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Jens Gunelson

Anna Parsons of Sigma Sigma Sigma and Cale Richter of Alpha Gamma Rho were crowned Homecoming queen and king following this year's football game against UW-Stout. Parsons and Richter were also awarded trophies for their respective Greek organizations, which placed first and second during the week's events.

Rush River beer to flow in RF

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This spring River Falls becomes the new home to a growing business owned by two young entrepreneurs, and their business is beer. Dan Chang, 34, and Nick Anderson, 33, started Rush River Brewing Co. in 2004 after years of researching the brewing industry.

They got their start as keg washers at Mac & Jack's Brewery in Seattle before opening their first Wisconsin brewery in Maiden Rock.

Rush River Brewery broke ground on its River Falls facility last week, located in the Whitetail Ridge Corporate Park behind the *River Falls Journal* building.

Anderson said the River Falls brewery is tentatively scheduled to open in March.

"One hundred percent operations will be at River Falls," he said.

Anderson said he and Chang originally planned to move into an improved facility, one that included bottling capabilities, in about five years because they didn't want to over extend their business. That changed because of two factors, the first being product demand.

"All of our distributors have been begging us for bottles for some time," Anderson said.

The Rush River product is now only available in kegs.

The second factor was the River Falls Economic Development Committee (EDC), an organization that works to bring businesses to Whitetail Ridge Corporate

Park and River Falls Industrial Park.

Anderson said he and Chang wanted to keep their business in western Wisconsin, and the EDC had the best offer.

In three years Anderson and Chang will have the option to buy the building from the EDC at the original cost of construction.

Anderson said without the EDC they would have had to seek outside resources to build a new brewery this quickly.

River Falls City Administrator Bernie Van Osedale said the city of River Falls owned the industrial park but gave more than two acres of land to the EDC so the 10,000-square foot Rush River facility could be built and leased to Anderson and Chang.

"It's a good start-up business with a great deal of potential," Van Osedale said.

The lease has not been finalized, but Anderson said he considers it a formality.

He said the presence of UW-River Falls influenced the owners' decision to come to the city.

"The college adds a lot of character to the city," Anderson said. "It is the type of atmosphere we'd like to be in."

Junior Nick Rabens is one of a few students who knew the brewery was coming to River Falls.

"The world can never have too much beer," Rabens said.

Anderson and Chang said once the new facility is up and running, they will host multiple events in River Falls, starting with the grand opening.

"It's going to be a positive influence on my life," senior Ryan Peterson said. "I would definitely be inclined to go on tours."



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Ground was broken for the Rush River Brewery on Oct. 19. The new brewery, located in Whitetail Ridge Corporate Park behind the *River Falls Journal* building, will open in the spring.

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Attendance policies remain varied

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Class attendance policies have always been a topic of debate, generating contrasting opinions amongst students, staff and faculty.

Some say faculty should omit attendance policies for classes, while others say they are necessary to the learning experience of students.

The campus attendance policy cited in the UW-River Falls undergraduate catalog states it is the student's responsibility to attend every class and meet the course's requirements.

Some faculty members and departments implement their own rules into their courses, making attendance a requirement. The policies generally include calculating attendance into a student's final grade and limiting the number of missed classes.

Several studies have been done to see how students' grades are affected by attendance, and a strong correlation has been found between the two.

An article written by professor Richard C. Schiming at the University of Minnesota-Mankato summarized recent studies about the role of class attendance on class performance.

The results revealed that while some students did well in classes without regular attendance, some did not. It was concluded that attendance significantly affects students' grades and performance

in class.

A few years ago, the health and human performance department agreed to a rule for all lifetime activity general education requirement courses. The policy states that students may miss one class without penalty, and five points are deducted for each day missed after that.

For other departments, faculty members are free to make their own policies as long as they are stated in the syllabi.

Professor and history and philosophy department Chair Betty Bergland said her department does not have a universal attendance policy, but she and most of the faculty members expect regular attendance.

"I believe that attendance is important to the progress and understanding in the courses," Bergland said. "Consequently, I do take attendance and include this in grading students."

Political Science professor Neil Kraus has had an attendance requirement for his classes for several years.

"I used to have a participation policy without attendance, but I thought it made more sense to put the two together and give students an incentive to come to class regularly and participate," Kraus said. "Occasionally someone would miss a lot of class, and then would show up and participate a lot. It wasn't fair to everyone

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Texting replaces doodling in class

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Although UW-River Falls professors try to thwart the disruption of class by encouraging students to turn their phones off or on silent mode, text messaging is quickly becoming a menace in the classroom.

Because text messaging does not require students to verbally communicate with someone, it is possible to silently send and receive messages without drawing attention from professors.

Some professors are oblivious to the fact that such activities are taking place in their classrooms.

"Frankly, I am probably naïve, but hadn't yet thought about text messages being sent or received during regular classes," said Davida Alperin, associate professor of political science. "My only concern about such messaging was during exams, so I try to keep my eye on students then, just as I would to prevent any other type of cheating."

Although text messaging has not been as recognizable from the professors' perspectives, students have noticed that the trend is on the rise.

"I have seen many students in my class send text messages in the middle of class," sophomore Kirsten Farrar said.

Business administration professor Susan Rogers has not noticed students sending or receiving text messages during her classes, but knows that it does happen.

"When I was doing a peer observation of another professor's class last year, I noticed a lot of this activity going on," she said.



Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Text messaging is becoming a common occurrence in classrooms across campus.

Professors may view this new trend as an added distraction during lectures, but some students don't see it that way.

"There will never be a lack of distractions in class," senior Kat Krtnick said. "People talk, draw, sleep, do other homework, so I don't think taking away cell phones would cause less distractions."

The sending and receiving of text messages usually occurs when students don't feel the need to pay attention or have lost interest in the class.

"When I text, I'm tuning the lesson out completely," senior Diana Rogers said. "In some classes that's a bad thing, in others it doesn't matter as much. I tend to only do it in the classes that don't require 100 percent attention."

Many professors already have stipulations in their syllabi to try to restrict cell phone use during classes, but have not yet elaborated on text messaging.

Professors at other institutions have taken action to deter students from text messaging while class is in session.

University of Texas-Austin Instructor Nathan Kreuter has a policy statement warning students that "Anyone using their phone in class or text messaging during class will be given an absence for each offense."

Penalties for text messaging vary from professor to professor, as well as from institution to institution.

At Tennessee Wesleyan College, Professor Mark A. Shoop stipulates in his syllabus that, "If a cellular telephone rings during class, if a student attempts to make a telephone call during class, or if a student is found text-messaging during class, 10% will be deducted from the student's highest exam grade."

One way professors could dissuade students from text messaging would be to enhance their lectures to better engage students.

"I think it's a growing concern, but will maybe make professors rethink their teaching strategies," Diana said. "If a teacher wants to eliminate it, maybe they should focus on group work or class activities more than just monotonous lectures."

