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## Recent violence sparks safety concerns



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**As a safety precaution, students should make sure residence hall doors close behind them.**

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Safety at UW-River Falls and around the nation is becoming an increasingly important topic due to recent acts of violence.

On Oct. 2, in a one-room Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania, five young girls were killed and another five wounded before the shooter turned the gun on himself. In Montreal on Sept. 13, a student at Dawson College opened fire, killing one woman and injuring 19 others. Police eventually fatally shot the self-proclaimed "angel of death" in one of the school's buildings.

Most recently, an alleged bomb threat was made in North Hall Sept. 29. Though there was no real reason to worry about the threat and no casualties of any sort, it brings the scare of the ever-increasing trend of campus violence home to students at UW-RF.

After such incidents, questions are raised about safety on campus not only in academic buildings, but in the dorms as well.

In any residential building at UW-RF,

a person with a valid school ID can enter the building without being stopped. Even if the person is borrowing an ID card or is not a resident of on-campus housing, he or she can still enter.

At each entrance, a scanner allows students easy access to the building. By swiping the card correctly, the door opens. In the entrances there are signs urging visitors to check in with the student manning the front desk, but with hundreds of people occupying each building, it is nearly impossible for one person to pick out non-residents.

At 10 p.m. the scanners change to allow only registered occupants access to the buildings by using the electronic system.

"We allow access to students with University IDs so that friends may visit friends across campus," Director of Residential Life Terry Willson said. "Access is limited to building residents only after 10 p.m. Any locked access security system is only as safe as students allow it to be."

However, an ongoing problem,

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## Homecoming to bring back spirit

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After months of preparation, the UW-River Falls Homecoming will be a week packed with fun, entertainment and events — all with a cowboy theme.

"Showdown at the RF Corral" events begin at 9 a.m. Oct. 16 with the medallion hunt, and end after the Homecoming football game Oct. 21.

"This [Homecoming] blows everything out of the water," Homecoming Committee Chair Marcus Bonde said.

The committee has put a lot of effort and emphasis on advertising Homecoming festivities this year.

"We have done more advertising than I know of since I have been on campus," Bonde said.

Homecoming posters have been placed throughout campus, and flyers about the festivities are available in the Leadership Center.

UW-RF student Nikole Cisar agreed that it has been better advertised this year.

"Another problem we had before is that it has been geared specifically towards organizations," Bonde said. "This year it is also geared towards students."

Bonde said the goal of the Homecoming events is to strengthen campus pride.

"The spirit level is lacking on this campus and we are trying to build it up," Bonde said.

The events will allow students to connect with one another, as well as student organizations.

The big events for students are

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## Public Safety informs RF about crime

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The annual Campus Crime Report is e-mailed to UW-River Falls staff and students from Public Safety to raise awareness of criminal issues on campus from the past three years.

The report is required because of the Clery Act, which was enacted in 1990 in response to the 1986 rape and murder of 19-year-old Lehigh University freshman Jeanne Ann Clery. Clery's parents raised support for the law after discovering students at the Bethlehem, Pa., university weren't notified of 38 violent crimes committed on campus during the previous three years. This year's UW-RF crime report was compiled by Interim Director of Public Safety Mark Kimball. It provides comprehensive data, along with security and preventative information for students, their parents and any other interested party.

Kimball said he hopes every student reads the report.

Freshman Amanda Monarski said she read the report because it looked interesting. She said Public Safety does a good job of keeping campus safe.

"Basically, they're everywhere," Monarski said.

Kimball, who took the director position in March 2005, said Public Safety does the best it can to keep campus safe with the resources available.

UW-RF has no reported instances of murder or manslaughter during the three-year span of the report.

There were two reported forcible sex offenses on campus last year and one reported incident each of the previous two years.

The residence halls are one area Kimball has recently focused on.

Last spring, Public Safety decided to experiment by adding liaison officers to tighten security in and around the 10 UW-RF residence halls.

"Adding this liaison on campus is kind of reorganizing our patrols," Kimball said.

He also said two officers are patrolling the residence halls for an average of 16 hours per day.

"We want to have more double coverage so that we can better serve the campus community," Kimball said.

Monarski lives in Hathorn Hall and said adding the liaisons was

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## Area ghosts spell spooky Friday the 13th

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**The Parker mansion, located at 315 Maple St., is one of several haunted locations in the River Falls area. The mansion is supposedly home to a poltergeist.**

For anyone afflicted with paraskevidekatriaphobia, the combination of their fear of Friday the 13th, two ghosts, a poltergeist and the upcoming Halloween holiday forecasts a spooky end to October.

While Friday the 13th and Halloween superstitions occur across the globe, three known spirits are very local, as a ghost resides on the UW-River Falls campus, a poltergeist is found in a River Falls house and another ghost calls Hudson home.

UW-RF professor Jim Zimmerman is all too familiar with the campus ghost, as it paid him a visit one summer evening.

The account of his paranormal experience is recorded in retired UW-RF professor Michael Norman's book, "Haunted Homeland."

After finishing a rehearsal, Zimmerman was on the stage of the Blanche Davis Theatre, writing some notes for his cast.

Feeling someone walking on stage, Zimmerman looked up to see a man dressed in a red T-shirt and jeans walking to the center of the stage.

Not recognizing him, Zimmerman asked the man if he needed anything, but there was no reply. The man was gone.

When Zimmerman spoke of the incident, he was told he saw Sanford Syse, a former UW-RF speech professor who designed the Blanche Davis Theatre.

The unsettling aspect of Zimmerman's story is that Syse died on Nov. 28, 1973.

"I know it seemed as real as if you ... came and sat right here," he said, speaking of a chair directly across from where he was sitting in his office.

While the occurrence did not seem paranormal at first, Zimmerman now has a different opinion.

Looking back, the incident seems "surreal or ghostly because of not being able to logically figure out where he went," he said. "The back door was the only place he could have gone."

Zimmerman knows Syse did not exit through the back door because there were students standing there who said they did not see anyone.

The experience left the UW-RF professor puzzled and pleased.

"I can't figure out any other rational reason for him disappearing," he said.

While the sighting may have left some uneasy, Zimmerman wishes it could have lasted longer.

"It would have been nice to talk to my predecessor, to sit down and have a conversation with Sanford," he said. "If it was him, in retrospect, it was nice to have him pay a visit."

Throughout Zimmerman's time at UW-RF, some of Syse's former students have come back and talked about the man in

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## Parking issues still abound

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Last year, rumors circulated campus about parking meters being installed along Cascade Avenue. Apparently they were more than just rumors.

Campus Planner Dale Braun said meters were proposed by the River Falls City Council, but the UW-River Falls didn't want them. The proposal has come up twice since the initial proposal, the last time during spring semester.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said there is no current agenda item scheduled for the City Council on the parking issue.

"There is interest on the part of some council mem-

bers to consider parking meter denomination and time changes," Leque said. "Some possible expansion of parking meters could also be advanced for consideration as well, however, an exact time frame for consideration has not been determined."

The problem with meters, Braun said, is "it would discourage students from staying on campus." Once a student's time is up on a meter, he or she would be compelled to leave campus.

Braun also said in the future there would be a cost for parking in the streets.

"The cost of more policing and maintenance will rise, as well as the amount of parking permits,"

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**This vehicle parked on Fourth Street is one of the many examples of poor parking by commuters.**



VOICE SHORTS

CAMPUS

Theater fraternity hosts interactive show

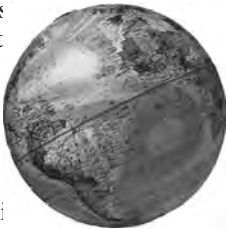
Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary theater fraternity, will sponsor a midnight showing of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” Oct. 27 in the Blanche Davis Theater. The showing will include actors dancing alongside the movie and interacting with the audience. Actors returning to the stage to reprise their roles from last year’s performance include Mike McKay as Frank Furter, Joe Aherns as Rif Raff, Greg Lund as Brad Majors and Kristy Reid as Magenta. Audience members are encouraged to dress up, interact with the cast, call out favorite lines and really get into the entire experience. For questions, e-mail APO president Kate Garlock at kate.garlock@uwrf.edu or business manager Kristy Reid at kristy.reid@uwrf.edu.

Red Cross offers instructional class

On Nov. 11, the American Red Cross will be on campus providing a class for CPR, First Aid and showing how to properly use automated external defibrillators. After the completion of a day course, a person will be certified. The class runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and costs \$30. The course must be prepaid, and pre-registration is required with Ogden Rogers (ogden.rogers@uwrf.edu).

Semester abroad meeting approaches

An informational meeting for those interested in spending a semester in Europe is set for Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at 141 Kleinpell Fine Arts. The UW-RF Semester Abroad: Europe program allows students in all majors to spend the fall semester in Europe, traveling and working on independent projects based on their academic interests. At the meeting, past participants will discuss their experiences and projects. Additional program information is available at www.uwrf.edu/sae or by contacting program co-directors Brad Gee (brad.gee@uwrf.edu) or Magdalena Pala (magdalena.e.pala@uwrf.edu).



Rodeo Club makes plans to revamp arena

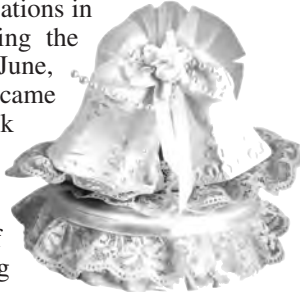
For the past 42 years, the outdoor rodeo arena on Campus Lab Farm No.1 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, has served the annual rodeo event well. But after more than four decades of pounding hooves and rough riding, as well as thousands of fans streaming through, the arena has been showing its age more and more. Members of the UW-RF Rodeo Club said the arena’s location in a low spot exposes it to excess water runoff from the farm and has seriously decayed the wooden structure. Mitchell Whyte, Rodeo Club’s vice president and junior at UW-RF, said the club is applying for additional grants to raise the arena area and install drainage ditches. It also plans to acquire the assistance of the agricultural engineering department, surveying and mapping the area. Rodeo Club members will reassemble the arena. If all goes well, Whyte said, the club expects to start making the changes in order to get the arena up next year, in time for the start of the 2007 UW-RF Falcon Rodeo.

Business professors receive awards

The UW-River Falls College of Business and Economics gave awards to outstanding faculty members to recognize their achievements. Brian Huffman, professor of management, won a publication award, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and an award for outstanding research. Huffman’s research interest includes exploration of big picture ideas in strategy, especially operations strategy. Huffman’s other areas of interest include computer skills, such as programming and business simulations in Java. He has recently had his research published in “Insights for a Changing World and Emerging Issues in Business & Technology.” Charlie Corcoran, professor of finance, won an award in the publication category. Corcoran, who has a bachelor’s from Georgetown University, master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Minnesota, has researched large databases, literature reviews and random sample surveys. He recently had his research published in the “Journal of Business and Economics Research” and “The Journal of Accounting and Finance Research.” Claire Kilian, a professor of management, won the Outstanding Advisor of the Year award. Awards for Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Advisor are decided by polling graduates from two and four years ago. Awards for publication and outstanding research are chosen by a panel of the last three award winners in the college.

UW Board of Regents opposes ban

The University of Wisconsin Board of Regents joined a growing list of organizations opposing the civil unions and marriage ban in Wisconsin last week. The board voted to oppose the ban because it would potentially outlaw domestic partner benefits and inhibit the UW’s ability to attract and retain the best faculty. The regents are among many leaders and organizations in Wisconsin that are actively opposing the civil unions and marriage ban. In June, four former governors of Wisconsin came out against the ban. Governors Patrick Lucey, Martin Schreiber, Lee Sherman Dreyfus and Tony Earl released a joint statement saying the ban runs contrary to the values of freedom and fairness, making Wisconsin great.



RIVER FALLS

Court sends woman to jail for meth sales

A woman was sentenced Monday in federal court to 15 years in prison for conspiring with others in a drug ring that distributed up to 32 lbs of methamphetamine in the River Falls area. Reanne S. Taylor, 27, had previously pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy with Jamie L. Briesemeister, of River Falls, and Michelle Nelson to sell between 11 and 32 lbs of methamphetamine between September 2001 and December 2004. Taylor sold for part of the time out of Fox Trailer Park on the north edge of River Falls. The ring brought drugs from the Twin Cities and distributed in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. Taylor, who faced statutory penalties of 10 years to life in prison, was sentenced in the middle of the advisory guideline range of 168 to 210 months because she was involved in the conspiracy for only parts of 2003 and 2004.

