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UW-RF professor cited for shoplifting

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A UW-River Falls economics professor was charged Nov. 10 with shoplifting after allegedly swapping product prices at Dick's Market, 1121 S. Main St.

Hossein Eftekari, 50, was fined \$166 for shoplifting after he allegedly swapped labels on two separate meat products to pay a lower price.

According to the River Falls Police report, a Dick's Market employee saw Eftekari allegedly pick up a \$59.44 whole beef tenderloin and a \$13.11 rump roast

"I'm sure we'll take a look at it quickly."

Mark Kinders, public affairs director

and place them in his cart. The employee told police that he saw Eftekari "fiddle" with the two packages before returning the rump roast back to the meat counter without its tag.

After noticing the missing tag, the employee informed supervisor Timothy M. Engle of the sit-

Engle told police he walked by Eftekari's cart and saw the whole beef tenderloin price tag had been replaced with the \$13.11 rump roast tag.

Eftekari told the Student Voice he did not wish to comment on the incident.

According to the report, Engle watched Eftekari pay for his groceries, then stopped him while he was leaving the building. The crime was then reported to the

UW-RF Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said there is no action currently being taken by the University.

"I'm sure we'll take a look at it quickly," he said.

Kinders said the University has received information from both RFPD and Eftekari's attorney, but are still unaware whether the incident is still under investiga-

"We still do not know exactly what occurred," Kinders said. "We don't have any official information."

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said Eftekari has been issued a municipal ordinance citation for shoplifting, which is punishable by forfeiture. Although charges could be pushed up to the state level, Leque said for most first-time offenders that does not occur.

Kinders said the University

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Supporters seek balance on staff insurance

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Campus governance leaders have made it a priority to get answers and solutions to a health insurance change that asks UW-River Falls faculty and staff to pay more than twice as much for the same coverage next year.

More than 50 student e-mail responses were received by Nick Cluppert, Student Senate president, after he sent out a campus notification and plea for support.

"A lot of people just wrote a quick response saying they support faculty and staff," he said. "I received some indepth letters from students who know more about the situation offering ideas and feedback to use when I testify."

Students also wrote about their personal experiences with supportive staff at UW-

"One of the main concerns by students is that, if the insurance change continues, it will be harder to recruit qualified staff and faculty to the University," he said. "It would be hard to keep dedicated faculty around and would be a big loss to campus.'

Feedback from the academic staff suggested concerns about morale and equity, said Sarah Egerstrom, Academic Staff



Neng Yang/Student Voice

Increasing insurance costs create student concern of losing quality faculty members.

had planned to travel to for them to voice their congroup will be able to speak Council member and admis- Madison Nov. 8, but the group cerns, Egerstrom said.

was told the insurance board Campus governance leaders was not the appropriate venue uled for Dec. 1, when the

The trip has been rescheddirectly with Tom Korpady,

administrator of the division of insurance services.

"It's more of a fact-finding mission," Cluppert said. "We have a lot of questions, like why most campuses have more insurance options and River Falls is being treated unfairly."

He said he plans to bring up that issue as well as represent the voice of UW-RF students.

"In the best case scenario, we will get answers to all of our questions," Egerstrom said. "We want to come back to campus and share what we've learned."

A representative did come to campus this fall to inform staff and faculty of the changes and answer any questions they had at the time, she said.

Yet many remain unanswered.

"A big part of the frustration is, when you look systemwide, why do we only have the tier one option and other parts of the state have more options?" Egerstrom said. "Why is there such an imbalance?

Cluppert and Egerstrom said they don't know where the efforts will be directed after the Dec. 1 meeting.

'We're still trying to figure out what those next steps are," Egerstrom said. "We plan to go down, get answers, and use that as a springboard.'

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KFA rumor finally put to rest



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Kleinpell Fine Arts, built in 1973-1974, and located between the Davee Library and Centennial Science Hall was rumored to have been built backwards.

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There are not many places that can escape

rumors, and UW-River Falls is no exception. The first time many students hear Kleinpell Fine Arts building was built backwards was when they came to campus as high school seniors to view the campus.

They were misinformed.

"It is not backwards," Campus Planner Dale

Sophomore Kassie Yaeck said she first remembers hearing the rumor last year when she came for Weeks of Welcome, a program to help familiarize new students with the campus.

"I remember thinking, 'how could they even build it backwards?', she said. One explanation Braun said was people may

think it is backwards because they are confused by which door is considered the main, or front

Another rumor was that when building was to begin, the ground was too wet and the builders switched the plans to accommodate the landscape.

English Professor Nick Karolides was a faculty member when KFA was being built in 1973 and 1974.

He said the rumor at the time was that an architect from Madison, Wis., designed the building without ever having seen the site. The architect presumably faced the main door towards Cascade Avenue, but the University wanted it to face the mall, so they turned it

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Meth becomes growing issue in region

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quickly falling victims in the methamphetamine epidemic, the Drug according to Enforcement Agency.

"DEA Madison reports that methamphetamine is readily available in ounce quantities in northwestern Wisconsin, supplied by sources from Minneapolis," according to the Department of RFHS assistant principal Justice Web site.

The Wisconsin legislature is fighting back by ing," Deulin said. regulating the purchase of pharmaceutical drugs containing pseudophedrine. It is known better as Sudafed and related cold medication.

"It really hits home when your student carries it. It's not a big city problem."

Mike Johnson,

containing pseudophedrine must have a photo it," said Mike Johnson, assistant principal. "It's identification, be 18 years of age and the pharmanot a big city problem." Wisconsin and the Midwest in general are cist needs to take note of how much is being bought with a limit of two boxes, said ShopKo rule for drugs.

registered pharmacist Veronica Deulin. "Most pharmacy people think it's a good thing," Deulin said.

She said she is not sure of how effective the new law will be. She said most meth producthey need.

"They know we are watch-

School administrators are watching for it, too. Two years ago the River Falls High School expelled a student for carrying the illegal drug.

As of Oct. 1 anyone wanting to buy medication "It really hits home when your student carries

He said the high school has a zero-tolerance

The school is also working hard on educating students with presentations by DEA agents and youth groups, Johnson said. The agents show pictures of meth producer's children in diapers with rashes and breakouts from the toxins in the air produced from the baking of meth.

"The awareness and education really help and ers will just steal the Sudafed benefit the kids," he said. "These kids do realize that it is a problem."

He said he thinks the education is working, and he is getting educated at the same time. The stories he hears and pictures he sees are troubling

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Fountain to flow again

Forgotten treasure aims to become new focal point

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After sitting idle for several years because of costly annual repairs, the Wall Memorial fountain, located between the Student Center and South Hall is being refurbished and will be operational by the end of spring semester. Repairs done this fall included tearing up the

overgrown brush, cleaning out the debris inside the basin and marking where the electrical and plumbing lines run with orange flags, said Manny Kenney, grounds maintenance supervisor.

"There was a renewed interest from administration to get it up and running," Kenney said.

This spring, patchwork will consist of sand blasting and resealing both the inside and outside of the basin that is cracked and deteriorating, Kenney

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The Wall Memorial Fountain sits inactive because of the costs required to get it running again.

VOICE SHORTS

LOCAL

UW-RF joins American Democracy Project

Falls has 195 joined other universities to increase the number undergraduates who are



committed to engaging in an informed and meaningful civic life.

According to the River Falls Journal, UW-RF is a part of the American Democracy Project, a multi-campus initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, which seeks to educate students on democracy and get them more involved in civic duties.

The project has brought the New York Times to UW-RF newsstands. This semester, 12 faculty members are incorporating the N.Y. Times into the classroom, reaching more than 700 students.

It has also put a copy of the U.S. Constitution in the hands of students on Constitution Day. Last year the project sponsored the very successful voter registration effort, and efforts this year focused on helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The project also has a reading group on campus that is reading "Educating Citizens: Preparing America's Undergraduates for Lives of Moral and Civic Responsibility."

The book brings discussion and issues relevant to civic issues and involvement with civic life. The New Voters Project is another part of the ADP, which encourages college students to register and vote.

Pierce County plans for natural disasters

Pierce County recently took a big step toward better preparedness for natural disasters.

According to the River Falls Journal, the county played the "what if" game resulting in a 150-page draft document outlining disaster-

River Falls' City Council recently voted to adopt the plan - called a pre-disaster mitigation (PDM) plan - which means the city will take actions stated within it. Since it's impossible to prevent natural disasters, the plan aims to lessen their effects.

Emergency officials have figured that for every dollar spent on mitigation, \$2-\$3 in damage can be saved.

Flooding is possibly Pierce County's biggest worry. The county has been included eight different times when the president declared a disaster area.

Records show that there were no deaths due to floods from 1995 to now, but River Falls sustained property loss and damage in a few of them. Besides causing death, floods can wash out expensive roadways, valuable cropland, needed public facilities and essential dams.

The county has already mapped flood plains. Now they can be planned and zoned to avert disaster.

"A draft (of the plan) has been submitted to the state but hasn't been finalized yet," said Gary Brown, director of Pierce County's Emergency Management department.

Once it's been approved and finalized, the PDM will be posted on the county's Web site.

NATIONAL

Focus to get students out of college

For decades, getting more students into college has been the top priority of America's higher education leaders. But now, a growing number of experts are concerned about the number who go to school and finish a degree.

According to the Associated Press, the latest government figures report 54 percent of students

entering four-year colleges in 1997 had a degree six years

After borrowing for school but failing to graduate, many of those students may be worse off than if they never attended college. Now the question of what to do about the U.S.'s stagnate graduation rates is on the agenda, from college presidents' offices to state houses.

The latest sign of the trend comes from former Princeton President William Bowen who's latest project will examine in detail who graduates and who doesn't - and why - at a group of about 20 varied universities.

It's known that elite schools generally have higher graduation rates than non-elite schools. But what's less clear is why the graduation rates at seemingly similar colleges vary so much.

Explanations range from rising college costs to insufficient academic support to students not realizing how valuable a college degree

Traditionally, experts blame high schools or the students themselves. But which factors matter most, and how they overlap, is not well understood, largely because the topic is hard to measure.