VOICE SHORTS

UWRF receives grant for online learning

A \$2.5 million grant has been awarded to UW-River Falls and Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) to expand online learning. “Stronger Together: An Educational Partnership for the Changing Economy,” was one of only five joint grants awarded by the Title III program of the U.S. Department of Education in the current year. Title III awards funds for developing academic programs to meet regional workforce needs. CVTC President Bill Ihlenfeldt said the grant strengthens the region’s economic vitality through the expansion of online courses. The program will be offered in the two campuses’ shared service areas of Polk, Pierce, St. Croix, Dunn, Pepin, Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties in Wisconsin, and Washington County in Minnesota. CVTC and UWRF combined currently educate more than 15,000 traditional and adult learners. Through 2011 CVTC and UWRF will: train faculty in delivering courses via web-based education, instructional television and compact learning; develop and offer courses using the same methods; achieve student retention for alternative delivery programs equal to the retention on campus by providing online and evening access to services, advising and counseling; and explore new bachelor’s degree programs providing ease of credit transfer. Katrina Larsen, UWRF outreach director and Title III project director, said program will include online instruction, interactive TV, webcasts and flexible scheduling.



New Dairy Learning Center is under way

Representatives of the UW System, the UW Board of Regents, the state of Wisconsin, the dairy industry, and UWRF students, faculty and staff celebrated the groundbreaking for the new Dairy Learning Center last Friday. The \$9.3 million complex is located at the Mann Valley Farm. UWRF has one of the largest undergraduate dairy science majors in the nation. The Dairy Learning Center is expected to be completed by the summer of 2007 and will replace the aging dairy operation constructed in the 1950s, located at Lab Farm 1 on the main campus. The complex will feature a lactating cow barn, special needs barn, milking center, calf barn, heifer barn, hay barn, feed shed, and machine shed. It also includes an environmentally friendly composted bedding housing system for 100 lactating cows; a BouMatic double-6 herringbone parlor with a StepMetrix automated lameness detection system; research bays with Calan gates, allowing the herd to be split into groups for nutrition trials; two 25-student classrooms, which can be expanded for industry-based workshops and meetings; and confinement and pasture-based management systems.

Art department, Art Society host exhibit

The UW-River Falls art department and the Art Society are set to host an impromptu juried show in Gallery 101 of Kleinpell Fine Arts Oct. 30 through Nov. 5. The UWRF Art Society is made up of students interested in pursuing extracurricular artistic endeavors. The organization is very active on campus, participating in the annual fall outdoor art installations, the art department’s scholarship sale in December, and fundraising activities for group trips to Chicago. Exhibits in Gallery 101 are free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, as well as 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact the UWRF art department at 715-425-3266.



Recommendation given to journalism dept.

Reaccreditation site team members visited UW-River Falls Oct. 23, and gave the journalism department a recommendation for reaccreditation. The site team reviewed the department, and interviewed journalism students and administration. The department was notified of the team’s recommendation on Oct. 25. “Being accredited means we are providing a quality program for our students,” department Chair Colleen Callahan said. The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication will inform the department if it is reaccredited by May 2007. The department is up for reaccreditation every six years, and has been accredited since 1982.

RF may get drive-through coffee shop

The deal remains far from done, but all indicators look good that a drive-through coffee shop will get built on the east side of North Main Street. To reach the location, drivers would turn onto Sullivan Court, just opposite of the Paulson Road turnoff that’s used to get to ShopKo, McDonald’s and Sears. Land owners requested a zone change recently that would allow Grind’n Away Fine Coffees to occupy a roadside shop at this intersection. Husband and wife coffee-shop proprietors Damon and Chris Plattner plan to lease the land from three co-owners: Michael Manteufel, Randy Deiss and Donald Jackelen. Chris Plattner said the shop may offer other goods beside coffee, but will be a drive-through establishment targeting commuters and convenience seekers. It won’t be a sit-down shop. Damon Plattner thinks it will be several months before they get the green light.

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Corrections

- In last week’s front page article, “School spirit goes on strike,” it was falsely reported that Cheer and Stunt President Amber Frome said the Karges racquetball courts’ ceiling is too low for practicing stunts. The ceiling is in fact high enough to safely perform stunts, however the space is problematic due to hardwood flooring and plaster falling from the ceiling.
- In another front page story last week, “Morning-after pills expire after year’s end,” it was erroneously stated within the article and on the page 3 headline that Plan B pills are offered at the River Falls Area Hospital and Student Health Services. While the drug is provided by SHS, it can be obtained at the River Falls Medical Clinic, 1687 E. Division St.

SENATE

Senator brings diversity to the forefront

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Student Senate is the voice of the students at UW-River Falls, and senators have the opportunity to address issues, including diversity.

As diversity issues director, Senator Ashley Olson said she wants senators to be available to bring up issues that are important. Olson is also a member of the Diversity Issues Committee (DIC), which allows her to bring reports from DIC meetings to Senate.

Olson said her role is to work with diversity organizations on campus and meet with individuals to work and focus on the issues that affect them.

A current concern is retention of first-year students.

“The goal is to see what makes students stay on campus,” she said.

The committee wants students to attend DIC meetings for the open forum, Olson said. The meetings are every Friday at 11 a.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Attendance at the forum will give the committee an idea of how to keep diverse students on campus, she said.

“We are always available via e-mail for major things that come up that need to be addressed right away, but we want to hold an open forum where we can talk about issues that students see as important issues on campus,” Olson said.

The committee is now extending ideas and information to the Faculty Senate Multi-cultural Advisory Committee, which is working on strategic plan goal No. 10, Olson said.

“As part of Student Senate, senators have to sit on a Faculty Senate committee,” she said.

Goal No. 10 is part of the strategic planning of UWRF, said Blake Fry, dean of student development and campus diversity, and chair of the planning workshops.

Strategic planning includes a set of 10 goals that prioritize different aspects of the campus, Fry said, and the goals should be met within 10 years.

The aspects of goal No. 10,

dubbed “Foster a Culture of Diversity,” is to “build a supportive community that embraces our differences and builds understanding across barriers of race, national origin, religion, socio-economic status, culture, gender, sexual orientation and disability,” according to the Strategic Planning Web site.

The goals also address the Growth Agenda, Fry said. The agenda aims to get the campus to grow in student population, but if students are leaving UWRF the campus is not going to increase.

A survey has shown that a significantly high number of first-year students at UWRF are not satisfied with their experience compared to their peers across the country, Fry said.

“Overall rates are not improving,” he said. “Some things we have looked at in the past are not connecting; we need to try new strategies.”

A focus group will be conducted by the committee, Fry said, pairing it with a pencil survey that will be administered in spring semester. The idea for a

group came from students in the committee.

“I try to stay away from the focus groups,” he said. “I couldn’t be more happy to have students doing that.”

Olson said the committee has been brainstorming many different ways to make the campus a better place for diversity, reaching out to offer workshops.

“One thing we thought was important is to retain the under-represented students on campus,” she said.

The goals and ideas are a proactive initiative, Olson said.

Depending on the situation, Student Senate can take a stance to support students, President Joe Eggers said.

