If Minnesota wants their teams to go anywhere in terms of championships, they have to start taking them seriously as professional teams and give them homes they can be proud of.

Baseball was meant to be played outdoors. I did not fully realize this until I went to Miller Park and got to sit out in the night air and watch some entertaining, if not impressive, baseball. The Dome is an atrocious place for baseball, for the fans as well as the players. The

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SPORTS WRAP

Men’s hockey skates on

The UW-River Falls men’s hockey team started off the conference season with a 3-1 win against the visiting UW-Stevens Point Pointers.

The Falcons dominated the first period, with TJ Dahl and Jared Sailer each scoring a power play goal. The Falcons increased their lead to three in the second period with a Jim Henkemeyer goal. The Pointers scored their first and only goal in the third period.

Falcon goalie AJ Buchhino had 29 saves to earn his second win in three starts.

The next night the Falcons remained undefeated in the conference, beating UW-Eau Claire with a score of 7-3. The first period was quiet, with no scoring on either side. The Falcons dominated the second period, scoring five straight goals. The BluGolds were able to post up one goal before the period ended. The third period continued to be controlled by the Falcons, who scored two more goals while allowing two from UW-Eau Claire. Dahl came away with a hat trick, his first of the season and the Falcons second, and the crowd came away with coupons for ice cream.

UW-River Falls will hit the road on Friday to continue conference play against Lake Forest, game starting at 7:30.

November 19 results	EC - Nelson 60:00:35-28.
UW-Eau Claire 0 1 2 - 3	RF - Scanlon 60:00:26-23.
UW-River Falls 0 5 2 - 7	
First period	
No scoring	
Second period	
02:14 RF - Harstad (Hansen, Venasky)	
09:33 RF - Dahl (Hansberry)	
10:09 RF - Nathe (Johnson)	
14:50 RF - Dahl (Hansberry, Salmela)	
16:57 RF - Kostjuk (Jurek)	
18:53 EC - Dunleavy (Wiechmann, Byers)	
Third period	
06:09 EC - Clark (Klapperick)	
10:04 RF - Dahl (Borgestad)	
12:48 EC - Dus	
Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)	
	SP - Paulson 59:16-19-16.
	RF - Buchhino 60:00:30-29.

Falkons win first conference game

The UW-River Falls women’s hockey team beat UW-Eau Claire in their first conference game with a score of 2-1.

The Falcons scored first in the first period, with an unassisted goal by Lou Paulson. UW-Eau Claire tied it up in the second period with their own goal. Jenna Scanlon scored the game winner at 6:17 of the third period. Goalie Amber Lindner had a total of 43 saves as the BluGolds outshot the Falcons 44-37.

The next night the Falcons played Eau Claire again, this time winning 5-3. The Falcons led 2-0 after the first period, and Paulson scored the game winning goal on a power play in the second period.

Lindner was able to knock down 30 of the 33 shots she faced in the game.

On November 22, the Falcons hosted St. Catherines, winning 8-1. Although the Falcons outshot St. Catherines 17-4 in the first period, none of the pucks found the inside of the net. The game was scoreless until St. Catherines struck first with a power play goal just 20 seconds into the second period. That was their only goal of the night, however, as the Falcons took over the game, scoring three in the second period and five in the third period.

The Falcons will look to extend their undefeated conference record against UW-Stevens Point on Dec. 2, at Hunt Arena.

November 22 results	08:54 RF - Hurley (Paulson, Scanlon)
UW-Eau Claire 0 1 0 - 1	13:23 RF - O’Keefe (Landgraf)
UW-River Falls 0 3 5 - 8	
First period	
No scoring	
Second period	
00:20 StC - Johnson (unassisted)	
08:19 RF - Paulson (Dahle, Juven)	
16:41 RF - Jensen (Baron)	
17:32 RF - O’Keefe (unassisted)	
Third period	
04:55 RF - Hasbargen (Paulson, Juven)	
08:51 RF - Scanlon (Jensen)	
09:33 RF - Scanlon (Juven)	
15:52 RF Baron (O’Keefe, Jensen)	
17:06 RF Jensen (O’Keefe)	

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves)	
StC - McGehee 02:54-2-2; Kane 57:06-49-41.	
RF - Kantrud 31:20-6-5; Grafstrom 28:40-5-5.	