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SENATE

Chartwells announces new dining services

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Through the Student Senate, Chartwells wants the campus to know about the new dining services, but senators raised concerns over the costs of meal plans and hours of availability for students with the increase of specialty foods and stores. “This is all public information, and we want the students to know what is coming,” said Jennifer Conde, director of dining services for Chartwells. “After Thanksgiving break, students will be able to see many samples in a forum as to what each place will look like in terms of logos, food and outfits of employees.”

During the Oct. 10 Senate meeting, Conde and Stacey Shaw, regional marketing director for Chartwells, presented and announced five restaurants to be located in the new Student Center. We Proudly Brew Caribou Coffee, Mondo Subs, Coyote Jack’s Grill, Zona Mexicana and Momma Leone’s will soon be among the choices for students to eat on campus as soon as the new building is open in January. “Our goal in the next few days is to give the information to students,” Conde said. “Nothing is secret. If Senate doesn’t talk about it, the information isn’t getting out.” With a wide variety of new eateries on campus, many senators repeatedly asked about transfer options, hours of operations and any increasing costs to meal plans. Meal plans will not be affected for the spring semester when the Student Center opens, Conde said.

“It will be something to look at in the near future, like the next two years,” she said. The use of the services by students will be monitored and evaluated to make a decision to change the plans in any way, Shaw said. “It’s going to be a total learning curve of new patterns with the new options,” Conde said. President Joe Eggers said he was wondering about the use of the dairy products produced on campus. He asked if the new services will continue to use the cheeses and ice cream. “We will continue to use that,” Conde said. “The residential dinning will continue to use the ice cream and expand into the cheese curds some time.” The coffee shop will be similar to Java Coast, and it will continue to serve Freshens’ smoothies, she said. It will be located on the main level of the building. “The Caribou Coffee at UW-River Falls is the first in the country to be a part of Chartwells,” Shaw said. “It is going to be a lot like Java Coast, but better; it will have different and better hours.” The lower level of the new Student Center is completely designated to residential dining, Conde said, where Mondo Subs, Coyote Jack’s Grill and Zona Mexicana will be located. Mondo Subs is a sandwich shop, which is very similar to Quizno’s, Shaw said. The dining service will offer limited-time offers and marketed specials. Keeping traditional burger services, Coyote Jack’s Grill will offer upscale burgers of many choices, ranging from plain cheese to any specialty burger a student

desires, she said. Focus groups and surveys were conducted on campus last October through Student Services and Programs to get feedback of students at UW-RF as to what they would like to see for food choice at the new Student Center, Shaw said. “In the focus groups, a frequently mentioned name was Chipotle,” she said. “It was because of the ability to control what they are eating and being able to see the food right in front of them.” With a majority of the students wanting a Mexican-style eatery on campus, Zona Mexicana has signature foods, focusing on different regional Latin sauces and ingredients, Shaw said. For students looking for pizza and pasta options, Momma Leone’s, a New York City brand and restaurant, brings many Italian foods with healthy and nutritious ingredients. “A signature meal from the restaurant is the pasta pizza,” Shaw said. “It’s sounds unique, but it’s very good; it’s very popular.” A few senators asked questions about the use of dinner transfers still being available at the new services, and Shaw and Conde both said every new place will offer extended times of availability. “The biggest changes are going to come in the environment,” Conde said. “The environment will be very different.”

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

Career Fair draws local businesses

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Each year dozens of eager employers and other representatives flock to campus in search of UW-River Falls students to fill internships, classrooms and career positions. This year the annual Career Fair, hosted by Career Services, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in Karges Gymnasium. This year the Career Fair will host 105 organizations, including a range of employers and graduate schools. “There are a variety of options available to students,” Recruitment Coordinator Melissa Wilson said. “New students can see what it’s like for next year - every student is invited and welcome.” The options include getting information from employers and graduate schools, networking with professionals, finding

information to assist in choosing a career path and learning about potential career opportunities, internships and summer positions. “A lot of students don’t realize the number of graduate schools [attending],” Wilson said. “It’s a good place for students going to further their education.” Students, who are unsure of how to approach the Career Fair, can attend one of two informational sessions called Career Fair 101. The sessions are being held Monday from 12:20 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Tuesday from 4:05 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. Career Services will also be available in the Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., giving free résumé critiques and distributing information about the organizations that will be present during the Career Fair. The list of organizations can also be viewed online at the Career Fair

Web site. A list of tips provided by Career Services for preparing for the fair include researching the companies, updating resumes, practicing answers and developing 60-second commercials. “I think a lot of students don’t go to the fair because they don’t know what to say,” Wilson said. “This gives them the confidence.” For students unable to attend these sessions, Wilson said the best approach is to be prepared, have three to five places you know you want to talk to, and make sure you have your 60-second commercial - your pitch to the representative about why you are a good candidate for employment. Employers at the fair are looking for a variety of things, Wilson said. “They want a River Falls graduate,” she said. “They wouldn’t be here if they didn’t

want our students.” Other than that, important skills employers are looking for often include strong written, verbal, critical, and analytical thinking and time management skills. Tracia Gimbut, a student intern and coordinator of the Career Fair, said this year an attempt was made to reach more local businesses. Student suggestions from last year were also considered so the event would be more student-centered. Both representatives from Career Services agreed that the Career Fair is a good place to meet one-on-one and make contacts. Wilson gave the example of using an internship as a way to see what’s out there. “Even just going to network is worth it,” Wilson said, adding that one recruiter was so impressed with a sophomore that the résumé is being held until that student graduates.

Mentor program connects RF to inner-city students

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Through the Upward Bound program, UW-River Falls faculty and students mentor, tutor and prepare inner-city students at Arlington High School in St. Paul for continuing their education at a college or university. “Upward Bound is a trio program helping young people who live in the inner city succeed in college,” said Karwee Marshall, a junior and theatre major. “Everyone in the program goes to college.” Every summer, students come to campus for a week-long session to attend classes and gain experience of college life, he said. This summer’s program, a trip to Yellowstone National Park July 22-29, was a reward for participants who attended all their classes and successfully finished, Marshall said. “It’s a reward for working hard,” he said. “They needed to have a

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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• The Q-Lot, located off of Cascade Avenue, will be reserved Oct. 13, 18, 19 and 20.

**Oct. 5**

• Jon I. Lamphere, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in McMillan Hall.

**Oct. 7**

• At 11:45 p.m., Yussufu R. Nasabimana, 36, was fined \$83.80 for open container of intoxicant at 521 S. Main St.

• Benjamin L. Sikorski, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

• David J. P. Heid Jr., 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

• Andrew T. Nelson, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

• Brittany E. Enslin, 18, was fined \$249 for underage con-

sumption in Parker Hall.

• Katherin M. Pfouts, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

• Between 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Oct. 8, the driver’s side mirror of a vehicle parked in O-Lot was broken off and left hanging by electrical wire.

**Oct. 8**

• Brenna A. Quinn, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption at 117 W. Charlotte St. Her blood alcohol content was reported at .14.

• At 3:30 a.m., Frank W. Arnold, 20, was found passed out in the women’s lingerie department of ShopKo, 1777 Paulson Rd.

According to police reports, Arnold was found by an employee of the store, and River Falls Police were called to the scene. Police awoke the man, who said he had been drinking with a friend before going to

work at 11:30 p.m. Oct. 7. Arnold said he only had two beers that night, though his blood alcohol content was recorded at .137. He was cited \$172 for underage consumption.

• Police were called to 812 S. State St. in response to an 8 a.m. loud noise complaint. Student Nicholas C. Foreman, 20, and three other men were fined \$109 each for public nuisance.

According to police reports, the men are residents of a duplex at the address, and the police have previously responded multiple times to noise violations when parties were being thrown at the location.

River Falls Police have five separate documented complaints regarding this residence, including: Sept. 26, Sept. 21, Sept. 17, Sept. 7, and August 18.

The public nuisance statute concerns “continuous violations of city ordinances, any place or

premise within the city where city ordinance or state law relating to the public health, safety, peace, morals or welfare are openly, continuously or repeatedly and intentionally violated,” according to the report.

Garbage, including beer cans and bottles, was photographed by police throughout the street and lawn leading up to the residence. None of the residents are of legal drinking age.

• Between 11 p.m. and 12:05 a.m. Oct. 9, a vehicle was found in O-Lot with its driver’s side door open and the contents of the glove compartment removed. Nothing was reported missing or damaged, and there was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle.

• Between 11:10 p.m. and 12:05 a.m. Oct. 9, a car stereo and CDs and holder were stolen, and the dashboard was damaged on a vehicle parked in O-Lot. Damage is estimated at \$700.



*Submitted Photo*  
**Students from UW-RF and Arlington High School stopped at Mount Rushmore during a road trip to Yellowstone.**



Homecoming: Events offer fun and excitement for students

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the medallion hunt, mechanical bull, lip sync competition, Johnny Holm Band concert and parade. “[This Homecoming] has the same things as other years — they are just bigger and better this year,” Bonde said.

The medallion hunt offers students a chance to win a \$50 prize. Beginning Monday and ending Thursday, clues about where the UW-RF medallion is hidden on or in University property will be posted every day at the Information Desk before 9 a.m. The student who brings the medallion to the Information Desk will win the cash.

Lip sync, hosted by folk humorist Mary Mack, is a competition where members of organizations lip sync on stage.

“If you saw Dave Coulter, Mary Mack is even funnier,” Bonde said. “We were all in tears because she was so hilarious.”

The members will be judged on stage presence, creativity, lip syncing ability, costumes, choreography and use of the Homecoming theme.

“Lip sync is always fun to watch. It is quite comical and very, very funny,” Cisar said. “It is interesting to see what different organizations come up with.”

“The biggest reason to go is because it gives you a reason to get together with friends and enjoy the events.”  
Deb Gunderson,  
UW-RF alumna

Out of all the events, the highlight of Homecoming is the parade, Bonde said. It is set for Saturday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. Last year, a Homecoming parade was held for the first time in 21 years. However, unlike last year when the parade went through campus, it will travel through downtown River Falls as a result of more time and

better planning. Bonde said the significance of the parade is to get alumni back to the city. Many alumni come back every year just for the Johnny Holm Band concert, an event that has been part of Homecoming for many years.

UW-RF alumna Deb Gunderson graduated in 1992. She attended every UW-RF Homecoming when she was a student, and has attended all but one since she graduated. Gunderson said when she went to school here, there was a parade and Johnny Holm Band concert during every Homecoming.

“It is always a nice time to get together with friends,” Gunderson said. She encourages students to go to some of the events.

“The biggest reason to go is because it gives you a reason to get together with friends and enjoy the events,” she said. “It is a time to connect, and will provide students with memories for many years from now.”

At the end of the parade this year, the floats will line up in front of the football stadium for the game. Before the game starts, the chancellor, cheerleaders and Freddie will give the game ball to the referee to give everyone a “Super Bowl” feeling.

Another aspect of Homecoming is Homecoming royalty. Students can vote online at <http://www.uwrf.edu/leadership/homecoming.html> for Homecoming King and Queen beginning at 4 p.m. Oct. 16.

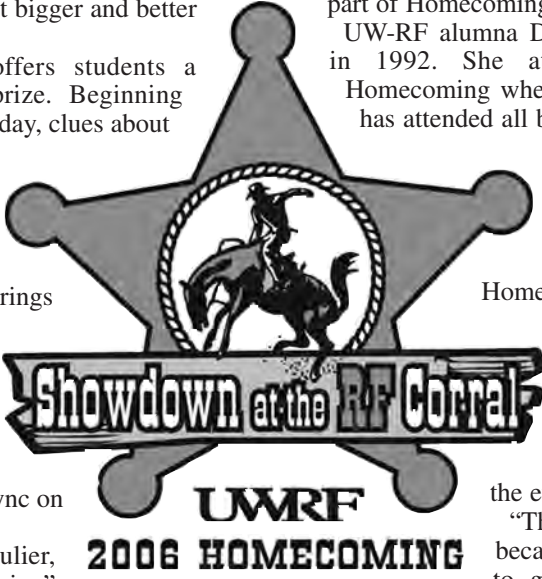
“I want to represent Sigma because it has been a big part of my life,” UW-RF student Anna Parsons said.