“We stand behind our students,” he said. “Regardless of the issue, diversity or not, the Student Senate will want to look at and address it.”

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

Turkey Trot raises money for Special Olympics

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Benjamin Franklin would be proud of the UW-River Falls health and human performance department.

Even though Franklin’s idea for a turkey as the national bird did not take off, UWRF has embraced the bird commonly known as Thanksgiving dinner with the eighth annual Turkey Trot.

Set for Saturday, Nov. 4, the 5 kilometer road race and 1 mile walk promise “a picturesque journey through the UWRF campus,” and is open for people of all ages, with age groups ranging from 12 and younger to 50 and older, according to an event brochure.

Although pre-registration ended Saturday, participants can still enter on race day at the Knowles Center from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with a \$17 single-entry fee and a \$12 fee for children ages 12 and younger.

Student Stacy Dekkers, whose Sport, Fitness and Recreation Management class puts on the Turkey Trot, is co-leader of the event and said she hopes UWRF students and people in the community will participate in the event as their entrance fees help raise money for the Special Olympics.

Donating the proceeds of the Turkey Trot is nothing new.

“Every year the money goes to a different organization,” Dekkers said.

While UWRF seniors Nick Lapacinski and Jake Halls have their eyes on the first place prize in their age division - a frozen turkey - both men said raising money for the Special Olympics is a good reason to run.

“I’m not so much worried about getting a turkey, but giving something back,” Halls said. Lapacinski, 21, agreed with Halls and said the frozen turkey trophy is a good incentive to get people to



Jens Gunelson

Campus and community members begin the Turkey Trot outside of Knowles Center last year. The race is Nov. 4 this year.

venture out in the usually cold November weather.

“It would have to be a good size turkey for this time of year,” Lapacinski said, as he spoke about what it would take to get him to run outside in November.

Dekkers is aware the weather may not cooperate, so she and her class are providing T-shirts for Turkey Trot participants not only to remember the event but to protect against inclement conditions.

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UWRF invites families to campus

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Forget bringing the laundry home to mom and dad next weekend. For a number of students on campus, parents will be coming here.

Families arrive on campus Nov. 4 for Family Day to spend a weekend engaged in a variety of events.

This year’s theme for the event is “Fall Into Fun.” The annual event includes two meals, admission to Falcon athletic events, a movie in North Hall auditorium, on-campus informational sessions, admission to a comedic act and a T-shirt. Registration is \$10 per person.

Sarah Egerstrom, co-director of First-Year Experience (FYE), said her department tried to include a range of events that would appeal to a variety of ages.

“[Family Day] has a lot to offer at a low cost,” Egerstrom said.

This year, there was a slight change to the

way the day is organized. In the past it was an event sponsored and organized by Student Senate, but that changed with the creation of the FYE office.

A panel of students helped develop the programs included in this year’s events and Senate provided financial support.

Egerstrom said FYE works to connect families with the campus, which makes Family Day an ideal venue for its efforts.

As part of Family Day, faculty and deans will have breakfast with the students so families can meet the faculty and staff members their sons and daughters interact with on campus.

“[FYE works to] ensure student success both in and out of the classroom,” Egerstrom said.

She said more than 400 individuals, which includes students and family members, had signed up as of Wednesday.

“We’ve gotten an overwhelming response,” Egerstrom said. “Families are excited to come to campus.”

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Oct. 17

- A concrete trashcan was found tipped over and broken south of the Davee Library at 11:50 p.m.

Oct. 18

- Ryan P. Kroenke, a resident of Prucha Hall, removed the smoke detector from the ceiling of his room, prompting a Fire Trouble Alarm to notify Public Safety. According to reports, Kroenke said he took the detector down because “the red light was flashing really fast ... faster than normal,” creating a nuisance.

Removal of a smoke detector violates the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and is a threat to the safety of everyone in the building. Real or perceived problems with smoke detectors should be reported to

Public Safety or Building Maintenance.

Oct. 20

- Keith A. Johnson, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption at the Rodli Commons walkway.
- Sara K. Axelson, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
- Kelly A. Jensen, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Grimm Hall.
- Valerie M. Miller, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.

Oct. 21

- William H. Prindle, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
- Eric G. Harmann, 19, was fined \$375 for second-offense underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
- Jody F. Hoefft, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption

in Crabtree Hall.

- Alexandria S. Gehin, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.
- Elizabeth R. Gilgenbach, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Oct. 22

- Benjamin L. Hoglund, 20, was arrested at 2:45 a.m. for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Passengers Alison R. Busby, 19, and Brittany C. Johnson, 19, were cited for underage consumption and fined \$172 each.

According to reports, an officer followed Hoglund’s vehicle from Main Street to Cascade Avenue, where he was “driving erratically.” After turning onto Spring Street, the vehicle allegedly traveled eastbound for a short time in the westbound lane. When stopped by police, a strong odor of alcohol was detected, as well as slurred

speech, yet Hoglund said he had not drank alcohol, reports state.

Hoglund eventually reported that he had consumed six beers between 5:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. His blood alcohol content was tested at .15.

- Nathan K. Anderson, 21, was fined \$83.80 for an open container of alcohol, and Erica M. Laffin, 19, was fined \$172 for underage consumption at 812 S. State St.

At 3:30 a.m., a police officer observed Anderson and Laffin walking through the alley carrying a cup and a can. When told the containers contained beer, the individuals were arrested.

- Adam L. Sumser, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.
- Matthew J. Olson, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Prucha Hall.
- Ryan A. Royce, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

Attendance: Faculty members free to implement own policies

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else who came regularly, and I don't think those two groups should be evaluated the same way." Kraus said he has seen positive results from implementing the requirement. "It helps me learn students' names faster, and it makes it easier at the end of the semester to decide what a student's grade is," Kraus said. "I believe to be an informed student, you need to be [in class] regularly."

While studies show class attendance significantly affects a student's grade, some students, staff and faculty have a different opinion on attendance policies.

They believe attendance policies should not be implemented for several reasons. One is that a professor should make students want to come to class. "Professors should encourage students to attend class not by making it a requirement, but by making attending class worthwhile for a student," student Jessica Vetter said.

Stephen Olsen, professor and marketing communications department chair, has a similar opinion. "My personal stance is if I can't make a class interesting and worthwhile enough for students to attend, I am probably in the wrong profession," Olsen said.

Plant and earth science professor Terry Ferriss said she does her best to make her class worthwhile.

"In my classes, students must show up for exams, quizzes and field trips, however, what they do otherwise is up to them," Ferriss said. "But I do include enough additional information beyond the textbook that most find it helpful to come to class."

Another common reason people believe professors should not have attendance policies is because the students are paying to go to school, and they should have the option to decide on their own.

"In general, I think it is clear that students who regularly attend class do much better on exams and other evaluated assignments than those for whom attendance is seen as optional," Olsen said. "But it's the student's nickel. They only hurt themselves by not attending."

Vetter agrees.