November 19 results	
UW-River Falls 2 1 2 - 5	
UW-Eau Claire 0 1 2 - 3	

First period	
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Sports Wrap compiled by Cassie Rodgers

STANDINGS

Men’s basketball				UW-Eau Claire(3-3)	0	1
WIAC Standings	W	L		UW-Superior(1-2)	0	1
UW-Stout(4-1)	1	0				
UW-Stevens Point(3-1)	1	0				
UW-Whitewater(3-2)	1	0				
UW-River Falls(1-4)	1	0				
UW-Platteville(4-2)	0	0				
UW-Lacrosse(5-1)	0	1				
UW-Superior(3-1)	0	1				
UW-Eau Claire(3-2)	0	1				
UW-Oshkosh(1-2)	0	1				

Women’s basketball						
WIAC Standings	W	L				
UW-Lacrosse(6-0)	1	0				
UW-Oshkosh(5-1)	1	0				
UW-Stout(4-1)	1	0				
UW-River Falls(3-3)	1	0				
UW-Platteville(3-3)	0	0				
UW-Stevens Point(4-2)	0	1				
UW-Whitewater(4-2)	0	1				

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

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Junior Scott Kelly (34) attempts to block a shot from a UW-Superior player. The Falcons won the game 61-55. Junior Eric Kossoris led the Falcons in scoring against the Yellowjackets scoring 20 points.

From Maui to River Falls

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The UW-River Falls men’s basketball team has started off the season a little rocky with their first four non-conference games resulting in four losses.

The team went to Hawaii over Thanksgiving break and played in the Concordia-Irvine Tournament. The first game was against Concordia-Irvine on Nov. 25, which they lost 86-71. The next game was played on November 26, which they also lost 75-67 to Westmont.

“We are trying new things on offense,” junior Hans Hoeg said. “We are still learning.”

November 30 results			
UW-River Falls 26 33 - 61			
UW-Superior 24 31 - 55			

UW-River Falls(pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Hall 5-1-3-0; Hoeg 16-7-4-0; Maas 0-1-1-0; Kelly 7-3-3-0; Zylstra 7-4-0-0; Olson 12-1-0-0; Thompson 0-0-0-0; Kossoris 12-0-0-0; Cowley 0-0-0-0; Glaeser 11-2-4-3; Elling 0-0-0-0; James 14-4-2-0; Pearson 0-1-0-0; Rondeau 0-0-0-0.	

UW-Superior (pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Ely 8-3-0-0; Polowski 2-4-1-1; Hildebrant 12-7-0-2; Turner 8-4-2-2; Cobb 29-12-3-3; Jardine 0-0-0-0; Hannula 0-2-1-0; Proue 2-0-0-0; Darbo 0-0-0-0; Tribys 0-0-0-0; MacDonald 4-3-0-0	

November 26 results	
Maui, Hawaii	

In practice, the Falcons try to improve on some minor flaws that they might have.

“We are still trying to get used to each other on the floor,” sophomore Ryan Zylstra said. “It causes confusion when we can’t communicate to one another.”

Hoeg has some different thoughts.

“We need to come out better in the first half,” Hoeg said. “It’s a lot harder to win a game when you start the second half losing.”

The team played their first conference game against the undefeated Yellow Jackets of UW-Superior. They came out weak in the first half, down by 12 at one point. They bounced back in

UW-River Falls 26 41 - 67	
Westmont College 35 40 - 75	

UW-River Falls(pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Hall 5-1-3-0; Hoeg 16-7-4-0; Maas 0-1-1-0; Kelly 7-3-3-0; Zylstra 7-4-0-0; Olson 12-1-0-0; Thompson 0-0-0-0; Kossoris 12-0-0-0; Cowley 0-0-0-0; Glaeser 11-2-4-3; Elling 0-0-0-0; James 14-4-2-0; Pearson 0-1-0-0; Rondeau 0-0-0-0.	

November 25 results	
Maui, Hawaii	
UW-River Falls 21 50 - 71	
Concordia-Irvine 42 44 - 86	

UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Lieser 19-2-4-1; Ohme 12-2-7-2; Henrichs 7-7-0-1; Westman 18-0-1-0; Schafer 18-9-2-1; Johnson 0-3-2-0; Brink 15-3-2-0; Veurink 0-	

“It’s a lot harder to win a game when you start the second half losing.”
Hans Hoeg,
junior basketball player

the second half coming out with the victory for their first win of the season.

“We executed well down the stretch,” Hoeg said. “Key plays helped us win it in the end.”

Junior Eric Kossoris lead the team on Wednesday scoring 20 points and grabbing six rebounds. Hoeg came right

3-2-1; Thompson 5-1-2-2; Cowley 5-0-0-0; Glaeser 5-2-0-1; Hall 4-1-3-0; Elling 0-0-0-0; Pearson 5-3-0-1; Maas 9-5-1-1; Rondeau 0-0-0-0.	
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November 19 results			
UW-River Falls 35 32 - 67			
Saint John’s 30 48 - 78			

UW-River Falls(pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Kossoris 12-4-0-1; James 9-3-2-1; Hoeg 21-6-2-1; Kelly 8-1-3-2; Zylstra 6-6-0-1; Olson 7-1-0-0; Thompson 6-0-5-0; Pearson 1-2-0-0; Maas 5-1-0-1; Rondeau 4-2-0-0.	

St. John’s (pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Lieser 19-2-4-1; Ohme 12-2-7-2; Henrichs 7-7-0-1; Westman 18-0-1-0; Schafer 18-9-2-1; Johnson 0-3-2-0; Brink 15-3-2-0; Veurink 0-	

Swimming: Competes at Lawrence

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ming well according to Henderson.

