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Apparent bomb threat shuts down North Hall



Human Resources Director Kathy Schultz, Interim Director of Public Safety Mark Kimball and Provost Charles Hurt stand with other staff members after North Hall was evacuated last Friday. Several feet behind, students approach the closed-off building to read posted signs that directed them to alternate class locations.

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The potential bomb threat that led to the evacuation of North Hall the morning of Sept. 29 now appears to have been caused by miscommunication. Public Safety contacted the River Falls Police Department at 8:50 a.m. about a phone conversation that made reference to a bomb in North Hall, Police Chief Roger Leque said. Police arrived on campus to investigate the claim, and eventually made a decision with Provost Charles Hurt that the building needed to be evacuated. The decision to evacuate North Hall was precautionary, Hurt said. "I made a determination to be safe and will do it again," he said. "I cannot put faculty, staff and students at risk." A suspicious local phone call was made the afternoon of Sept. 28 to Linda J. Jordan, program assistant at the Academic Success Center in Davee Library, according to the police report. Jordan reported the call to Disability Services Coordinator Mark Johnson, and it remains unclear why law enforcement agencies were not notified at the time. The female caller was reportedly "rambling," and it was difficult for Jordan to understand what she wanted,

Leque said. The caller eventually said, "A bomb goes off in North Hall," Leque said, adding that she then laughed and said she didn't mean it. The caller has been identified as a 55-year-old woman who suffers from an illness that causes cognitive and short-term memory problems. A continuing investigation will determine what action will be taken from this point forward. During the conversation, the woman was inquiring about being a student to see what services would be available to her as a student with a disability. The Human Resources department was contacted by Hurt to execute evacuation procedures, said HR Director Kathy Schultz. "I was told there was a problem with the building," she said. Schultz said her staff was divided into pairs and assigned to separate floors to inform people to gather their personal belongings, shut off computers and vacate the building. "I think what we did was very good," she said. "Everything went quick and calmly." The decision to go to each office and classroom on foot was more effective than a fire alarm because it created less confusion and panic in the building,

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Students seek help for stress

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Gretchen Link does not need a calendar to see how quickly fall semester is moving; she simply reads the expressions on UW-River Falls students' faces. "It's the third week of school and students are already coming in overwhelmed," Link said last week. As one of three counselors with Student Health Services, Link meets with students in her office, but this year a Web site renovation allows UW-RF students to first seek help from their own homes. New online tests, available at www.uwrf.edu/counseling, check for bipolar disorder, eating disorders, generalized anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and alcohol issues. Although the mental health counselors treat conditions ranging from low self-esteem to suicide, the issues chosen for the Web site have a special significance at UW-RF.

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A vision of wisdom

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Imtiaz Moosa continues to struggle with his vision, but says he isn't letting his handicap interfere with teaching.

Philosophy professor Imtiaz Moosa has been teaching at UW-River Falls since 1989, but this fall has been different. Moosa has evolved to deal with a harsh reality — that he is handicapped. "I was very touchy of being called blind," Moosa said. "Even though I am legally blind, I have to get over this touchiness." Moosa lost his vision completely on March 15. Doctors told Moosa his condition, a result of the degenerative eye disease Retinitis Pigmentosa, would be permanent. To their surprise, he regained a majority of his already poor sight three days later. Moosa had grown accustomed to gradually losing his vision, but the March episode left him with the frightening realization that someday he may lose his sight permanently. This fall, Moosa's vision again deteriorated. He now walks with the assistance of a cane and has to lecture while wearing sunglasses. "I must shield my eyes from the light, or what vision I have gets even more blurred," Moosa said. His condition has also forced him to reevaluate his outlook on life. "Initially when I was losing my sight I had lots of negativity," he

said. "I was filled with rage, but I had to get over this." Moosa knew carrying a fatalist attitude would be detrimental to his adjustment. "So I asked myself a question. Not, 'Why should this happen to me?' I asked, 'Why should this not happen to me?'" he said. "Almost 2 million Americans are blind." The professor has also used the wisdom of the philosophers he has studied to inspire him to adapt. "[Friedrich] Nietzsche once said, 'What does not destroy me makes me stronger,'" Moosa said. "When catastrophes of this nature befall a human being you either rise to the occasion or you crumble under it." His students verified that Moosa is an example of Nietzsche's belief coming to fruition. "I think he's improved [as a teacher]," senior Crystal Helmbolt said. "My first year he had a student assistant grading papers, now he has the students [assistants] read the papers to him." Helmbolt is a philosophy minor and is enrolled in her fifth course with Moosa. "I like that he gets students interacting and discussing," she said. "I think he's one of the best teachers on campus." Moosa said his handicap limits his

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Kimball ends long RF career

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This winter, UW-River Falls will bid farewell to one of its most loyal staff members. Interim Director of Public Safety Mark Kimball has announced his retirement after nearly 35 years of service to the University. According to Kimball, the retirement will become effective Jan. 5, 2007. "The University will be losing a dedicated employee," said UW-RF Public Safety Officer Ralph Towberman. As interim director, Kimball is in charge of managing the daily operations of the Department of Public Safety and Parking office. His duties veer more toward the public safety aspect of the spectrum, which includes managing the officers, he said. In addition to his director position, Kimball also serves as the environmental health and safety manager on campus. His work includes risk management as well. He is responsible for processing property and liability claims at UW-RF. "I'm sort of like the insurance agent on campus," he said. Although the 57-year-old has been working for the University for nearly 35 years, he has been actively involved with the school community even longer. Kimball first arrived on the UW-RF campus in 1968 as a student. An agronomy major, he harbored dreams of becoming a farmer. "That's why I came to River Falls," he said. "To get an education in agriculture." The minister's son recalls the experience of attending college during the Vietnam era as an "eye-opener." "Being from a small little town, you see a lot of new, different things when you come to a small university," he said.



Mark Kimball

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Walgreens set to open in early spring

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Walgreens drug store tore the Freedom down in River Falls. Freedom gas station, that is. Construction on this new addition to the city has already begun on the corner of County Road MM and Main Street. Buddy Lucero, planning director for the city of River Falls, said that Walgreens contacted Freedom gas station about four months ago looking to acquire the building and lot it stood on. "They originally had a site planned out on the corner of Quarry Road and North Main Street, but they would have had to share it with someone else," Lucero said. "This way they had the lot to themselves." After Walgreens bought Freedom's

property, the company submitted plans to the city and shortly thereafter was approved. "Since the area was already zoned commercial because of Freedom, they bypassed the planning committee," Lucero said. "Their plans were submitted to the fire, police and utility department." Since the store is less than 25,000 square feet, a City Council meeting did not need to be held. The public was not informed until after the plans had been set, and many have mixed feelings on the issue. "I personally think it will be beneficial to me, but I understand that it may be detrimental to the local businesses," said Alex McSherry, a UW-River Falls junior. Molly Larson, a fifth-year senior,

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Construction progresses on the Walgreens building on the corner of Main Street and County Road MM at the site of the old Freedom gas station.

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LOCAL

Committee prepares students to vote

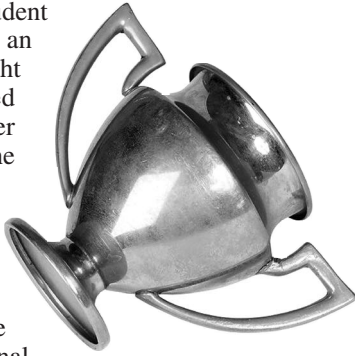
River Falls Votes (RFV) will assist UW-River Falls students voting in the November general election. RFV is a nonpartisan voter registration and education committee, made up of faculty, staff, and students. It will provide several services to students, including information on how Wisconsin and Minnesota residents can register to vote, and nonpartisan information on campaign issues and election contests. It also hopes to schedule campus visits by candidates for seats in the Wisconsin Assembly, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. To help the voting process flow smoothly on Nov. 7, the committee will assist voters to shorten the wait as students and local residents line up at Rodli Commons, the campus polling place.

Professor helps create Hudson art display

A new public art display at Hudson’s Lakefront Park was assisted by Lynn Jermal, a UW-River Falls art professor. Jermal was hired by the Phipps Center for the Arts, and worked with community members, as well as youth and their parents to create one of three art benches funded by various agencies in the St. Croix Valley. Jermal worked with Anastasia Shartin, visual arts director at the Phipps, and Liz Malanaphy, the Hudson Destination Imagination coordinator. The idea for “River Bench” came from children in a Phipps program. Several Saturday workshops were held, which introduced the children, ranging from age 5 to 16, to Hudson history and the different methods of sculpture. Their ideas resulted in three model designs that Jermal developed and presented for feedback from the children and parents.

UW-RF art student wins honorable award

UW-River Falls textile art student Tracy Herlache was awarded an honorable mention at the Schaht Student Showcase: A Juried Exhibit of Woven Textiles for her tapestry “Fall Veins” Sept. 29. The showcase ran from June 25-30 and was held at Kendall College in Grand Rapids, Mich. Herlache’s piece is one of 50 chosen for the exhibition, which featured entries in three categories: wall hanging, functional and sculptural. The Schaht Student Showcase is open to all students currently enrolled in U.S. fiber arts programs.



River Falls father builds star for lost son

About a mile northeast of River Falls on Hwy. 65, just before County Road SS, people have noticed a large, new star. It’s not in the sky but high atop a tree on the wooded-hillside near the intersection. “Dan’s star” was built two weeks ago, just two days before the one-year anniversary of 46-year-old Dan Larson’s death. The well-known River Falls native died in a car accident after losing control of his vehicle as he traveled on a rural River Falls road early one morning. Larson’s father, Gene, constructed the star and place it high as a tribute to his son. The star is most visible to motorists traveling southward on Hwy. 65 or along Quarry Road.

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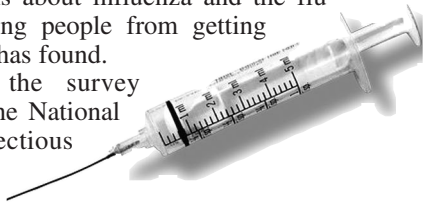
UW-La Crosse student drowns in river

A UW-La Crosse student’s body was found in the Mississippi River the morning of Sept. 30. Lucas G. Homan was last seen around 2:30 a.m. Saturday after he celebrated Oktoberfest in downtown La Crosse, Police Captain Robert Abraham said. The La Crosse Police Department and Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations are continuing their investigation of his death, according to a statement from the La Crosse Police. Homan celebrated Oktoberfest Friday night at a downtown La Crosse bar called The Vibe. His roommates called police Saturday after they had not heard from him; he was not carrying his cell phone. Police have said the drowning was alcohol-related.Homan was a junior at UW-LC. He played shooting guard as a walk-on at UW-Milwaukee for two seasons before transferring in 2005. He graduated from Brookfield Central High School, where he was named the 2003 Greater Metro Conference player of the year.

NATIONAL

Myths keep some from getting flu shot

Common misconceptions about influenza and the flu vaccine may be preventing people from getting vaccinated, a new survey has found. According to CNN, the survey released Wednesday by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases found that less than half -- about 48 percent -- of the 1,014 adults who responded to the survey plan to get vaccinated. One of the most common misconceptions, shared by 46 percent of those surveyed, was that the flu vaccination could cause the flu. But the truth is, the flu vaccine is made of a killed flu virus so it is impossible to get the flu from the shot. FluMist, the nasal spray flu vaccine, is made from a live flu virus that has been weakened to the point it is unlikely that someone taking that vaccine will become infected. Forty-three percent of those surveyed do not think the flu is serious enough to make vaccination necessary. But according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the virus is responsible for 36,000 deaths in the United States every year and 200,000 hospitalizations. The elderly and young children are usually hit the hardest. Because the flu strain changes every year, it is necessary to be immunized with a newly designed vaccine every season. Still, 15 percent of those surveyed believe that once vaccinated, they are protected year after year. Public health officials say about 75 million flu vaccines will be available around the end of October. Flu season usually peaks between late December and March.