Parsons is the Sigma Sigma Sigma candidate for Homecoming royalty.

She said Homecoming is important because “it’s fun to be on campus, and that is part of college life.”

Among the other events for Homecoming are student competitions, a food drive and a BBQ.

Homecoming T-shirts are also on sale at the Leadership Center for \$5.



Safety: Students encouraged to close doors behind them

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according to faculty and students, is people entering the dorms by someone simply holding the door open or catching it before it latches shut.

“It scares me a little that anyone with an ID card can enter the residence halls, but it makes me feel better that they can’t past a certain time at night,” Jessica Odden, a freshman and Parker Hall resident, said. “Also, anyone can grab the door after someone goes in the building. I know it has happened.”

“We continue to emphasize the message that student residents should not open doors for strangers, but our campus and many others struggle with this



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Students leaving halls make residents susceptible to thefts and violence by allowing doors to swing open so anyone can get in.

ongoing issue,” Willson said.

Violence from outsiders is not the only issue to worry about when living in campus housing. With people living together who do not already have an established knowledge of one another, personalities and interests are going to clash.

In Hathorn Hall on Sept. 8, two students, Steven Wyman, 20, and Benjamin Nikosch, 21, were involved in a dispute involving two knives, including a Swiss Army pocketknife.

“While one person had a scratch on the neck, it was not determined if the scratch came from the pocketknife,” Willson said.

Residential Life does not tolerate instances like this and took immediate action. Both students were arrested by the River Falls Police Department. Wyman was held on bond and Nikosch was released.

“We terminated the housing contracts of both students and they may no longer enter University residence halls,” Willson said. “Both students also face civil charges.”

Staff and students agree that the proper safety procedures, including the electronic scanning system, are in effect to protect on-campus residents. However, it is apparently the student’s responsibility to keep people from entering who have no business in the dorms.

“I don’t really see the RAs or Res. Hall staff do too much in terms of safety from random people coming into the building,” Michelle Ault, a sophomore and Prucha Hall resident, said. “All they do is tell us not to hold the door for anyone, but nobody listens to that.”

Cars: Attempts at parallel parking could use improvement

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Braun said. “This has to be paid for by students’ revenues and fees because there is no help from the city.”

Director of Purchasing Services Tom Weiss said there were no plans for meters to go up on Cascade as of four months ago.

Braun said the University has about 6,200 students, but with the Growth Agenda for Wisconsin approved, the campus should expect about 1,000 additional students for next year.

“Part-time and grad students wouldn’t be a large problem in the future,” Braun said. Traditional undergraduate students, who usually park for an entire day, will cause the most commotion.

Yet Weiss has a possible solution for the future.

“Parking ramps have been a subject of discussion, but the cost is so high,” Weiss said. “A low estimate for a 400-car ramp runs about \$6.5 million.”

Including the cost of operations, maintenance and interest on payments, the ramp could cost \$1,000-\$1,500 per year.

Students who either commute or use a car on campus held some of their own opinions about parking.

Junior Victoria Reiner often uses the metered lot if she is

crunched for time.

“I don’t think parking is too much of a problem now, but I can see it for the future,” she said.

Reiner said if a ramp is built, the cost should only apply to students who are parking there, not the entire student body.

“Parking in general is a joke,” said junior Nathan Martinson.

He said he thinks parking is better this year than it was last year, and he doesn’t believe there should be time limits on when students can park in the streets.

Graduate student Erin

Courtney said she thinks the most aggravating thing about parking is when there is a large space between two cars.

“People don’t park close enough to each other,” Courtney said, adding she thinks if the amount of parking permits were limited on the residential streets, not as many students would be going for the same space.

Only time will tell what happens to the parking issues. As for now, students can attempt to improve their parallel parking.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Commuters parked outside North Hall on Third Street left too much space between vehicles. Terrible parking jobs by students contribute to the ever-growing lack of space.

Crime: New liaison officers not making presence known

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a good idea because it allows Public Safety to react quickly in emergency situations.

Freshman Anna Peterson lives in Crabtree Hall, and said she hasn’t seen the liaisons and questioned their effectiveness if students aren’t noticing their presence.

“We can’t be in all 10 halls at the same time,” Kimball said. He said requests for additional staff are still pending approval from UW-RF administration. Kimball said at least one Public Safety staff member is on duty every hour of every day. According to the crime report, the number of incidents in the residence halls stayed steady in most areas since 2003.

“Students need to take responsibility for who they’re letting into the halls. They shouldn’t hold the door because they know who I am.”

Mark Kimball,  
director of Public Safety

One area has shown major improvement — burglaries in 2003 peaked at 13, dropped to four in 2004 and three last year. Kimball said the decrease might be due to fewer incidents being reported. He said students need to use

better judgment to prevent incidents in the residence halls.

“Students need to take responsibility for who they’re letting into the halls,” Kimball said.

“They shouldn’t hold the door open just because they know who I am.”

The crime report also plays a role for prospective students and their parents.

“In our publications and presentations, we refer to that report for anyone who is interested,” Executive Director of Enrollment Services Alan Tuchtenhagen said. “Generally, our campus tends to look very good on that report compared to other campuses, so it really is less of an issue for many of our prospective families than it might otherwise be.”



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EDITORIAL

# Attendance policies lack trust, freedom

When the alarm goes off in the morning, you can bet there’s at least one other person thinking the same thing as you: Should I go to class?

You might believe you have the liberty to make that choice - this is college, after all. But it seems as if attendance policies are finding their way onto more syllabi as the years go on. And with every class allowing only three absences per semester, a little piece of that freedom-craving freshman dies within us all.

Faculty can make the argument that attendance policies are in place for the students’ own good - it teaches the responsibility necessary for success in the workforce they will inevitably enter.

Yet by age 18, we all should be capable of making decisions on our own. And if we’re not quite there yet - let us learn from our mistakes.

And as adults, we know by now that different people have different learning styles. While some students learn by listening to professors lecture, others process information by reading the material themselves.

To expect every student to be present at every lecture seriously dismisses the individuality existing in us all.

A failing grade is likely punishment enough for a truant student who truly isn’t capable of learning on their own - if they didn’t go to class in the first place, chances are they aren’t too psyched to take the entire course over again next semester. It costs more money and takes more time, and none of us want to subject ourselves to that.

While faculty members commonly brush off the typical absence excuses - lack of sleep, excess stress, hectic work schedules - we hope they are not so easily disregarded in the future.

With tuition on a steady increase and a continuously failing economy, these arguments are not only valid but commendable for those of us who are literally working day and night to get that valuable education.

So educators - don’t underestimate your students. If we can do well in your classes without being physically present, don’t give us a poor grade just because you wanted so badly to see our smiling faces every day.

And students and teachers alike, if you find your classrooms empty, take note of the type of environment you’re experiencing. Students should be willing and allowed to engage in the lessons they’re expected to learn.

Not all professors believe learning should be fun, but students are paying to be here - so show us a good time.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Campus has no need for socialists

The Oct. 6 issue of Falcon Daily announced the Student Organization Committee is welcoming three of the newest student organizations to the UW-RF Community. I was dismayed to find the Socialist Alternative was among these organizations.

I came to this country from the Czech Republic, where I lived in a socialist society for more than 15 years of my life. I was lucky to immigrate to the United States and enjoy the benefits of a functioning capitalist economy.

Some of my friends and relatives were not lucky. Relatively few died in political prisons, but most lost a lot of opportunities in life. There were not many opportunities in “workers paradise,” surrounded by a barbed wire fence, unless you were a member of the ruling elite.

I am not afraid that the democratic system of this country could be overthrown by socialism. However, I have to speak out against an organization on our campus that glorifies one of the world’s most oppressive socioeconomic systems.

I attended the initial public meeting the Socialist Alternative held last month on campus and read what Socialist Alternative stands for at <http://socialistminnesota.org/what-we-stand-for>.

I thought the “alternative way” of eliminating the national debt was pretty hilarious. I have taken and passed a few economics classes myself. The writers of the following could benefit from those classes, “Cancel the national debt with no payment to the big investors. Use the money to rebuild the inner cities and the infrastructure under

union conditions and wages.”

I was not entertained to learn the group is promoting “militant action.” That’s just another reason why I feel this student organization should not be welcomed on our campus.

Jan Pospichal  
Employee

### Smokers spark asthma attacks

I would like to expand on Nicole Aune’s column, “Protect Students from Smoke.” There is an issue I would like to bring up that on-campus students have to deal with.

I currently live on campus, and my roommate is a smoker. She knows she has to go outside to smoke and be away from the doors, but the smell is still present on her clothing. Like Aune, I have asthma. The smell on her clothing is enough to trigger a reaction. It starts off mild with a headache and red, itchy eyes to serious symptoms such as shortness of breath. That is when I have to use my inhaler. For those students who do not understand what asthma is, try sipping peanut butter through a straw. That is how I feel when I have an asthma attack.

There is a solution to solve this problem: asking students if they want a roommate who is a smoker or a non-smoker. It can be asked in the housing contract when new students are filling them out. This simple question would have students breathing a lot easier. After all, do you want to end up in the emergency room struggling to breathe?

Tracy N. Schoemaker  
Student

### Safety first for college students

One of my past roommates and I attend the Minnesota Correction’s Association Conference every year in Duluth. When we were students and would go out, we would leave as a group and return as a group. We always made sure of this, or should I say she did. I’m reminded of this often, especially upon learning of a missing college student. Most recently — the case at UW-La Crosse.

To this day we follow this rule/advise, or what I call a best practice — even as adults when attending the upcoming conference. Unfortunately when I learn of a missing college student I think to myself and say to my family, friends and co-workers, ‘How can you leave your friend’s unattended?’ LEAVE AS A GROUP, RETURN AS A GROUP.

We followed this even if one of us met with someone. If my group of friends didn’t know the person, we would let the person part. My thoughts are that we learned to tend to each other from our floor RAs.

Martha Thomford  
UW-RF alumna

### Don’t ban same-sex marriage

I am new to the area, as this is my first year here at UW-River Falls. Almost as soon as I arrived, I discovered an amendment to ban gay marriage and civil unions was on the Wisconsin ballot this fall.

As I did more research on the ban and its effects in other

states, I was shocked by its potential consequences. If this passes, it could drastically affect the safety and security of many Wisconsinites.

In other states where the ban has passed, there have been significant unintended consequences due to the vague language of the second portion of the amendment.

For example, in Utah a group is suing to overturn Salt Lake City’s domestic partnership policy, arguing it “mimics” gay marriage and therefore violates the state’s marriage and civil union ban.

In addition, numerous Ohio judges have ruled domestic violence charges cannot be filed against unmarried people - whether gay or not gay; at least 15 cases have been dismissed.

These consequences, though unintended, have the possibility of stripping Wisconsin families of health care and security. A very real possibility has lead me to believe that voting “no” on the marriage civil union ban is the only fair and logical vote.

Jason Miller  
Student

Do you have something to say? Submit a letter to the editor at 304 North Hall

# Exercise makes better students

I had a humbling experience a few weeks ago in PE 108. Members of the class were told to engage in 10 minutes of aerobic exercise. I jumped on one of the ellipticals and began fake running down the sandy shores of Bermuda, but it didn’t turn out to be as refreshing as the Caribbean coastline. After 10 minutes, I could barely walk. My heart was purring like a coke head after snorting a few lines, and I was sweating more profusely than a biology major taking a Brit lit final. It was the first time I’ve ever had to admit to something I thought would never happen — I’m out of shape because I rarely exercise.

Within the last school year, many UW-River Falls students have had poor academic performance as a result of physiological and psychological conditions. According to the UW-RF Student Health Services student survey in 2006, 31 percent of UW-RF students felt stressed, 24 percent had difficulty sleeping and 17 percent had feelings of anxiety or depression. Less than half of all respondents reported they had gotten enough sleep to feel rested within all seven days prior to taking the survey. Given students’ hectic schedules at work or in school, these results aren’t surprising. If exercising hasn’t made its way to the top of your priority list, there is a good chance you suffer from fatigue, insomnia, stress, anxiety or poor eating habits.

Interestingly, these conditions are all related to exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic’s Web site and CraigHospital.org, exercise has been proven to relieve stressful and anxious feelings, improve energy and cut down on fatigue. Even more obvious is how exercise benefits sleeping habits. The body is able to better regulate its sleeping patterns. People who exercise fall asleep quicker, have deeper sleep and wake up feeling energized more often than people who don’t exercise. Ditch the Ambien and NoDoz, and strap on those jogging shoes instead. Sure, easier said than done.