“But I feel good about the whole team,” Henderson said.

After this weekend with the Lawrence Invitational, the Falcons are looking forward to a home meet on Dec. 16. It’s a dual meet against Hamline. It’s also recruitment weekend. Potential UW-RF swimmers are coming to watch the Falcons compete and spend some time with the team.

“Hamline matches up pretty well with us,” Henderson said.

The day after the home meet, the Falcons travel to St. Catherines to take on Augsburg. This meet is primarily for the women. Augsburg doesn’t have a men’s team, so they will be doing time trials while the women conclude the first half of the season.

“Augsburg is the end of the first half,” Henderson said.

Most of the athletes then take a short break for the holiday season before taking off for a training trip in Florida. Not all of the athletes go on go on this trip, but for those that do, it’s an easy way to stay in shape for the second half of the season, where the Falcons hope to improve on the season.

Women	
November 19 results	
WIAC Relays	
UW-Lacrosse 162; UW-Stevens Point 150; UW-Eau Claire 90; UW-Whitewater 70; UW-Oshkosh 46; UW-River Falls 30	

behind Kossoris with 18 points and four rebounds.

Hoeg is the Falcons leading scorer averaging 16.0 points per game. Hoeg is also leading the team in rebounds averaging 6.5 rebounds a game.

UW-RF plays at Stevens Point on Dec. 3. The Pointers are 3-1 with one of those wins being in conference play.

Hoeg has no worries about the Pointers on Dec. 3.

“We fear nobody,” Hoeg said. “We are going to come to play against anyone and everyone.”

Hoeg and the Falcons travel to Stevens Point on Dec. 3 and then travel to Eau Claire on Dec. 7. They return home on Dec. 10.

1-0-0; Pariseau 2-4-0-0; Schafer 0-1-0-0; Fogt 1-1-0-0; Kincaide 2-0-0-0.	
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November 18 results			
Concordia 29 28 - 57			
UW-River Falls 30 24 - 54			

Concordia (pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Thomas 12-4-4-1; Pointer 27-5-1-3; Marxhausen 5-7-1-1; Walker 6-3-0-1; Peel 7-2-0-1; Birr 2-3-0-0; Allen 4-3-0-1; Ackerson 2-1-0-0; Swanson 2-2-0-0.	
UW-River Falls (pts-rebs-assist-steals)	
Kossoris 5-5-4-0; James 6-7-4-0; Hoeg 16-7-2-0; Kelly 10-2-0-1; Zylstra 14-5-2-2; Olson 0-0-0-0; Thompson 7-0-2-0; Pearson 2-2-0-0; Maas 0-0-0-0; Rondeau 2-5-0-0.	

UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)	
5. Thayer, Thompson, Sandeberg, Mandich, 800 yd free relay - 4:38.41; 5. Thayer, Thompson, Swenty, Mandich, 200 yd free relay - 1:46.13; Cannady, Merchant, Thayer, 300 yd breast relay - 3:45.17; Thayer, Swenty, Thompson, Mandich, 400 yd free relay - 3:54.54.	
Men	
November 19 results	
UW-Stevens Point 158; UW-Lacrosse 134; UW-Eau Claire 92; UW-Whitewater 92; UW-Oshkosh 44; UW-River Falls 36	

UW-RF top finishers (event/time/score)	
4. Banz, Kessenich, Johnson, 300 yd fly relay - 3:10.76 5. Banz, Brudzinski, Smaagard, Fritchen, 400 yd medley relay - 4:04.28; Smaagard, Kessenich, Keyser, Banz, 200 yd free relay - 1:35.69; Fritchen, Brudzinski, Smaagard, 1500 yd free relay - 17:20.42; 5. Keyser, Banz, Smaagard, Fritchen, 850 yd crescendo relay - 9:00.63; Brudzinski, Johnson, Moe, Kessenich, 400 yd free relay - 3:46.98.	

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Swinging Squirrels become new golf team

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Professor James Pratt’s fall semester persuasion class is one for the records. Every year, Pratt’s class does an assignment in which students are put into groups and they must come up with a persuasive campaign. This semester one group surpassed them all. Justin Miller, Jennifer Aleckson, Samantha Bruley, Melinda Hutchens, Elizabeth Saumur and Kristina Carlion are members of the group that decided to campaign to have a men’s golf team on campus. The Swinging Squirrels, the new men’s golf team on campus, has come together with ten members joining the club at the first meeting held early this fall. They had their first round of golf on Oct. 18. Justin Miller and his persuasion group took his idea to the floor, creating a club, in just a few weeks. They first wanted to become an intramural sport, and then move on to the club status if they had enough members join. When 10 golfers shared interest in golfing they shifted into gear and filed the paperwork with the University so