Tracking enrollment numbers is easy, but tracking what happens to individual students over six years is much harder.

U.S. universities see lower foreign enrollment

WASHINGTON — The number of foreign students at U.S. universities fell for the second straight year last year, but the decline that followed the September 11, 2001 attacks may already be subsiding, a survey showed on Monday.

According to CNN, an annual report by the Institute of International Education reveals enrollment by international students dipped 1.3 percent in the 2004-05 academic year after a 2.4 percent drop the prior year.

While the declines are a sharp contrast to the steady growth in enrollment a few years ago, the IIE said an early survey of the current school year suggests foreigners may already be returning after being scared away by bad publicity and security fears.

A separate online survey of colleges and universities by the IIE and other associations found foreign enrollment might have bounced back this year.

While there had been some backlash against foreign students after the September 11 attacks, educators said the U.S. government should do more to make foreign students feel welcome.

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SENATE

Senate told to walk the walk

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In what was a whirlwind meeting, a student expressed concerns about the Student Senate following through on its motions.

Co-chair of the College Democrats and member of the Diversity Awareness Committee Katie Leisch asked senators to taking a stance against bans on civil unions for gay and lesbian couples.

Leisch spoke about an upcoming conference put on by Action Wisconsin. Action tive speaker on the topic," Leisch said. Wisconsin will be providing speaker train-

Leisch said Action Wisconsin is putting on speaker training sessions throughout the

students," Leisch said.

She stressed that students interested sign up in advance.

The training is aimed at making people follow through on a motion passed last year, more able to speak about the civil union ban sign up by contacting Lindsey at 608-441with family, friends and community mem-

"This training will make you a more effec-

Senate President Nick Cluppert supported ing in an effort to defeat the anti civil union Leisch commenting that Senate did take a

stance against civil union bans.

"It's just another opportunity for senators to go to if they support it," Cluppert said.

The training session is being sponsored by "This is an important issue for all of us the College Democrats and Diversity Awareness Committee.

The session will be held Nov. 30 from 6-9 p.m. in the Regents Room in the Student Center. Those wanting to participate can 0143 or speaker@action wisconsin.org.

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

Business College offers tutors

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Every semester comes to a point where students get bogged down with homework and begin crunching for exams. But it can be even harder for those who are struggling with a course.

The College of Business and Economics offers convenient tutoring sessions for business and accounting majors. A study lounge located in South Hall is designated for students seeking help.

"This is a very effective program," Barbara Nemecek, dean of CBE said. "It is an excellent addition to have other successful students tutor.'

Nemecek said all business tutors were recommended by professors, but were hired through the Academic Success Center located in the lower level of the Davee Chalmer Library. This is a paid position.

"Tutoring is a way to enhance your understanding of the class material and how the concepts can be applied," Rose Rude, tutoring coordinator said. "Tutoring can even reduce the stress level students have and help the student reach his or her potential

Keith Wieser, an intermediate accounting I (ACCT 321) tutor, says students who are struggling in classes should take the opportunity to seek help.

"In my sessions, I typically go over questions the student may have. I also take the material in the textbooks and in the lecture notes and explain the concepts in a simplified way," Wieser said. "I usually make up examples that the student can relate to."

Lastly, Wieser goes over homework problems and if needed prepares students for upcoming tests.

Wieser said students can relate better with of the semester," Nemecek said. students. "I think that students have a much harder time asking questions in class. I believe they are more open in a one-on-one This is because students need more help furcan go for help. conversation."

opportunities for finance, accounting, management and business law

"The biggest push comes toward the end Many other opportunities for students to one letter grade."



Steph Keenan and Amanda Conrad sit inside the Academic Success Center Nov. 16. The College of Business and Economics offers a tutoring program through the Success Center. Tutors are available in the study lounge in South Hall.

Nemecek says tutoring sessions grow each available. The Writing Center and the Math semester in terms of students seeking help. ther into the semester than they do at the Rude said tutoring can have a positive economics, business tutoring consists of six tutors.

Currently the college is offering tutoring beginning of the semester. Currently the effect. "Past surveys have indicated students who are actively involved in tutoring and Hours and times are posted in the CBE who improve their time management and study strategies raise their class grade by

seek help in other areas besides business are

Center are two other areas where students

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Nov. 8 At approximately 9:15 a.m. a theft was reported from the UW-River Falls Greenhouse, 623 S. Third St. by Daniel Waletzko.

Waletzko told Public Safety officers that three electronic balances and one 400-watt HID sodium light worth more than \$1,000 were missing. Waletzko stated he had last seen the items around 8 p.m. the night before.

Waletzko told officers he noticed the items were missing around 8 a.m. but the building had been open since 6 a.m.

Police and public safety report no signs of forced entry. The four items were valued at \$1.763.

• Emily R. Magnuson, 19, Jara L. Hartigan, 19, Michael O. Gladney, 19, and Joseph A. Murphy, 20, were all fined \$248 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.

• Bradley R. Berthiaume, 18, Joseph M. Dart, 18, Bradley J. Golden, 18, Megan A. Erwin, 18, and Cynthia M. Meyer, 18, were all fined \$248 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall. Nov. 9

Around 3 p.m. Brandon L. Klimek reported damage to his 1988 Cadillac parked in W-Lot to Public Safety.

Klimek told officers he had parked the car in W-Lot on Nov. 7 and found the damage when he returned. Klimek stated that he found the ignition and steering column damaged and items from his glove

He said his car door would not lock because of a mechanical prob-

Public Safety officers estimate the damage around \$1,000.

• Laura M. Gustafson, 18, was fined \$91 for inattentive driving around 3 p.m. According to the River Falls Police report, Gustafson rear-ended

a car waiting to make a left-hand turn from S. Main Street onto Locust Street. The car rear-ended by Gustafson was pushed into another car in front, resulting in a three-way collision.

Megan Walkowaik reported vandalism to her parked vehicle in O-Lot to Public Safety.

Walkowaik told Public Safety and River Falls Police officers that a small window behind the main window on the passenger-side rear door had been broken. Walkowaik stated that only a magazine was missing from the vehicle but everything inside had been moved around.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$100.

Nov. 11

Emily A. Peterson reported damage to her parked vehicle in W-Lot around 2:30 p.m. to Public Safety.

Peterson told officers she had parked her car in the lot around 5 p.m., Nov. 7. She stated when she returned on Nov. 11 that the dri-

ver-side door was unlocked. Peterson stated that the items in her glove box had been thrown on the floor.

Officers report that part of the dash underneath the steering wheel had also been removed and the car would not start because of damage to the key system.

Peterson told officers she always locks her vehicle but the rear hatch lock was broken and would not lock.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$150.

• Leonard L. Polzin reported damage done to his parked vehicle in W-Lot around 3:30 p.m. to Public Safety.

Polzin stated he parked his truck Nov. 7 around 7 p.m. and had locked all of his doors. He told officers that on Nov. 11 he noticed the rear window of his vehicle had been broken. Polzin said nothing had been taken from the inside of his vehicle.

Damage to the truck was estimated at \$100. • Elizabeth A. Richey reported the theft of a men's blue

Roadmaster bike to Public Safety around 4 p.m. Richey told Public Safety she had left her bike in the North Hall

bike rack while she attended class and noticed it missing when she returned.

Richey stated the bike had not been locked up.

The value of the bike was estimated at \$50.

Ellyn K. Shun, 20, was fined \$739.75 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated as well as \$739.74 for a prohibited blood alcohol content by River Falls Police around 1:40 a.m.

According the police report, an RFPD officer saw Shun turn southbound onto Main Street at a high speed. While following the vehicle the officer stated that Shun began driving in the left-turn

The officer stated that she turned on her flashers and later her sirens when Shun failed to pull over.

According the to report, while police were in pursuit Shun turned east onto Broadway and then south onto Sycamore Street before pulling into a driveway.

The officer reported there were two other people in the vehicle

and smelled alcohol from the driver. Shun was placed under arrest for driving while intoxicated. One of the passengers was also arrested for underage consumption and obstruction of an officer, after he identified himself with several

• Michael T. Rudd, 19, was fined \$248 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Public Safety is requesting that all bikes locked to meter posts, light posts, sign posts or trees be removed by 5 p.m. Nov. 22. Public Safety will begin impounding remaining bikes Nov. 23.

Bikes locked in the regular racks will not be affected.

Meth: Growing problem

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and frightening, he said.

"I don't mind showing my I.D. if I'm buying used seven days a week, 52 weeks a year." Sudafed." Johnson said. "We are seeing the damage it does to our kids.'

Ingredients like rat poison, ether, paint thinner and lithium can cause a user's teeth to rot, said Samantha Oakes, a counselor for Kinnic Falls Alcohol and Drug Abuse services.

"Eventually they have to get all the teeth pulled out of their mouth," she said.

Oakes said one pound of meth leaves an excess

of five pounds of chemicals. "It takes no prisoners," she said.

While some users lose their teeth, others lose their children when the state takes them, Oakes

She said that prompts them to get help-some-

treatment plan, but meth can stay in the body's systion push will ease up.

tem for six months to a year.

Kinnic Falls has treated 200 patients for alcohol and drug abuse so far this year and Oakes estimates 60 percent are meth users.

"You get some guys in here that have used it for five years," Oakes said. "There are guys that have

She said the draw of Meth is the high. It lasts twice as long crack-cocaine, which was considered America's last drug epidemic.

"College kids and high school kids can be up all night studying for a test and be up the next day to take the test," she said.

Users have been known to go for days with little to no sleep or food and water.

She said Wisconsin's new law might help some, but it won't have that big of an impact.

"Some of these guys are going to find a way around it," Oakes said. Then they will make it stronger and better. She said then they will sell it to younger kids.

"I think it is going to get a lot worse than what it is," she said. "People are going to get used to it, Oakes and other counselors put users in a 28-day like crack-cocaine." She said then the big preven-

Theft: Economics professor's offense to be evaluated by

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University quickly

will examine whether the municipal offense has any effect on Eftekari's ability to be in class and teach. Human Resources will also evaluate the offense to see what context it has, he said.