I hate gyms and weight rooms. The weight room on campus has a nauseating stench, the music is terrible, and I can barely work my way around the gigantic egos possessed by some of those iPod-toting, cutoff shirt-wearing tools who are only in there to get huge pecs so they will have a chance of getting laid on spring break. So I’m trying to work on some ways to raise my heart rate without raising my anger level.

Drop your books and head to the Library. Let it be widely known I am not advocating anyone frequent the Library. Somehow

that smoke-infested hell hole has become a popular place to end a night on the town. (I heard a rumor that you can get crabs by sitting on the pool tables). But if you consume just the right number of drinks, the dance floor isn’t a bad place to get exercise and shake your ass at some coeds. Granted, all that smoke inhalation won’t have the greatest effect on your lungs, but there aren’t many public places you can reach your target heart rate while reaching for someone’s tonsils.

Running up the stairs or jogging at crosswalks is something I’ve discovered too. Aside from the weird looks I get, it isn’t a bad way to get the ticker going.

If you’ve taken PE 108 and had the unflattering experience of nearly keeling over with a massive coronary, you have probably thought once or twice about getting more exercise. The most difficult part of adopting a healthy lifestyle change like exercising is taking action. The benefits of exercise are almost immediate: refreshing nights of sleep, clearer thought process, less stress and anxiety, more energy during the day, and more stamina in the sack, among others. Once you make the effort to exercise regularly, you’ll realize how easy and enjoyable it is — like a walk in the park.



Ben Jipson



Quirks keep us who we are

There’s a show on E! I like to watch called “Dr. 90210.” It is a reality show about plastic surgery, in which two or three doctors from a pool of regular Beverly Hills surgeons allow us to tag along for the duration of a willing participant’s journey toward an elevated self-esteem or bigger tips at their stripper job. Almost every episode features a breast augmentation, while other procedures include nose jobs, liposuction, scrotum reduction, chin implants and a bunch of others. The procedures are shown in graphic detail with nipples and genitalia blurred out, but the inside of a breast or nose are spread with shiny forceps for anyone to take a gander. After the procedure, cameras zoom in on the goggy, swollen patient, who groans in agony as the medications lose their effectiveness. After watching an episode of a plastic surgery show, I don’t see how people willingly subject themselves to that kind of experience in order to be a little more pleasing in appearance to others. There are a few people who are disfigured from congenital defects or from an accident, which

requires the physical invasion in order to walk down the street without receiving stares. That kind of attention can be more painful than any surgical procedure. But to have a metal rod forced under your skin and jammed around so you don’t jiggle when you walk, is beyond my comprehension. A lot of actresses, and actors too, have had surgical work, though they keep it under wraps for the most part. Those who admit to having it done blame public expectations for making surgical intervention an essential part of having a public face. And in some cases this is true. I have heard many comments from people on how this star is fat or how that one has ugly teeth. It’s an ugly side of human nature, but we find triumph in other people’s imperfections. In the past decade, more concern has been given for the need to be perfect, and acceptance of variety has been promoted.



Cassie Rodgers

Fashion shows are even banning fashion models who are too skinny. Magazines for women encourage women to embrace their bodies and find clothes that accentuate the positive. Interestingly enough, the girls in the photos for those magazines, looking stylish as they frolic in parks and snuggle with some shirtless guy, are doing just as much as the models in the Dior ads to make readers feel inadequate. I’m not sure what the appeal is of “Dr. 90210” for me. Obviously I’m against plastic surgery in most cases, and seeing people unhappy with themselves makes me sad and a little angry at societal expectations. Shows such as this seem to reinforce how important physical appearance is to people. After watching the show, I guess I appreciate even more the features that make me and others unique. Each are a reminder that real happiness does not come from anesthesia and silicone, but in the pride of being an individual.

Drunkards should stay put

“He went through the windshield of his truck,” is all I can remember thinking about that fateful day of my senior year in high school. After the accident he lived for about two days before finally passing away. Then about a week later, it was released that he had been drunk at the time of the accident. He was a good person, he just made a very stupid mistake. Eric had been my friend in high school. He wasn’t someone I hung out with much outside of school, but during school we conversed on a regular basis. It was a shock to all of us when he died. Most of us knew he was a partier, but none of us thought he would step into his truck after a night of drinking, swerve off of the road into the



Derrick Knutson

ditch and roll the vehicle. I began thinking about this again because last week my father was rear-ended by someone who was most likely inebriated by some type of substance. The sport utility vehicle crashed into the back of my father’s truck, driving the bed of the truck all the way up into the cab. The driver of the SUV then proceeded to ram his vehicle into a Yukon that was in the turn lane next to my father’s truck. At the time, the Yukon was filled with a number of children. Miraculously, no one was seriously hurt in this incident. After Eric’s death, I vowed I would never step into a vehicle if I had anything to drink. My vow was only further reinforced by what happened to my father last week. It sounds very cliché to say “it only

takes one time,” but it is so true. Anyone who has ever been drunk knows it impairs your vision and slows your motor skills — this is not very conducive to driving. I don’t know what I would have done if the driver had killed my father. He and the people in the Yukon did not deserve to be the victims of a man’s stupid mistake, and I am very grateful they weren’t. Drinking is an activity that can be fun in a controlled social situation. Going out to the bars has been a favorite pastime of many college students for years. It can be a great way to socialize and meet new people. What everyone needs to remember is that there can be horrible repercussions for stepping behind the wheel after a night of drinking. In the best-case scenario, a person

He was a good person, he just made a very stupid decision.

might just hop into their vehicle and end up back home after swerving back and forth on the road a couple of times. The worst-case scenario involves a wreck of twisted metal where people inevitably end up dead. Most of us probably remember the public service announcements and warnings from teachers and parents to not drink and drive. These warnings were undoubtedly drilled into our heads repeatedly during our youths. For some people these messages have just remained warnings. For others, like myself, it is a mantra that could have saved someone’s life if it had been practiced. Next time you decide to go out and drink with your buddies, stay where you are, have a designated driver or call a cab because it only takes one time to change the course of numerous lives forever.



Beth Dickman

I have to admit though that River Falls is not the first town to lack something extra for all those college-aged kids. I started my college career in northern Minnesota at Bemidji State University. From Bemidji I made my way to London, and finally settled here to complete my undergraduate degree. Bemidji had one step up on River Falls in that the Perkins actually stayed open around the clock, but the bars closed at 1 a.m. while I was there, and the taxi service consisted of an elderly lady and her sometimes-in-town son shuttling residents from place to place. Like River Falls, their taxi service also closed well before the break of the next day and left the people who drank too much to walk back to campus or drive to their homes. Comparing London to River Falls would be unfair in every aspect in that the nightlife thrived greater than any city found near to River Falls, and the options of all-night eateries were expansive and could be found in the heart of the entertainment district - right where all the students spent their time. All in all I like what River Falls has to offer, and being close to the Twin Cities does have its benefits. Hopefully someday Perkins will learn that it will have many customers at 4 a.m. on the weekends and the profits will likely greatly outweigh the cost of keeping it open longer. Maybe someday I’ll have somewhere to eat that greasy bacon when the Holiday gas station isn’t quite hitting the spot.

At 2 a.m. bartenders and bouncers shuffle college students and alcoholics alike out of the dimly lit brick buildings that line both sides of Main Street. Once out on the street, the mass chaos of people walking and driving to various destinations ensues. Instead of the mildly tipsy to wildly drunk patrons finding a place to wind down, we are left to find our own ways home and deal with the side effects of hangovers. I would rather not be left to my own demise after a long night on the town — instead I wish I had a place where I could consume mass quantities of waffles and greasy bacon. Even if absorbing liquor isn’t a main goal for middle-of-the-night consumption, late night studying always goes more smoothly when food is involved. In college towns around the nation restaurants like IHOP, Perkins and Waffle House stay open 24 hours each day in order to cater to the late-night crowds. Students like myself enjoy having the opportunity to make a 3:30 a.m. run for pan-cakes and sausage without worry of being kicked out at close or spending more money than exists in our bank accounts. In River Falls there is a serious lack of venues where the average college student, whether underage or older than 21, can escape when the noise of the dorms or bustling of roommates becomes too much to handle. In a town where the population seems to double when class is in session, there is no convenient place open past bar close at 2:30 a.m. The only actual business in town that stays open 24 hours a day is the Holiday gas station located on the corner of Locust and Main Streets. So if you’re craving a stale Twinkie and the remains of a pot of coffee brewed the day before, then River Falls has everything you could ever want. Actually, I know there is a serious problem when the taxi company, a service usually meant to help keep drunks off the road, is only open long enough to drive someone to the bar, but stops running hours before the bars close. If someone’s cravings are strong enough and they’re feeling ambitious, then the closest place to find a restaurant that will serve the drunk and disorderly is 10 miles away in Hudson. Hudson provides a number of services that can entertain the late-night crowd, including Perkins, the McDonald’s drive-thru, Denny’s and Wal-Mart. Is it really safe to not only allow, but practically encourage people who have been consuming alcohol or who have been studying until the small hours of the morning to drive a

UW-RF professors deserve more respect

As a relatively new student at UW-River Falls, I still find it extremely difficult to watch students walk nonchalantly out of a lecture like it’s no big deal. It is completely appalling to watch people treat professors with such disrespect. I am very aware that as this college is not in any way a replica of a high school setting; students are now able to act as they want and when they would like. However true this may be, professors work to provide worthwhile, educational material. They deserve at least the same respect that high school teachers were given. Professors must prepare material for students to study. A large amount of work

I feel more responsible for my actions than the people who have been here for years already.

goes into generating assignments, staying up-to-date with the readings and keeping teaching strategies accurate with the times. Classes are not just about reading the required material, but meant to give discussions and an understanding of the material, and to have students grow intellectually. After a mere five weeks of observation, I have noticed upperclassmen leaving lectures. So I now wonder, as people grow, do they become more disrespectful? Do they know so much more and are so intellectually inclined that they no longer feel the need to attend class and continue to learn anything? As a freshman, I thought I would be able to look up to the upperclassmen for guidance. But at times, I feel more responsible for my actions than the people who have



Sara Hauer

been here for years already. The golden rule has always been drilled into my head and into my family’s beliefs. My father has always said, “The golden rule is the most important rule to life.” In many ways I agree with his comment. If I were to put myself into the professors’ shoes, I would feel so frustrated. I commend the professors for pretending not to notice the extremely rude actions of their students, whether it is the class as a whole or just a handful of students who are rude. If I stood in their shoes, I would not hold back any anger or dissatisfaction for their actions. Ultimately it is the students’ decision whether to attend class or not. But then again, why pay tens of thousands of dollars to restrain intellectual growth?

STUDENT voices

What is your tuition and fees used for by the University?



Phillip Bock, junior

“I’m assuming they use them to buy our books and pay our professors.”



Valerie Linti, senior

“Just like maintenance and buildings up-keep. I don’t really know.”



Isaac Ramberg, freshman

“I don’t know, that’s a good question. Well, to improve living standards for students. We’re building that new Student Center - I’m sure that cost a great deal.”



Sarah Burchett, senior

“I thought it was like, I don’t know, up-keep and probably textbooks. I don’t know. I guess I’d like to know what I’m paying for.”



Nick Hassel, senior

“To keep the campus up, pay the teachers and pay for student programs. To run electricity and pay dues as well. Oh, and the new Student Center.”



Molu Jolly, sophomore

“No idea. For tuition fees or something. Or for textbooks. I don’t really know.”



# Twins make an early exit



Ben Brewster

After a pathetic showing in the first round of the playoffs, the Twins’ amazing season is over. And yes, it was amazing, no matter what happened in the postseason.

I’ve followed the Twins since I was a little kid, and I can’t remember a team that overcame more and was more enjoyable to watch than the 2006 Twins.

But now that it’s over, it’s time to start looking toward 2007 and what kind of changes will be made.

The biggest issue this off-season was whether the \$12 million option would be picked up for centerfielder Torii Hunter.

The Twins decided to pick it up on Tuesday. I’ve always had mixed feelings about Hunter. He’s been one of the best defensive centerfielders in baseball, but a broken ankle in 2005 caused him to lose some range, and his bat is usually average at best. I cringe every time he comes up in a clutch situation because of how prone he is to flailing strikeouts and double plays, but he also has the ability to get hot for a short time and carry the team on his back like he did the last month or so of this year.