that they would be recognized as a club sport. “I want to remain a club sport because we have more freedom that way,” Miller said. “There was not a guys’ golf team on campus, so we wanted to start one,” Miller said. “With four golf courses within a five-mile radius, it seemed to fit.” Aleckson said, a member of the group, Miller first came up with the idea of wanting to have more of an equal number of men’s and women’s sports teams on campus, having both men’s and women’s golf, hockey and lacrosse. The group then decided what sport they wanted to focus on. One of Miller’s favorite sports is golf and Miller knew that there was not a men’s golf team on campus. With 10 members the ball is rolling for the Swinging Squirrels. They have set up fundraisers to pay for t-shirts and hats. Muffin’s In the Morning, a fundraising event created by the persuasion group, is set to raise funds in Kleinpell Fine Arts building. They plan to take orders from faculty beforehand and raise funds

from students in the walkway outside of Gallery 101. Miller has many aspirations for the team next year. He said they will be teaming up with Kilkarney Hills Golf Club to play their weekly matches. He also said that they are working to put together a back-to-school tournament for next fall. “I would also like to have a tournament where the men’s and women’s teams from both the high school and the University play in a four-person scramble,” Miller said. This means that a person from each team play together in the tournament. Two men and two women would be on each team, one of each is from the University and one from the high school. “I think it’s great that there is a men’s golf team,” Nina Englund, said. Englund, a member of the women’s golf team said, she thinks this will open up many more opportunities for students on campus to participate in golf. But what is with the name? Miller said that the swinging part is obvious but the squirrel part of the name is where the group’s creativity



Submitted Photo/Justin Miller
Members of the new men’s club golf team, the Swinging Squirrels, take shots on the course. The club was started as part of a class project and has turned into a 10-man team ready to tee off this coming spring.

came in. “There is actually a law on campus that says you cannot chase the squirrels,” Miller said. There is currently a \$181 fine for molesting any animal on campus, including squirrels. “I thought that we could tie that into the name of our team,” Miller said. Questions or information requests can be directed to Steve Kaul at steveopiano@hotmail.com.

Funds raised to make clinic more kid friendly



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The National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) at UW-River Falls will be raising funds over the next couple years to help the University Speech and Hearing Clinic make some of the clinic rooms more kid-friendly. The NSSLHA, an organization for communicative disorders majors and minors, volunteers around the community and does fundraising for an annual spring banquet in recognition of graduating students and retiring teachers. “We will also be using some of our funds to make some of the clinic rooms more kid-friendly and often use our funds to help purchase supplies for the clinic,” Sharyl Samargia said. Samargia, a visiting assistant professor of communicative disorders, is in charge of clinical supervision. Samargia said over the next couple years, the NSSLHA will be contributing some of its funds to help the clinic add child-like décor to some of the rooms.

“The clinic is a fairly new space, so we are just adding décor to the pediatric rooms to make them less generic,” Samargia said. “Our plan is to do one room per semester over the next couple of years.” Samargia also said stick-um décor will be added to the walls of the clinic rooms because they can’t paint or do anything permanent. The clinic area is also used by the social work and psychology departments, as well as by the academic success center. “We are limited in what we can do with the rooms,” Samargia said. “The clinic is considered a shared space, so we have to keep it appropriate for a wide variety of ages.” Jinger Eckert, the president of NSSLHA, said that the student-led organization is made up of communicative disorder students and gives them a chance to meet other students and faculty involved in the communicative disorders field. Over the course of the school year, the NSSLHA holds several fundraisers. Samargia said the organization has already done a caramel apple and hot cider sale, as well as a monster cookie sale. Eckert also said the dance marathon and relay for

life, the annual fundraisers sponsored by the NSSLHA will continue. According to the communicative disorders Web site, the services provided by the clinic are covered by most private insurance and by government-funded medical assistance programs. For those without insurance, the fee is determined using a sliding scale based on income.

The clinic offers therapy for stuttering, articulation, voice and receptive and expressive language difficulties. “We have approximately 40 to 50 clients per semester,” Samargia said. “We have a vast majority of clients ranging from children with developmental delays to adults who have suffered strokes and traumatic brain injuries.”



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To icy sidewalks and falling at embarrassing times.

To the holiday spirit and people getting ready to spend well-deserved time with family and friends!

Falcon Favorites



Mike Harris
Assistant Professor and
Chair of Communicative
Disorders

Mike Harris teaches several different classes but his specialty is augmentative and alternative communication. This UW-River Falls alumnus got his undergraduate degree as well as his graduate degree here and his doctorate at the University of Minnesota in educational psychology. Harris is also the vice president of communications for Wisconsin speech language pathology and audiology association. "This takes a good deal of my time," Harris says. Taking up the other part of his time is his position as the program director for the graduate program at UW-RF. Harris' favorite part of his job is the blend of academic and clinical aspects of the job. "The folks that work in our department are fun. They are dedicated professionals and are down right nice."