However, a municipal offense usually isn't as severe as other crimes.

"It doesn't rise to the threshold

of a felony," Kinders said. When questioned, Eftekari declined to discuss the situation.

Eftekari is a full professor of economics at UW-RF. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in 1994 and has been published in several journals.

Eftekari is scheduled to have his first Pierce County Court appearance Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

KFA:The real story

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The rumor goes on, further saying the architect was fired from the job for not doing it correctly the first time.

The rumors are partially true, and the blueprints.

the mall side of the building love to see it." seemed strange at the time.

remodeled that the art depart- office, where campus tours are ment windows were installed organized, said each tour guide facing Cascade Avenue.

between what is now KFA and myth. Centennial Science Hall. Now

an underground pipe is there instead.

Braun said since KFA was built there has been campus remodeling to emphasize the mall and also that the Wyman Education building's main entrance, the Davee Chalmer Library and the new Student Union entrances face the mall along with KFA.

From the document searching as evident in Braun's research that he has done, Braun said, the plans have always been the When KFA was built the cam- same. The east wing is for pus mall was not as obvious as it music, the north for social sciis now, so the idea of a main ences, the west for art and the door next to floor to ceiling win- south for humanities. He said if dows and sheltered walkways on anyone had proof, he "would

Sarah Egerstrom, student ser-It wasn't until KFA was vices coordinator the admissions was instructed to give a brief During groundbreaking the history on campus buildings. land around the site was wet. It Egerstrom said tour guides were was because the physical land- not instructed to circulate the scape of campus was not the rumor. On the self-guided tour of same then as it is now. Braun campus, a handout compiled by said there was a creek that ran the admissions office does not through the land depression mention anything about the

Fountain: Spring

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said. Once the structure is completely refurbished, new flowers and shrubs, will be added to the landscape. A few benches may also be added to the area around the fountain.

It will cost an estimated \$4,000 to have all the work completed, said Mary Halada, vice chancellor of administration and finance. A campus beautification fund is where the money for the fountain is being drawn from to make the renovations.

Since the 1990s, the administration has been accumulating money in the fund for things such as this, Halada said. Flags purchased to add more decorations on campus that are located on the corner of Main Street and Cascade Avenue were used from this fund, as well as other campus beautification ideas.

"Hopefully the new plants and flowers will enhance the area," Kenney said. "It will make it a friendly and inviting area for students all year round."

changes to any of the characteristics will occur.

One of the major goals to be done in the refurbishing is to make sure it keeps the original structure and dedication to Melvin L Wall.

State Teachers College in 1936, the article.

Melvin L. Wall joined the faculty at UW-River Falls in 1940, made of textured sides that are Wyman.

Wall was chairman of the plant campus by the fountain. and earth science department.

On March 25, 1967, he died in a plane crash on a survey mission to study the Vietnam's system of higher education, according to "What's in a Name?" After his death, he was granted the the basin to prevent freezing Distinguished Alumnus Award in

"We have a long history on this campus," Halada said. "For us to build on that tradition, it gives students and faculty more opportunities to enjoy the campus."

operation for several years because of re-occurring problems. After patching the basin maintenance throughout our every year the water would still leak, causing the pumps to "burn up," Kenney said. With budget problems, there was little money to keep up with the costly repairs use the area if unseasonably that were necessary.

According to an article published in Falcon Features May The nature of the pool will still 1970, the fountain originally had be kept, Kenney said. No drastic statues and a smaller vertical basin standing in the original large pool, but students vandalized it shortly after it was built in

An architect from St. Paul designed the fountain to integrate other architecture and char-A graduate from River Falls acter of the campus, according to

The three vertical structures are according to "What's in a similar to the exterior of Name?," a publication about Chalmer Davee Library, Rodli buildings and structures on the Commons and the Student UW-RF campus, written by Center. The textured sides are Wayne Wolfe and Walker D. similar to the bark lines on many large trees found on the area of

> The fountain was donated by Wall's wife, Margaret.

> In winter, it is not operational because of the freezing weather, Kenney said. The grounds department drains the water from because damages may occur to the basin, like severe cracking. The pump is removed to prevent it from being damaged over the winter.

"Clearing of snow will continue to be standard on adjacent The fountain has not been in walk but not immediate area around fountain," Kenney said. "This is consistent with winter campus."

> The area around the fountain and the fountain itself will not be blocked off to prevent anyone to warm weather occurs over the winter, allowing students to sit on the benches, Kenney said.

> With a new chancellor on campus, a set of fresh eyes has given the campus an opportunity to see what needs more work and what needs to be enhanced, Halada said.

> "It is one of the campuses focal points," Halada said. "Whether someone is walking or driving by, we would like it operational for everyone to see."

Insurance: Action to include press involvement

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Either way, she said the plan will be decided collectively as a group of governance leaders.

Some possibilities for future efforts include contacting the media and local government officials.

"We hope to get the media involved in some way after we go to Madison," Cluppert said, adding that local or Madison-based media are options.

The group also hopes to meet with Rep. Kitty Rhoades and Sen. Sheila Harsdorf either on the UW-RF campus or in Madison, Wisc. Securing a spot on either Gov. Jim Doyle's

schedule or his advisor's is an option as well, Egerstrom said.

"If we can't fix this issue for the upcoming academic year, we will make sure there are no dramatic changes for the following year," she said. The group of governance leaders also includes Barbara Werner, faculty senate chair; Joan McDonald, co-chair of employee development committee; and union leader Greg Elliott.

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EDITORIAL

Police blotter is serious issue, not laughing matter

It is a weekly custom for many people to pick up the new edition of the Student Voice to check the police

While many use it solely as a humorous aside, its main attribute is overlooked.

The weekly police report – although funny at times – is intended to serve as an information area for students and faculty. We as a publication don't print crimes and the names of people charged to provide public mockery, we do it as a public service.

For example: Throughout the past week four vehicles of students have been broken into while parked in campus parking lots.

Although there is not much anyone can do to prevent damage to their vehicle, the police report should serve as a warning to students that they should check their vehicles more often throughout the week.

It might also serve as a justification for student outcry questioning why Public Safety didn't catch these vandals while on nightly patrol, or requesting the administration to install cameras in campus parking lots.

The weekly police report – although for students and faculty.

However, Public Safety cannot be blamed for the action of the vandal funny at times – is involved in the recent string intended to serve as of car break-ins around an information area campus. But the fact that the break-ins have been reported serves as a basis for students to raise questions to

administrators and campus department heads. On the other hand police reports shouldn't be used for running jokes throughout campus.

These police reports are serious issues with serious consequences for many people.

They should be treated as information and used to

make your life safer. Police reports are not about exploiting those who

break the law; they are about informing the public about incidents occurring in the community. Without the press these records would likely remain

hidden and accountability for criminal action would be left solely to city authorities. Take advantage of the service offered by local news-

papers but don't mock individuals who were fined or involved in incidents. The Student Voice deals with many issues every year

about reporting crimes, whether it be names of sexual assault victims or people asking to have their names retracted so they can keep their scholarships.

Don't let these serious reports become running jokes. Editorials represent the opinion of the Student Voice Editorial Board and are prepared by the Editorial staff.

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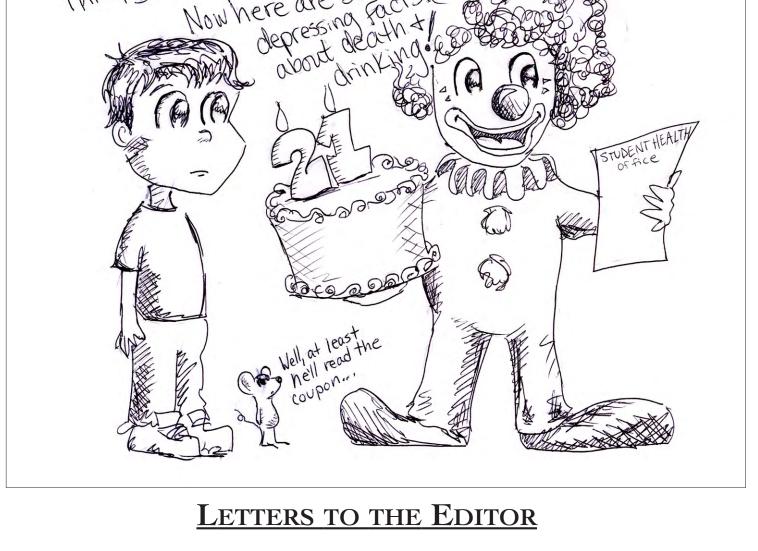
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Liberal bias equates lack of conservative showing

I agree and disagree with Joey White in his column "RF shows bias in leadership.'

I agree, there is some liberal bias, but then what do you expect? Public education is a left wing, maybe even a socialist or communist idea.

I also would have to agree that there is a lot of liberal bias in the leadership on campus; however, this leadership is not in the form of those who are full-time staff and faculty at the University.

That bias comes in the form of the student leaders on campus. Why this is the case I cannot be certain. But when I look at the members of many committees on campus, they tend to be the more liberal or left-of-center stu-

of the Leadership Center?

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some of White's "facts." He says the Leadership Center brings in "speakers [who are] telling me my religious beliefs are wrong

and that the Iraq war is horrible." Call me ignorant and blind, but I have not seen or heard of these speakers on campus.

Other groups may have brought such speakers, but not the Leadership Center. The Leadership Center does not bring in much in the way of programs. and

Entertainment the Events Committee bring in such things.

Student organizations bring in a lot of speakers and events as Leadership Center just signs the contracts and makes sure everything runs smoothly.

If White or anyone else has a problem with the liberal bias shown in these events — if there really is one — they should quit complaining and join the committees that pick out the speakers and the entertainment. They can create a more balanced showing of speakers and events.