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SENATE

Student Senate fills vacant seats

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As the semester rolls on, Student Senate is slowly but surely filling its positions left vacant after the Sept. 25 and 26 elections. After the elections, two first-year positions and the College of Arts and Sciences spot were filled. At the Oct. 3 meeting, two more senators filled the vacancies for the College of Business and Economics and an at-large seat. Jenifer Biss, a first-year senator, said she ran for the position because it’s interesting to witness and be involved with a body that is responsible for creating policies that dictate how the campus is run. “I like having the opportunity to evaluate the things going on around me, and if I find problems I have the opportunity to change them for the better,” she said. A current position she holds to gain qualifications for her new role is being president of May Hall council, which has been her job for about two weeks, she said. “In high school, I was involved in cross country, Nordic skiing, track and field, theater, German club and choir,” Biss said. “I like to think that, while these are not necessarily considered positions of leadership, I still gained recognition for my dedication to these activities.” In high school, she said she learned accountability and time management, which she knows will carry over to Senate. For now, Biss said she is very new to the association, and not many major issues have been brought to her attention requiring any change or to be addressed. “The Senate as a body is already working toward positive change on campus,” she said. Senate is sponsoring an energy conservation campaign again this semester for the residence halls, Biss said. “I think this is a great way to increase awareness among students about a possible increase in tuition if energy costs are not

lowered,” she said. “An even larger problem of the world is the amount of energy consumption and the United States’ issue of being a major contributor to that problem.” Biss said she is majoring in pre-med with minors in chemistry and German. While there is no direct correlation with her choice of academic study to being on Senate, she said it is preparing her for the future. “Doctors tend to be thought of as leaders in a community, as they should be because the road to becoming a doctor is not an easy one,” Biss said. “I want to be involved in Student Senate because I want to learn to be a great leader, which I hope will someday translate into being a great doctor.” She said another choice for joining Senate is to be a person of the people and work through issues the campus faces. “It is not a secret that involvement in student government opens many doors to its members,” Biss said. “My intention is not only to use my involvement as a vessel on to other things, but more importantly, I plan to do the job well.” Derek Brandt said he became motivated to be on Senate during his sophomore year when his RA was a member. He received the position of an at-large senator. “It seemed like fun, and I am always trying to be politically active,” he said. “This seemed like moving one step forward politically.” A similar experience Brandt said he has been involved in is Theta Chi fraternity. Although there are many differences, the meeting procedure for each is a parliamentary structure, which is a great help for following Senate meetings, he said. “I will be less nervous to speak on the floor,” Brandt said. He said he is applying for the position of shared governance committee director. “Hopefully I will be able to acquire this position to take a more active role in Senate,” Brandt said. As an ex-smoker, he said he wants to protect the rights of smokers, along with the issue of the people’s right to their health.

“One issue that came up last year very frequently was the smoking laws on campus,” Brandt said. As a double major in history and political science, he said he was influenced by his academics at UW-RF. “I have always been interested in politics,” Brandt said. “I want a chance to serve the people.” As for being on Senate, he said it is a very good position, where he can evaluate representation for the first time from the inside looking out instead of being on the outside looking in. “I am glad to be able to represent the UW-RF student body,” Brandt said. “I will work hard this year to do what is right and to make this a great year on campus.” Maggie Huppert won the position of CBE senator by showing interest to Vice President Bethany Barnett, who made a motion to fill the seat at the Oct. 3 meeting. “I noticed there was an opening for the College of Business and Economics representative, so I thought I would run,” she said. “I wanted to get more involved on campus, and with my major I thought this was a perfect opportunity.” She said her major is business administration, so she hopes to hear from students in CBE and help out in any way possible. Huppert said her involvement on campus includes the Eco Club, Habitat and Campus Crusade, and her awareness of campus issues has been diversified through many organizations. “I hope to participate in different types of events on campus,” she said. “I am a part of the Women’s Initiative Committee, and I hope to help out with other committees as well.” For her role as a senator, Huppert said she wants students to let her know if there is anything she can do and what issues they are concerned about.

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

University installs AEDs on campus

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Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) were installed in UW-River Falls buildings in August to help equip students, staff and faculty with an essential life-saving device for cardiac arrest victims. An AED is a portable machine used to restore normal heart rhythm to a victim of heart failure. According to the American Heart Association, the machines

are the only effective way to restart a heart. The National Center for Health Statistics reports that about 340,000 victims die from sudden cardiac arrest each year. A total of 19 AEDs were strategically placed in every campus building, including the lab farms and the security vehicles, with the help from River Falls Area Ambulance Service Director Jeff Rixmann. “They are meant to be accessible,” said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student

Health Services. “We worked with the ambulance to make sure we put them in appropriate places.” Rixmann said the AEDs were placed according to the traffic volume of campus buildings. “When placing them, there are two determining things: the volume of the area and the ease of access,” Rixmann said. Public Safety is responsible for scheduling training sessions in collaboration with the



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One campus AED is located on the first floor of KFA.

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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• The UW-RF Parking Department is now processing waitlist requests. If you requested to switch to an alternate lot or receive a permit, check your UW-RF e-mail account. If you miss the deadline in the e-mail, your name will be removed from the waitlist.

Sept. 8
• River Falls Police were called to Hathorn Hall at 10:11 p.m. in response to a fight involving weapons. According to police reports, Steven J. Wyman, 20, entered the room of Benjamin J. Nikosch, 21, to make statements about Nikosch’s relationship with his girlfriend. After refusing to leave the room, Wyman was hit by Nikosch in the jaw before being struck in the stomach. At this point, reports say Wyman left the room and Nikosch went to a friend’s room down the hall. Wyman allegedly approached Nikosch several moments later, threatening him with a Swiss Army pocket knife. He was disarmed by Nikosch, who hit him again. Wyman then pulled out another knife, which was again taken from him. Police arrived shortly following the fight, and found Wyman in his own room with a swollen nose and mouth, and a “fair amount” of blood was visible in the hallway. The man refused medical treatment, and was arrested and taken to the Pierce County Jail. Wyman was held on \$500 bond for endangering safety with a weapon, and \$150 for disorderly conduct. Nikosch was also arrested for disorderly conduct because he initiated the physical altercation. He was taken to the Police Department and released. On Sept. 11, Wyman and his father went to the Police Department to view the police report and learn about the pending charges against him. He also informed police that he went to the hospital Sept. 10 and was told he had a concussion. Though he refused to take a breathalyzer test, Wyman was suspected to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the altercation.

Sept. 26
• Criminal damage was reported to a vehicle parked in N-Lot. The windshield on the car was cracked and scratches could be seen in the paint on the hood and front bumper. The vehicle owner said it appeared that someone had walked on the vehicle and kicked the windshield, causing an estimated \$700 of damage.

Sept. 27
• Mark E. LaScotte, 19, was fined \$375 for second-offense underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• James F. Allen III, 19, was fined \$753 for fourth-offense underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Nicholas S. Harrington, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Amy L. Denning, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Jack C. Baggerley, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Kyla C. Jacobs, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Zachari K. To, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• A vehicle was damaged in W-Lot. The glove box was broken open and its contents were moved around, though nothing was stolen. Fuses in the glove compartment fuse box were also changed around. Damage is estimated at \$50.
• A subwoofer, containing two speakers and an amplifier, were taken from a vehicle parked in W-Lot. Damage is estimated to be \$300.

Sept. 29
• At 12:15 a.m. police were called to Ground Zero bar, 121 S. Main St., in response to a fight. Yussufu Ramazani Nsabimana, 36, was charged with substantial battery and transported to the Pierce County Jail after allegedly hitting another man. According to police reports, the victim said Nsabimana had been harassing him for a couple of weeks, and tapped him on the shoulder Sept. 29 before sucker punching him in the nose and striking him multiple times in the back of the neck. Nsabimana’s police statement said,

“Some at the bar touched my nose and I was pissed! So, I had an altercation with him. I am innocent.” His blood alcohol content was recorded at .28. The Lazy River bar owner also issued a no trespass against Nsabimana because he struck an employee of the bar. • Police were called to 117 W. Church St. at 2:58 a.m. in response to a noise complaint. Sarah J. Mathewson, 21, was arrested on a warrant and taken to the Pierce County Jail.
• Nicholas W. Yoder, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Anthony C. Olson, 19, was fined \$501 for third-offense underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
• Patrick B. McMahon, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
• Nathan E. Menard, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
• Mallory M. Johnson, 18, was fined \$375 for third-offense underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
• Criminal damage was reported to a vehicle parked in E-Lot. Two males were allegedly seen breaking a mirror off the car. Damage is estimated at \$150.

Sept. 30
• Derick A. Levery, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption at 119 Charlotte St. Police responded to an anonymous noise complaint at that resident, and tenant Anthony M. Brown, 21, was fined \$109 for loud and unnecessary noise.
• Jeffrey A. Helene, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption at K-Lot.
• Micah D. Flodin, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption at K-Lot.
• Theft of CDs, a stereo face plate and a tackle box was reported from a vehicle parked in K-Lot. The estimated value of the items is \$310.

Oct. 1
• Anthony D. McDonough Rees, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
• Amy R. Lippert, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Kimball: Presence of Public Safety director will be missed

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According to Kimball, there was a considerable amount of unrest on the UW-RF campus at the time, due to student opposition to the war.

“I literally saw the downtown of River Falls shut down in the middle of the day with student protesting,” he said

Upon his graduation in 1972, Kimball became the University’s greenhouse manager.

“It was an opportunity in my major field of study,” he said.

His main duties involved providing plant material for the horticulture and agronomy classroom labs. He also did research plots and assisted instructors in classroom and greenhouse settings.

In 1991, Kimball joined the risk management division, which was housed in the former General Services department at UW-RF. He was hired specifically to help reorganize the capital inventory system, which was “kind of in disarray” at the time, he said.

Kimball’s tasks eventually evolved to include those of occupational safety and hazardous waste concerns, hence the environmental health and safety manager job title. These concerns became his main professional focus.

“Over the past 10 years, I’ve dealt the majority of my time with hazardous waste and occupational safety,” Kimball said.

He assumed interim director duties a year and a half ago, after former director Priscilla Stevens’ resignation. He said that he wasn’t expecting the position.

“They needed somebody to fill in,” he said. “They asked if I would do it, and I said yes.”

Because Kimball had temporarily acted as director two years previously while Stevens was on leave, the switch proved to be a smooth one for those

working in the Public Safety and Parking office.

“It was an easy transition,” said Operations Program Associate Wendy Penny.

Some of the initiatives that Kimball has helped to implement over his tenure at UW-RF include a screening program for Essential Job Functions, and safety courses for University maintenance staff.

The Essential Job Functions screening, which Kimball devel-

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Tom Weiss,
director of purchasing

oped in collaboration with Director of Human Resources Kathy Schultz, is used to determine whether a prospective University employee is able to withstand the physical demands of their intended position. Employees are screened by a physical therapist, who runs them through a series of fitness tests designed around the bodily requirements of the job in question.

The process “has identified people that don’t have the physical qualifications to do the physical job,” Kimball said.

The program was adopted by the University a year and a half ago. Other UW schools and state agencies are looking into utilizing the plan.

Kimball’s supervisor, Director of Purchasing Services Thomas Weiss, has nothing but praise for Kimball’s efforts.

“I’m guessing that the state is going to save hundreds of thousands of dollars because of this plan,” Weiss said. “If I could

have given him a bonus for it, I would have.”

Kimball has also developed monthly safety training workshops for maintenance staff at the University. The workshops function as “an educational process” for the staff members, who are more susceptible to injury due to the high-risk nature of their jobs, Kimball said.