Campus Calendar

Sunday, December 4 & Monday, December 5

8 p.m. (both nights, also 3 p.m. show on Dec. 4)
Holiday Concert featuring the UW-RF Choirs and the St. Croix Valley Community Orchestra. Directed by UW-RF faculty J.W. Park, Sarah Parks, Paul Schaefer and Kristin Tjornehoj.
Fee: \$5 adults; \$3 seniors; \$2 all students; 5 & under free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building

Tuesday, December 6
7 p.m. - "Drink Think"
Speaker Rick Barnes will be on campus to talk about responsible drinking in a presentation titled Drink Think! Free to all students and open to the public.
Sponsored by: IFC, Cascade, Weeks of Welcome, LDPB, and Panhellenic Council of UW-RF.
Fee: Free
Location: North Hall Auditorium

3 p.m. New Music Ensembles. Directed by UW-RF faculty member Patti Cudd.
Fee: Free
Location: Abbott Concert Hall

Wednesday, December 7
8 p.m. UW-RF Wyman Series: Tom Schuch, "Einstein: A Stage Portrait." This award-winning play, set in 1946, brings to life the brilliant, dedicated and controversial theoretical physicist. At age 26, Einstein set the world on its collective ear with his Special Theory of Relativity.
Fee: \$5 adults; \$3 age 18 and under; free to UW-RF students. Location: North Hall Auditorium

Ongoing Events:

December 2-14
Monday-Friday 9-5, 7-9, Sunday 2-4 Annual Scholarship Sale
The Art Department presents the Annual Scholarship Sale in Gallery 101, Kleinpell Fine Arts.

December 8-10, 15-17
University Theatre: How I Learned to Drive. This 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paul Vogel is a wildly funny, surprising and devastating tale of survival as seen through the lens of a troubled relationship between a young woman and an older man. For mature audiences.
Fee: Adults \$7, students/seniors \$4.
Location: Blanche Davis Theatre, Kleinpell Fine Arts

BIRD DROPPINGS

Administrators fear Internet

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

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Enrollment in classes has fallen, according to University officials due to flu epidemics and kidnappings. Administrators claim the Internet is to blame. "The viruses on the Internet are getting our students sick, and the Internet is to blame," said an out-of-touch administrator. "I also hear about this 'Facebook' thing. I hear kids are getting sucked into it. We can't have that." The administrator accused the Internet of spreading the flu through email viruses, and abductions through addiction to chat rooms and surfing in general. Another administrator said he pulled the Internet connection out of his lavish house, for fear of his 14-year-old daughter getting abducted. "She is in love with the 15 cent fellow, and I will not have my little Mary jo get abducted into some hooligans Web site," he said. "I heard he got shot." The administration did not understand Information Technology Services pleas that the Internet was not to blame. "I tried to explain it to them over the phone, but they insisted on using a telegraph," said the emperor of the ITS. "Where the hell do you get a telegraph?" The emperor had to file for a grant to get new computers after the administration broke into the labs and tried to inject computer towers with flu vaccines.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

A student gets abducted into Facebook while in a computer lab while a good samaritan tries to save him. The Administration fears abduction, along with the flu virus and for some reason, the clap.

"They squirted a bunch of crap into the CD drives and messed up everything," ITS said in a statement. The governor released a statement about the spreading fear of the Internet. "See! This is why I cut your funding," he said in a statement. "I give you funding and you bring in these blasted machines that probably give our students the clap." In response to his own comment, the governor has pulled more funding from the UW system and put it into a \$1,000,000 study to find out if students are getting the clap from the Internet. UW-River Falls administrators scoffed at the idea of students getting the clap from the Internet. "Everyone knows that you can't get the [makes clapping noise] from the Internet. It's that damn flu virus you gotta watch out for," said a history professor. "I remember the ghosts they trapped in those damn televisions in the 50s. And those color ghosts were real scary." The history professor, who would only address himself as 'the Dude' said he also fears thieves. "I heard thieves can take your stuff on the Internet too. And rob banks. It's a good thing I have all my money

in a shoebox underneath my bed. Or do I?" 'the Dude' said. Upper administration at UW-RF has responded by removing all computers from the library and classrooms. 'The Dude's' theory about television is being tested by several graduate students. "Regardless of what the students say, the computers will be removed from the campus," said a higher up official. "I will not be responsible for some punk kid getting avian flu or the clap or both, then getting abducted by 15 cent over this Facebook and Internet thing. Eh, it's just a fad anyway."