Since students are paying for college, they should not be forced to go to class, Vetter said. "They should be able to decide on their own if they want to attend classes."

Agricultural economics professor David Trechter said students who chose to not attend class give up services they pay for.

"Students or their parents are paying for the privilege of being at UWRF, and if a student chooses to not attend class, they are simply choosing to forego the services that those tuition dollars purchase," Trechter said.

Journalism Chair Colleen Callahan and Provost Charlie Hurt said students are adults and should be responsible for their own decisions.

"If this were K-12, I would require attendance, but college students are adults and responsible for their own decisions," Callahan said.

Hurt said the University needs to give students the opportunity to be responsible.

"Part of the educational experience is to figure out how to experience responsibility as an adult," Hurt said.

He said he prefers an attendance policy that doesn't have huge consequences.

"My preference is that this campus doesn't have an attendance policy that penalizes students for lack of attendance," Hurt said.

A few students said some professors' attendance policies are too strict.

"It seems a lot of classes require you to come to class regardless of any reason, and you lose points if you miss," student Jon Hellinga said.

Students said sometimes they have to miss class because they have other homework, are not feeling well or don't have a reason to go because the notes or assignments are available on the Desire2Learn Web site or in the Courses folder.

Sometimes there is a time-management conflict, and students have to choose to go to class or do homework, Vetter said.

"Most students are taking at least 15 credits a semester, working part-time or full-time jobs, and have to make time for homework for every class plus take care of themselves," Vetter said. "As long as a student is getting assignments done and completing all coursework, it should be fine to not attend class."

Although some professors don't have attendance policies, they still take notice of students' attendance patterns.

"I don't take attendance, nor do I give points for perfect attendance," Ogden Rogers, professor and social work department chair, said. "I do note patterns of absence, however."

Although faculty are free to implement their own attendance policies, if students and faculty want to have a universal attendance policy it would have to go through the Faculty Senate, said Dean of Student Development and Campus Diversity Blake Fry.

Faculty Senate Chair Wes Chapin said if brought up, it would be a topic that would definitely be discussed and decided by the Senate.

"If such a proposal was introduced," Chapin said, "The Chancellor would also have to be involved, given his role in the governance processes, and I imagine that students would want to have opportunities to have their voices heard."

Unlike UWRF, UW-Platteville and UW-Green Bay have campus attendance policies.

Platteville's policy states, "...instructors are expected to keep records of attendance in their classes." Green Bay's attendance rule gives instructors permission to drop students who only attend classes the first week but not after.

Free Clinic to begin services in spring

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River Falls has a variety of health care options for its residents, including the River Falls Area Hospital, River Falls Medical Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Health Services.

Unfortunately, a void still exists in options that are available, and not everyone in River Falls and the surrounding area can afford the health care they need to live an optimum lifestyle.

River Falls Medical Clinic has decided to fill that void by offering totally free health services one night a week, beginning April 2007.

"People use free clinics broadly," Kinnickinnic Health Foundation Executive Director Heather Logelin said. "This is actually going to be a totally free clinic with no sliding fee for those who qualify for these medical services."

Though the clinic doesn't turn anyone away, guidelines and qualifications do exist for patients in need of free care.

"The target population is low-income and uninsured folks from Pierce and St. Croix Counties with no other health care alternative," Logelin said.

She also said the majority of the patients are 185 percent below the federal poverty level with a yearly income of \$37,000 for a family of four.

To ensure the highest quality care possible, physicians, nurses and social workers have already volunteered their professional services.

"The physicians will be donating one night a week [Tuesdays], and expect to see 20-30 patients a night," Logelin said.

Though some physicians and nurses have already volunteered their time, one of the biggest issues in offering free care is maintaining volunteers.

Logelin said residents and students who this issue resonates with should check out the clinic's Web site.

"A registration form is now on the clinic's Web site at www.freeclinicpiercestcroix.org, and those who apply can expect to be contacted sometime after the first of next year," Logelin said.

The other main challenge in running a free clinic is the issue of funding. The money for this project primarily comes from grants, along with donations from the hospital and fundraisers.

The budget to run this clinic successfully is between \$100 thousand and \$125 thousand a year, though she said this is a preliminary estimate.

It is a challenge, but Logelin isn't too worried about financial issues.

"I don't want to be overly optimistic, but it's been fun fundraising because people really care about this issue," she said.

One of the fundraisers Logelin spoke of was held Oct. 14. The Kinnickinnic Valley Health and Education Foundation put together a Harvest Moon Barn Dance, which included dinner, an auction and a dance at the Bjerstedt Farm in River Falls. About 400 people turned up at this event, raising about \$50,000 for the free clinic.

Some members from the UWRF Student Support Services volunteered at this event, and have also decided to put together some fundraisers of their own.

"The students who are part of the SSS leadership team came

up with the idea of a fundraiser for the free clinic," SSS Advisor Rose Rude said.

Though nothing is set in stone, the leadership team has come up with a couple of ideas on how to raise money for this cause.

"Right now they are planning on doing a change jar drive, putting big pickle jars in the residence halls and public spots around campus and town," Rude said. "The goal is to raise \$500 for the clinic."

SSS also plans to host a spaghetti dinner in early November, but the details of this fundraiser have not been decided.

Students and residents will be notified of the dinner when the date is finalized.

The funding raised aids the free clinic in offering a variety of different services, but the clinic does not offer dental or mental health care.

No specialists are on site, but the clinic can provide referrals if a patient requests.

Patients in need of reproductive health should contact Pierce County Reproductive Health Services, where the majority of women can get a waiver that allows them reproductive care for a small fee.

Although students will not be turned away from the clinic, it is expected that they have exhausted the wide array of options that UWRF provides for health care.

Students can read more about these services at <http://www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service/>.

"We know that there are a myriad of health problems out there," Logelin said. "We are trying to fill gaps and provide services that aren't provide elsewhere."

Brewery: Establishment anticipates involvement with UWRF

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Anderson said the brewery will begin running casual weekend tours in the summer, something it has never offered before.

"We get requests from people every day for tours," he said.

Anderson said tours weren't held in Maiden Rock because of the small size of the facility, limited access to the area and irregular work hours.

Junior Nate Kirchner said he will be inclined to tour the brewery for multiple reasons.

"You'd see the process of how it goes from raw material to the product we see on the shelf," Kirchner said. "Also, the free samples wouldn't hurt."

Chang said Rush River would like to establish a rapport with UWRF.

"We'd like to get involved with the University through internships and other ways," he said.

Chancellor Don Betz, who is a member of the EDC, was in attendance at the groundbreaking. He said Rush River is a great addition to the community.

"If they continue to brew the kind of beer they're brewing, they could be the next Summit," Betz said.

Rush River offers three types of beer year round: Lost Arrow Porter, Bubble Jack IPA and their flagship beer, Unforgiven Amber Ale.

Rush River also offers two seasonal products: Small Axe Golden Ale and Winter Warmer.

“We get requests from people every day for tours.”