> Paul Bladi student

Columnist offers insight most are Is this to be blamed on the staff unwilling to face

dents with conservative views last week ripping apart Jon deciding they do not want to be Majak's weekly column.

Lauderdale wrote, "Majak does I also have a problem with nothing but write about his pathetic life of failed relationships, mixed with a little gay porn."

Here's my two cents. Majak uses humor, intelligence and wit to commentate on a subject that a lot of us are unwilling to talk about in the conservative college atmosphere that we find ourselves in.

Committee, make references to several of ers. Diversity should be applaudsomeone can be offended by a observed. column that they apparently read week after week.

well. These are all run by stu- Lauderdale. If you're offended in his own relationships and his dents. The speakers, events, etc, by the content of Majak's friends' sexual adventures. This are picked by students. The columns, stop reading them and is not an advice column but a let the rest of us who actually do blog. enjoy reading them continue to

> **Bridget Bohl** student

Controversial issues lead to indecent columns

In response to Jon Majak's column "Love 'em or Leave 'em" there were many topics discussed that do not belong in a student newspaper. Most of the glaring issues dealt with pornographic sexual details and recreational drug use.

In Majak's column he talks This letter is in response to Dan about a friend who takes Vicodin This is to be blamed on the stu- Lauderdale's letter to the editor simply because he is "bored." Vicodin is a prescription drug to alleviate pain, not to cure boredom or to give someone a buzz. It is also suggested that Vicodin can be used as a date rape drug when mixed with alcohol.

Majak makes specific references to particular sexual acts such as, "I got the Cowboy to bottom." This is elaborating on sexual encounters between two people and such details should be kept in the bedroom.

This is not a gay issue, but He deserves a lot of credit for instead an issue about decency in writing in a way that makes a publicly funded newspaper. many of us coming back week This is not an accurate portrayal after week to read more. This of the average gay lifestyle. It is Committees such as the includes his critics such as a column like this that poisons Diversity Awareness Committee, Lauderdale who was able to the minds of Student Voice read-

Performing Arts Committee and Majak's columns. It's funny how ed, but decency must be

Majak tries to pass off his column as relationship advice, but Here's a simple suggestion to all he does is talk about failures

> **Leatitia Knight** student

Humane Society needs volunteers

If anyone at UW-River Falls is interested in volunteering there is a great opportunity available.

The Humane Society, which serves the St. Croix and Pierce Counties, is in need of volunteers. If you enjoy working with animals, you'll love this opportunity.

This is where students can potentially help them. I was just informed that they need help any time from 8 a.m. to noon every day of the week. This is the time they need the most help, too.

However, this doesn't mean you can't help during other times, too. They could always use extra hands. All you have to do is fill out a volunteer application which can be found at the shelter.

There is a volunteer orientation Saturday, Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Humane Society shelter located one mile south of River Falls on Highway 65. If you cannot go and would like to volunteer, please contact them at (715)426-

> **Casie Kelley** student

Capitalism requires adequate, stable conditions for survival

Recently, Argentina was host to the America Summit. This summit was a continuation of the Clinton administration's attempts to create a free trade

area of the Americas encompassing all of the Western Hemisphere _ hold Cuba.

If you had the chance to watch the news, you

would have seen major protests and riots not only towards the free-trade agreement, but also directly at our president.

With anti-American sentiment recently growing in South America and Hugo Chavez vs. George W. Bush continually being shown as a David vs. Goliath situation, the chance of holding legitimate talks was slim to none.

On the same note, socialist, left-wing forms of government have sprung up all over South

America as the impoverished masses are hoping for more economic equality. Many of the people in these countries believe U.S. ideology and puppet governments over

Mike

Sonn

the past hundred or so years have left them disenfranchised and exploited. Nevertheless,

the U.S. feels that freedom, democracy and capitalism are

tied closely together, in reality one cannot truly flourish unless all are present.

However, I believe the lack of a middle class in South America offers very little chance for social and economic mobility, a luring point of capitalism.

Socialism offers the lower class to reap the benefits of economic growth by funneling the profits from major industries into social programs. An example of this was Chavez's nationalization of the oil industry.

A chief argument against nationalization is corruption, but this does little to convince me if you look at our own privatelyowned oil companies.

Three major oil companies posted profits near \$9 billion over the summer while we were paying just about \$3 per gallon. Now if those companies were owned by the people, we would not be staring down budget shortfalls in practically every sector of the government.

I'm not saying capitalism is bad per se, but the current conditions in South America are not suitable for capitalism. The disparity needs to be minimized and wealth more equally distributed before a free market economy will be able to flourish.

Furthermore, too often we look at just the numbers in today's society and don't take into account individual people.

It grieves me to say this, especially when those people are indigenous which is a very large majority of South America's population.

The *Student Voice* is now taking applications for next semester.

From columnists to page editors, all positions are open.

Applications are due Dec. 13.

Students struggle to register

Tt's time for class scheduling again, which means more headaches and thrown chairs for all of us.

Each semester, the student body suffers through this couple-week period, which is filled with more frustrations, headaches and problems than nearly any other time of the year, including finals week.

With the increasingly common trend of less government money to finance public education, UW System schools are facing the daunting task of providing an adequate education with more financial struggles.

Two of the most evident by-products of the "money crunch" our school faces are increasing class sizes and a reduced number of classes offered each semester.

I can't count the number of times I have been unable to get into a class when it was my turn for scheduling. Each one of us has failed to get into classes only offered in one semester or another, fall or spring, or classes that are pre-requisites to other classes. All of these missed classes push back our attempt at graduation by more and more semesters.

Whatever happened to UW-River Falls as a four-year university?

Last time I checked, UW-RF was considered a four-year university. I am currently in my fifth year as a full-time student.

Early in my academic career here, I dealt

with the constant struggle of getting into my required classes during the semesters I wanted. This problem was made worse by trying to get into the Teaching Education program, which is nearly impossible to get through in four years.

After I was in my third year of school and finally was able to get into the first teaching

education class, I realized that it would take me nearly six full years of school in order to graduate.

After being practically forced to switch majors due to the difficulty of getting into classes when I want them, it's easy for me to voice my frustrations

with this situation. This trend isn't exclusive to the Teaching

Education program.

Every student with every possible major is feeling the effects of the inability to get into classes when they need to. It's a trend that, if left untreated, could potentially damage the University in terms of the quality of education and the ability of the school to attract new students.

Sitting down to schedule my own classes

I've ever felt during the scheduling time

Being a fifth-year senior and scheduling before nearly the entire school, I was able to get into the two leftover classes I need to graduate.

However, I felt some sense of frustration when I realized that the only reason I still

> needed to take those two classes was because I was unable to get into them last spring when I first

Am I alone in this struggle or are other students feeling this pres-With the added stress of exams,

numerous projects due, work and

other activities, scheduling often turns into one of the most stressful times of the school year. Heck, I'm getting stressed out just writing about this; where's

For those of you who have already scheduled, I hope you got into the classes you

For those of you who have yet to schedule, good luck getting into the classes you need.

Finally, for all of those who have stressed about class scheduling, find something to help yourself relax during this stressful time. Me ... I'm heading down to Mel's.

Fear restrains student's voices

from me every week thanks to your lack of letters to the editor. I remember a time when letters to the editor weren't printed in the Voice because there were too many each week. That's certainly not the case anymore.

There are still plenty of opinions and there have been enough columns this semester to generate enough responses. Yet students remain relatively quiet.

I think there are two reasons students aren't speaking up.

First, they're cowards. They'll whine with friends, but they won't bring their opinions to the *Voice* because they're

cowards with no support for their arguments.

I don't know any of these people personally, but I know there are plenty who have opinions about my columns because they started an invitation-only Facebook group called "Joey White is a complete douche."

There are times I don't disagree with that statement. But while it's their prerogative to resort to junior high name-calling on the Internet, their inability to put their name on a letter to the editor with a solid reason for thinking I'm a douche makes them cowards.

The second reason students don't speak up — in the *Voice* or otherwise — is fear of being rejected for prospective jobs.

This is even seen in one friend's resumé, which includes "Political Student Organization" rather than "College Republicans," and I'm sure many College Democrats have done the same thing to avoid any prejudice from prospective

employers. Another student actually had a letter to the editor written and ready to go for this issue. She called me to ask if she thought her chances of being a resident assistant or desk assistant would

You can now read a column be hurt if the letter supporting my column from last week were published.

I told her I didn't think it would effect her.

Yes, that contradicts what I said in my last column about having "little faith" in the Leadership Center's neutrality. Still I told her she shouldn't worry because I'm trying to be optimistic about the LC's future.

However, she talked to a good friend who'd been an RA the last two years. Her friend told her if she sent the letter in,

> job as a DA or RA on campus." She decided against submitting the letter, preferring to keep her job options open rather than speak up. And honestly, I couldn't blame her. I probably would've

she'd "never get a

done the same thing three years ago.

Joey

White

Her opinion on the LC staff allowing "holiday" trees but not Christmas trees was great. In her words, "Oh yes, my fault, other religions use trees for the winter holidays, too."

She also expressed confusion at how colleges can be OK with a leadership-sponsored transgender speaker coming to campus to "leave an impression on our students," but not RAs leading Bible studies.

Yet this intelligent letter had to sit by the wayside so this person's chances at a job would be secure.

Since when did this country value keeping your opinions to yourself? We've never cared for people

shoving it down our throats, like the protesters who stood on the American flag and held signs saying, "God Hates You" at the funeral for Iraq War victim and Hudson native Benjamin Smith.

We must bring back the words of British author John Milton, who said, "Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions, for opinions in good men [and women] is but knowledge in the making."



Cook

Nate

this year, I felt the greatest sense of relief

THE CONWAY EXPERIENCE

Cabin fever demands attention

The winter has arrived and now there is something else to worry about.

Soon after the first snow falls and the nights

seem to go on forever, you will start to feel uneasy and restless. Then these symptoms will change into something a lot worse.

You will start to feel down and sleep in more than you would normally. These symptoms could pass, but they could also snowball into a deep depression. No one wants that.