Thanksgiving traditions



Jon Majak

Thanksgiving is all about traditions. My mother tries out one new recipe every year in her bid to be the other version of Martha Stewart. My father always says grace before dinner and our whole family doesn't discuss the big pink elephant in the room - my column. As I gorged myself on food during break, I was happy I had broken one of my holiday traditions: Russian-centered drama. Instead, this year I was determined to forge a new custom by going out on a date with Denton. "I got drunk and propositioned The Russian for sex," Denton told me a few days before our planned date. "I'm sorry, what?" I stammered a bit, less angry and more confused. "I just got really smashed and was horny and ran into him at the bars," Denton continued. "He turned me down. He even said something to the effect of 'Aren't you going on a date with Jon'". "So let me just understand this," my friend "Danny" said as we walked around my neighborhood the day before my date. "You had a thing

with The Russian who had your dad for a class at the university and now this bartender guy, who is going to be teaching at the same university as your dad and was going to go out on a date with you, tried to get into The Russian's pants?" "Sounds like a fair assessment," I laughed. "You sure know how to pick them," he giggled. "And didn't he dump his last boyfriend by just not calling him?" "Yeah," I replied. "That was the same week he asked me out too. The longer we walk and talk, the harder it is for me to see his appeal." "Are you for real?" Gavin exclaimed the following day after I told him the story. "Like I'd make up a story where The Russian comes out looking like a decent person?" I laughed. "That's true," laughed Gavin. "Still going on the date?" "I have no idea," I replied. "I think I've spent so much time choosing the wrong guy, it's become as traditional as cranberry sauce at Thanksgiving dinner." "Speaking of Thanksgiving dinner," Gavin interjected, "The Cowboy actually wanted to spend Thanksgiving with me. I told him he should spend it with his family so he went home after we hung out for a

bit and had sex. Without beer or Vicodin, let the record show that." "Failed relationship for me and the sexual escapades of a friend," I smirked. "Those traditions still stand." That Saturday, I put on my first date best and stood in front of my bathroom mirror as the snow came down outside. There were neighborhood kids making snow angels as I was having a devil of a time trying to figure out what I was doing. "So what time are you coming downtown?" Denton asked me. "I'm working tonight." "I can't," I replied. "I just can't. I can't go on a first date that's going to be consisting of me trying to get face time with you in between you making people's Long Islands." "You should come downtown," he told me. "I've really been looking forward to it." "Denton," I said with a little laugh. "Baby, it's cold outside."

Later that night, I met up with Danny to go on a walk around the neighborhood like we did every time I was home. As we laughed and traded stories, it crystallized in my mind that though some traditions like bad relationships should be broken some others like family and friends are traditions for good reasons.

Du jour

Between The Sheets

Ingredients:
1 oz Brandy
1 oz Light rum
1 oz Triple sec
1 oz Lemon juice
Mixing instructions:
In a shaker half-filled with ice cubes, combine all of the ingredients. Shake well. Strain into a cocktail glass.