Nick Anderson,
Rush River Brewing
co-founder

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EDITORIAL

Fall break needed for sanity of students, profs

With a lack of time off in fall semester, students can get overwhelmed with the steady buildup of classes, tests and homework. A simple answer to relieving the stresses of students and professors is to add a day or two off in October.

When comparing the academic calendar, an imbalance in resting periods is apparent. While we are given a full week to relieve our minds during spring break, no such oasis exists in the fall.

It would make sense for the University to offer at least one day off around midterm, not only for the sake of students, but faculty as well. Spring semester registration begins at this time, and a day off for advising would surely make the process go a bit smoother.

And those midterm exams can be rough. By providing the campus community with a break, days can be devoted to studying, socializing and working. Preparing for exams allows for better grades; spending time with family and friends can make for the release of anxieties; and clocking in those extra hours adds more money to the paycheck, relieving the burden of rent, tuition and bills.

The week-long spring break provides just the right amount of time to get away from campus.

Students can choose to earn or spend in their efforts to temporarily break free from the academic world. Whether they opt to hop a plane for a tropical getaway, or simply drive down the street to that exhilarating part-time job, just being away from school for a few days can be vacation enough.

Yet fall semester offers little solace with a mere two- or three-day break for Thanksgiving - and three-fourths of the way into the semester, at that. And after more than a month off for winter break, spring semester gears up in January, only to allow another break a quick seven weeks later.

Students already cringe at the thought of the dreaded finals schedule, as it seems that every year the last day falls closer and closer to Dec. 25.

But what do we get for preparation? Nothing. Finals week is treated no differently than the rest of the academic year, with just a weekend to cram.

It seems as if scheduling needs to be more heavily scrutinized when planning the academic years ahead of us. Students and faculty can't be expected to do their absolute best without a bit of time every now and then to regroup.

The hard work and dedication of students (and the faculty who put up with us) who spend years attending classes five days a week without breaks should pay off in some way.

How about a well-deserved fall break?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support cheering strike, students

I've always thought it would take one hell of an article in the *Student Voice* to make me leave my coffee and bagel on Friday morning to write the editor. Kudos, Nick Sortedahl.

I am writing in response to the Oct. 20 front page article, "School spirit goes on strike." The gist of the article, for you casual *Voice* readers, is as follows: The UW-River Falls Cheer and Stunt squad is no longer able to perform stunts because of changes in American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators' safety regulations. In an act of protest, the squad refused to perform at recent events. Instead they had a sign, "No stunting = no cheering."

Although I strongly disagree with the regulations, I'll save it. My real problem is with how people reacted. Allow me to refresh you...

- From (newly) former Cheer and Stunt Advisor Jennifer Willis-Rivera: "It saddens me that they would take this action. They have not been prohibited from cheering, only from stunting."
- From Homecoming Committee Chair Marcus Bonde: "Even if they can't do stunts, they can still cheer."
- From UW-RF freshman Michelle Johnson: "If they're not going to cheer, they shouldn't come." Johnson also added that the squad's demonstration "reflected poorly on UW-RF."

Since the article gave only one-sided comments, I felt it necessary that somebody speak up on behalf of the squad. I am appalled that a gutsy expression of opinion such as this received only criticism and negative feedback. These students should be commended for standing up for what they believe in, not chastised.

In conclusion, I feel that this article "reflected poorly" on UWRF, not the protest. I salute

our Cheer and Stunt squad. Let me know if you get tired of holding that sign, girls, and I'll come hold it for awhile.

Jerome McNamara
Student

Socialists do not deserve funding

I am glad that "Socialist Alternative absolutely rejects the totalitarian systems of Russia and eastern Europe, which have nothing to do with real socialism," as Nick Shillingford stated in his letter last week.

Unfortunately, the socioeconomic system that the ruling party of Czechoslovakia called socialism in the pre 1989 era is what I associate with socialism. Can anyone from Socialist Alternative point me to a working model of real socialism?

I am delighted that militant action as practiced by Socialist

Alternative today does not involve guns and explosives. I doubt it would be possible to take into public ownership the top 500 corporations, banks, and insurance and finance houses without the use of violence.

This goal is stated at <http://www.socialistalternative.org/about> among other stances unrealistic under the prevailing system.

Since taking someone else's property is considered stealing in the current system, I do not see why your organization should be welcomed on our campus. I was unable to look up what "true democracy" means. So I cannot make up my mind if we are striving for this type of democracy on our campus.

Since most recognized organizations get financial support from the University, it is economically impossible to support student organizations representing every possible viewpoint.

Jan Pospichal
Employee

Profs need to answer emails

For almost every class I have taken at UW-River Falls and two other institutions, professors have dedicated the first

day of class to handing out the syllabi and meticulously reading through them, section by section. Though some professors prefer to put the necessary information on Web sites like D2L or send them via e-mail, the majority still print out enough copies for everyone to have.

At the top of each syllabus, the teacher's name, office location, office hours, etc., are included to make it easier for students to locate them in case of arising questions or concerns. A telephone number, sometimes both office and home, and an e-mail address are usually included.

When the Internet and e-mail are common forms of personal communication, it would

be absurd for a professor to not offer this as a lifeline to their students.

For students and other computer-savvy people, e-mail is the fastest and easiest way to communicate. For members of the *Voice*, I've observed that getting in contact through e-mail is often quicker than calling a cell phone or text messaging.

If someone doesn't want to be bothered with the hassle of sitting at a computer responding to students by typing, then don't give me your e-mail on the syllabus.

I've had conversations with my professors numerous times over e-mail. Usually it's a question-and-answer type of a conversation, and most commonly the language is not 100 percent following English grammar guidelines.

If I'm working on a paper at 11:30 p.m. and it is due some time the next day, would it be more polite of me to send an e-mail asking any question I might have, or call their provided home phone number?

I'm fairly positive that my ability to have

children would be hindered if I called a professor past their bedtime at their home.

If I send an e-mail, then it can be simply responded to upon arriving at the University in the morning, or if they are awake that late at night then they can reply then instead.

If you don't offer the e-mail address, it might be wise of you to tell students not to look it up on the University Web site either.

But if you offer the address, be prepared to field and respond to e-mails that are sent to you. I understand that even though it's the easiest way for me to communicate, it might not be the easiest for you, but I should be told in advance that you'd rather I make a phone call instead.

Welcome to the 21st century, everyone. It's time to embrace the latest technology and jump on the e-mail bandwagon. Next time I send an e-mail to a professor's address that's offered to me, I expect a response. If students aren't allowed to hand in papers or assignments past deadline, then those responses should probably be in a timely fashion as well.

Political ads go negative this year

There was a time not long ago when political advertisements in the news media supported candidates based on the positive aspects of their political agendas, but it seems those ads have been tossed aside in recent years. Now, the only political ads running are negative ones that only seem to annoy prospective voters.

Some researchers claim these ads instill just enough anger and excitement in voters to make them vote for an opposing candidate. It has proven to be an effective strategy, according to Ruth Ann Weaver Lariscy, a University of Georgia professor who researched the effects of negative political advertising.