Let's nip this thing in the butt and get cabin fever before it gets us.

Cabin fever is something that happens to a lot of people during the long winter months. It is clinically called Seasonal Affective Disorder or S.A.D.

and can affect anyone.

Jason

Conway

Symptoms of this disorder can include low energy, sleepiness, low productivity, weight gain, sugar and carbohydrate crav-

ings, depression, mood swings and irritability. Sounds like

something you might deal with if you have a girlfriend or if you are a woman. On a more serious

note, this can happen to anyone and knowing the symptoms might assist in finding help before it is far gone.

The cause of this disorder is still questionable, but is said to do with sunlight. Sunlight is not as common in the winter and that can really screw up your system.

There is a whole bunch of scientific stuff about chemicals in your body that make you sleepy,

raise your body temperature and Some other people might even increases depression, but all that try tanning which can give you stuff is not necessary for everyone to know.

Though this can all affect those with S.A.D., the major thing is that you need some source of sunlight and there are many ways

The cabin anyone and knowfever bug can ing the symptoms be easily taken care of might assist in findand there are a couple of steps that can dissolve the disorder.

to get it.

The best way for you not to get pulled into this disorder is to get your sunlight. It is easy. Just take time during the day and sit outside in the sun.

Even though it might be chilly, it will give you the sunlight that you need. The chemicals in your body won't get screwed up and you'll still be your happy self.

Dodge

A few other ways This can happen to that could get the juices flowing are exercising and limiting sugar, carbohydrates and caffeine.

a little boost of "sunlight" that

The head doctors say some

help, but that is up to you to

antidepressants or therapy could

you are craving.

ing help before it is some people get a good start at not being bitchy this winter and also a little hush on the bad press that I have been

I hope this helps

getting lately. Cabin fever is a serious thing and people should have ways to combat it.

Just follow my tips and you will be a nicer person all winter long. This is a thing that will go away with a little sunshine. Happy Thanksgiving!!

Single life leads to higher standards for marriage

It feels like everyone is getting engaged and I must speak from the point-of-view of the singles.

I am more than happy for my friends who have finally found the love and happiness they deserve. I'm happy not only because they have found "the one", but they are also no longer in the harsh and cruel dating world.

Then, there is the selfish side of me that's glad there is one less girl out there trying to find a man.

If now is the time in our lives when we are supposed to meet that someone, why hasn't it happened?

There is a time in life for dating all

kinds of people, but this stage is far over for me. After the first wedding or

baby shower for your friends from high school you attend, it really sets in. You start to wonder why you're not at that stage,

too. I know everything happens for people at certain times for

a reason. My uncle didn't get married till he was 38 years old and he said it was worth every day waiting for her.

The problem is I'm a very impatient person and love to be in love.

far gone.

Love is an addiction, plain and simple.

When we have it, we don't want it. When we don't have it, it's all we Michelle can think about. With so many people getting engaged, it's like day one of trying to quit smoking, and everyone you see is just puffing away.

We can sit here all we want and pout about not having rings on our fingers, but that isn't going to help anything. I

see myself dating men who I would never marry. Yet I'm mad because I'm not engaged. That is ridiculous.

The first step in getting out of the dating world is to start dating people you would marry. Make sure they have the same values and goals before you're in too deep. Know that criteria and be firm. By seeing people you aren't really that serious about, you will only end up hurting someone.

This is where we start to take control of our lives and really look at what we want for our future.

I would prefer not to live in a trailer, with a belly scratching man who has

no education and thinks my soul purpose is to produce children and cook casseroles. My standards are a little higher than that and it's about time I start acting like it.

So take control of your dating life and start looking for people that fit the criteria.

Don't date a little boy when you're looking for a man. Once you start to respect yourself enough to look in the right places, you'll find a whole new side of dating.

Until it's your turn to be engaged, save up for wedding presents and drink a lot at the reception.



Jeff Poterucha, junior

"No, I don't think it is harmful. I think it gives bands exsposure. Especuially small independent bands.'



Heidi Wilson, freshman

"Yes, but I do it anyways."

STUDENT VOICES

Do you think downloading music is harmful to the music industry?

Crystal Hilsgen, junior

"I think it might be. They are losing sales. They do make a lot of money so I don't buy CDs as much anymore."



Corrie Ford, sophomore

"I think it gets people out there. Instead of just the normal pop stars it lets more people hear the music and go buy the music."





Shane Ewert, sophomore

"Yeah, because the music industry is not making money they planned on. But our generation doesn't really care. If you look at the music industry it is getting ripped off. I love music and music loves me.'

Cameron Cylkowski, freshman

""Nope. They shouldn't make CDs so expensive. And usually CDs suck with only one good song and it's the one I download. I don't have to go through the embarrassment of buying a Kelly Clarkson CD at the store.'



Winter sports heat up River Falls



Sarah ackingham

With the fall sports season coming to close, the winter sports are officially taking off.

Fall sports were good to the UW-River Falls this season with the teams and individual athletes pushing themselves to the limits. Now, with a light snow on the

ground it is even more evident of the winter sports around us.

Swimming has been going on since the last weekend of October and the team has been doing well in all of their meets and individual races.

of October was men's hockey. get on the courts. Ice hockey means winter to me. I love walking into the usually fall sports. I will miss going out very cold arena, but having it be warmer than the air outside in the frigid, hopefully snowing

The men have been doing extremely well while drawing large crowds to our beloved Hunt Arena.

suit, and began play in the first their non-traditional season to weekend of November. The Falcon women came out on fire, going 2-0 on their first weekend of play, surprising many this season. women's hockey followers and other teams in the area. They have also had larger crowds than

going into full swing starting this March Madness to start.

weekend. Both the UW-River Falls men's and women's basketball teams hit the hardwood this Friday night.

Athletic Director Rick Bowen, will also be coaching in his 20 season for the Falcons and he has high hopes for his team. They hope for the success of the 2004 season, and hopes for someone to duplicate the success of Rich Melzer.

Cindy Hovet and her women hoop stars travel to Kalamazoo this weekend to begin play for the 2005-2006 season. Her team

Now, with a light snow on the ground it is even more evident of the winter sports around us.

with a fairly even mix of young Also starting the last weekend and old is patiently waiting to

I must admit, I will miss the to Ramer Field on a cool fall day watching the football team or the soccer team. I will also miss reporting on the cross country team, a sport which I learned a lot more about this year. I also learned more about the sport of tennis than I thought possible, The women's team followed and I can't wait for spring, for start. Even though the volleyball season was a little under par, the golf team was right on the mark

Now I look forward to winter. So with five fine Falcon athletic events taking place in the pool, in years past, which spark the the courts and on the ice, all I have to do is sit back, relax, Winter sports will really be enjoy a game or two and wait for



Sophomore Joseph Simonson (26) is tackled by a UW-Eau Claire defender on Oct 8. The Falcons ended up losing the game 21-11. The Falcons finished the season with a 3-7 record.

Falcons suffer ups and downs

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On Nov. 12 the Falcons football team lost their last game of the season 35-16 to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion UW-Whitewater. The Falcons finished the season with a 3-7 overall record and a conference record of 2-5. The Falcons finished seventh in the conference, only ahead of Platteville.

The Falcons opened up the 2005 season with two tough match ups against Division II opponents. On Sept. 10 the Falcons lost 26-21 at the hands

of the Concordia-St. Paul to 506 total rushing yards in the Anderson ran for 156 yards and Golden Bears. The Falcons lost win. the following week to Bemidji State 35-19. In the loss to Oshkosh on Oct. 1 and defeated Bemidji State the Falcons entered halftime, trailing 14-13. Concordia-St. Paul and Bemidji State compete in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Concordia-St. Paul finished the season on top of the conference.

After the tough Division II opponents, the Falcons hosted Pacific Lutheran. UW-River three games against Eau Claire, ished third in the conference Falls beat Pacific Lutheran 45-14. Nathan handily, Anderson rushed for 205 yards UW-Platteville in their home- son with 970 rushing yards, and Jeremy Wolff ran for anoth- coming game. The Falcons placing him fifth in the confer-

The Falcons traveled to UWthe Titans 13-10 in overtime. Spasimir Bodurski kicked the game-tying field goal from 21 yards out with 1:51 remaining in regulation and won the game on a 31-yard field goal in overtime. Oshkosh finished the season third in the WIAC.

Stevens Point, and Stout.

On Oct. 29 the Falcons hosted er 168 helping lead the Falcons defeated the Pioneers 28-21. ence.

a touchdown and Wolff added another 136 yards.

The Falcons fell the following week at home to La Crosse and then lost to Whitewater to finish off the season.

UW-RF finished the season leading the conference in Rushing Offense. They finished the season with 2823 rushing yards, averaging 282.3 rushing The Falcons lost their next yards per game. Anderson finwith 1265 rushing yards on the season. Wolff finished the sea-

Early success

Falcon women get off to hot start

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does all season long. This sea- time. son, the Falcons are striving for perfection. In the first weekend of play the

UW-RF took on Gustavus Adolphus and Augsburg College. The Falcons came out on top in both games. The new players have adjusted very well to playing their new roles here at River Falls. "Sara Halseth has really

stepped in, she even scored the game winning goal," seventh year head coach Joe Cranston said.

Cranston has been coaching the Falcon women's hockey team since the program began seven seasons ago.

"He's a great guy," freshman Amy Hasbargen said, about Cranston. "He pushes us hard and he likes keeping us conditioned, he also keeps us positive."

The Falcons have played four games thus far, and are 2-1-1. "It's been a roller coaster so

far," Cranston said. "We've won some games we shouldn't, and we've lost some we shouldn't." The players agree with

Cranston.

UW-River Falls

First period 17:14 RF - Juven, (O'Keefe) Second period 12:09 RF - Paulson, (Wallace) 16:26 B - Kinney, (Beitzel) Third period 15:35 B - Govednik (unassisted) Overtime

"Gustavus is strong, so is St. Thomas, and we should have beat Bethel, but we didn't,"

Harsbargen said. One of the Falcons' strengths is their conditioning. Besides having one two hour practice each day, the Falcons also work out in Practice makes perfect, and the weight room two to three that's what the UW-River Falls times a week. Many of the Falcons women's hockey team women also run on their own

> Being together so often allows the team to have good chemistry.