Currently, Kimball is working to put into service a training program for the 18 automated external defibrillators (AED) that have been placed in academic buildings around campus. The AEDs are medical devices designed to cease a person’s heartbeat. After getting “shocked” by an AED, a person’s heartbeat either starts back up on its own, or CPR is required, he said.

Kimball’s dedication to the AED training program is an example of what Weiss calls his “stick-to-itiveness”.

“Mark’s still out there working hard to improve things,” Weiss said. “He’s still working on his job despite the fact that he’s retiring.”

Other colleagues also have fond words for Kimball.

“Mark’s a good person,” Towberman said. “Of all the directors I’ve worked for, I’d put him right at the top.”

Penny cites Kimball’s vast knowledge about the University as something that she feels the school will be losing when Kimball retires.

“He’s like his own little archive,” she said.

“Mark’s contributed an awful lot of love, care, passion, and leadership to the University,” Weiss said. “I believe that this will be his lasting legacy.”

Another long-time University employee, Facilities Director Waldo Hagen, is also set to retire Jan. 5.

Moosa: Professor struggles to get past psychological demons

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ability to read fine print, but the UW-RF administration has gone out of their way to help him.

“I will be provided with computers that will actually read for me,” he said.

History and philosophy department Chair Betty Bergland said that the department is doing whatever it can to assist Moosa.

“We find him very valuable as the only full-time professor of philosophy,” Bergland said. “He has been important in guiding new innovations on campus and in the curriculum.”

Bergland said Moosa has been vital in creating a history major with a philosophy emphasis, as well as introducing global religion classes.

Still, Moosa said he has a long way to go before he becomes fully acclimated.

One particular difficulty is his ability to discern

faces.

“I now have to rely upon my hearing,” Moosa said. “I am more sensitive to how the class is responding to me.”

Senior Bret Hoven isn’t bothered because his professor is unable to distinguish his students during discussions.

“I don’t feel it’s diminished his ability,” Hoven said. “What’s important [in philosophy] is the idea, not whose ideas they are.”

Even though his students believe he is adjusting well, Moosa still feels he has certain psychological demons to face.

“I do not want others to see me walking with a cane,” he said. “It’s the fact that others will not see me as normal. The challenge is to get beyond the petty considerations of what other people think of me.”

North Hall: Evacuation procedures to be reviewed, revised

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Schultz said, adding that North Hall does not have a PA system for mass communication.

“It really only took three to five minutes to get everyone out,” she said.

Students, faculty and staff who had been in the building were directed to the Student Center, where they were told to await further instructions.

Flossie Hughes, university services associate, said she and others at her table in the Student Center wrote down some suggestions concerning similar future incidents.

She said she questioned why the fire alarm wasn’t sounded, but then realized it may have been a potential hazard if it had been used.

An e-mail was sent to Hurt about issues and ideas the group formulated, Hughes said. He had a prompt return and thanked her for the many suggestions.

The messages offered to people on each floor to effectively evacuate the building were all different and confusing, she said.

“I questioned it,” Hughes said. “I was told it came from the chancellor, who is in India with my boss.”

After consideration and talking to other staff in the basement, Hughes said she knew it was more than just a fire drill.

After North Hall was evacuated, a police investigator was in contact with the woman who made the phone call, and the information he obtained led officials to determine that the building was safe, Leque said.

RFPD searched the woman’s residence for bomb-making materials and found nothing, according to the police report.

North Hall was then reopened around 11:20 a.m.

Hurt said he believes the situation was handled in the correct manner.

“We have learned some things about this,” he said. “This was a good learning event; it shows how we work with other entities, like the River Falls Police Department.”

If this incident was considered a bomb threat, people were to be at least 300 feet from the building, according to the online UW-RF Classified Employee Handbook. Yet signs were posted on North Hall doors directing students to alternate locations for their 11:15 a.m. classes. Students and staff could be seen standing near the building, well

within the 300-foot limit.

Police and Public Safety placed a barricade several feet back from North Hall’s southwest entrance, but other doorways were simply blocked off with police tape.

Sharon Durbine, a North Hall custodian, said the building was not properly blocked from students.

She said she heard the incident was a bomb threat through gossip and was later told it was a gas leak, so the issue of it being a threat had her concerned about students walking up the steps to the building.

“It [North Hall] is heated with steam,” Durbine said. “I’m not stupid.”

Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said it was a mistake to place the schedules on the doors. Administration will be reviewing the policies and practices that will be used in the future, updating everything so people are aware of the changes and procedures.

Included in the procedures will be who is responsible for searching a building in the event of a bomb threat, he said. Currently, the University has no employees trained to do so.

The UW-RF Web site has no information regarding the Sept. 29 incident because University officials were concerned about revealing too much information, Kinders said. Parents and community members have not expressed a significant level of concern, and he said Public Affairs would have responded had there been many questions.



Shalena Janis/Student Voice

A Public Safety officer takes down caution tape as students, staff and faculty get the go-ahead to return to North Hall.

Walgreens: Building will complement RF’s architectural style

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agrees with McSherry.

“I’m kind of excited to have another retail store in River Falls, but I can understand how people who have lived here for a long time would see it as a bad thing,” Larson said.

After approval from the appropriate departments, Walgreens was free to start construction. However, city officials had a couple of requests for the building’s appearance.

“We’re trying to maintain an architectural style,” Lucero said.

In compliance with the city’s requests, the new Walgreens will not look the same as the majority of the stores found in the cities. The building will be brick and will fit in well with the rest of River Falls’ structures.

“If the buildings downtown were knocked down and you put up a McDonald’s with the golden arches, you would lose that sense of community,” Lucero said.

Some argue that the simple presence of a Walgreens might

do just that.

“I’m iffy about it,” junior Kara Stevenson said. “This is a small town and I feel like Walgreens might take away from it.”

One of the businesses that Walgreens might take away from is Freeman Drug, located on Main Street. Freeman was opened in 1872 by Rosh Freeman, and the drug store has been the main source of pharmaceuticals for the River Falls community ever since. Although the owners of the store said they don’t really like the fact that Walgreens is coming to town, they are not afraid of the competition.

“We don’t feel threatened by it,” said Michelle Schneider, co-owner of Freeman Drug. Schneider signed on to ownership two years ago with Leah Gavin, whose father owned it before her.

“As residents of a small town it would be nice if we could support the independent businesses downtown,” Schnieder said.

Schneider and Gavin said they

were approached a couple of times by Walgreens district representatives to sell their store and patient files to the corporation. Though the company ensured them they would have jobs at the new store, they politely declined.

“It was never an option to sell,” Schnieder said.

Denise Hartenstein, front end manager at Freeman for nine years, is confident that the customers will remain loyal.

“At Walgreens you’re a number, at Wal-Mart you’re a number — our customers are family,” Hartenstein said.

Schneider agrees with Hartenstein.

“We know most of our customers by name and they know us,” she said.

Freeman’s customer list is still growing, and the owners are confident that it will continue to do so because of the quality of customer service and products that they are able to provide.

Walgreens is set to open early this spring.

Health: Free counseling services provided for students in need

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The “top four” reasons students seek counseling are nearly a mirror of the screening tests.

“Stress is No. 1,” Link said. “Depression and anxiety tie for second and third. Relationships are No. 4.”

About 10 percent, or around 600, UW-RF students are split between Link and counselors Jennifer Elsesser and Jennifer Herink.

Since the program went into effect, Elsesser has already seen benefits from the new screening process.

“We have had one student come in and they had their printed results,” she said.

The “printed results” are from completing a self-assessment test offered online. The confidential feature first asks for general information such as age, sex and year in school, and then progresses into questions focusing on the mental health topic.

According to the Web site, questions for the depression screening include ranking students on feelings of worthlessness, difficulty making decisions and thoughts of suicide.

The screening concerning eating disorders focuses on preoccupation with bodies, the feeling that food controls one’s life and that one gives too much time to food.

Based on the results of the screening test, students are then prompted to seek counseling if they qualify.

If they choose to seek counseling, Link said the most important part is to keep the results.

“A student has to copy it off and bring it in,” she said.

By providing the online screening, counselors can get a better understanding of a student during their first meeting.

“We want to help students cope with today’s world,” Link said. “Being in college means expectations are higher. There is greater competition and a lot more stress.”

UW-RF junior Katrina Weberg is one student who does not typically feel the pressures that can surround college life.

“I usually don’t get that stressed out,” 23-year-old Weberg said.

Although she does not use the counseling services, Weberg does think they serve a beneficial purpose.

“It’s good that it is free,” she said.

Counseling fees are built into tuition as part of a Student Health Services fee.

This system allows those who are in counseling to be seen as many times as necessary, although most students are seen “two to three times statistically” in a semester, Link said.

While counseling services are



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EDITORIAL

Bomb scare reaction exposes weaknesses

The campus community got quite the scare last week when a suspicious phone call prompted officials to evacuate North Hall in fear of a bomb.

While we believe Provost Charles Hurt made the right decision to evacuate the building, the University’s safety efforts were inconsistent with their guidelines, as well as the rules of logic.

The most obvious problem in last week’s fiasco was that the incident wasn’t reported until roughly 16 hours after the call was received.

At this point, Public Affairs is unwilling to comment on the cause for delay due to a pending investigation, but also probably because the entire situation is embarrassing to the institution.

In this age of heightened security, how could the statement, “a bomb goes off in North Hall” be so carelessly brushed aside?

If the call had been a serious threat, the lives of students, staff and faculty on campus and in the surrounding residential area would have been placed at risk long before police were contacted at 8:50 a.m. the following day.

Yet even after the building was vacated, it seemed that poor decisions were the norm.

Students whose 11:15 a.m. classes were to be held in North Hall were offered direction in the form of signs posted on the building’s doors. The very same building that was suspected to have a bomb inside.

We know now that there was no explosive device within the structure’s walls, but what if there had been? Is it really safe for students to stand on the steps of a building that could be moments away from destruction?

The Bomb Threat Procedures section of the University’s online Classified Employee Handbook directs all individuals to be at least 300 feet from the evacuated building, which was clearly disregarded last week.

Upon questioning, Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said the policy would have required officials to rope off the entire block.

“But we also want a safe buffer in the event of an incident,” he said.

Though this may seem to be an extreme reaction, a rule such as this should absolutely be enforced if safety is truly the main concern of administrators.

But in the end, the building was efficiently evacuated and no one was harmed.

It is our hope that officials on this campus look to this situation as a learning experience - one that will lead them in the direction of change to prevent any harm to the community in the future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote ‘No’ Nov. 7

I would first like to say thank you for printing the article entitled “Amendment Controversy Splits State.” It is extremely important that voters become educated on this issue and are presented with factual and unbiased information. In 1691, the first session of the Virginia Legislature passed a resolution abolishing interracial marriage.

Upon researching this past debate, I came upon some startling information. It is preposterous to think that allowing interracial couples to marry could cause polygamy, damage children’s lives and corrupt the sanctity of “traditional” marriage. Today, these are some of the same reasons being given to outlaw marriage for gay and lesbian couples.

The proponents of this amendment give nothing but the same old excuse to outlaw civil unions — that this sort of legislation is essential to preserving the sanctity of marriage. I don’t

think a homosexual couple would be hurting neither yours, nor anyone else’s marriage just because they chose to legally declare their partnership.

Wisconsin is a progressive state with a progressive past. Wisconsin was the first state to oppose the fugitive slave laws in the 1850s, pass laws eliminating legal discrimination against women and grant women the right to vote by ratifying the 19th Amendment.

Wisconsin was also the first state to add sexual orientation to its non-discrimination statutes in 1985. If this is the case, why is this amendment on the ballot in the first place?

On Nov. 7, Wisconsin has a chance to show the rest of the nation that we stand up for the rights of all citizens. Let’s do our part to keep discrimination out of our constitution.

A Fair Wisconsin Votes NO.

Lacey M. Felmlee Student

America secures hold on Iraq

Critics of the Bush administration keep saying we have spent billions of our tax dollars for the reconstruction of Iraq, but have built practically nothing.