Ever since Corey Koskie left after the 2004 season, third base became a black hole for the Twins.

In 2005 they tried Michael Cuddyer, Terry Tiffie and Luis Rodriguez, among others, and this year there was the failed experiment with Tony Batista. After Batista was released, Nick Punto took the position over and exceeded all expectations. He slumped near the end of the year

though, batting only .262 in August and September, with a .303 on base percentage. His final average of .290 is skewed somewhat from his hot June and July when he batted .333 with a .414 on base percentage.

In reality I think Punto is more suited to a super-utility role, like

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a much better version of Denny Hocking.

The other concern is starting pitching. Santana is great in the No. 1 spot, and Boof Bonser has proven he can be a solid two or three man, but with Francisco Liriano becoming an injury risk and Brad Radke retiring,

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# 1,000 kills mark milestones for two volleyball players

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Two UW-River Falls volleyball players reached milestones in their careers this season by each hitting their 1000th kill.

Seniors Andrea Geehan, a middle hitter, and Kate Thompson, an outside hitter, are both leading role models and powerful forces for the Falcon team, according to several teammates and player profiles.

Thompson’s twin sister and fellow teammate, Molly, said her sister is an inspiration and leader.

“She goes into practice every day with a smile on her face,” Thompson said. “Nothing fazes her, and she is the ultimate team player.”

Geehan received similar praises from freshman Alison Busby. “I am a middle hitter and have learned a lot from Andrea,” she

said. “I am a freshman, and both of these players are very good role models.”

The UW-RF volleyball team has a strong record both inside and outside of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC), with a record of 14 wins and eight losses overall, and a 3-2 record in the WIAC. They are tied for fourth place with UW-La Crosse and UW-Stevens Point within the competitive conference.

According to player biographies on the Falcon athletics Web site, Geehan and Thompson’s skills and leadership have helped the Falcon team in years past, earning both players conference recognition.

Thompson received a number of titles, including All-WIAC honorable mention and Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 2005. She was also All-WIAC

honorable mention in the 2004 season.

Similarly, Geehan has earned several conference titles, including All-WIAC first team and American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Midwest Region honors in 2005. Geehan’s accomplishments also include being the WIAC Player of the Week in 2004 and an All-WIAC honorable mention the same season.

“Both are extremely talented players who provide the majority of the offensive output for our team,” senior Kat Krtnick

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Andrea Geehan

# Peterson’s leadership paves way for Falcons

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This week, UW-River Falls senior Ashley Peterson was bestowed with a great honor.

Peterson, a soccer player from Forest Lake, Minn., was named WIAC Player of the Week. It wasn’t the only award Peterson received for her efforts during that week. She was also named to D3kicks.com’s soccer team of the week.

It is Peterson’s second time this season being named the WIAC Player of the Week.

In two games, Peterson scored three goals and picked up three assists to lead the team with six points in the games.

The six points have helped Peterson take the lead in team scoring, with 12 goals and 33 points. The closest player to Peterson is fellow senior Kim Saufl who has eight goals and 22 points.

Peterson has played soccer since she was five, and she is in her fourth season playing in the Falcon uniform. She has also coached a little bit, and some day the Health and Human Performance major would like to get more into coaching.

“I want to work with younger kids,” Peterson said. “At a young age kids like to listen better and they’re more fun to watch.”

Peterson will graduate in May 2007.

Now as one of three seniors



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**UW-River Falls senior Ashley Peterson kicks the ball down the field in a Sept. 5 match up with Macalester. Peterson was recently named WIAC Player of the Week for the second time this season. She leads the Falcons with 12 goals and 33 points.**

on the Falcon team, Peterson is a leader.

“I like to lead by example,” Peterson said. “I learn from the girls every day.”

This season, Peterson said the Falcon team is different than any other team she’s been on. Besides playing soccer in high school, she also ran track.

“We’re all just really good friends,” Peterson said of her Falcon teammates. “We mesh really well together.”

“Ashley does a lot for the team. She is humble about how things are going for her,” junior Amy Piersak said. “She is quiet

but she can get the team fired up to just get out there and do what we can...and that’s win.”

Throughout her years in the Falcon program, there have been a number of ups and downs.

Last season, the team lost in the WIAC Playoff Semifinals to

“We have some tough games coming up with Stevens Point, Eau Claire and LaCrosse,” Peterson said. “They’re really important games in conference. Eau Claire is a big game. We haven’t lost in conference.”

Head Coach Sean McKuras and Assistant Coach Ben Gaddis have been instrumental in Peterson’s success at River Falls.

“He’s been here all four years,” Peterson said of McKuras. “They do a very good job of coaching. They know what they’re talking about and they give us a plan to win.”

McKuras thinks very highly of Peterson as well.

“Ashley fulfills her role as a senior captain in several different ways. Ashley has always been a leader by example,” McKuras. “Over her career she has developed as a vocal leader and a teacher of the game.”

Peterson aids those around her.

“I loved playing defense with her because she is so calm. Her movements and her body language are very calm and just there, whereas I am always in high speed and wanting to get the ball out of my end,” Piersak said. “She always held the team together through the back of field and now she is leading our team up front.”

Peterson also likes to play tennis and spend time with friends, family and boyfriend.

The Falcons’ next game is at UW-Stevens Point on Saturday at 2 p.m.

# AOII Strike Out helps those in need



Sarah Packingham/Student Voice  
Lyndsay Nelson, left, and Maria Hockert work on the final touches for the Alpha Omicron Pi Strike Out for Arthritis.

**Softball tournament to be held Saturday**

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Near the end of July, junior Maria Hockert and senior Lyndsay Nelson were searching for ideas for their sorority’s philanthropy event, and then a big idea hit them.

They decided to host a softball tournament before the winter weather began.

After just a few months of preparation, the two women and their sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII), are ready to put it all together and host the event.

This Saturday at 9 a.m. on the intramural softball fields, the Strike Out for Arthritis Softball Tournament will take place.

“The proceeds raised go to arthritis research. It’s our chapter’s philanthropy,” Hockert said. “It’s the first year, and we hope to make it an annual event.”

Each team was expected to raise at least \$100 to donate for the cause, and an average of 15 people are registered. Each year, AOII raises money for arthritis and juvenile arthritis research.

However, the women didn’t receive as many registered teams as they hoped.

“We expected a stronger response from the Greek and recreation community,” Hockert said. “But we’re pleased with what we got.”

Each participant will receive a T-shirt and BBQ.

“I don’t think the cost should have been a factor, but it probably was,” Hockert said. “I don’t think I would change it for next year.”

**“It’s the first year, and we hope to make it an annual event.”**

Maria Hockert, member of AOII

She said if a team had 10 players, each would only have to donate \$10.

Hockert said the response from the community was overwhelming. She has received donations from a number of River Falls businesses and off-campus teams are also participating in the event.

“We have to thank them for sure,” Hockert said of the outside support.

During the past few months, Hockert has been putting at least a few hours a day of work into the tournament and received a lot of support from Nelson.

“I’m here for a lot of support. I’ve calmed Maria down,” Nelson said. “I’m also keeping people motivated.”

Hockert and Nelson just plan on being behind the scenes in the tournament instead of taking

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# A time for change



Sarah Packingham

My dad would always say, “That damn east wind,” as I was growing up in Northern Minnesota. If I had a quarter for every time I heard him say those four key words, I could easily pay for my tuition and probably the entire Student Voice’s staff as well.

With that, I knew when he came in the door that the seasons were changing, and the winds were blowing.

Not that I minded — something to cool off after a warm summer was always welcomed. I have never minded the cold, but I hate it when it gets hot.

With the changing seasons there comes a change in sports — both with sports to watch and participate in.

Here in River Falls, some captain’s practices are starting, and before we all know it, winter will be upon us.

Winter to me means just one thing — hockey. I’ve loved to watch hockey as long as I can remember. I always watched it, but didn’t understand it until about the fourth grade. I

started saving my money so I could go to as many hockey games as possible.

While hockey practices may just be getting started here, competition has already started around the area. In Division I men’s and women’s hockey, the season has already started. Hearing about other teams playing has gotten me really excited to see the Falcons’ season starting on Oct. 27.

Even though hockey is starting, some sports are finished for the season. Some of them have completed the regular season and some have already finished their postseason play. The women’s golf team finished up last weekend and women’s tennis is done with the regular season, waiting for their conference play a week from now in Madison. The football team is at home this weekend and again next weekend for the annual Homecoming game.

Needless to say, I’m excited. I love school spirit, and I love Homecoming week. Even though it will be cold, the leaves are changing and winds whipping, it will be worth it to get out with friends and support UW-River Falls.

With the change of seasons, it’s important we change the way we support our teams. Spirit is important. Where would our teams be without spirit? They thrive on playing in front of loud and interested crowds.

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SPORTS WRAP

Falcon Football kept at bay against UW-EC

The UW-River Falls football team could not muster up enough big plays, while the Blugolds capitalized on offense, en route to a 23-3 victory Saturday at Carson Park. In the first quarter the Falcons could not move the ball. Their longest drive was five plays for 17 yards. UW-Eau Claire put together an 11-play 64-yard drive that ate up 5:26 off the clock, which was capped off by a 41-yard field goal. On RF’s next possession they went 59 yards in 12 plays, capped off by a 33-yard Spasimir Bodurksi field goal to make the score 6-3 UW-EC. Near the end of the half, UW-EC went 80 yards in four plays, ending with a 38-yard touchdown pass. The score at halftime was 13-3 UWEC. In the third quarter, UW-EC continued scoring. After a Falcon turnover at their own 27-yard line, the Blugolds drove three yards on four plays, which was capped by a field goal from 41 yards to make the score 16-3. After an RF interception, UW-EC scored one more touchdown to make the score 23-3. UW-RF continues its season on Saturday when the Falcons host UW-Stevens Point at Ramer Field. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

<b>UW-River Falls at UW-Eau Claire (Oct 07, 2006 at Eau Claire, WI)</b>			
1st 04:31 UWEC - Craig Kolb 41 yd field goal	11		
plays, 64 yards, TOP 5:26, RF 0 - UWEC 3			
2nd 07:14 UWEC - Craig Kolb 27 yd field goal	10		
plays, 65 yards, TOP 4:41, RF 0 - UWEC 6			
01:20 RF - Spasimir Bodurksi 33 yd field goal	12		
plays, 59 yards, TOP 5:45, RF 3 - UWEC 6			
00:29 UWEC - Chris Hull 38 yd pass from Kyle Paulson (Craig Kolb kick)	4		
80 yards, TOP 0:45, RF 3 - UWEC 13			
3rd 07:28 UWEC - Craig Kolb 41 yd field goal	4		
plays, 3 yards, TOP 1:35, RF 3 - UWEC 16			
04:44 UWEC - Matthew Evensen 31 yd pass from Kyle Paulson (Craig Kolb kick)	1		
play, 31 yards, TOP 0:19, RF 3 - UWEC 23			
	RF	EC	
Score.....	3	23	
FIRST DOWNS.....	11	19	
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	43-112	29-65	
PASSING YDS (NET).....	105	251	
Poses Att-Comp-Int.....	16-9-1	28-16-1	
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....	59-217	57-316	
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	0-0	0-0	
Punt Returns-Yards.....	2-12	4-25	

Golfers end season at WIAC championship

The Falcons end the 2006 season with a combined score of 816 from Saturday and Sunday’s WIAC Women’s Golf Championship. Jenna Gutzwiller led the Falcons with a five-way tie for 22nd place, shooting a 92 on the first day. Gutzwiller ended the tournament in a tie for 28th place with 189 strokes. Torie Ives of UW-Eau Claire shot one of the all-time top scores in the WIAC with 73 strokes Saturday. Falcons Katie Kantrud, Courtney Swanson and Alana Peterson ended day one in similar circumstances. Katrud shot the best of the three, tying for 41st after day one with 100 strokes. Kantrud managed to claim 39th place, shooting for a total of 198. Swanson had a nine-stroke improvement from day one and shot for a total score of 209 day two, moving into 43rd from 45th place after day one. Peterson finished with 220 strokes — enough for 48th place.