"Everybody clicks, even if we're having a bad game," Hasbargen said.

To get some of his points across to the team Cranston Lou Paulson. made a packet of information for his team. The front page of the

"Everybody clicks, even if we're having a bad game."

Amy Hasbargen, freshman women's hockey player

packet was a list of the team's main goals, which includes, winning the conference, winning the conference tournament and having a goals against average of less than two.

the same page," Cranston said. "It shows our systems and really touches on the mental aspect and mental toughness of hockey."

Since the season has really just begun the Falcons have much to

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) B - Moriarity 65:00-30-28.

UW-River Falls

First period 18:46 StT - Reinhardt, (Turgeon) Second period 02:11 StT - Carroll, (Andrews, Hardwick) "All the captains are dependable, and they lead by example ... "

> Joe Cranston, head coach

"We need to work on moving the puck and fighting through the clutch and grab," Cranston

This year's team is lead by all three of its senior captains: Leah Baron, Lindsay O'Keefe and

"All the captains are dependable, and they lead by example; they're very hard workers,' Cranston said.

This season the attendance has been higher for Falcon women's hockey games. Cranston said he believes one game had an attendance of over 300, and the other home game had probably close to 250.

"The crowd brings so much more atmosphere, and the team and myself really appreciate it," Cranston said.

This week the team has been getting ready for a big weekend series against UW-Eau Claire, which is a crucial series for the "The packet gets everybody on Falcons because it's a NCHA series. Both games take place in Eau Claire at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

> "We're right on track with a good skill level," Cranston said.

09:39 StT - Reinhardt, (Reitz, Sekevitch) 10:07 RF - Scanlon, (Anderson) 14:54 StT - Sekevitch, (Andrews, Turgeon) Third period 02:29 RF - Hurley, (Paulson) 16:46 StT - Andrews, (Carroll, Hardwick)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) RF - Lindner 60:00-30-25. StT - Jetland 60:00-34-32.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team practices defensive maneuvering before the seasons began a few weekends ago. The Falcons are now 2-1-1. The Falcons travel to Eau Claire to play the Blugolds on Nov. 18 and 19. Both games are at 7:05 p.m. These two games will be very important in the outcome of the Falcons season. Both games are conference games. This season the team has a lot of new players adjusting to the program.

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SPORTS WRAP

Yaeger qualifies for national meet

The Falcon cross country teams traveled to Peioria, Ill., last weekend to take part in the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional. Both the women and the men performed well, with the women placing 10th out of 39 teams and the men finishing 16th out of 34 teams. This was the highest Midwest regional finish for the men and the highest finish for the women since 2001, when the team took eighth.

Marlene Yaeger was the top Falcon finisher, taking 14th place in the 6K race with a time of 21:59, improving her previous season best by an impressive 42 seconds. Also showing amazing improvement were Christine Peters, knocking off 42 seconds, and Amanda Kozicky, who beat her season best by almost a minute.

The men's team showed improvement in their times as well over the 8K course, with top finishers Jason Phillippi (69, 26:27) and Jake Cavanough (93, 26:56) posting up their best time of the sea-

Yaeger is the first Falcon to qualify for the National meet since

"It is pretty amazing for this region," coach Don Glover said of Yeager's finish. "It's a big deal for our program."

Yaeger is the only Falcon runner who moves onto the NCAA National Meet, which will be run Saturday in Delaware, Ohio. The cross country program is looking very promising for next

November 12 results NCAA Midwest Regional Meet - Peoria,

Placed 10th out of 39 teams 14. Yaeger - 21:59; 38. Peters - 22:48; 54. Kozicky - 23:07; 70. Michaud -23:24; 95. Hurlbut - 23:55; 115. Murphy - 24:37; 122. Jicinsky 24:42.

Men

November 12 results NCAA Midwest Regional Meet - Peoria,

Placed 16th out of 34 teams UW-RF runners

69. Phillippi - 26:27; 93. Cavanaugh 26:56; 102. McDonough - 27:03; 106. Hanson - 27:08: 108. Quarford - 27:08: 133. Kirmse - 27:41; 178. Moe - 28:55.

Falcons swimmers lose to Macalester

The UW-RF men's and women's swim teams traveled to Macalester College in St. Paul on Saturday to take on the Macalaster swim teams and their slightly larger pool.

Macalester came out on top in both the men's and women's competitions, with a score of 109-78 for the men's meet and 115-100 for the women's meet.

The Falcon men, with one of their top swimmers absent, managed to finish on top in a couple of events. Eli Eschenbauch finished first in the 200-meter butterfly with a time of 3:04.72. The 400-meter medley relay team of Michael Keyser, Michael Brudzinski, Matt Banz and Tom Fritchen took first place with a time of 4:50.40.

The women took first in five events against a very strong Macalester team. Danielle Mandach took the 50-meter free (28.63) and the 100-meter free (1:03.39). April Sandeberg placed first in the 400-meter free with a time of 5:09.98. Sara Cannady took first in the 200-meter breast, clocking in at 2:55.10. The 200-meter freestyle relay team of Danielle Mandich, Ashley Swenty, Whitney Thompson and Stephanie Thayer finished first with a time of 1:57.27.

Next up on the Falcons schedule is the WIAC Relays.

Women November 12 results Macalester 109, UW-River Falls 100

UW-RF top finishers (event-time/score) 1. Mandich, 50-meter freestyle - 28.63; 1 Mandich, 100-meter freestyle - 1:03.39; Sandeberg, 400-meter freestyle 5:09.98; 1. Cannady, 200-meter freestyle 2:55.10; Mandich, Swenty, Thompson,

Thayer, 200-meter freestyle relay

1:57.27.

November 12 results Macalaster 109, UW-River Falls 78

UW-RF top finishers (event-time/score) 1. Keyser, Brudzinski, Banz, Fritchen, 400-meter medley relay - 4:50.4; 1. Eschenbauch, 200-meter butterfly

Sports Wrap compiled by Cassie Rodgers

TOP PERFORMERS



Marlene Yaeger **Cross Country**

Yaeger, a senior will compete in the 2005 NCAA Div. III National cross country championships this weekend in Ohio. She qualified by placing 14th in the NCAA Midwest Regional. She had her best time of the season and career best time.



Matt Banz Men's swimming

Banz, a freshman swimmer was named WIAC Swimmer of the Week for his success over the weekend against Macalester. He swam third in a winning Falcon relay, and then he took second in two individual events.

STANDINGS

Football WIAC Standings UW-Whitewater (10-0) UW-Eau Claire (6-4) UW-Oshkosh (7-3) UW-Lacrosse (5-4) UW-Stout (6-4) UW-Stevens Point (4-6) UW-River Falls (3-7) UW-Platteville (1-9)

Men's Hockey NCHA Standings St. Norbert (6-1-0) UW-Superior (4-1-0) UW-River Falls (3-1-2) UW-Stevens Point (3-2-0) UW-Stout (3-3-0) Lake Forest (3-3-0) St. Scholastica (2-2-0) UW-Eau Claire (0-3-2)

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Women's Hockey NCHA Standings 0 UW-Superior(4-0-0) Finlandia(4-1-1) 0 0 Lake Forest(4-1-0) 0 0 0 UW-Stevens Point(3-1-0) UW-River Falls(2-1-1) UW-Eau Claire(1-3-0)

Check here next week for complete standings in UW-RF men's and women's basketball

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



Eric Ebert/Student Voice

UW-River Falls sophomore TJ Dahl takes a shot against Augsburg College on Nov. 12 at Hunt Arena. The Falcons won the game 7-4. The Falcons take on UW-Stevens Point and UW-Eau Claire at Hunt Arena on Nov. 18 and 19.

New season creates opportunities, wins

Sarah Packingham sarah.packingham@uwrf.edu

After the first three weeks of the hockey season, the UW-River Falls Falcons have been very successful. With a record of 3-1-2 the Falcons are playing well and not looking back.

"We're very pleased," assistant coach Robert Ritzer said. "It took a little while to get organized, we're happy with the new players and the returners. We feel real good about the season."

This season's only loss was against Gustavus and it was a hard fought game. They also tied St. Johns and St. Olaf.

"It's hard to see what team was the best," sophomore Devin Underwood said. "It's early on in the season, there have been lots of upsets and evenly matched teams."

November 12 results Augsburg UW-River Falls

First period 06:27 RF - Adams, (Sailer, Kostiuk) Second period 05:39 Aug - Johnson, (Nichol, Way) 07:39 RF - Dahl, Hansberry, Borgestad) 09:04 Aug - Carlson, (Johnson)

This season the team has had many new faces mixed with old faces hoping to get equal playing time. And last Saturday against Augsburg, senior goaltender Dan Menegin got his first shot at playing this season.

"It feels good to play, I was excited to play and I took advantage of it," Menegin said. "I was a little nervous but I settled down once I got in there." Having an all around good

team is key for the Falcons this season. team is solid," "The

Underwood said. "The offense and defense are both good." Last Saturday, the Falcons played Augsburg College, a very

tough team from MIAC. "They were undefeated coming into the game," Ritzer said. "They're not anymore."

The game was back and forth through the first period and a

11:24 RF - Borgestad, (Dahl) 17:36 Aug - Nichol, (May) 19:42 Aug - Haehn, (Johnson, Nagurski) Third period 06:35 RF - Kostiuk, (Hansen) 09:48 RF - Norman, (Dahl, Hansberry)

15:00 RF - Hansberry, (unassisted) 16:23 RF - Henkemeyer, (Kostiuk) Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) Aug - Ciro 57:26-33-26.

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Robert Ritzer,

assistant hockey coach

half, until the Falcons erupted with five goals, many of which were on the power play.