If you went to Iraq today, you would see a marvelous new complex rising right in the heart of Baghdad.

This 104-acre shining oasis will include more than 600 apartments, two major office buildings, its own electrical plant and water system, air conditioning, a swimming pool, gym, movie theater, food court, beauty salon, car-repair shop and even a nightclub.

The sprawling complex, which will have 8,000 people working in it when completed next year, must be a welcome sign of progress and a symbol of democratic pride for the long-suffering people of Iraq.

Right? Well, not exactly. The palace is not for them, but will be the new U.S. embassy.

Being built by an affiliate of — guess who? — Halliburton.

This half-billion dollar complex will be by far the largest embassy in the world. It is no mere house of diplomacy. It is a mini-state inside Iraq’s capital, establishing a permanent American base.

Surrounded by 15-foot walls, guarded by Marines and overlooking the chambers housing the Iraqi government, this fortress will be viewed by the people as a palace of occupation, a reminder of who really holds the reins of power in their country.

Ray Anderson Professor Emeritus

Letters to the editor can be submitted at 304 North Hall or to student.voice@uwrf.edu. They are accepted until noon on Wednesdays.

Gender separations cause more problems

Geoffrey Scheurman put it nicely in last week’s *Student Voice*: “Nobody wants to talk about how correcting one error has created the seeds of the next one.”

And that is precisely what happened. Colleges have been begging women to continue their education beyond high school. By focusing on steering women away from traditional roles in the workplace and becoming better educated, males have been left to their own devices.

This problem may be rooted in early education. K-12 education has seen a decline in the number of males graduating, and females are outperforming males in the classroom. To compensate, some schools have separated their classrooms by gender so that each can focus on more gender-oriented educations, but that seems like a quick fix to a more complex issue.

Colleges have even considered affirmative action-style application procedures so male enrollment reaches a certain male quota, but that again is a hasty solution to a deeper problem. We should be encouraging males to pursue post-secondary education

the same way we did for women: by reinforcing the benefits of a college degree and making sure they are graduating from high school with a good education. Lowering college admissions standards and making special exceptions for males in classrooms doesn’t produce smarter males or otherwise

solve the problem; it simply produces dumb guys with college degrees.

This isn’t an anti-female or pro-male issue; it’s one of equality. If males are left without proper educations and are economically reliant on their spouses, then our society is right back where we were 50 years ago, only this time the men have the raw end of the deal. Statistically, we know men aren’t achieving to their fullest academic potential, and they aren’t applying to or enrolling in colleges. Something practical should be done to curb this trend.

Without drawing too much optimism out of a potentially damaging situation, this lopsided girl-to-guy ratio might end up benefiting the future male population at UW-RF — a blessing in disguise. Believe it or not, there are some males who base their college choice on social factors, like the girl-to-guy ratio. You can just imagine

some of those high school boys saying, “If there are more girls than guys at this school, then there’s gotta be one for me!” Perhaps that skewed logic and this emerging gender trend will help redirect UW-RF down the path of an equal sex demographic.

But putting faith in that alone would be silly. It might account for a few percentage points here and there, but the larger issue would still remain: men are behind.

Well-educated women who see this emerging trend are, no doubt, proud as can be, for the trend will likely benefit the perception of women in the workplace and gender salary differentials — and rightfully so. Men had dominated the male-to-female ratio in college for much longer than women, and male dominance certainly wasn’t an area of concern for college administrations or society back then. It may be women’s turn in the educational limelight, which was an area they had been denied for ages.

But remember, a healthy society is an equal one. Everyone helps everyone else out to get to where he or she wants to go, or at least that’s the fantastic vision. Though no society will ever be equal in the truest sense, it is still worthwhile to strive for that mark.

School shootings leave unanswered questions

With the recent breakout of shootings and killings across the country, I question what would prompt a person to commit such a horrific act, especially in an educational setting.

It especially hit home when a student killed a principle in a Wisconsin school. The town is located southwest of Wisconsin Dells. This definitely puts not only the state, but Cazenovia on the map for the undivided attention of the media.

Now the reporters, cameras, television screens and anchors turn to the deadly shooting in Pennsylvania at an Amish school, marking the third

school to have violence occur within a week of each incident. And another shooting happened in Colorado this week.

What reasons would lead someone to make a decision to kill? The answers are now left in the hands of the investigators, who will find solutions, or should I say justifications, for the killers.

Everyone wants answers. Everyone wants justice, but it has disappeared with the sui-

cide of the killer. The death of a person inflicting that devastation to friends and family members of the ones killed shows a sign of desperation or a second-guessing of their actions.

And it leaves the police, investigators, friends and families searching for the answers that will never be found. It will be all assumptions,

describing what they may have been thinking or what may have gone through their mind.

Even though the theories may console the loved ones of the

fallen, it will only find a justification for the perpetrator. The clues and reasons as to why the incident happened will only make excuses. Excuses that would never had to be made if someone would have made the right decision in the first place.

Other incidents happen in all of our lives that are frustrating, but what makes this the excuse to explain the action?

Investigators in the Amish school shooting point to a grudge held by the man, who enters an educational facility to take revenge on something of the past. Something that has nothing to do with the innocent people he killed.



Shalena Janis

Image not available.

Junior leads women’s golf toward WIAC this weekend

Gutzwiller’s experience aids Falcon squad

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On a team of only six women, junior Jenna Gutzwiller does her best to help lead her young team.

The UW-River Falls women’s golfer is the only upperclassman on the roster with three sophomores and two freshmen.

“My neighbor golfed,” Gutzwiller said. “She’s the one who convinced me to try it.”

That happened when Gutzwiller was in junior high school, and now she’s nearly 21.

At her Elk River, Minn., high school, Gutzwiller spent her time focused on golf. Her team was very competitive and practiced a lot.

In fact, it was in high school where she had one of her greatest accomplishments in golf.

“I played at a course my senior year of high school and after nine holes I was only one over,” Gutzwiller said. “It was a day where I felt like I couldn’t do anything wrong. The ball went where I wanted it to, and I had confidence in my swing I never had before.”

Coming to River Falls was an

easy choice for Gutzwiller, an elementary education major and mathematics minor.

“River Falls has one of the top-rated elementary education programs in the country,” Gutzwiller said. “Also, I love the atmosphere here. The small classes, teacher-to-student ratio

“...I love the atmosphere here. The small classes, teacher-to-student ratio...”

Jenna Gutzwiller, junior golfer

and all the class choices are very attractive.”

This season the Falcons have competed in four meets this season, and Gutzwiller has finished first on for UW-RF in three of them.

She most recently finished tied for 18th overall at the Stevens Point Invite. Prior to that, Gutzwiller tied for 60th at the Div. III Midwest Classic.

At the UW-Oshkosh Invitational, Gutzwiller finished 18th again. To start off the season, at the Eau Claire Invite she

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Junior Jenna Gutzwiller participates at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational the weekend of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. This weekend, Gutzwiller, the team’s only upperclassman, leads the Falcons to the WIAC Meet in Watertown, Wis.

Submitted Photo

Tennis wraps up regular season play with loss



Freshman Katie Ostrowski plays in a doubles match against UW-Eau Claire on Tuesday afternoon. The Falcons lost the one-sided match by a 9-0 margin.

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Takes time off in to prep for WIAC Meet in Madison on Oct. 21

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Junior Alex Albrigton of Woodville, Wis., has made a return to tennis this fall as a member of the UW-River Falls Falcons squad.

This season, Albrigton is the only junior on the roster. She is the only other upperclassman besides senior Becky Briese.

Albrigton played in high school and decided this year to make a try to get back into the swing of things. She doesn’t regret it.

“I’ve missed it quite a bit,” Albrigton said. “It’s been pretty fun. It’s kind of a neat mix of girls.”

This season, the Falcons’ record sits at 5-7 and 2-4 in WIAC,

“When we win, we win, and when we lose, we lose,” Ali Nickel said.

Evidence in Nickel’s case is 9-0 victories over Bethel and 9-0 losses to teams like UW-LaCrosse.

Although things have been slightly rough for the Falcons, Head Coach Lee Lueck still believes his team has a legitimate shot at staying in the middle tier of the WIAC.

“Our goal is still the same,” Lueck said. “To maintain a spot in the middle tier. Stout has a chance on edging us out. Each individual also has goals.”

Stout beat the Falcons earlier and holds a two-point lead in the WIAC standings, but those two points can easily be made up in

the WIAC Meet.

The Falcons hosted top WIAC team UW-LaCrosse last Wednesday and played tough to begin doubles, but faltered and lost 9-0.

LaCrosse was last season’s

“I’ve missed it quite a bit. It’s been pretty fun. It’s kind of a neat mix of girls.”

Alex Albrigton, junior tennis player

conference champion and is always a force to be reckoned with in the WIAC. The team also had five returning seniors from last year’s championship team.

“We started off well in doubles,” he said. “Everything looked respectable. Good players know how to win and there were tight matches.”

When asked about the last week or so, Lueck was willing to talk about the good and the bad.

“The good is we beat Bethel 9-0,” Lueck said. “We had good matches — each individual match, everybody played strong.”

On Oct. 3, the Falcons hosted UW-Eau Claire. The Bugolds won the match 9-0 to end the regular season.

The WIAC Meet is Oct. 20-21 in Madison.

“We need to work on areas we need to,” Albrigton said. “We need to get mentally prepared and psyched up.”

A number of Lueck’s players have never played at the WIAC Meet before and don’t know what to expect, and a few have and hope to prove their all.

UW-La Crosse 9, UW-River Falls 0
Sep 27, 2006 at UW-River Falls

Singles competition

1. Angie Riedel (LC) def. Becky Briese (RF) 6-1, 6-3
2. Rachel Benn (LC) def. Kathryn Ostrowski (RF) 6-2, 6-2
3. Julie Tellefsen (LC) def. Cassie Wood (RF) 6-3, 6-0
4. Erin Fekete (LC) def. Katie Anderson (RF) 6-2, 6-0
5. Carlie Bohrmann (LC) def. Mindy Rudiger (RF) 6-4, 6-1
6. Sarah Schoenwaelder (LC) def. Tracy Boyle (RF) 7-6 (7-4), 6-2

Doubles competition

1. Angie Riedel/Julie Tellefsen (LC) def. Becky Briese/Kathryn Ostrowski (RF) 8-4
2. Erin Fekete/Rachel Benn (LC) def. Katie Anderson/Mindy Rudiger (RF) 8-4
3. Sarah Schoenwaelder/Courtney Tornow (LC) def. Cassie Wood/Allison Nickel (RF) 8-2

On Oct. 20-21, the UW-River Falls women’s tennis team will travel to Madison to take part in its annual conference meet. With this meet the Falcons hope to maintain their middle-tier status.

Twins come back strong



Sarah Packingham

I went to the most amazing, exciting and intense baseball game I could have ever imagined.

On Oct. 1, I went to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Chicago White Sox for the final game of the regular season. And I can’t help but brag about it.

Although we are in Wisconsin and I should focus on what’s going on here locally, I just can’t. Not this week. I’m in awe of what happened at the Metrodome and I’m so happy.

The Minnesota Twins were never supposed to even get into the playoffs, but nearly two weeks ago they clenched the American League Wild Card

spot.

But on Sunday, the unthinkable happened and I was there to watch it.

The Detroit Tigers, who at one time held a 10-game lead over the Twins in the AL Central, choked to finish the season. They lost three straight to the underdog Kansas City Royals.

The Twins had all weekend to clinch the division, but waited until the final day to keep everyone guessing. I still can’t even believe it happened. I was just looking forward to see my favorite team take on my least favorite team. After the Twins lost the first two games of the weekend series and the season series was on the line, I hoped that by cheering and waving my Homer Hanky I could see the Twins be victorious and go into the playoffs with a win.