Soccer team picks up key WIAC victory

Kim Saufl scored twice and Ashley Peterson scored once with two assists to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a tough 3-2 WIAC win over UW-Platteville Saturday at Ramer Field. Saufl scored the first goal off a pass from Peterson and the second from a cross. It was Saufl’s seventh and eighth goals of the year, and Peterson raised her assist total to nine. UW-RF outshot the Pioneers 16-5 in the opening half. Platteville’s Ashley Hamilton made it a 2-1 game in the second half at 66:55, scoring off a long run. Peterson then scored what proved to be the game winner at 74:55 on a penalty kick. It was her team-leading 12th goal of the season. Platteville did not give up and made it a one-goal game at 85:20 when Allie Metcalfe scored. Falcon goalie Emily Steiler made five saves to raise her record to 7-2-2 on the year. The Falcons will next play Oct. 14 at Stevens Point at 2 p.m.

<b>October 7</b>			
Goals by period	1	2	Tot
UW-Platteville.....	0	2	- 3
UW-River Falls.....	2	1	- 3
<b>SCORING SUMMARY:</b>			
1. 38:24 RF Kim Saufl (7) (Ashley Peterson)			
2. 40:30 RF Kim Saufl (8) (Ashley Peterson) - OFF CROSS			
3. 66:55 PLT Ashly Hamilton (4) (unassisted) - Long Run			
4. 74:55 RF Ashley Peterson (12) Penalty kick - Penalty kick			
5. 85:20 PLT Allie Metcalfe (12) (unassisted)			
<b>Goalkeeping (min-go-saves)</b>			
RF - Stieler 90:00-2-6.			
UWP - Trifone 90:00-3-12.			

STANDINGS

<b>Football</b>			
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
UW-Whitewater (5-0)	3	0	
UW-Lacrosse (4-0)	2	0	
UW-Oshkosh (4-2)	2	1	
UW-Platteville (3-2)	1	1	
UW-Eau Claire (2-3)	1	1	
UW-Stevens Point (2-3)	0	2	
UW-Stout (2-3)	0	2	
UW-River Falls (1-4)	0	2	
<b>Soccer</b>			
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>
UW-Eau Claire (13-1-0)	6	0	0
UW-River Falls (7-2-2)	4	1	0
UW-Stevens Point (7-2-2)	3	1	1
UW-Oshkosh (5-4-2)	3	2	0
UW-Whitewater (4-6-1)	2	2	1
UW-Platteville (9-3-2)	1	2	2
UW-LaCrosse (3-3-3)	1	2	2
UW-Stout (2-8-0)	1	5	0
UW-Superior (5-7-0)	0	6	0
<b>Volleyball</b>			
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
UW-Eau Claire (19-2)	4	1	
UW-Whitewater (22-5)	4	1	
UW-Oshkosh (21-3)	3	1	
UW-LaCrosse (16-6)	3	2	
UW-Stevens Point (19-8)	3	2	
UW-River Falls (14-8)	3	2	
UW-Platteville (15-7)	1	4	
UW-Stout (13-7)	1	4	
UW-Superior (13-13)	0	5	
<b>Tennis Final Standings</b>			
<b>WIAC Standings</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	
UW-Lacrosse (6-0)	4	0	
UW-Eau Claire (8-0)	3	0	
UW-Whitewater (7-3)	3	1	
UW-Stout (9-4)	2	3	
UW-River Falls (5-5)	2	3	
UW-Stevens Point (2-9)	1	5	
UW-Oshkosh (1-5)	0	3	

For complete stats check out UW-RF Sports Information Web site at [www.uwrf.edu/sports](http://www.uwrf.edu/sports)

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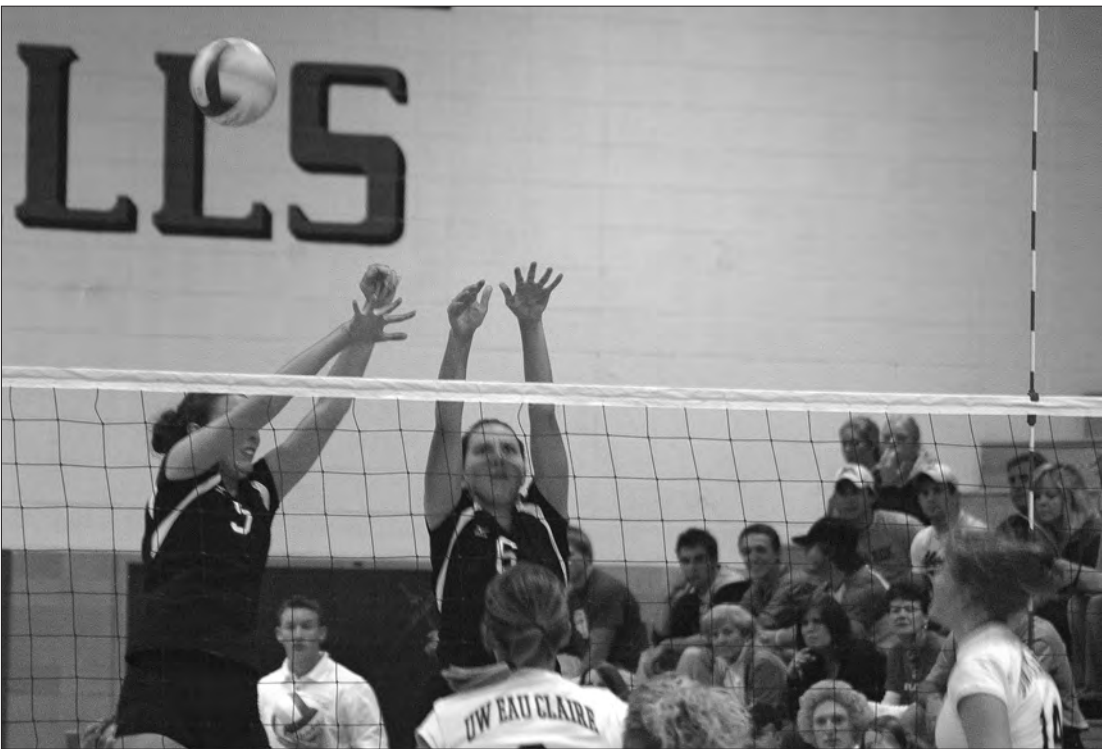
Falcon volleyball heats up the court

Women go 7-0 with tournament win

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After starting the regular season with a record at about .500, the UW-River Falls women’s volleyball team has turned it on in the last few weeks going 6-0, including a tournament win. The Falcons’ record currently sits at 15-8, and they are 4-2 in WIAC play. “We’ve been a really good team [all season],” Head Coach Patti Ford said. “We’ve played really tough competition.” The hot streak started at the Simpson Tournament in Indianola, Iowa, when the Falcons went 4-0 to win the tournament. The Falcons redeemed themselves for early season losses against one of the teams in the tournament.

“Revenge is sweet,” senior Molly Thompson said. “We really were the better team, and we had a chance to prove ourselves again.” Falcon senior Kate Thompson received her 1,000th career kill over Webster on the first night of the tournament. “It was pretty cool,” Kate said. “[Patti] Ford told me I was going to get it that weekend, but I didn’t know when it was going to come.” She was also named WIAC Player of the Week. “It was extremely back and forth,” Ford said of the Simpson Tournament. “Some of our games went up to 40. We played a lot of volleyball. We were successful even when we weren’t



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

**Kat Krtnick and Kate Thompson go up for a block against UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 27. The Falcons lost the match 3-1. The Falcons are currently on a 7-0 winning streak.**

winning games.” Last Friday night, the Falcons played UW-Platteville at home and won the match 3-0 with scores of 30-20, 30-26 and 30-25. They also hosted UW-La Crosse on Saturday and won 3-1. “We are solid right now,” Ford said. “That’s what you have to hope for in October.” With the teams experience, they knew coming in they were going to be successful. “There are six seniors on the roster; we expect them to be successful.” Ford said. “Our core group is these six girls.” The Falcons traveled to UW-

Stout on Wednesday night and picked up their seventh win in a row, by a 3-1 margin. The Falcon offense is very strong. “[With] Andrea Geehan, Kate Thompson and Kat Krtnick, the defense can’t key on just one person,” Ford said. “They’re all capable of scoring.” With capable scorers and strong defenders, the Falcon team is one to contend with. “We’re a team to watch,” Molly said. “We’re creeping up in conference.” With seven seniors on the team, they can all lead in different ways. Kate is the quiet

leader. “Because there are so many others it’s kind of easy to be myself,” Kate Thompson said. “I can lead in different ways, in a more one-on-one way.” This weekend, the Falcons are at the Elmhurst Invitational at Elmhurst College in Illinois. They will play four games Friday and Saturday. With only a few weeks before playoffs, the Falcons hope they haven’t hit their peak just yet, but will continue to rise. “We need to keep playing the way we’re playing,” Kate said. “With a positive attitude and stay in the game mentally.”

Cross country runs toward WIAC

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After having a week to rest, the UW-River Falls men’s and women’s cross country teams are back in action this weekend after having a week off to rest. For both teams this will be the final meet of the season before the conference meet on Oct. 28. The last meet the Falcons competed in was the Blugold Open. Both the men’s and women’s finished fifth place to head into this weekend on a strong note. The team will compete at the Drews/Neubauer Invitational on Saturday at UW-La Crosse. The men will race beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the women are on the course at 11:30. Freshman Tony Casci said that head Coach Don Glover feels that these are two of the best teams in Falcon history. This season, the men’s team also had

the biggest team in history. This was the first time, tryouts had to be held for placement on the roster. “This season has been going great. We are looking great as a team,” senior Chris Wenig said. “The team is doing better than I thought, which is fantastic. We have some real depth to the team this year. We have some really fast underclassmen and some great upperclassmen showing them how to go out and get some great times.” “The men’s team goal is to beat Eau Claire at conference,” Casci said. “We want to be in the top five.” While the women and men practice on different routes, they are still very close. “It’s more of a family, we do everything together,” Casci said. “We start our practices with a meeting together.” With the end of the season



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**The UW-River Falls women’s cross country team runs earlier this season. RF competes this weekend at UW-La Crosse.**

drawing near, it’s important for the runners to stay healthy. Unfortunately cold weather and injuries have affected the Falcons. “We have had some injuries and also the cold and flu has been plaguing some of our runners,” Wenig said. “We are

going to start tapering in the next few weeks to get us ready for conference at La Crosse and Regions in Davenport, Iowa.” The WIAC meet will be at UW-La Crosse as well on Oct. 28. Both sets of races are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

Volleyball: Two seniors join elite rank of Falcon athletes to reach 1,000 kill mark

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said. “If they aren’t getting set, they both hold the other team’s blockers, so someone else can score. As the setter for both of them for the past two years, I am extremely grateful to play with such talented hitters of that caliber.” Krtnick also said Thompson’s hard swing allows her to hit the ball to the ground in any situation.

“These past two weeks she has been unstoppable,” Krtnick said, making Thompson a significant member of the team. Freshman Amber Starr reiterates the praises of the rest of the team. “They are huge leaders and really deserve this recognition,” Starr said. Achieving the accomplishment of 1,000 kills in volleyball is a success because of how it translates into points. A kill is a criti-

cal aspect of the game because it is a single hit that results in an immediate point for the team. Even though both Geehan and Thompson’s careers began in high school, before playing for UW-RF, with



Kate Thompson

kills alone they have each earned their team 1,000 points. The season isn’t over for UW-RF volleyball. The team defeated UW-Platteville this past Friday and UW-La Crosse on Saturday. Up next the team takes part in the Elmhurst Invitational at Elmhurst College in Illinois on Oct. 13 and 14, where UW-RF will face several teams including Concordia and Rockford Universities.

Twins: Young players need to impact

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Santana and Bonser will need some help. Glen Perkins and Matt Garza made their debuts this year and should become above average starters, but Twins General Manager Terry Ryan needs to go out and get a veteran who can solidify the middle of the rotation. Some free agents who could help the Twins are Ranger Adam Eaton, Blue Jay Ted Lilly or National Tony Armas Jr.

There are some upper-tier pitchers available too, like Jason Schmidt, Mike Mussina and Barry Zito, but they’re likely out of the Twins’ price range. The Twins have a great core of young players, but Terry Ryan needs to make additions to some of these areas that are lacking. Otherwise they will continue to see early exits from the postseason, or not make it at all in an increasingly competitive American League Central.