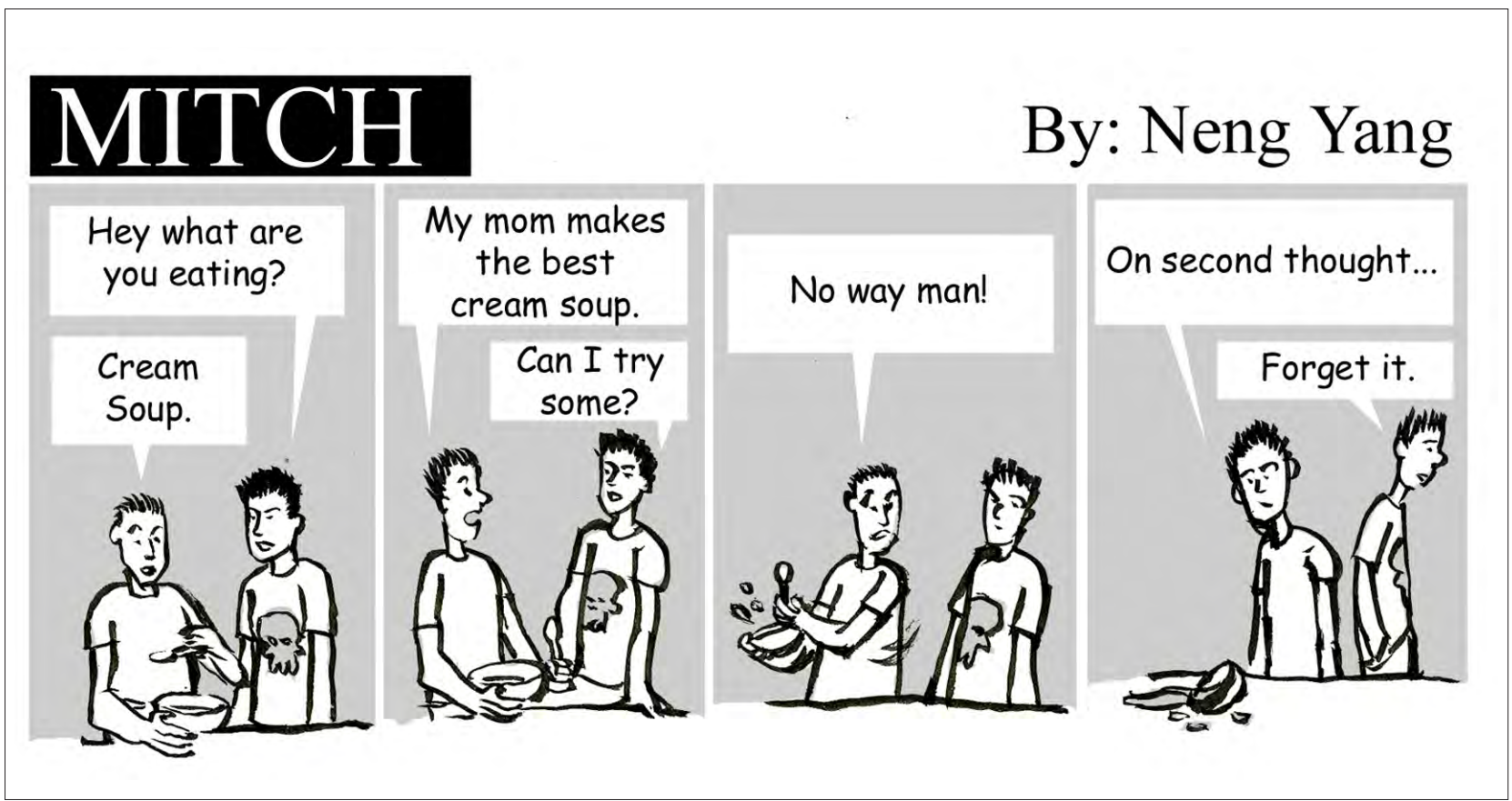
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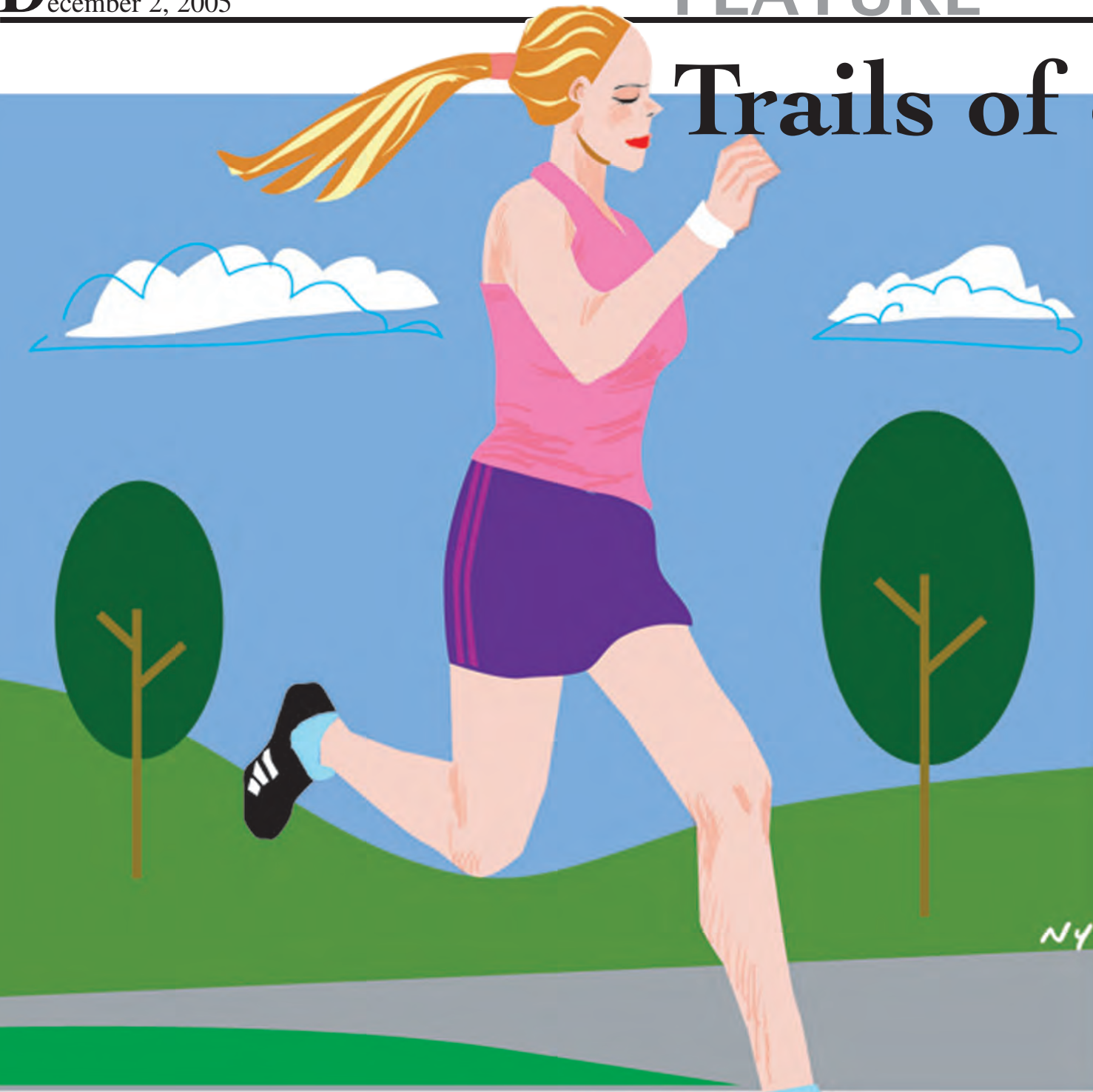
Ingredients:
1 can Lemonade concentrate
3 cups Vodka (Absolut)
7-8 cans Beer
Mixing instructions:
Follow the instructions on the can of Lemonade concentrate, but substitute the Vodka for water. Mix well and add beer.