It was amazing — the atmosphere was by far the most intense of any sporting event I’ve ever been to. It was something that I couldn’t have even

imagined had I not been there.

When centerfielder Torii Hunter hit the two-run home run, the crowd went crazy.

I knew almost as soon as the ball left the bat that it was gone. It was the first Twins home run I have seen in person all summer and possibly ever.

Watching 45,000 plus people

Hopefully I can continue to wave my Homer Hanky with pride all the way through the playoffs.

rally behind the Kansas City Royals was awesome. We all knew that if Kansas City could pull off the unimaginable the Division title would be ours.

It seemed like after all the Twins assured themselves a win,

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Chiefs to return in 2007

Kansas City Chiefs
Press Release

Kansas City Chiefs President Carl Peterson announced on Tuesday that the club has exercised a one-year option to continue conducting its training camp at the University of Wisconsin - River Falls in 2007. Kansas City’s 2007 training camp on the River Falls campus will mark the 17th consecutive year the Chiefs have conducted their preseason work in Western Wisconsin. The team has three remaining one-year options in its existing agreement with UW-RF should the Chiefs wish to exercise them.

“On behalf of the entire Chiefs organization, we’re delighted to return to the University of Wisconsin - River Falls for a 17th consecutive year,” Peterson said. “We have enjoyed our relationship with UW-River Falls and look forward to continuing that partner-

ship for another year. I want to personally thank the entire River Falls community and particularly the staff at UW-River Falls for making training camp so productive for us the past 16 years. They have never become

“On behalf of the entire Chiefs organization, we’re delighted to return...”

Carl Peterson, Chiefs president

complacent and have worked diligently to improve each year.”

“We’re very pleased that the Kansas City Chiefs will be returning to UW-River Falls for a 17th year next summer,” UW-River Falls Chancellor Don Betz said. “This has been a positive relationship for the Chiefs, the University and the St. Croix Valley of Wisconsin. Having

the Chiefs on our campus each year is an event that everyone looks forward to with anticipation. We again welcome the opportunity to be the first step of our favorite NFL team’s journey to a successful football season.”

Thanks to a \$2.4 million dollar funding package from the State of Wisconsin and UW-RF students, the University made a number of improvements to Knowles Arena on the University of Wisconsin - River Falls campus, which the Chiefs have enjoyed since 2005. Knowles Arena was enlarged, two new locker rooms with 100 pro-style lockers were added, while shower and dressing areas were improved. In addition, a new, 2,500 square foot training room was added and upgraded to state-of-the-art status.

The entire building is air conditioned, which is an additional plus for the Chiefs.

SPORTS WRAP

Falcons win big at Simpson Tournament

The Falcons won the Simpson Tournament on Sept. 27 and 28, going 4-0 during the two-day tournament. The Falcons opened with a three-match win over Buena Vista University. UW-RF was forced to play two long matches, but the team still prevailed. Kate Thompson led the Falcons with 18 kills. Thompson recorded her 1,000th career kill in a five-game win over Webster. Webster won the first game, but the Falcons took the second and third games by 31-29 scores. Webster came back to win the fourth game, before the Falcons won the fifth game and the match, 15-12. Saturday the Falcons continued their winning ways. They opened with a 3-2 win over Wartburg. This was an impressive win for UW-RF since Wartburg won the first two games, but the Falcons regrouped and won the last three games, 30-23, 30-27 and 15-11. The Falcons finished the weekend strong, winning in four matches over Simpson, a team that had defeated the Falcons in three games earlier this season. Andrea Geehan led the Falcons offense with 20 kills and Kate Thompson added 15. Molly Thompson had 11 kills.

On Oct. 7 UW-RF hosts UW-La Crosse in a match that begins at noon.

September 29 Results									
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GAME SCORES									
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Cross Country competes at the Blugold Open

Becca Jordahl led the women and Jose Rojas the men at the Blugold Open held Sept. 27 at the Whitetail Golf Course. The men's and women's teams finished high in the final team standings, both landing in fifth place. Jordahl covered the 6,000-meter course in 23:21.08, and she placed seventh overall. Her time was the ninth best in Falcon history. Maria Michaud placed 30th overall in 24:09.56. Five Falcon men ran under 27 minutes. Rojas covered the 8,000-meter course in 26:29.34. He placed 20th overall with the fastest time by a Falcon runner this year and the ninth best time ever recorded by a Falcon. Chad Ernst was just behind Rojas in 26:29.66 — the 10th fastest time ever recorded by a Falcon. Scott Degner placed 31st overall in 26:46.79, Jason Phillippi finished 33rd in 26:47.83 and Justin Youngblom was 41st in 26:57.37.

The Falcons next match is Oct. 14 at the Tori Neubauer/Jim Drews Invitationals in La Crosse.

Golf team spends weekend at Stevens Point

The Falcon golf team was in eighth place after the first day at the Stevens Point Invitational on Sept. 30. In the first round the Falcons finished with 406 strokes. UW-Eau Claire is in first place, finishing with a score of 322, while host team UW-Stevens Point follows with a close score of 329. Jenna Gutzwiller finished well, shooting a 44 on the front nine and a 46 on the back nine, giving her a score of 17 over par 90. Gutzwiller leads the team into the second day of the tournament and is tied for 18th place. Falcon Katie Kantrud ends day one with a 96 and is in 33rd place. Rachel Foley was next for the Falcons with a round of 106, and she is in 42nd place. Alana Peterson finished at 113 and is in 43rd place, and Megan Sandell, who shot a 114, ended the day in 44th place.

The Falcons will compete again on Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. on the Windwood Golf Course in Madison.

Falcons lose key conference games

UW-River Falls came into Saturday's game at Ramer Field looking to extend a four-game streak without a loss.

While the Falcons did all they could, the UW-Oshkosh Titans wouldn't just let UW-RF easily get the win.

The Titans took an early lead less than a minute into the game, but the Falcons didn't let that faze them. They continued to play hard to strive ahead and didn't let Oshkosh on the board again until late into the second half.

Even though UW-RF was down late in the second half, they didn't roll over and quit.

Falcon Jen Terry scored late, but that was all the offense the Falcons could muster on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Falcons host UW-Platteville at 2 p.m.

September 30									
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	(unassisted)								RF - Stieler 90:00-2.5.
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Sports Wrap
Compiled by
Ben Brewster

STANDINGS									
Football					Soccer				
WIAC Standings					WIAC Standings				
UW-Whitewater (4-0)	2	0			UW-Eau Claire (10-1-0)	4	0	0	
UW-Lacrosse (3-0)	1	0			UW-Oshkosh(5-3-2)	3	1	0	
UW-Platteville (3-1)	1	0			UW-River Falls (5-2-2)	2	1	0	
UW-Oshkosh (3-2)	1	1			UW-Platteville (8-1-2)	1	0	2	
UW-Stevens Point (2-2)	0	1			UW-LaCrosse (3-2-3)	1	1	2	
UW-Stout (2-2)	0	1			UW-Stevens Point (5-1-2)	1	1	1	
UW-Eau Claire (1-3)	0	1			UW-Stout (2-6-0)	1	3	0	
UW-River Falls (1-3)	0	1			UW-Whitewater (2-6-1)	0	2	1	
Volleyball					UW-Superior (4-5-0)	0	4	0	
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UW-Oshkosh (19-3)	3	1			UW-Lacrosse (6-0)	4	0		
UW-Whitewater (19-5)	1	1			UW-Eau Claire (8-0)	3	0		
UW-Stout (13-4)	1	1			UW-Whitewater (7-3)	3	1		
UW-LaCrosse(14-5)	1	1			UW-Stout (9-4)	2	3		
UW-River Falls (12-8)	1	2			UW-River Falls (5-5)	2	3		
UW-Platteville (14-5)	0	2			UW-Stevens Point (2-9)	1	5		
UW-Superior (10-11)	0	3			UW-Oshkosh (1-5)	0	3		

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Football suffers one-sided loss

Falcons fall to Titans in home opener

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The UW-River Falls Falcons took to the home gridiron against the UW-Oshkosh Titans Saturday night, looking to begin WIAC play with a win. Unfortunately the Titans proved too much to handle.

The Titans traveled to River Falls with a 3-2 overall and 1-1 in WIAC, and took it to the Falcons winning the game 24-0.

The game was close through the first half — the Falcons entered halftime only down by 10.

At 6:51 of the first quarter, Titan Andy Moriarty ran the ball three yards, and Lucas Raschke kicked to give the Titans a 7-0 lead.

The score stayed that way until 9:53 of the second quarter when Raschke kicked a 36-yard field goal to put his team up 10-0 entering the half.

In the second half the Titans put two more touchdowns on the board, including a 57-yard pass from Joe Patek to Steve Stoltz, and another run by Moriarty to conclude the scoring for the Titans.

The loss brought the Falcons' record to 1-3 and 0-1 in WIAC.

Josh Grover led the Falcon offense with 113 receiving yards.

"I'm not really a football mastermind," sophomore Andrew Jacobson said. "But mainly the mental errors — it seems like the mental errors affected us."

But even though there are mental errors being made, improvements are also being made every week.

"The game in a nutshell is we played a good team," Assistant Coach Kevin Bullis said. "Our offense moved the ball a lot, but

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Packingham: Twins win AL Central

all Minnesota fans turned their attention to the Royals, who were at one point down 6-0. It was two games instead of one. Twins fans were standing up screaming when they took the lead 7-6. The cheering probably confused the White Sox players on the bench, especially players like AJ Pierzynski who was sitting there with his head spinning, wondering, "What the hell?"

When centerfielder Torii Hunter hit the two-run home run, the crowd went crazy.

Apparently that wasn't all that was bothering Pierzynski that day. He could hardly catch a ball in his final game of the season. Something must have been up.

Maybe he was missing his third basemen Joe Crede, or maybe he was still in tears due to the possibility that Sunday may have been the final regular season game for pitcher and former teammate Brad Radke.

As the Twins nearly completed the season, it was announced that Joe Mauer had won the AL Central batting title. It was awesome to be there on a day when history was made, for Mauer, catchers and the Twins.

After the Twins finished their amazing regular season, they waited and waited. They waited through 12 innings to see the Tigers fall by two against Jimmy Gobble and company.

I've never felt so attached to a professional team as I was to the Twins on that Sunday afternoon.

Hopefully I can continue to wave my Homer Hanky with pride all the way through the playoffs.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The UW-River Falls Falcons lost to the UW-Oshkosh Titans last Saturday night at Ramer Field. The game was close in the first half, but the Titans finished the night with a 24-0 win.

couldn't punch the ball into the end zone. The quarterback played well and the offensive line did some good things."

Quarterback Jeremy Wolff passed for 120 yards in the loss.

No WIAC game will ever be a walk in the park for the Falcons.

"We expected a challenge," Jacobson said. "It was going to be a good game and we were going to have to earn it."

The first home game was played under the lights for the first time in a number of seasons. Bullis said the atmosphere affected his players, as did what appeared to be a larger than usual crowd.

"We were excited about the atmosphere," Bullis said. "It

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Andrew Jacobson, football player

was neat to have a night game."

Players taking part on the field and on the sidelines were excited to be at home.

"It was good to be at home with the fans," Jacobson said. "We actually had time to get relaxed before the game."

In the next few weeks, Bullis said the squad is just going to work on fundamentals.

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The season doesn't get any easier as UW-RF is on the road Saturday at UW-Eau Claire to take on the Blugolds at 1 p.m. As of Thursday, the Blugolds have not lost a game this season.

"We want to bounce back and come back mentally strong," Jacobson said. "We want to win."

The Falcons return to home action Oct. 14 for a battle with conference foe Stevens Point. Kickoff at Ramer Field is set for 2 p.m.

This season the Falcons only have four home games, while in years past they have had six. Unfortunately for fans, that's just how scheduling works out.