Spirit: Student support brings fun home

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The word apathetic is always brought up when it comes to school spirit. At soccer and football games or tennis matches, it’s unfortunate when not a lot of people come. It’s fun and free. I don’t know what could be better. Homecoming is a good excuse to dress up in red and black, paint your face and lose your voice. I don’t know what could beat it. All week there will be a number of different activities going on to participate in and watch. And I recommend them. This is your time to live it up. Before long, we’re going to graduate and head into the real world and get a job. Watch football, cheer loud and watch out for that east wind.

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# Kwik Trip selects Ramer lot as potential location

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Main Street River Falls has a small town appeal. Small, family-owned businesses and privately-owned bars fill the strip with a sense of home and community. It seems, though, that something is missing. Perhaps it needs another gas station?

While the final talks are still in their infancy, some time in the future Kwik Trip will be built on Main Street.

Kwik Trip representatives came to River Falls more than a year ago, looking for a plot of land to build a convenience store.

“They were looking at a site on the corner of Spruce and Spring [Streets], behind Swedes,” said City Planner Dena Mleziva. “That site didn’t work out because there is a well near that site and it could be possible for the water to become tainted with gasoline if they were to build that close to it.”

Kwik Trip went on to search for a better place to set up shop and found it on the south end of town. The company found a site right across from Dick’s Plus, next to Knowles on South Main Street.

The plot of land was bought from Hise Excavating, a business located next to the Ramer Field parking lot for many years. Though Kwik Trip owns the lot now, a series of steps need to be taken before the building can actually be erected.

“Kwik Trip needs to have the property rezoned to B3 highway commercial,” Mleziva said. “There are parts of it that are already zoned for commercial use, but other parts are not.”

Doing the rezoning alone is a long process, including petitions to nearby



**Kwik Trip is working with the University to trade part of the Ramer Field parking lot for another plot of land that the company purchased across from Dick’s Plus, next to Knowles on South Main Street. If Kwik Trip is built on the area where the Ramer lot now sits, the University will create more parking on the traded site of land.**

Jen Dolen/Student Voice

property owners, making sure the land is fit for building a gas station, review by the Planning Commission and a City Council meeting. Before setting the wheels into motion, Kwik Trip had another idea.

Last fall, the company came to UW-River Falls and asked for a trade to be considered. The trade would entail

UW-RF trading part of the Ramer Field parking lot for a plot of land that Kwik Trip bought from Hise Excavating. Though it seems as if both parties want the trade, a long process still needs to be completed before anything can be seen as final.

“There is a series of 10 to 15 steps that need to be taken, and we are on

step two of the process,” said Campus Planner Dale Braun.

Although the process may be long and tedious, Braun is confident the trade is a good thing.

“It’s clear that both Kwik Trip and the University want this trade to happen, Braun said. “It is best for Kwik Trip and best for the University.”

Though it may be best for the University, not all students agree another gas station is needed in River Falls.

“I don’t think that we need another gas station unless it’s gonna be cheaper,” senior Lindsey Mace said.

Senior B.J. Leroy agrees. “I’d rather have a Taco Bell or a Chipotle,” Leroy said.

**“There is a series of 10 to 15 steps that need to be taken, and we are on step two of the process.”**

Dale Braun,  
campus planner

Junior Jesse Ostertag sees it as detrimental to his health.

“I don’t like it because it’s another place to stop and eat and get fat,” Ostertag said.

On the other hand, some students said it will be a welcomed addition to River Falls.

“It’s good because it is going to bring something more to the economy,” junior Nate Anderson said.

Others are looking forward to the fine dining options offered by Kwik Trip.

“I’m excited for the slushies,” senior Jeremy Wolff said.

Regardless of what the students think, if this trade happens, Kwik Trip will make a part of the Ramer Field’s parking lot into a gas station, and the University will use the site of land to produce more parking for Knowles, Hunt Arena and Ramer Field.

## Upward: Program gives students lifetime experiences

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good attitude and motivation throughout the summer.”

About 65 students and staff went on the road trip with a charter bus, beginning in River Falls and making their way to Wyoming. Along the way, the group stopped at many places, like Mount Rushmore, Sioux Falls, S.D., Devils Tower, Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole.

“It was like being on tour,” Marshall said. “By the time we all got back, we were all exhausted.”

Every night, the group stayed in hotels in various cities on the way to Yellowstone, said Mai Chang, a senior and social work major.

Marshall said it was his first time going on a trip like this one, similar to many of the high school students.

“I never thought in my life I would go to Yellowstone,” he said. “If I wasn’t involved with Upward Bound I would have never been to Yellowstone.”

Chang also said she had never been to the national park.

“It was such a great opportunity and a lifetime experience,” Chang said. “Overall, I loved it.”

**“If I wasn’t involved with Upward Bound I would have never been to Yellowstone.”**

Karwee Marshall,  
UW-RF student

The trip gave the students a different experience outside their normal environment, Marshall said.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip for some of the students from Arlington High School.

The program allows the less fortunate to have the potential to be put to their maximum, Chang said.

“I have been through a lot,” said Marshall, who grew up outside of Baltimore and moved to Brooklyn Park, Minn. “I had a lot of people

put me in the right path; I can relate to everything they go through.”

The opportunity to travel to Yellowstone was a bonding experience for everyone involved, including the UW-RF and high school students and staff, Marshall said.

“There were more connections between the people with being on the road for a week,” he said.

Not only did the high school students get an experience of a lifetime, but Marshall said he especially enjoyed to hear them talk about the trip, excited and overwhelmed by all the sights along the way.

“It was a blast,” he said. “The most fascinating thing was the nature; it shows you that as an inner-city kid, anything is possible.”

The group hiked, kayaked and simply enjoyed the scenery around them, Marshall said.

“You are never too tough or too manly to think this stuff up close is beautiful,” he said. “It’s something to say ‘I am glad I came.’”

Upward Bound is a multicultural program that brings together different experiences and personalities, Marshall said. The program helps juniors and seniors at Arlington High School study for the SAT test, and fill out financial aid forms, Marshall said.

“It is a critical time for them,” he said. “When it comes to June, they are ready to graduate.”

For the graduates at Arlington High School, many of them are first-generation college students, so Upward Bound is there to help each of them get to college and achieve, Marshall said.

During a regular school year, juniors and seniors from the high school attend college visits to Minnesota and Wisconsin schools with staff members from the program, Chang said.

“It is a experience you just take that is outside your normal environment,” he said. “With Upward Bound, there is no boundaries.”

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# Trivium improves sound, riffs on album



Erik Wood

“The Crusade” has finally arrived. Florida’s insane, trilling, metal rocking four-piece band Trivium is back and smashing onto the scene with its third album release. Following the explosive second album “Ascendancy,” which easily sold more than 100,000 copies and then some.

According to Roadrunner Records, the band stated, “Our crusade is to make Trivium something enormous in the world. We weren’t trying to sound like anyone or anything with ‘The Crusade’, we just wrote music that we wanted to hear. Every album title has been a statement about where we were at that period in time...‘The Crusade’ is literally what we’ve been doing, just crusading around the planet in our own way.”

“The Crusade” is a mind-boggling evolution of the young band’s exponential talent. The album possesses an insane amount of mind-shattering riffs, speed metal percussion and a small amount of screaming, which can be better described as forceful singing. In music, many bands continue to pump out the same droning repetitive style of music.

Unlike many, Trivium has revamped its style in such a way that fans everywhere will not forget. Maturity flourishes through each musician, like drummer Travis Smith, who explodes with machine gun double kicks and octopoid bursts. Trivium thought it was best to do away with the

metal core aspect, along with the fierce repetitive screams and growls. “If anyone is wondering why the screaming is gone, it’s because the four of us were never into bands that scream, and we don’t like any of the current bands that scream, so we asked ourselves why we’re doing it. The only reason I started screaming in the first place is because I sucked at singing and wanted to be the front man of a band,” lead vocalist Matt Heafy told Roadrunner Records. “This time around I wanted to be a better singer because that’s what we wanted to hear, so we dropped the screaming and did a lot of vocal training and vocal work.”

Along with the obvious maturation of this album, it also reverts to albums bands like Metallica and Pantera.

“We want to be closer to world domination as we always hoped for ever since we started this band,” the band said. “I just hope that people recognize ‘The Crusade’ as a classic metal album or a classic rock album and they connect and have as good of a time with it as we did.”

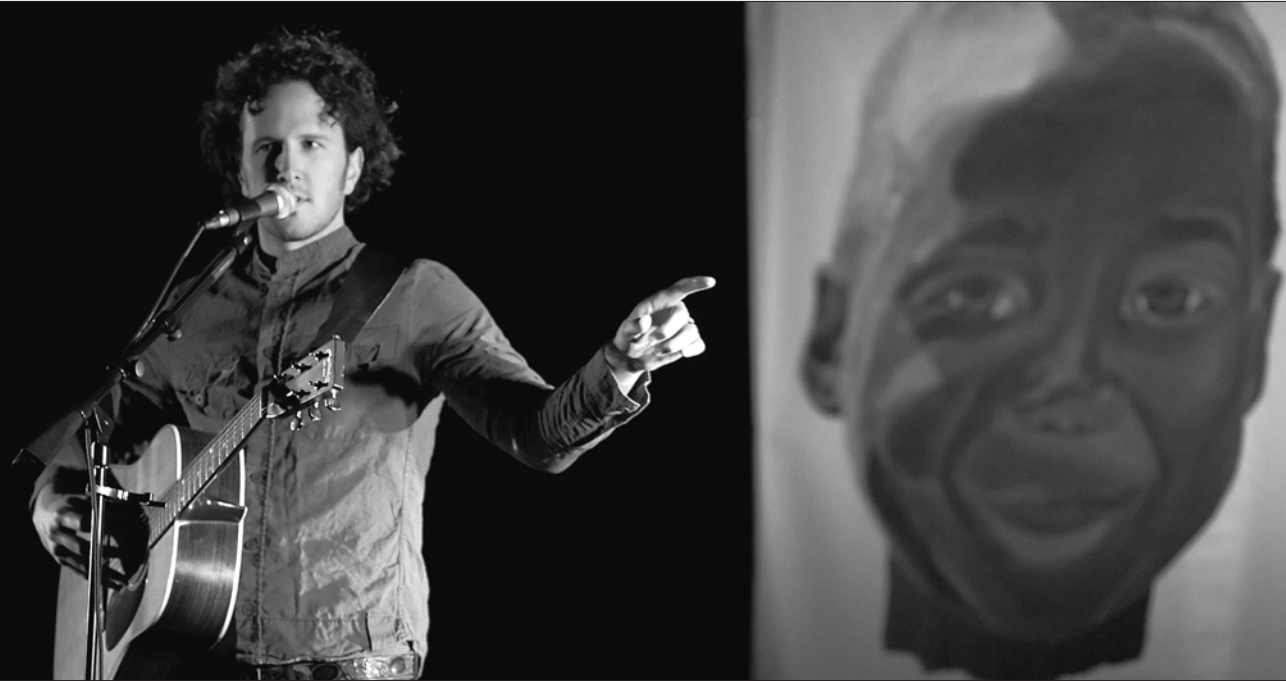
Overall, this album possesses some of the greatest talented musicians of our time. “The Crusade” is just another chapter in the legacy Trivium created the day the group became a band. Some of the tracks that truly boggled my mind, although all did in their own way, were: “Enter the Conflagration,” “Becoming the Dragon” and “The Crusade.”

These, I believe, blatantly shout the talents of this extraordinary metal band. Mark my words, Trivium will go down in history as one of or possibly the greatest metal band of all time.



“The Crusade” is the metal band Trivium’s third album.

# MASON MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Zach Nagle

**Mason Jennings performed on Oct. 7 at The Big Event, a benefit concert that sponsored AIDS-orphaned children in the sub-Saharan African country of Uganda. Jennings was joined by other Twin Cities performers Haley Bonar, The Exchange, The Alarmists and Consolation Champ at The Big Event. The bands performed for about 400 people at the Amphitheatre, bringing in more than \$4,000 for the orphaned children.**

# ‘Departed’ keeps audience captivated



Nick Welsh

In the past, Martin Scorsese has proved he is a talented filmmaker, while still having the humor to cameo every once in awhile. Though he’s been mostly dormant for the last decade, he is without a doubt back on top in “The Departed.” In this film, Scorsese once again tackles the mob, but this time it is located in Boston and involves Irish-heritage criminals rather than Italian. For years the state police have tried to take down local boss Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson). It is also at this time when the department brings in new recruits Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon).