Diva

Ingredients:
1 1/2 oz Absolut Vodka
1/2 oz Passion fruit juice
1/2 oz Lime juice
1 tblsp Maraschino cherry juice
Fill with 7-Up
Mixing instructions:
Pour and build in a tall glass or collins glass. Fill with 7-up. Garnish with cherry and lime.

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





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The air is crisp and cool, with the sun slowly rising over the horizon to the east. Gusts of breath are visible in the air, as the temperature is a chilly 35 degrees. Frost covers the ground, reflecting a bright gleam from the sun’s rays. Though most people are still sleeping, the jogger starts running down the path, which is intertwined with the dozens of trails in the city.

For years, joggers, along with other River Falls residents, had

little access to jogging and walking trails in the city. However in recent years, construction has changed the situation.

“They’ve made a lot of headway in the last 20 years,” said Health Education Coordinator Keven Syverson.

Syverson said that for many years trails in River Falls were limited, but they now reach many parts of the city.

There are trails in Glen Park along Kinnickinnic River, as well as in Hoffman Park, along Sixth Street and Cemetery Road. To the south of town, there is a

bike path that even goes underneath a main highway.

Syverson said that these trails, “have a sense of cohesiveness, community and people.”

Tony Steiner, a planner for River Falls, has been part of extending trails in parks like Glen and Hoffman, as well as on the UW-River Falls campus.

“We’re always looking for opportunities to integrate trails to the south and north of town,” Steiner said.

For example, the city is taking

part in a joint effort with Parkland Development to pave trails over an area of 60 acres along the Kinnickinnic River.

Steiner said that lots of construction on trails in recent years is in part due to the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) which was enacted in 1998, authorizing the federal government to give grants to help continue the construction linking highways to walking trails from 1998 to 2003.

“Two years ago we paved that trail hooking up to the Cemetery

Road division by the hockey arena and Ramer Field,” Steiner said. Also, connecting to the city limits of Main Street to the south.

Campus Planner Dale Braun said that sidewalks have been developing in River Falls since the 1960s, when a master plan was designed by a professional planning firm based in Chicago resulting in a long, narrow campus that led to a group of sidewalks that needed to be planned and built.

“We’ve been adding to it with [other] projects ever since,” Braun said.

In 2002, one project began. It started by the lab farms on Cemetery road and went down to Sixth Street giving a chance for bicyclists to get off the road and onto a trail. This city project would let students living to the southeast of campus have easier access to classes.

In 1996, a trail parallel to the South Fork River was put behind Crabtree Hall to give students and local residents easier access to the river.

For student athletes at the University, a more direct route to practice fields during the season. But as for drills or running, athletes aren’t using them as one might think.

“For years we’ve been jogging the trails,” said Faye Perkins, head softball coach. “This has increased access for my student athletes that live in the South Fork Suites, but as for training for my team, we don’t really utilize the trails.”

Rick Bowen, Athletic Director and the Men’s Basketball Coach, said the trails haven’t necessarily been used for the practices of athletic teams, but for any traveling person.

Cross Country Coach Donald Glover gave a similar comment.

“Yes, we run at Glen, Hoffman,

the farm highway and the roads at downtown,” Glover said. He said that sidewalks are essential for practices, but runners usually use roads when training.

Glover said he and the runners prefer to run on grassy, dirt paths.

“It would be nice to see them develop more dirt trails in the parks,” Glover said. “For some reason they like to put pavement on top of everything.”

However, Braun had a reason as to why they do that. The reason that many recently developed trails have been paved deals with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

“We have to have them paved for handicap access,” Braun said. He also said that he hopes to finish a trail located just south of the heating plant to the farm labs. He said that to have it at least covered with gravel would be nice.

“That would sort of complete our trail system,” Braun said. The trail system is currently four miles long when combined.

Seeing several hundred of University students use these walkways each day has become a common sight. Some could even say they take advantage of the trails and enjoy taking walks.

“People [can] have a very pleasurable walk,” Bowen said, “a safe place to exercise.”

He admitted that he walks along a path along the Kinnickinnic River everyday.

“It’s a great thing,” Bowen said. “I’m really appreciative of what we have.”

The trails on campus and throughout the city of River Falls are a good way for students, staff, faculty and community members to take a break.

“People just need to get away a bit,” Syverson said, “just change from their environment a little.”

“We’re always looking for opportunities to integrate trails to the south and north of town.”

Tony Steiner
River Falls planner

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