PASSING: UW-Oshkosh-Joe Patek 10-12-0-166. UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 6-20-2-120.

RECEIVING: UW-Oshkosh-Kyle Kubasa 4-59; Steve Stoltz 2-91; Andy Heiman 2-12; Chris Kirch 1-10; Andy Moriarty 1-minus 6. UW-River Falls-Josh Grover 5-113; Jake Jensen 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS: UW-Oshkosh-Josh Wara 1-0; Ryan Radtke 1-0. UW-River Falls-None.

FUMBLES: UW-Oshkosh-Andy Moriarty 1-1. UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 2-1.

Gutzwiller: Leads way to WIAC Meet with young team

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finished 88th.

Head Coach Reid Perry has been very pleased with Gutzwiller's poise this season.

"If she is committed to making the changes in her swing (which is already quite good), her future is quite promising," Perry said.

Gutzwiller follows a fairly love motto in life: Live, love and love.

"And most important of all, laugh," Gutzwiller said. "I think laughter can change anything."

Gutzwiller likes to do anything for a good laugh.

One time before a meet, she and teammate Katie Kantrud bought a pair of little boys' sandals to use as a putter head cover, and in every meet people make comments about the shoes on their putters.

Besides being a teammate to

goof around with, Gutzwiller also looks up to her.

"She never gets frustrated when she golfs," Gutzwiller said. "She takes it shot by shot and is always smiling, no matter how she plays. She is also keeping the team laughing."

Gutzwiller likes to spend her spare time writing, playing poker and relaxing with family and friends.

She also enjoys following the Minnesota Twins and was excited with their recent win to clinch the American League Central.

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Multicultural center symbolizes diversity on campus

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Located in room 104B of the Davee Library, the Multicultural Student Programming Center is the first of its kind at UW-River Falls.

Outfitted with a computer, couches and various multicultural-themed media resources, the center currently serves as a meeting spot and refuge of sorts for UW-RF students of color.

“It’s a safe place for our multicultural students to relax from the daily stressors of being a student of color on a predominantly white campus,” said Multicultural Student Advisor Tyra Nelson.

Linda Alvarez, who is also a multicultural student advisor, said the center’s presence benefits all students by giving them the chance to interact with people from diverse backgrounds.

“It offers the opportunity of connecting with people different than themselves [and] being exposed to other perspectives,” Alvarez said. “Students that work in diverse groups are more prepared for the pluralistic workplaces they’ll be entering after graduation.”

Both Nelson and Alvarez are responsible for managing the center.

The selection of books, movies and magazines found within its walls are items the two have perused and found to be helpful resources, Nelson said.

Since it is the first full semester of operation, it is still a “work in progress,” Alvarez said.

“We will get a more formal process,” Nelson said.

Nelson and Alvarez hope to staff the center with student employees in the near future. Workers will be responsible for assisting with duties and leading prospective multicultural students on campus tours, Alvarez said.

Future plans include the eventual evolution into a “literal programming center,” where students will access various multicultural resources for class projects, Nelson said.

The two advisors played an instrumental role in assisting students to make the center a reality on the UW-RF campus.

According to Nelson, the idea for a multicultural student center came into existence in October 2004, when a group of students attended the Annual Multicultural Student Leadership Conference (AMSLC) held at UW-Madison.

Attended by representatives from all the four-year UW campuses, AMSLC gives multicultural students the opportunity to assemble and network. A different UW campus hosts the event every year.

In speaking with students from other UW schools, the UW-RF assembly was surprised to find out that the campus was the only four-year school in the system without a multicultural student cen-



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Student Ali Nsabimana spends his downtime in the multicultural center.

ter, Nelson said.

The group was spurred into action upon return to UW-RF. “Students became very inspired to initiate space on this campus after AMSLC,” Alvarez said.

A petition stating the need for a multicultural student center on campus was drafted, and hundreds of signatures were gathered, Alvarez said.

Hoping to secure a spot in the new Student Center, copies of the petition were given to then Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander and Dean of Student Development and Campus Diversity Roger Ballou for consideration, Nelson said.

Their plans were temporarily thwarted when they were informed space had already been allocated to other programs and organizations in the new Student Center, she said.

Former Dean Ballou also felt the inclusion of a multicultural student center in the planned Student Center would separate students and promote segregation.

“You get into this situation where all the different ways that people differ end up being their own little individual entities,” Ballou said in the April 29, 2005 issue of the Student Voice.

“There was discussion back when it [the new Student Center] was being planned about a multicultural center in there, but the committee decided not to sort of have an area that segregates students, which is how it becomes,” he said. “You get this kind of center within a center.”

The group was “shocked” by Ballou’s opinion, but did not allow it

to detract them from their goal, Alvarez said.

With the knowledge in mind that the University would be receiving both a new chancellor and dean of student development and campus diversity the following school year, they continued “trying to document what they needed” in order to bring a center to campus, Alvarez said.

The arrival of Chancellor Don Betz and Dean Blake Fry last fall gave students of color some much needed allies in the fight for a new multicultural student center.

Fry, fresh from his stint as director of campus life at the University of Central Oklahoma, said he believed the campus in particular needed a special space for students of color.

“The transition to college is hard enough without walking around campus and seeing nobody that shares your interests or background,” Fry said. “That is a realistic day in the life of a student of color on [this] campus.”

Fry authorized the usage of Plan 2008: Design through Diversity funds for the decoration of the new center, which by then had found a home in 104B of the library.

Plan 2008: Design Through Diversity is a “comprehensive” strategy that hopes to increase diversity on all of the UW campuses, Fry said.

A student committee, advised by Nelson, was formed last fall to decide on the motif of the new center. The results of the committee’s hard work are now on display for everybody on campus to see.

“[The center] is a physical representation of this campus’ commitment to diversity amongst its students,” said Academic Success Center Director Phil George.

Student visitors to the center agree it is a valuable area for the University to have.

“It’s a nice place to come and study,” said junior Ainsley Hargest, who said she doesn’t get “easily distracted” there. “[The center] brings different minorities where they can just talk and not worry about whoever else is around.”

Junior Anthony Anderson, who was a part of the decoration committee last fall, said the center is a “place where you can relax and meet people like you.”

“It’s bringing more students of color together; it’s an extra resource we can take advantage of,” Anderson said.

Sophomore Liali Vang said having the center on campus is a good thing.

“It’s nice that we do have one,” Vang said.

Fry said he believes that instead of isolating multicultural students, the new center will empower them to become more active members of the UW-RF community.

“It creates a place where students of color can feel welcome,” Fry said. “Once they feel welcome in one particular place on campus, then they can start to mobilize their efforts to the point where they start to feel comfortable on all parts of the campus.”

AEDs: Public Safety offers CPR, AED training sessions

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RFAAS and will ensure its officers check the machines regularly.

The campus AEDs were funded through a major equipment request, which was a group effort by Public Safety and Risk Management, the Dean for Student Development and Campus Diversity, Student Health Services and RFAAS.

“[AEDs] are a life safety issue that we want to have available if someone goes into cardiac arrest,” Director of Public Safety Mark Kimball said.

There has been a nationwide trend in schools, workplaces and communities to install AEDs in buildings. Almost all the UW System schools have installed them throughout their campuses in the past few years.

The city of River Falls has 100 machines placed in public buildings, one of which has already saved a life. Only a couple weeks after an AED was installed in the River Falls Youth Hockey rink, a grandparent of a hockey player went into cardiac arrest, according to Public Health Nurse Dianne H. Robinson from Pierce County.

“A group of medical professionals were present and were able to save him before the ambulance came,” Robinson said. “The

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South Hall	320 E Cascade Ave.	Intersection of Hallways on First Floor
Kleinpell Fine Arts	420 E Cascade Ave.	Left Side of Elevator on First Floor
Centennial Science	511 S 6th St.	Next to Men's Bathroom on Second Floor
Wyman Education Building	400 E Wild Rose Ave.	Right Side of Emergency Phone
Agricultural Science	611 S 3rd St.	Next to Drinking Fountain Near Dean's Office
Rodli Commons	512 S 6th St.	South Wall Across from Restrooms
Nelson Center	120 E Cascade Ave.	Lobby
CHILD	900 E Cascade Ave.	Check-in Desk
Knowles Center	1100 Athletic Dr.	Check-in Desk
Hathorn East	620 S 3rd St.	Right side of door to Professional Development Office
Davee Library	330 E Cascade Ave.	Lower Level Lobby
Lab Farm 1	1475 S Wasson Ln.	Near the Stable Office in Colt Barn
Lab Farm 2		Kitchen Area in Arena
Student Center	262 E Cascade Ave.	Left Side of Information Desk
Student Center	262 E Cascade Ave.	Right Side of Men's Restroom in Basement
Karges Center	194 E Cascade Ave.	Lobby
Facilities Management	716 Wild Rose Ave.	Lobby
Squad Car		In Rear of Vehicle

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For maximum safety, AEDs are located throughout campus. An AED is placed per building in convenient, noticeable and easy-to-access locations.

neat thing about this experience is that it had been there only less than two weeks.”

Fortunately, the AEDs on campus have not been used since they were installed.

“There hasn’t been a real opportunity to use them,” Kimball said.

AED and CPR training sessions will be offered Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. and Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. in the International Room of the

Student Center. The free one-hour sessions are being offered to educate students, staff and faculty to use the new devices.

“We want to make training voluntary,” Kimball said. “It is targeted more towards staff on campus, but it would be beneficial for students.”

People who helped organize the installation of the machines on campus encourage

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Public Safety director

others to attend the training sessions.

“I think the sessions are a good opportunity for students to learn something new that could save someone’s life,” UW-RF student Kaitlin Grady said. “Plus, it’s free.”

Kimball said about 30 to 40 people attended the previous two sessions, which were offered in September.

“If there’s more interest we will put on more training sessions,” he said.

Training sessions will be offered annually on campus for updates and review. Rixmann said people who want to become certified can also take a training session for a low cost through the Wellness Center at the River Falls Hospital.



File Photo

Dave Benner waits to perform CPR on a mannequin during a training session, where local paramedics demonstrate and assist students, staff and faculty.

UW-RF to hold vigil

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In observation of Coming Out Week, the UW-River Falls Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will be holding a candlelight vigil on the Student Center lawn at 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 11, the day nationally recognized as Coming Out Day.

With the marriage amendment vote on the horizon, some GSA members said they are hopeful that the vigil will be a bigger success than in the past.

“I am hoping that the ban on gay marriage amendment will bring more people to attend the vigil,” junior GSA member Debbie Constantine said. “The most important thing is to let students know what the vigil is and what it is about.”

About 20 people attended last year’s vigil, the same turnout is expected this year, GSA Co-chair Lacey Felmlee said.

“I went to the vigil last year and it was really moving,” Constantine said. “It was a fairly small group and was not a long event, but it brought everyone closer.”

Those who participate in the annual Coming Out Day vigil lend support to peers via prayer.

“[Last year] we prayed for those who have been discriminated and those who have been hurt or killed as a result of hate,” Constantine said. “We shared stories and most importantly, gave support to each other.”

Freshman Beth Van Kampen is a member of GSA who said she wants people to come to the vigil to get a better idea of what the organization stands for and what members are trying to accomplish.

“I hope the vigil will give people a view of what goes on in GSA,” she said. “We are caring people who just want to spread the word and try to get more people involved.”

Those who have attended Coming Out Day vigils in the

past understand the significance of the event and the importance of supporting those who are discriminated against.

“I am planning on going to the vigil this year because fighting hate and discrimination is important to me and I will do everything I can to offer my support,” Constantine said.

Junior GSA member Amanda Prochazka has attended two vigils in the past and said she enjoys participating in the events. She said she is hopeful that people will come to the vigil and speak their minds about the proposed marriage amendment.

“I hope that our supporters will be there to help protest the amendment,” Prochazka said. “There are many people who support us, but who are bashful to be grouped or seen with GLBT [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender] people.”