"Voters learn a lot. They hate negative ads, but this may actually increase the likelihood that they vote," she said in a

University of Georgia Research Magazine article authored by Allyson Mann.

The study suggests Americans are more likely to vote based on information they don't like about a candidate rather than voting for a candidate based on what he or she believes — a complete 180-degree spin on the political ads of yore.

I giggled at Patty Wetterling's political ad claiming that the U.S. House of Representatives has "at least one child predator," and a host of other Republicans that are willing to cover up what former Senator Mark Foley has done.

It remains a mystery to me

how a politician from Florida should have any influence on a Minnesota voter's opinion, and it seems far-fetched to believe that there are more of Foley's type lurking in the offices of the Capitol building.

I can understand the Democratic Party's excitement over the Foley scandal. The circumstances surrounding Foley are far too juicy for anyone to disregard.

Americans salivate over stories like this, and it would be foolish for democrats to shy away from this political gold mine.

What does that say about Americans? Quite a lot, actually.

We care more about some candidate's sexual escapades rather than real, meaningful issues. Everyone likes seeing others flail in attempt to combat failure, and that's why these negative ads have had such success in the recent past.

"I don't have a favorite negative ad. I love them all," Lariscy later said in the article. What a shame.

A political advertisement researcher is actually saying she loves negative ads candidates make about their opponents instead of praising the benefits of positive advertising.

The American people need to take a good look at their political desires and choose a candidate based on what he or she can do for our country, not how he or she can further screw up our country.



Ben Jipson

Music channels swap bad videos for worse reality shows

Waking up in the wee hours of Monday morning to prepare for an exam that I was sure would be the demise of me, I found something on TV completely out of the ordinary: music videos...on MTV and VH1.

With the little time the two networks have allotted for music videos, which is usually between 3 a.m. and 9 a.m., you would think they would at least offer a little variety. Apparently that's not feasible. Instead, the same videos pop up about every hour, on the hour. I was watching MTV for maybe two hours and saw at least four videos twice. And they weren't even good. I could certainly go without hearing that much Justin Timberlake, Ludacris and Christina Aguilera. And the good videos they do play every now and then are songs I have grown tired of hearing, thanks to KDWB and KS95. I realize they are popular this week and

all, but what ever happened to playing a whole variety of videos?

Country fans have it really nice because CMT airs videos throughout the day. I do enjoy listening to country music on occasion, but one can only take so much sappy, beer-drinking honky tonk in one day. I really miss the days when I could watch videos all day long and not be tempted to change the channel once a "Surreal Life" or "Laguna Beach" marathon began.

I find it quite odd that two cable channels that pride themselves on being the epitome of new music and videos air everything but. That is, unless you are an insomniac or tend to wake up before the sun rises. It seems that both MTV and VH1 have jumped on the reality TV bandwagon that has been suffocating primetime television, and they're not looking back. Don't get me wrong, I thoroughly enjoy

watching my fair share of reality shows, but enough is enough.

As soon as Flavor Flav was given his own TV show on VH1, I knew society honestly don't know how anyone could take a man who wears an actual kitchen clock around his neck seriously. What makes it worse is that all these women are swooning over him and fighting each other for him. Are they honestly that desperate, or do they just see dollar signs?

It's funny how all these washed-up celebrities are cashing in with these shows, even though their actual careers ended decades ago. Without this new reality trend, Hulk Hogan

would probably be just another has-been wrestler with no future. And Christopher Knight aka Peter Brady most likely would not be married to someone 24 years his junior. That would be comparable to me being married to my dad.

And MTV isn't much better. If they want to devote endless hours to reality TV, they could at least bring back "Jackass;" watching those guys voluntarily abuse themselves is quite entertaining. It sickens me to think people even watch "Parental Control" or "Date My Mom." They are cheap rip-offs of somewhat decent dating shows like "Blind Date."

Equally repulsive is "Yo Momma." Really? A show based on who can diss

whose mother the best? Even Wilmer Valderrama can't make that show good. And then there's "My Own."

Without a doubt, the people who go on that show are way too pathetic to be entertaining. Anyone who would date a girl just because she has an ass like J-Lo's really doesn't deserve 15 seconds of fame, much less 15 minutes.

But the worst by far is "My Super Sweet Sixteen." I honestly don't see how snotty little rich girls complaining because their millionaire parents can't find enough money in their pocket-books to spring for a band could be considered entertainment. And nobody cares if the cutest guy in school is going to your birthday party, so shut the bitch up. Maybe if you'd quit whining for two seconds, you would hear the world's tiniest violin playing a song just for you.



Jennie Oemig

Campus digs deep for spirit

Since the year began, it has been difficult for me to find any school spirit whatsoever. It really seemed that support for athletics or any organization for that matter did not exist here at UW-River Falls. But as soon as Homecoming week began so did the support for the school, and as the week progressed I was surprised to see that nearly every group and organization supports each other in at least one way.

It was absolutely amazing to see how many students really are active on campus. Participation seemed to grow as the events progressed throughout the week.

Each time I walked into the Student Center I observed dozens of students dumping buckets of change into their organization's container, and others bringing in bags of food and hygiene supplies to their proper areas. It is amazing to watch completely broke college students donate so much to help others in need.

I walked into North Hall last Wednesday night for the Lip Sync contest and saw a completely full house. Students sat on the floor, stood in the back of the auditorium, and found walls to lean up against along the rows of seats to watch their groups

perform. One group even brought in a futon to sit on. Instead of booing and disrupting the other performances, students gladly supported every group that performed and seemed to enjoy the entire program.

On Saturday morning organizations put the final touches on their floats for the first downtown parade in more than 20 years. Despite the bitter cold weather, their dedication and creativity prevailed. I saw group leaders conversing with other leaders. They talked about how many hours and how many people it took to make their floats, and before parting they wished each other luck in the float judging. The parade route was lined with numerous students to show their support for the different organizations, along with the community and alumni. It was a blast seeing what each group was able to come up with.

The winning organization, Theta Chi, spent nearly \$400 on its giant red bull-themed float (not to mention they only

won \$300 back in prize money).

After the parade the organizations rode their floats to Ramer Field and sat with each other during the game. Aside from the organizations, students and alumni filled the stands. Only a scattered number of seats were left, compared to past games with sparse crowds and very little team support.

The halftime program informed the organizations who came out on top in each area of competition. The king and queen were also recognized (Anna Parsons from Sigma Sigma Sigma and Cale Richter from Alpha Gamma Rho).

With all of the excitement of Homecoming week, students seemed to find a common unity. Students and alumni were able to get together at both the parade and football game. With the crowd and exciting environment, the football team was able to come out with the win. So maybe support for athletics and other organizations does help in the success of each program.



Sara Hauer

Vote for increase in school funding

After 15 minutes of working on a difficult math problem, a student raises his hand in an attempt to flag down his teacher for help. Ten minutes later his hand is still raised and his elbow is starting to ache. After 20 minutes he thinks, "Ah, screw it. By the time the teacher gets over to me it's going to be nearly the end of class and he's not going to have adequate time to help me."