Due to his family’s history and connections, Costigan is sent on an undercover assignment to become an informant in Costello’s crew. But ironically, a mole is also in the department. Since childhood, Sullivan has looked up to Costello as a surrogate father, who took Sullivan under his wing while growing up. So to prove himself, Sullivan uses his inside knowledge to keep Costello ahead of the police.

Eventually each side begins to suspect a rat is in their midst, escalating the suspense as each informant tries to identify the other before they’re exposed.

I have to tell you, though Scorsese’s films in the past few years, “Gangs of New York” and “The Aviator,” have been alright, but not necessarily great. “The Departed” is what it says — a clear departure into greatness.

Under his expertise, Scorsese brings a sense of realism to the screen and filmgoers along for the ride. Though the film is two and a half hours long, it sure doesn’t feel like it because viewers are involved.

The violence is sudden and realistic, the dialogue crackling with harsh words reflecting antipathy. As time passes viewers acknowledge the gritty and unpredictable story, as each man does his duty while trying to remember who he really is underneath.

You often hear of all-star casts, which means the acting is supposed to be superb even though most of the time that isn’t the case. But here, the acting really does deserve applause.

DiCaprio and Damon bounce off each other perfectly, one terrified and the other cool under the pressure. Nicholson, like always, is terrific.

In an explosive performance, Mark Wahlberg plays Sgt. Dignam, a no-nonsense officer who throws insults everywhere with malice and without pause. Though he is a minor character, he effortlessly steals every scene, repeatedly bringing the audience into a sense of reality where people aren’t polite. Instead they are killing each other as a manner of occupation.

I wouldn’t be surprised if DiCaprio and Wahlberg end up with Oscar nominations in a few months-they’re that good

But the real praise belongs to Scorsese, who has given his best film in more than a decade. Of course I can’t be surprised, he’s always done well when it came to crime dramas with “Goodfellas” and “Casino” already under his belt.

In short, every actor and every quality of this film goes together so beautifully. Scorsese has given an instant classic. If anyone deserves the best director Oscar this year, it’s him, for this has got to be one the best films of his long career.

Nick is a senior studying history. He enjoys watching comic book superhero movies.



Jenna Lee

I’ll be the first person to admit I don’t like action films. I especially don’t like crime movies. On top of that, I really, really hate American remakes of Asian action cop movies. But I will tell you one thing — I love Leonardo DiCaprio, so I went into this with an open mind.

When I walked out of “The Departed,” I was totally blown away and couldn’t stop saying the F-word every 30 seconds. Martin Scorsese has really gone over the top, and it’s great to see him return to the mob-based themes that made him such a great director to begin with.

While most movies tend to focus on the old clichés of the Italian mafia, Scorsese chooses to delve into the world of the Irish mob based in Boston. Here, family rules — even if the only thing that makes you family is helping to kick someone’s face in. So to combat the increasing violence and power the Irish gang has over the city, the head honchos at the Boston State Police Department put Billy (DiCaprio), a kid with a questionable family history, undercover to take down Frank Costello (Jack Nicholson). But there is the Rub!

Costello shoots right back by embedding his own mole, Colin Sullivan (Matt Damon), into the Special Investigation Unit that is supposed to catch him.

I could call the rest of the movie a cat and mouse chase, but it is really more like a cat and cat chase because neither undercover is inferior to the other. They are two smart badasses who really are the best at doing their good guy/bad guy job.

I never could tell what side was going to win for two reasons. One, a lot of the characters die. And two, it probably had the most unpredictable plot I’ve seen since I started writing this column last spring.

The actors did an amazing job working together, and the chemistry really shines through. I’m not quite sure if this is because of the personal relationships and six degrees they share between them, or if they are all growing as serious actors. Damon and Mark Wahlberg, who plays a head in the police department, are both Boston natives. Wahlberg and DiCaprio played best friends in the film “Basketball Diaries,” which came out in the early 90s. DiCaprio has also been in a few Scorsese films before.

The supporting actors in this film are by no means belittled by the main characters. Alec Baldwin and Martin Sheen, who play good cops, really give this film foundation. The unwavering tension in this film is broken up well by Baldwin’s character. I wouldn’t say he’s the comic relief, but he was so sharp and witty you couldn’t help but break out laughing when he talked about doing Wahlberg’s mother. I really wish I would’ve had a pen to write some of those burns down.

“The Departed” really excited me, and I am so much more interested in seeing more from this genre and from Scorsese. DiCaprio, Wahlberg and Damon aren’t just young, sexy actors anymore — they are bona fide leading men. But still, thank God they won’t be looking like Sheen, Baldwin and Nicholson for a very long time.



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# Johnny Holm Band comes back

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Homecoming is an event schools set up to welcome alumni back to their alma mater. This year UW-River Falls welcomes back The Johnny Holm Band.

The band has been absent from UW-RF for a few years, and this year the Homecoming Committee is bringing the group to perform at Homecoming.

The Johnny Holm Band is a rock ‘n’ roll cover band. The seven-member crew plays a fast-paced set on instruments ranging from drums to bass to saxophone to violin.

“The show is dedicated to the fans, and they do most of the entertaining. Mostly impromptu, the show moves with the speed of lightning,” the band’s Web site states. The “band rocks, picks, and thunders along for 3-4 hours, almost non-stop from the first song to the last laugh.”

Rooted in memories and tradition, Homecoming events aim to bring people back to the campus and keep them involved.

“Tradition, tradition, tradition,” lead singer Johnny Holm said, is the reason he keeps coming back to UW-RF. “The crowds are always great; I really love playing there.”

Homecoming Committee Chair Marcus Bonde said the group decided to bring the Johnny Holm Band to the Homecoming festivities after a successful performance on campus in January.

“Homecoming is about the alumni,” Bonde said.

He said he has spoken with alumni who tell him stories about how they used to jam to the cover band, and how much fun they would have during the concerts.

“It sounded like they had a lot of fun,” he said.

Bonde said he thinks many alumni will come to the concert because it was a tradition for them. He expects they will choose to stay in a hotel on the night of the concert and then wake up the next morning for the parade and game.

Campus Planner Dale Braun was a UW-RF student when the Johnny Holm Band first started coming to UW-RF around 1980.

Braun remembers the band performing in the ballroom, which is where the Leadership Center is now, he said. At the time, the legal drinking age was set at 18.

“It was a pretty wild time,” Braun said.

Holm also said he remembers when beer would be served at their concerts.

“We used to play outdoors, then they moved us inside and started to serve beer,” he said. “They had a good time.”

In addition to alumni enjoying the element of tradition, Bonde said the group chose to bring the band back because the music appeals to all ages.

“Johnny sings songs everyone knows,” he said. “My parents know the Johnny Holm Band.”

Terry Willson, director of residence life and staff development, has been at UW-RF for 31 years, and he said he remembers the band coming for more than 25 years.

When the Johnny Holm Band first



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**The Johnny Holm Band interacts with a UW-RF student during a performance last January.**

started coming, Willson was active with the Inter-Residence Hall Council, which orchestrated the concerts annually.

He also said alumni who bring their children to school here will inquire about the band’s Homecoming concerts.

“They ask about it because they remember when the Johnny Holm Band would play,” Willson said.

Holm said he was unaware of the impression he and his band had on the campus community, but “it’s really exciting to know we have that impact.”

While the Homecoming Committee wanted to bring tradition back this year, it also wanted to make sure to implement a historically ignored aspect of Homecoming here on campus.

“Homecoming was always geared towards student orgs,” Bonde said, “This year it’s for everyone.”

Aside from the band and the parade, Bonde said he thinks the mechanical bull ride on Tuesday night will be a big attraction for students. He’s hoping there will be a great turn out for all of the events.



# Ghosts, spirits linger around River Falls

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the red T-shirt and jeans.  
“He seems like the type of person I would have wanted to know,” said Zimmerman, who summed up his ghostly experience with Syse as, “one interaction is better than none.”

While a UW-RF professor had a supernatural experience on campus, UW-RF students share their home with a poltergeist.

Located at 315 Maple St., the Parker mansion is set apart from other homes near it with the white cupola that sits on top of the structure.

It also houses a poltergeist, a supernatural force that Norman describes as “an entity that is heard but not seen.”

The German word for “noisy ghost,” a poltergeist may leave people thinking they are seeing things.

“People have reported objects seeming to move of their own volition, doors opening and closing without any assistance, or mysterious occurrences in a place that seems to be without logic,” Norman said.

In the 2001 revised edition of “Haunted Wisconsin,” Norman featured the Parker House poltergeist.

Built by Colonel Charles Parker, an early Wisconsin lieutenant governor, the home has evolved from a single-family house to its current state of four apartments.

Jennifer Bejblik moved into the Parker mansion Sept. 1, and has not noticed any of the paranormal poltergeist behaviors that former residents spoke to Norman about, such as doors opening on their own, lights flickering on and off, or stereo volume increasing with no assistance.

Despite living in a haunted house, Bejblik is not frightened of her new residence.

“There are weird noises at times, but usually I know what they are,” she said.

While she is comfortable in the Parker mansion, Bejblik sees a possible link with the rumors of a poltergeist and an empty house.

“Maybe that’s why they’re having so much trouble filling the apartments,” she said.

Paranormal experiences do not stop at the city limits.

About 15 minutes from the UW-RF campus, Hudson is home to the Coulee Road ghost.

**“It made me stop - there was something that was there - I didn’t want to walk through it.”**

Jana Gaffer,  
Casanova Liquor Store  
owner

As recorded in Norman’s “Haunted Wisconsin,” Paschal Aldrich, the son of Hudson’s first postmaster, Dr. Philip Aldrich, simply did not have the fortunes of his prominent father.

Upon Dr. Aldrich’s death, Paschal was given his estate and built a house on Coulee Road. When illness took over, Aldrich was forced to sell a large portion of the property he had farmed for so long.

Norman also notes in his account the reasons behind the sale are disputed. A newspaper reported an unidentified man was somehow responsible for the family losing its large property during Aldrich’s illness.

Aldrich died on Oct. 13, 1860 in his house on Coulee Road, and apparently has never left.

While his home no longer stands, Jana Gaffer thinks she has met the spirit of Paschal Aldrich on at least two occasions.

As owner of the Casanova Liquor Store and Restaurant, Gaffer spends a lot of time in her business, located at 236 Coulee Rd.

One evening, Gaffer and her staff “were all back in the kitchen.”

As they stood with a clear view of the restaurant floor, they watched a wine glass fall from the wall rack.

Instead of falling straight to the floor, Gaffer said the glass floated across the carpet for a considerable distance and then finally fell to the floor and broke.

She said the event has remained “unexplained.”

Another supernatural experience occurred when Gaffer was working, and it was “really busy in the kitchen area.”

As she was preparing to bring a meal to patrons, she suddenly stopped.

“I could feel a person in front of me,” said Gaffer, who could see nothing blocking her path. “It made me stop - there was something that was there - I didn’t want to walk through it.”

While possible paranormal visits from Aldrich were enough to make Gaffer “kind of” believe in his presence, they have seemed to make an impression on her staff.

“They are all afraid to go in the cooler late at night,” she said.

The combination of Sanford



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

**A ghost in the Blanche Davis Theatre is believed to be of theatre designer and former UW-RF professor Sanford Syse, who died in 1978. His ghost has been spotted wearing blue jeans and a red T-shirt on the stage.**

Syse, the Parker house poltergeist and Paschal Aldrich’s unfinished business on Coulee Road could provide UW-RF students who have a sense of superstition with an interesting Friday the 13th and Halloween.

Junior Kyle Vergin is one UW-RF student who welcomes the paranormal.

“I would want to see one [a ghost] - then it would make me believe,” 20-year-old Vergin said.

While Vergin is looking forward to a supernatural experience, he was unaware of the stories about Syse, the Parker mansion and Aldrich.

Freshman Ashley Riedesel is also unfamiliar with any stories of area hauntings, but the 19-year-old is “not bothered” by the thought of haunted buildings campus.

Her mentality may prove to be beneficial to the ghost of Sanford Syse if he is checking up on his Blanche Davis Theatre.



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**Casanova Liquor Store in Hudson is haunted by the ghost of Paschal Aldrich, who died in his Coulee Road home on Oct. 13, 1860 - 146 years ago, according to the owner and employees.**

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