With the election quickly approaching, Van Kampen said she anticipates that the marriage amendment will have a positive influence on this year’s vigil.

“I hope that the marriage amendment will make people more interested in coming to the vigil to talk about the importance of the issue,” she said.

Every year, Coming Out Day is themed, with this year’s theme being “Talk About It.” On this day, GLBT people are encouraged to share their stories about coming out and help others become more open and honest about their sexuality.

“The vigil is usually very quiet, somber and reflective,” Felmlee said. “It gives participants a chance to reflect upon the past and look forward to the future.”

Coming Out Day is part of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Coming Out Project, which, according to the HRC Web site is “an on-going campaign to empower gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allied Americans to live openly and honestly about their lives.”

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‘Bonedclouds’ blends sounds

Honolulu-born 30-year-old Mason Jennings is coming here to River Falls this Friday for the AIDS benefit along with Consolation Champ. Right out of Minneapolis, his most recent album, “Bonedclouds,” has many similarities to other artists, such as James Blunt and Jack Johnson.

“Bonedclouds” also reveals his unique musical inventiveness. With fluid, finger-plucked melodies, along with synchronized keyboard accompaniment, the album comes together at ease.

Lyricaly, he finds a way to strike close to home with real life stories that soothe your mood.

According to the artist’s myspace page, the songs “address the hidden struggles and neglected dreams that have come to infuse most of modern-day life. Mason’s songs provide unique insights that offer hope, honesty and, above all, faith -- an undeniable faith in life.”

I agree with the above statement — some of the songs that portray this exactly are “If You Ain’t Got Love,” “If You Need a Reason” and “Jesus Are You Real.” The musical talent Jennings possesses is that of a star. There’s no reason he hasn’t seen the big stages yet, and getting signed to Epic Records is definitely a step in the right direction.

“I am interested in the experience of life, not it’s meaning,” Mason said.

I believe that this album possesses the talent and passion that a truly devoted musician should have. His four releases prior to



Erik Wood

the Epic Records debut each sold more than 100,000 albums. For a musician whom I had never even heard of until last week, that’s impressive.

If you are a fan of Jack, James or even Ben Harper, I think Mason Jennings deserves a chance with your eardrums. Five bands at \$20 is not at all unreasonable for a musician like Jennings.



“Bonedclouds” is Jennings’ sixth album, relased earlier this year.

Like I said last week, support local music — for AIDS and for the musicians themselves. I also recommend you stay tuned for further releases from this artist; you will thank yourself for giving this one a chance. Let’s just pray he doesn’t go radio big and become played out to no end, which is in my eyes the worst thing for a small-time musician.

Monday nights offer more than just a football game

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When the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Green Bay Packers 31 to nine in the Monday Night Football match-up last week, about 60 UW-River Falls students gathered at Brandy’s to watch the hometown favorite get defeated.

The NFL has been promoting the Monday Night Football game as the highlighted match each week for many years, and the Student Center has opted to make the game the center of a weekly gathering, open to all students.

In its second year, the Monday night event has just begun to gain popularity again on campus. Recreational Leadership Coordinator Kurrnan Sagan said that mostly students who live on campus have been showing up this year, whereas last year the turnout was predominately a group of off-campus students who came each week.

Along with a few student staff members, Sagan has used funds from the general Student Center budget to offer free pizza or hot dogs, pop and snacks to the students. The convenient on-campus location also boasts a projection screen for the game, free pool, ping-pong, foosball and a no-limit Texas Hold-’em tournament.

Though the game is physicaly the most dominant aspect of the Monday night event, students admit that it is the free

food and the Packers (when they play) that draws their attention.

“There’s free food,” junior Amber Dallager said. “It’s a good place to meet and hang out. The game isn’t really that important to me.”

Dallager, a Vikings fan, said she came to the same event on several occasions last fall and was re-introduced to it after reading e-mails sent to her student account.

Other opportunities for students to learn about the Monday Night Football event is through posters in dorms and in the Student Center and word of mouth. Several students in attendance on Monday night were brought by others who had been to a gathering in the past.

R.J. Hoock, a senior in pre-pharmacy, and his wife, senior Jamie Hoock, came to the event this week because a friend of theirs recommended it.

“It’s kind of nice,” Jamie said. “He can watch the game, and I can do my homework.”

Their friend, graduate student Luke Seibert, brought the Hoocks this year and admitted that the free food was the main intrigue for him.

Whether or not the Minnesota Vikings or Green Bay Packers are playing in the game, fans



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Two UW-RF students enjoy an exciting game during Monday Night Football at Brandy’s. Games and food are free.

show up to watch any two teams battle. Many watch players each Monday evening who support their online fantasy football teams.

Last week’s game between the Packers and Eagles drew the largest crowd so far this fall. On average, 30-35 students have shown up for Monday Night Football, but that number doubled on Monday night.

“With the Packers game we had a pretty good crowd,” Sagan said. “We were definitely impressed with the turnout. We went through a lot of hot dogs.” Even though the University is

located in Wisconsin, Sagan said there is a strong support for their rivals, the Minnesota Vikings.

“Vikings may tend to be the favorite,” Sagan said. “But Packers fans always have a stronger turnout.”

The dedication of Minnesota Vikings fans will be tested in four weeks on Oct. 20 when they take on the New England Patriots at home in the Metrodome. To watch this or any Monday night game, the event is in Brandy’s in the lower level of the Student Center at 7 p.m.

‘School’ teaches no new lessons

I guess you could say the movie was about a school. Kind of. And I guess the guys were scoundrels. Maybe. It definitely wasn’t bad either. But it sure as hell wasn’t good.

It is obvious that Jon Heder aka Napoleon Dynamite isn’t really an afro-headed dork, so why does he have to play one in every movie he is in?

The film starts out following the everyday life of Roger (Heder). He reads self-help books, works as a meter maid and makes a fool out of himself in front of the girl he crushes on. It’s just so pathetic, and we’ve seen it all before until Dr. P (Billy Bob Thornton) enters Roger’s life and changes it forever.

Thornton runs a class that teaches every stereotyped loser — the too fat guy, the too skinny guy, the old guy who lives in mom’s basement — to become... cool? I guess I’m not sure what I’d call it because I can’t remember when Thornton (or any of his characters) were ever cool.

For \$5,000, the doc humiliates them and pushes them for some sort of greater good. When he realizes Roger might be competition, he goes after Roger’s girl, Amanda, and Roger does everything he can to stop it.

Amanda is played by Jacinda Barrett. That may not sound very familiar to a lot of you, but if you’re as old as I am you will probably recognize the model’s Australian accent and face from the “Real World: London,” which aired on MTV in 1995. The last thing I knew, she was dating Chris Hardwick (Jenny McCarthy’s co-host from “Singled Out”). So I have no idea how she actually got into a movie that didn’t involve a fluffer.

Ben Stiller plays one of the doctor’s old students, whose life was ruined by the man. He was only in the last half of the movie. That was fine with me because I could not stand his New Jersey accent or the fake, awful mustache he was wearing. I think he was really just a big name they tried to throw in the movie to give it more clout, but it didn’t work.

Michael Clark Duncan plays Thorton’s ass-raping assistant, but he wasn’t really funny either — just big and scary. The only funny character was Eli (played by Tom Louiso, “High Fidelity”). And it wasn’t even him that was funny — it was funny that he ends up marrying a really hot chick ... who thinks he’s Moby.

“School for Scoundrels” started off slow and

ended with little more than a chuckle. I can’t even really tell you about a great part because nothing sticks out except for what I’ve seen over and over again in TV trailers.

All of the funniest scenes were just too far and too few between for me to forget the simple facts: that Billy Bob Thorton is still creepy, and Jon Heder is still not famous.

It’s strange how some actors continue to play the same types of characters over and over again, yet it seems as though they never get tired of it.

Indeed, this is the case for Jon Heder and Billy Bob Thornton in “School for Scoundrels.” Heder plays the hopeless loser, and Thornton is once again a tough guy who doesn’t take shit from anybody.

In this story, Roger (Heder) is a pathetic meter maid in New York, consistently terrorized and

humiliated by even regular guys on the street. Overcome by fits of anxiety, he blacks out. In his apartment, there are piles of self-help books stacked everywhere. He even tries to make small talk with Amanda (Jacinda Barrett), a crush who lives nearby, but instead makes a fool of himself.

Tipped off from a friend, Roger enrolls in an underground confidence-building class where he’s mentored by the intimidating Dr. P (Thornton). From the moment we’re introduced to the teacher, we instantly realize this guy means business.

Through unconventional methods, Dr. P molds his students from shy wimps to grown men capable of standing up for themselves. Roger especially makes progress, shining above the rest.

But Roger is warned, for another pupil of Dr. P had also shown above the rest of his classmates and inadvertently brought Dr. P to his competitive side. In the end, it came to the point

of utter psychological destruction for that student.

To Roger’s horror, this comes true. No prank is too low for Dr. P, nor is it original enough to prove himself as the

master. So in order to step up, Roger recruits his friends to show what they too can pull off.

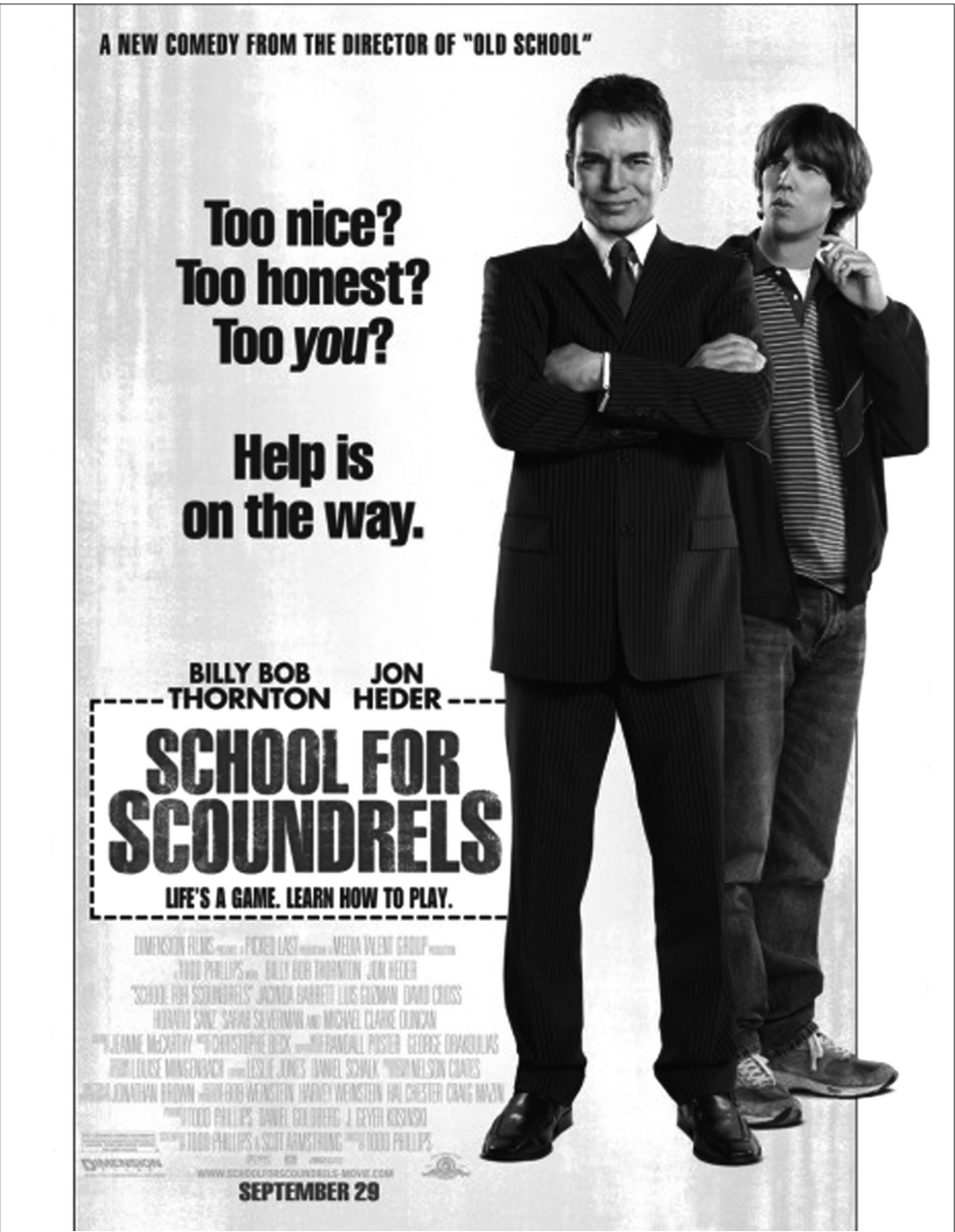
Personally, I thought the film worked pretty well. It kept my interest going, while retaining a sense of plot.