His arm falls to the desk and he decides to close his math book.

This is an all too familiar scene in elementary, junior high and high schools across the nation. Schools aren't receiving enough monetary aid from state and national governments. This forces them to increase class sizes, eliminate teaching positions, and eliminate bus-ing for students within a certain radius of their prospective school.

undoubtedly lead to decreased learning in every classroom.

What could possibly happen in Forest Lake is not limited to that town alone. Everyone should be concerned about education on a national scale, especially River Falls students. River Falls is one of the leading teacher education schools in the nation, and many people will graduate from UW-River Falls with teaching degrees. These graduates should be able to find work and job security without having to worry about losing their jobs shortly after they are hired. More financially sound school districts means more stable, well-paying jobs for teachers.



Derrick Knutson

The upcoming elections Nov. 7 give voters a chance to support education. The elections may be focused on gubernatorial

Costume ideas help procrastinators save time, money

Halloween is coming up, and that means it's time for some exhaustive soul searching to find what part of your inner self you want to finally reveal to the world — or at least everyone else at the party.

Or maybe you just want to reveal what was left on the rack the day of the shindig, or maybe you just want people to see your hiney.

For some creative people, coming up with a costume idea is no problem. I, on the other hand, struggle for weeks trying to come up with an amazing costume, then barely come up with something borderline amazing.

The key is not to try too hard. I want to do a public service today and give everyone still unsure of what to wear some jumping off points. So go

ahead, take these ideas and run wild with them. Hopefully you discover a costume idea that is beyond amazing.

Around a third of costumes, and that's a rough guesstimate based on no statistics whatsoever, are portrayals of famous people or characters.

But you don't have to be someone famous to have a righteous costume, just dress up as your favorite professor. Not only will people, who are familiar with that professor appreciate your costume, but those who were not before will be now and will definitely want to sign up for class with such a distinguished individual who inspired a Halloween costume. This is your chance to spread the word. Seize it, buy the high waters and wire-rimmed glasses.



Cassie Rodgers

Characters make great costumes, it's true, but not all characters are necessarily a specific individual.

There's the Disco Dude, the White Rapper, the Interpretive Dancer, the Lunch Lady. Everyday people can be interesting when you put your own special twist on them. Just think of people you see at the State Fair and run with it. I think it would be interesting to mix two completely different characters and come up with something, such as Goth Cowboy.

You're probably thinking of so many costume ideas now that you need more parties to go to.

And don't discount some of the mainstays, like a mummy costume - great for ugly people - and a witch, which actually requires a bit of ugly to really pull it off.

And no matter how many

times people complain about how Halloween is an excuse for girls to dress like strippers, I'm pretty sure there are many people - guys - who would be disappointed if this tradition stopped.

So on Halloween, girls will always dress a wee bit whor-ish, and guys use Halloween as an excuse to dress up as women, so I guess we're all satisfying some secret fantasies this one night of the year.

If you are still completely stuck on what to wear this weekend when time runs out, just dress normally and have an arsenal of lines for the inevitable question, "Where is your costume?"

Just tell them you left it at their mom/dad/boyfriend/girlfriend's house, and you'd appreciate it if they'd remember to give it back after they washed the caramel off.

But you don't have to be someone famous to have a righteous costume...

STUDENT voices

In your opinion, how effective are academic advising sessions?



Kristen Moncrief, sophomore

"They're pretty helpful. I have no idea how to read a DAR, so having my advisor there to explain it is really helpful."



Justin Corfman, freshman

"It'll help me move in the right direction, I think. But I've never been advised yet."



Stephanie Wilmes, senior

"I was a transfer student, so basically I just followed the sequence I was supposed to. So for me it wasn't really effective, but for people starting here I think they'd be really helpful."



Chris Acker, senior

"In my experience they've been very helpful because he's told me some tricks about things, like double counting. Otherwise I would have had to go the long way to get everything done."



Ashley Grundtner, junior

"Slightly useful. I usually plan out all of my classes before I go to my advisor for my PIN number and approval."



Arron Marker, sophomore

"My advisor is a great advisor. He really helps me out. I'm not lying."



Submitted Photo
Falcon kicker Spasimir Bodurski kicks off in an early season game. The fifth-year senior graduates in December.

Kicker feels at home in River Falls

Bodurski keeps spirits high

Beth Dickman
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So far this season the Falcon football team hasn't been perfect. Though they have a record of 3-4, kicker Spasimir Bodurski still has high spirits.

Bodurski, more commonly known as Spas, transferred to UW-River Falls from Southeast Missouri State University where he was also on the kicking squad for its Division IAA football team.

"In Missouri I was the kick-off guy, but I really wanted to do field goals," Bodurski said.

He wasn't fond of the school or Missouri in general, so when the team made a change with its coaching staff he took it as an opportunity to transfer.

Now, Bodurski is a fifth-year senior studying accounting and finance.

He is set to graduate in December and head to St. Cloud to work on a master's degree. While working on his master's he plans to accept an internship offer in the finance field.

Bodurski said he has had a decent season so far. He was named Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) special teams player of the week after the victory over UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 14. He also received that title last year when he kicked a 33-yard winning field goal against UW-Oshkosh.

This season he is six for 11 in field goals, with his longest kick being 42 yards against Pacific Lutheran University. During practice, however, he managed to kick a 65-foot field goal.

"I had a strong wind behind me," Bodurski said.

Last season Bodurski set a school record by kicking a 47-yard field goal in the game against UW-Platteville.

"I try not to look at those things [statistics] because they can piss me off," he said.

Even though Bodurski enjoys kicking field goals, his favorite position with the UWRF Falcons is with the kick-off team.

"I take a lot of pride in my kick-offs," he said. "Our kick-off team is pretty good; I think it's one of our strengths."

Bodurski found himself in River Falls after transferring from Missouri, but his journey did not start there. He was born in Bulgaria and moved to Minnesota as part of a student exchange program in 2001. He found himself in Cannon Falls, Minn., an hour south-east of the Twin Cities, and spent his senior year at Randolph High School.

"The education in Bulgaria is good, but there are not a lot of job opportunities," Bodurski said. "There isn't a lot of job security."

When Bodurski signed up for the



Spasimir Bodurski

exchange program he was asked to select activities from a list that he'd like to take part in. He chose football thinking it was soccer under the European word for the sport. When he was handed a helmet on the first day of practice he chose to give the sport a chance, even though it was not what he intended to do.

"Now I love football; it's my favorite sport," he said. "I play it, watch it and follow it nonstop."

In Bulgaria he played soccer for a U18 national soccer team, but hasn't gone back to the sport since getting involved with American football.

Before arriving in the United States he knew he wanted to graduate and go to college. When choosing where to go he looked for schools that would offer him the degree programs he wanted and would let him play football.

"I knew I was going to go to college," he said. "I love football, and that was a major factor in my choice."