"It's all about being organized," Ritzer said. "We've found the five players that click well together on the power play.' The Falcons ended up beating

Augsburg 7-4. "When we played our game and controlled, the game was

ours," Menegin said. The chemistry is also causing

the team to play well this season. "Everyone gets along, and their working out good on the ice,"

RF - Meneghin 60:00-33-29.

November 10 results 1 1 0 0 - 2 1 0 1 0 - 2 UW-River Falls

03:46 RF - Hansberry, (Dahl) 10:54 SJ - Bjorklund, (Langenbrunn, Getchell)

Menegin said.

On Friday night the Falcons take on the UW-Stevens Point Pointers and the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds, but the Falcons can't take any team lightly.

"They'll be tough to beat," Ritzer said. "On any given night anybody can beat anybody."

The Falcon program is one that can't be taken lightly in WIAC or even in the nation. "We have a great program with

a great coaching staff and great players," Underwood said. "River Falls Wisconsin is the greatest program."

This weekend when the Falcons take on the Pointers and the Blugolds, the games will be at Hunt Arena at 7:05 and the team hopes for a great turnout.

"The fans are really great, they're pretty loud," Menegin said. "That section is always great."

Second period 17:10 RF - Harstad, (Norman, Nathe) Third period 03:19 SJ - Getchell, (Zemple) Overtime

No Scoring \Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) RF - Bucchino 65:00-25-23. SJ - Hanna 65:00-29-27.

Football reflections have highs, lows

Football ends season at 3-7

Sarah Packingham sarah.packingham@uwrf.edu

After winning two games in a row early in the season, the UW-River Falls football team hoped to make this season the best there has been vet, but unfortunately some obstacles were too much for the Falcons to overcome.

"We feel good about some things," head coach John O'Grady said. "We reduced penalties and things like that, improving in statistics like that kind of surprised us."

The Falcons were also hoping for more victories.

"We were disappointed in the number of wins," O'Grady said. The Falcons beat two WIAC teams this season, UW-Platteville and UW-Oshkosh. They also beat Pacific Lutheran by 31 points early on in the season. And those wins made for many favorite memories, including O'Grady's.

"The overtime victory at Oshkosh was great, it was night on the road by a field goal," O'Grady said. "You don't get games like that very often."

Spasimir Bodurski kicked a winning field goal to give the Falcons their first WIAC win of the season. Bodurski's play was huge for the team this season, as many times games went back and forth with field goals. He even set the Falcon record for the longest field goal of 47yards.

Also three weeks ago, the Falcons won their big Homecoming game in front of a huge home crowd. The Falcons beat the UW-Platteville Pioneers 28-21. All fans and players were ecstatic after the victory was

"It's sad to see the seniors leave. It's sad to send them off that way."

John O'Grady, head coach

secured.

Two weekends ago, the Falcons hosted their final home game against UW-La Crosse and lost 40-25. UW-RF scored first and then it was all Eagles after

On Saturday, the Falcons played in their final game of the season at UW-Whitewater and had a tough time, losing 35-16. This was their fifth conference loss of the season. UW-Whitewater scored first and never looked back. Despite the loss the Falcons still played well. Sophomore Nathan Anderson lead the team with 98 yards in rushing and lead the team offensively, just one of many times this season. He also scored a touchdown. Junior Robby Nesvig also lead the Falcon defense with eight tackles.

Unfortunately there were many seniors who had to end their Falcon playing career on a losing note.

'It's sad to see the seniors leave," O'Grady said. "It's sad to send them off this way."

But O'Grady is very certain the Falcon program is on the rise for the future. He said all of his players were very phenomenal and that they will soon be hitting the weight room to prepare for next season.

"I will also be out recruiting a solid freshman class, for close to the next three to four months," O'Grady said.

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1st Quarter

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2nd Quarter

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3rd Quarter 13:24 WW - Beaver 4 yd run (Stanley pass from Jacobs), 3 plays, 52 yds, TOP 0:51, RF 8 - WW 28.

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Passing	46	179
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Interceptions	1	1
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RF sends students to aid Gulf Coast area

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Leadership Training Coordinator Brent Turner Jan. 7-14, to Southern Mississippi to aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The mission of the trip is to "provide students and learn through service experience," according to the trip's brochure.

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The desire to have a real and moving experience is also sought.

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> A big part of the trip will be reflection time with the group and also keeping a journal, Turner said. In this case, their service does not come with

The trip costs \$100 to participants and the Leadership Development and Planning Board will cover the rest. To keep costs low, participants will be transported in vans and be staying in recreational facilities and university gyms.

We'll "kind of be roughing it, but there will be showers," Turner said.

Creating similar opportunities in other locations

is something Turner said he would like to see the University make available to students in the

For those students interested, but unable to attend the J-Term trip, a similar trip will be

offered over Spring Break. The Spring Break trip will provide opportunities for students to tie the trip into their acade-

The UW-RF journalism department will offer broadcast credit for students who choose to go on the trip and make a documentary about it. Options for independent studies are also available.

Another goal is to inspire leadership at home. "I want to see service pick up on campus," Turner said.

After completing the service project Turner said he hopes participants will understand what one person can do, that they really matter and apply that attitude at home.

"People don't see they can help in the local community," he said, "until they go abroad."

RF sends students to aid Gulf Coast area



Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice

Rob Kelly points at damage to the second floor ceiling of Prucha Hall during Halloween in the Halls. The damage of \$300 had to be split between all the floor's residents.

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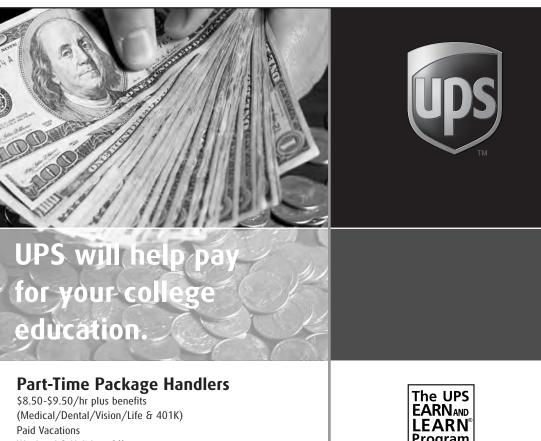
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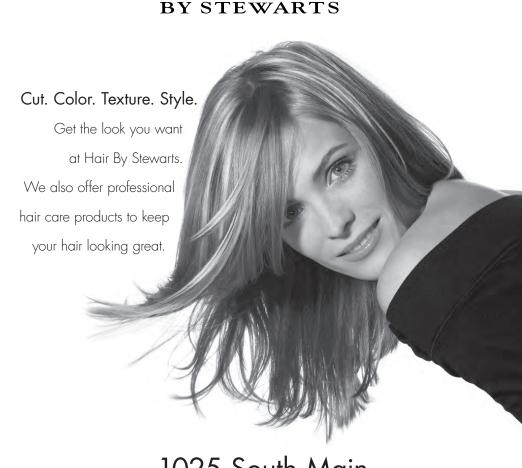
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Students giving up the comfort of their warm beds to sleep outside to raise money for the homeless!





To professors cramming tests, projects, etc. before break.

Falcon Favorites



Mark Lambert Maintenance Engineer-3

ambert is a 51-yearold level three maintenance engineer here on campus. The three in his title gives him more responsibility. He does a lot of preventional maintenance with chillers, condensation pumps, fans and

heat pumps.
Lambert's hobbies include traditional archery and arrow making. He has gone two times this fall to teach a bow making and archery class. He has also taught a woodland skills class earlier this November.

"We get a lot done in the summer, " Lambert says. Lambert works with students over the summer going to all of the Halls and repairing whatever is needed. "I'm in charge of the student crew. We have had some great kids."

Campus Calendar

Friday, Nov. 18

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

The Student Reading Series is proud to present the second student reading of the semester. If you are interested in reading your own prose or poetry, please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside of the student English lounge on the second floor of KFA (near the elevator). Students of all majors are welcome to read. If there is time, an open mic will follow the readings. For more information please contact: Lindsey Decker at lindsey.a.decker@uwrf.edu Brantley Jenny

jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu. Fee: Free

Location: The Library Breezeway

Saturday, Nov. 20

8 p.m. A River Falls Brass Concert This brass quintet consists of UWRF faculty members Thomas Barnett and Craig Hara, trumpets; Andrew Parks, horn; Rick Gaynor, trombone; and Charles Wazanowski, tuba.

Location: William Abbott Concert Hall. Fee: Free

Sunday, Nov. 21

8 p.m. An Opera Scenes Program will be presented by UW-RF Students in the Opera Techniques class, Joy Scheib, Instructor/Director. The performances will take place in William Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts Bldg. Free admission.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

6-9 p.m. - Training to Stop the Amendment The UW-River Falls College Democrats are sponsoring Action Wisconsin for a training to stop the Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution to ban Civil Unions and Equal Marriage. This event will give you the information you need to talk to your friends and family. Contact Paul at paul.e.bladl@uwrf.edu if you have questions, want more information or wish to attend.

Fee: Free Location: Regents Room, Student Center

Nov. 28- Dec. 1

First Clear Night, from 8 to 10 p.m. - The UW-RF physics department continues its fall season of observatory viewings. All observatory viewings are scheduled on the first clear night only, Monday-Thursday, from 8 to 10 p.m. For daily weather updates, call 715-425-3560 or visit www.uwrf.edu/physics/obsviewtime. Stargazing sessions are free and open to the public.

Nov. 30-Dec. 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 **BIRD DROPPINGS**

NAY Vegans take over Thanksgiving

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

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with gluttonous Thanksgiving eating, vegans around the world have overthrown the holiday. They are rumored to want to replace it with "Tofu Day."

The coalition of usually docile vegans took America by surprise when they took over grocery stores and farms across the states.

According to police officials, the vegans freed turkeys and tied mini razor blades to their beaks to use as weapons. Then they went after the grocery store to free their fallen brethren.

"No one saw it coming because we all figured without meat, they wouldn't have the strength," said a police official speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Many rumors have circulated that claim the vegans actually did lack the strength and is why they used the turkeys in the first place.