Yes, films like this, which are filled with locker room humor and blunt objects hitting a guy’s johnson, seem to be everywhere nowadays, but nonetheless it kept my attention. Really, it’s nothing new — we’re introduced to an underdog in the beginning, feel sympathy for him and end up cheering him on once he gets the girl.

Perhaps it’s because both actors really do get into their parts deeply. Obviously after doing those same types of characters so many times, they’ve entrenched themselves into that mode of thinking.

I admit, I saw a transformation in Roger. In the beginning, he was convincing as a hapless wuss, who turned out to be a master of Dr. P’s teachings in the end.

Though I have seen better, wittier comedies in the past, I have to admit this one entertained me all the same. After all, if a film entertains you and you have a good time, then it’s done it’s job.



Ratings for movies are based on a scale from one to five. A film that scores five stars is worth seeing at least once. A film that scores one star is horribly acted or directed with no substance.

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Thirsty Thursdays make for rough Friday mornings

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Students sitting in a 9 a.m. Friday lecture two weeks ago were learning about dinosaurs when one student sitting in the middle of the room got sick and vomited on the floor. When they realized what had happened, many sat in shock, unsure of what to do. The guy got his stuff together and left without saying anything to anyone, while other students simply sat in shock. Several minutes later, the professor was notified, and he quickly left the room.

As the classroom started to smell, students began to talk about the oddity they had just witnessed. The guy sitting who had been seated next to the ailing student sat silent before saying he “had never been in that situation” before.

When professor Michael Middleton started to cover up the mess with newspapers, he said, “I guess that’s what happens when you start your weekend on Thursday.”

Class continued as usual.

While the stench wasn’t getting any better, sighs of relief could be heard around the room when a custodian entered the room to clean up.

And class once again resumed.

They were all adults in that room, a group of seniors taking their science capstone. So it seemed that a little socializing on Thursday night was a legitimate sacrifice to a queasy Friday morning.

Thursday evenings out on the town are often spent in the bars. Local bar workers know there are many students who like to go out Thursday nights, and accommodate them by having drink specials for “Thirsty Thursdays.”

Specials range from \$2 Long Island iced teas and \$1.25 domestic bottles of beer at Bo’s ‘n Mine, while Mel’s has 75 cent beer taps, and two-for-ones can be found at Coach’s Sports Garden.

Marcus James, a UW-RF student and bartender at Bo’s, said Thursday nights are usually the town’s busiest. He said Bo’s sells more Long Islands than anything else because of the specials on the drink.

Justine Benzen, a 21-year-old student, said she drinks Long Islands at Bo’s on Thursdays because it’s a lot of alcohol for a little cash.

But at what cost are these weekday specials?

Tim Murray, a 21-year-old elementary education major, said he drank a lot one Thursday night and still felt drunk when he was going to class early Friday morning.

“I did make it through the day without puking though,” he said.

While Murray has a laissez-faire approach, there are also students who recognize they have an early morning class and drink accordingly.

Student Brian Peterson, 22, said he only goes out about one Thursday per month and when he does, he doesn’t drink a lot because he has class early the next morning.

“I did make it though the day without puking though.”
Tim Murray,
UW-RF student

Regardless of the level of intoxication reached by senior Bryan Ryba, he said he keeps academics a priority and still goes to class.

“I have never missed a class after drinking,” he said.

Even some of those lucky students who don’t have class Friday mornings have to go to work early, but still choose to party and drink on Thursdays.

“I have to be at work by 8:30,” Benzen said, adding she chooses to go out anyway because she wants to be with her friends.

UW-RF graduate student Jim Filling has to be up for work between 6 and 6:30 a.m. He said he will still go out at least one weeknight, but experience has taught him to drink a lot of fluids the next day and take a combination of pain relieving medication.

Filling recalled his undergraduate years when “Thursday nights were glory nights,” he said.

Those glory nights seem to revolve around socializing and the idea that students think Thursday night is the beginning of the weekend.

Bartender James also said Thursday is a special night.

“Thursday is the weekend,” he said. “Everyone looks forward to Thursday.”

Malisa Hyland doesn’t have class on Friday mornings and said she



Keighla Schmidt/Student Voice
UW-RF student and bartender Marcus James pours a mixed drink on Thursday night at Bo’s ‘n Mine.

also goes out Thursday nights to spend time with friends.

“It’s a suitcase campus and everyone goes home,” she said. “It’s the only night we can socialize, really.”

Hyland said even if she did have class on Friday mornings, she would probably still go out on Thursdays.

“Being social one night per week is more important than a 55-minute class,” she said. “You can always go home and take a nap.”

James said as the night wears on he starts to hear more comments from customers about not making it to their 8 or 9 a.m. classes. He even said there is a professor who comes in to have a pitcher and then “cuts himself off because he doesn’t want to be like his students.”

While some students arrange their school schedules without Friday morning classes so they can go out on Thursday, not all professors will accommodate the ones who do not. Animal science professor Kris Hiney teaches an advanced nutrition course at 8 a.m. on Fridays.

Hiney said she has weekly quizzes that count for a significant part of her students’ grades, so attending and doing well on the quizzes are vital for her students.

She said she hears stories from her students about how they went out the night before, taking hints from the Gatorade they bring to class and the way they smell that they were out drinking.

Comparing her early morning upper-level courses to the early lower-lever courses she has taught in the past, Hiney said she thinks students learn to handle partying better as they get older.

“Along the way they realize how to manage it,” she said. “If not, they have to accept the consequences or choose to not [drink].”

People involved with the University are not the only ones who see the effects of drinking during the week. Police also notice the many people who choose to start their weekends on Thursdays.

“It’s one of our busiest nights,” Patrol Sergeant Mike Reardon of the River Falls Police Department said. “There’s an obvious increase of alcohol consumption.”

Reardon said he thinks the majority of the people at bars or house parties on Thursday nights are university students. He said there is a significant increase in the number of people who are out when classes are in session compared to summertime.

While some universities have discussed having a policy of no classes on Fridays, Hiney said she thinks it’s a bad idea.

“It’s never good to bow to the fact that students need to indulge,” she said.

Students, take note from someone who has been in the game for a while.

Grad student Filling said he had the key to success as an undergrad: “Study hard during the week, and party hard on Saturday and Sunday.”



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Tim Murray, Tony Arndt, Erica Bauer, Jack Smith and Jason Kuechenmeister enjoy a Thursday night out drinking and socializing before waking up for Friday morning obligations.

Course offers parental insight

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Alcohol use on a college campus is nothing new - but even more serious is that the problem isn’t being solved, despite the efforts of Student Health Services (SHS).

As part of its efforts against alcohol usage, SHS has developed an online course for parents to help them talk to their students about drinking, which was launched this past August.

Information provided to parents on Desire2Learn states that the purpose of the online seminar is to provide information to parents so that they can help students make responsible decisions about drinking.

“In a recent assessment, a vast majority of UW-RF students indicated that they are likely to seek advice on health-related issues from their parents and trust the information their parents give them,” said Blake Fry, dean of student development and campus diversity, at the beginning of the seminar.

“For that reason, it is critical that you [parents] are well-versed on the current trends related to and consequences of alcohol use by college students.”

“I don’t think a lot of students know how to control their drinking habits.”
Brittany Engler,
UW-RF student

The online course for parents addresses the issue of drinking on campus in depth. It discusses topics ranging from why students drink to how they obtain their alcohol to what consequences the acts of excessive or underage drinking may incur.

In March 2005, the University’s Coalition on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (CATOD) conducted a survey, which found that 50 percent of students engaged in binge drinking during a period of 30 days. This is compared to 2003 when 39 percent of students engaged in binge drinking over a period of 30 days -- on par with 39.1 percent of students nationally.

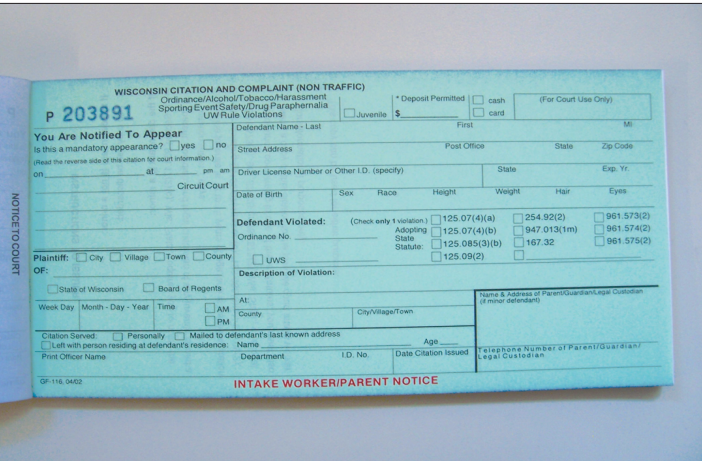
This substantial increase in the drinking habits of students is enough to be significant, but not enough to shock students.

“This [increase] doesn’t surprise me,” said student Brittany Engler. “I don’t think a lot of students know how to control their drinking habits.”

The survey also found that 59 percent of UW System students engaged in binge drinking compared to 54 percent nationally, and 72 percent of UW-RF students consumed alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days -- compared to 78 percent of students in the UW System.

The Annual Campus Crime Report, released by Public Safety on Sept. 28, stated that in 2005 there had been 223 liquor law violations in the residence halls, which grew from 203 violations in 2003.

“The Monday after I moved in [two years ago], there were drinking citations on all of the doors,” student Greg Lund said. “That’s the first thing students want to do when they get to college.”



Submitted photo
Public Safety issues more expensive underage consumption citations than the River Falls Police Department.

A brochure provided by SHS discussing binge drinking defines the act: “Drinking a lot in a short amount of time; drinking a lot...period; reaching a very high blood alcohol level; consuming five or more drinks in a row one or more times in a 2 week period.”

Unfortunately, this programming appears to have a stronger enemy than alcohol abuse -- inaccurate perception.

The survey found that most students predicted that 99 percent of students on campus consumed alcohol regularly, when -- in actuality -- 72 percent of students on campus had consumed alcohol in February or March.

The CATOD has set goals, which it had hoped to achieve by 2007. These goals include having a binge drinking rate no higher than 46.5 percent - a necessary 3.5 percent decrease -- and having a greater student and staff involvement in alcohol prevention. In 2004, 65 percent of students didn’t know there were prevention education programs on campus.

SHS is working to complete the goals set by the coalition with a variety of brochures and a simulated house party to educate students about the risks associated with drinking. Birthday cards are also sent to students turning 21 to encourage them to celebrate responsibly.

Public Safety Citations:	
Underage consumption/possession:	
First offense:	\$249.00
Second offense:	\$375.00
Third offense:	\$501.00
Fourth offense:	\$753.00
Identification card violations:	
	\$501.00

RF Police Department:	
Underage consumption:	
First offense:	\$172.00