"We have to free the turkeys first, then we can let the police go," said Lorna Gaborna, chair of the vegan council. "Our next job is to replace all dinner turkeys with tofu mash made to look like turkeys."

When asked if it was oxymoronic to make the tofu look like a turkey, Gaborna threw a turkey at the reporter.

Local police have yet to see the coalition make its way to River Falls. National officials have released a statement notifying residents of signs the vegan invasion is coming.

"The group usually plays old Bob Marley records, and have dread-



Eric Ebert/Student Voice

A turkey gets thrown at a reporter who asked a smart-ass question. The reporter emerged from the turkey incident seemingly unharmed. He swore revenge on all turkeys.

locked hair," according to the state- candle light vigils in protest to eating said.

Officials have offered other dinner ideas instead of turkeys this year.

the delicate taste of other meats," said Ima Lazybureaucrat, head of the federal point the guilty finger at someone else department. He offered dinner suggestions like panda platters, bear cub casserole, and three legged dog roast.

three legged dogs.

dog? It is very tender,"

"We think people would really like Lazybureaucrat said. "The whole not moving around thing keeps them pretty soft."

Gaborna said they will make an effort to free three legged dogs, too, if they must.

"They might not be as cute as turkeys, but I suppose we should Protesters have started rallies and probably do something," Gaborna

Turkey farmer Red Mulcher said he "Have you ever had three legged sees no reason for the vegans to be

> "Listen. There is nothing wrong with what we do," he said. "Just because we raise them by the hundreds in vile conditions and feed them only around Thanksgiving, doesn't mean we don't care."

> He said turkeys are taken care of just as good as veil calf.

Always a bridesmaid



Jon Majak

en you're in a relationship, **VV** there is always that first rush of joy. The sky is bluer, the air is crisper, and everything seems to be saying that you and your love are per-

fect. "The cowboy and I had a fight," Gavin sighed.

For Gavin and the cowboy, the honeymoon was over. Ever since his surgery, Gavin and the cowboy had engaged in arguments over Gavin's treatment for his back issues.

"He keeps telling me I should go to a chiropractor and I kept telling him that I don't," he continued. "He says it's an unbiased opinion but I said it couldn't be since his dad is a frickin' chiropractor."

"What is going on with you two?" I

"It's just that things aggravate me now," Gavin replied. "Like how is this relationship going to work with me in Eau Claire and him in the

"Sweetie," I sighed, "it's the Cities,

not Beirut. You'll figure it out." "I guess," he replied.

And from a couple whose honeymoon had ended to a couple that had just booked theirs, I spent a recent evening with my friends Agatha and Duran as they went shopping for a bridesmaid dress for her sister.

"I am in hell," Agatha sighed to me as she, Duran and myself went to the Mall of America. "Oh wait, I won't be in official hell for another couple of miles."

'So they just ran out of bridesmaid dresses?" I said, flicking my ciga-

"They had me jump through all these hoops and they end up running out of the style," she sighed.

I laughed a bit. Evidently, even if a bride tries to save herself for her wedding day there is still a high likelihood that she'll still get screwed before the ceremony.

"I know the bridesmaid isn't supposed to look better than the bride," Agatha whispered to me as we searched through racks of dresses and held up a leopard print number, "but nobody deserves this."

A couple hours later of shopping through dresses, Agatha finally stumbled upon a beautiful beaded gown.

"It looks good on the hanger but I don't know if it'd look right on my sister," she sighed. She paused for a moment, her eyes glancing over to Duran. "Duran Duran, you're about the same size as my sister."

"What?" he stammered. Ten minutes later in a plush chang-

ing room, Duran proved just how much he loved Agatha by putting on the dress and slowly turning around on a stand. "You," he hissed at me, "be quiet."

"I think it's a cute outfit for my sis-

ter," Agatha commented. "What do you think Jon?" "It's adorable," I agreed. "I just

don't think Duran has the lady lumps to pull it off." And in Eau Claire, Gavin and the cowboy talked. Though, they didn't

resolve all of their problems, but they slowly started talking about them. That's the thing about relationships; where the honeymoon ends, the real

relationship begins. With a day of dress shopping and amateur drag out of the way, I settled in my dorm to listen to some music and got a pleasant message from

Denton the bartender. "Are you in La Crosse yet?" he asked.

"I will be soon," I replied. "So what do you propose we do on our date?" "I don't care," he replied. "I'm just interested in spending time with you."

"Cool," I replied.

"Whatever else happens," he typed, "that's just a bonus.

After a long period of time of always being the bridesmaid and never the bride, I finally got the indecent proposal that I was looking for.

Du jour

Thanksgiving Cocktail **Ingredients:**

1 1/2 oz Wild Turkey 1/2 oz Applejack

1 tsp Rose's sweetened lime

4 oz Cranberry juice

Mixing instructions: Fill Collins glass one-half full

of ice, add ingredients and stir. Garnish with a lime wedge, if desired.

Turkey Trot Ingredients:

2 cups Cranberry juice 2 cups 7-Up 1 cup Wild Turkey

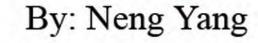
Mixing instructions: Mix with a stirrer in a pitcher

then pour over ice into glasses.

Turkeyball Ingredients:

1 oz Wild Turkey 3/4 oz Amaretto 1 splash Pineapple juice **Mixing instructions:** Shake with ice and strain into a shot glass.

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





Let's take a



Isn't he cute.





Students fight weather, hunger, homelessness



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Fighting the blistering winds and cold of this week in November, many UW-River Falls students chose to sleep outside in boxes held together with tape and covered with tarp to raise awareness and money for homelessness.

The week of Nov.14-18 is National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week and this year, like many years past, the Campus and Community Fighting Hunger and Homelessness (CCFHH) organization has pledged to sleep outside to raise a goal of \$3,000 for the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, the Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Inc, and Simpson Services Housing Minneapolis.

Lindsay Day, president of CCFHH said that they have

raised about \$1,200 as of make sleeping out a cold experi-Wednesday afternoon and the ence students are sheltered from money will be split evenly the wind by boxes donated from between the three organizations St. Croix Harley Davidson of listed above, but thinks there are New Richmond. more reasons to do this other than the money.

"Everyone I see that walks by, Phillips, looks at it and thinks about it, Bushwackers organization. He that (raising awareness) is way and fellow Bushwacker, Tim more important than raising Barnett used ropes to tie it up money," Day said.

Day has been involved with and rain. CCFHH for the past three years and said it has been a good orga- the efforts from CCFHH nization every year, but this year Publicity Director Jill Morley it has grown considerably to made it possible for free food to approximately 25 members that be provided as an incentive for actively participate.

Students from different organi- out." Donors included Dominos, zations have different reasons Steve's Pizza, Quiznos and Pizza for sleeping outside, while others Hut. just want to raise awareness and money for a good cause.

"I've been sleeping out all four of them (homeless people) but nights, all three years of school," said Cary Cardinal, junior and people to come and help out," Prucha resident.

Although the winter nights more people sleeping out or

as going out and getting donations from local businesses. "I've never met so many won-

come out for the festivities." CCFHH has many active mem-

derful people with such good hearts as in CCFHH and participants from awareness week," Morley said.

Sleeping outside and being active this week isn't the only thing CCFHH does, however. In years past, a food sculpture has been made to give students a way to donate to local food shelves but this year on Nov. 14, a collection was taken up across campus and now approximately 50 bags of grocery items are sitting on the Vice President of CCFHH, Emma Neumann's living room floor waiting to be taken to the River Falls Food Shelf and a food shelf in Minneapolis, Day said.

Members have volunteered time at homeless shelters in the cities and on Sat. April 22, the group offers an opportunity for students to spend time at about 10 different sites for various

CCFHH meets on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

UPPER LEFT: Students build a fire to try to keep warm and socialize.

"Our box is the only one that

member

stood pretty much," said Larry

and tarps to protect from wind

This year, unlike other years,

students to come and "sleep

"We've gotten some negative

feedback that we're making fun

we want to make it fun to get

Morley said. "I would love to see

Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice **UPPER RIGHT:** Students walk by dilapidated boxes in the day. Jen Dolen/Student Voice

MIDDLE: **Lindsay Day and Jill** Morley huddle inside box to stay warm.

Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice Воттом:

Tim Barnett and Larry Phillips from **Bushwackers** are proud of their box that withheld the weather.

Kirsten Farrar/Student Voice







Hunger and homelessness in Wisconsin

- 487,000 people experience hunger each year in Wisconsin. Hunger is defined as the worst-case scenario where there isn't enough food to meet basic needs
- Today, 528,000 people in Wisconsin, including 205,000 children, live n poverty
- A recent study of 900 food and shelter providers in 32 states shows the situation is getting worse
- 71 percent of agencies surveyed in Wisconsin reported an increase in emergency food requests, and 57 percent in shelter
- Hundreds of food pantries, shelters and kitchens nationwide are forced to turn away people in need, due to a lack of resources
- 81 percent of Wisconsin agencies turned away requests for emergency shelters
- Yet 77 percent of agencies surveyed in Wisconsin reported decreased or stagnant federal funding

-According to www.studentsagainsthunger.org-

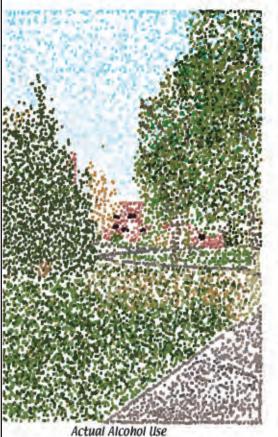
Need to listen to some local news coverage? Want to hear what other students are listening to on campus? Tune into UW-River Falls radio station!





WHICH CAMPUS IS YOURS?

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

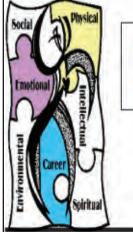


'Over the past 30 days on how many days did you use alcohol?'

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

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

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



61% of the student body drinks zero to five days per month.

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