Bodurski left his family in Bulgaria, including parents, and a brother and sister who are both 11 years old, but not twins.

He goes back about once each year and said he will encourage his brother and sister to take part in a student exchange program when they get older.

"At first I thought everything here was different - really spread out and cold," he said. "But now I like it. There's a lot to like about being here."

SPIRITED FALCONS BOUNCE BACK FOR VICTORY



Left: Head coach John O'Grady works with his team during Saturday's Homecoming game against the UW-Stout Blue Devils. Right: Andy Kolstad and Shane Hanson go up for an interception in the game against Blue Devil Andy Reese. The Falcons' defense played solid in the second half of Saturday's game, enabling the offense to mount a huge comeback victory. The Falcons scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to win the game by a final score of 24-20. UWRF is on the road this weekend to take on the UW-Platteville Pioneers.



Jens Gunelson

Volleyball loses three in a row

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Following an 11-game winning streak, the UW-River Falls women's volleyball team lost two in a row on the road over the weekend.

The Falcons lost to both UW-Oshkosh and UW-Whitewater in three games. Both teams were ranked ninth and 11th.

The Falcons also played against Minnesota rival St. Thomas on Tuesday night in a hard-fought battle, but lost, extending their losing streak to three games.

The Falcons record currently sits at 19-11 overall and 4-4 in WIAC.

"We're not thinking that far in advance," head coach Patti Ford said. "We've had some success along the way, but we had a tough weekend on the road."

This weekend, the Falcons host the annual Trick-or-Treat Tournament at the Karges Center.

"The Trick or Treat tournament is always fun," sophomore Nina Cooper said. "I won't be satisfied unless we go 4-0 because after winning 11 games in a row we proved to be a competitor. We are good enough to win all of our games this weekend, especially since we are at home."

Besides playing four games over the course of the tourna-

ment, the Falcons are hosting five other teams to participate in the tournament. Ford said the event is always a fun tournament.

This season the Falcons have a fairly even mix of new freshman and experienced veteran players.

"I always knew that we could be successful. Traveling as much as we do and then performing well is difficult, but we proved it was well within our reach," Cooper said. "We definitely deserved all of those wins because we finally "clicked" on the court. It was tough to work through all the kinks but we are a new and improved team with a mission."

Cooper also said that the freshman class is outstanding. She went on to say that they have made a huge impact on returning players and are very talented.

The Falcons aren't changing their game plan for the playoffs or this weekend's tournament. They're basically just going to keep playing the way they know works best.

"We're not looking too far ahead," Ford said. "...Or behind."

The Trick-or-Treat Tournament goes on Friday and Saturday at Karges. Following the tournament, the women will play in the first round of the WIAC playoffs on Tuesday. It is unknown yet whether the Falcons will be at home or on the road.

Rogers makes a run at historic record



Ben Brewster

Tigers starting pitcher Kenny Rogers has, for the past few weeks, put together a playoff run nearly unmatched in baseball history. He now has 23 consecutive scoreless innings spanning three starts this post-season, which date back to his start in Game 3 of the ALDS against New York. During those three starts Rogers struck out 19 batters and gave up nine hits without allowing any earned runs.

Rogers' postseason streak is second only to Hall of Famer Christy Mathewson who threw 27 consecutive scoreless innings in the 1905 World Series while pitching for the New York Giants. If

the World Series reaches Game 6 - which is a safe bet considering one team would have to sweep all three games in St. Louis to end the series without reaching a Game 6 - Rogers will get his chance to make history, needing only four more innings to tie Mathewson's record.

What Rogers is doing is even more amazing because over his career he has been a notoriously bad postseason pitcher. Coming into this year he had pitched in six postseason series - three with the Yankees, two with the Mets and one with the Twins - and in those series' he had an 0-3 record with an 8.86 ERA. Most of that damage came with the Yankees and Mets, as he only pitched 1.1 innings in the Twins postseason series in 2003.

Nearing the end of his career, Rogers has become a man on a mission to make up for his past failures.

But his achievements have been somewhat overshadowed by a developing scandal. On the

ESPN Web site it has already labeled it "Dirtgate."

In his Game 2 start against St. Louis, the FOX cameraman zoomed in on Rogers' hand which appeared to be smudged with a dark substance. Rogers claimed it was dirt, but Cardinals manager Tony La Russa felt that was something

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else, like pine tar, which is used to help pitchers get a better grip on the ball in cold weather. The home plate umpire asked Rogers to wash his hands before the second inning, which he did, and went on to shut out the Cardinals for seven more innings.

Pine tar is common in baseball - batters often use it to get

a grip on the bat, but it's currently against the rules for pitchers to use it. If the pine tar, or whatever was on his hand, gave him any advantage it sure didn't matter much with the way he pitched after it was gone. And if Rogers can get away with it, I say more power to him. Yankee pitcher Whitey Ford used to cut the ball with his wedding ring or have the catcher cut it with a buckle on his shin guard. He also threw what he called a "gunk ball," which was a mixture of baby oil, turpentine and resin.

Gaylord Perry was famous for keeping Vaseline on his sleeves or the bill of his cap to use during the game. Both Perry and Ford are in the Hall of Fame.

Rogers' alleged cheating pales in comparison to those examples, or more serious forms of cheating, such as steroid use. The media is blowing it out of proportion when they should be focusing on more important things, like a great World Series and Rogers' historical streak.

Check out the *Student Voice* next week for a preview of the UW-River Falls women's hockey team. The Falcon women begin their season Nov. 3.

SPORTS WRAP

Football wins in dramatic fashion over Stout

The Falcon football team picked up a dramatic 24-20 victory over Stout on Oct. 21 at Ramer Field. The Blue Devils took an early 10-0 lead with a touchdown and a field goal. RF got on the board later in the first half, going 80 yards in nine plays, capped off by a Beau DeBruin touchdown to make the score 10-7. Stout got one more field goal to make the score 13-7 at the end of the second quarter. After a Falcon fumble, Stout scored going to the air with a 26-yard pass to take a commanding 20-7 lead with 3:54 to play in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, the Falcons moved the ball to the Stout one-yard line. After the Falcons failed three times to score, Jeremy Wolff came through with a 1-yard quarterback sneak for the touchdown to make the score 20-14 in favor of Stout. Later in the fourth quarter, Stout lined up to punt and the Falcon special teams came up big with a Bruce Baillargeon blocked punt. The punt rolled out of bounds at the Stout two-yard line and the Falcons scored one play later with a two-yard Wolff plunge to take the lead 21-20. With 2:58 left Spasimir Bodurski kicked a field goal to make the final score 24-20. The Falcons continue their season on Saturday when they travel to UW-Platteville. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

UW-Stout vs UW-River Falls (Oct 21, 2006 at River Falls, Wis.)			8-46.8		
1st 13:31 ST - Tanner Kattre 24 yd run (Brandon Raciborski kick), 5-80 1:29, ST 7 - RF 0			Fumbles-Lost.....	3-2	1-
2nd 09:34 ST - Brandon Raciborski 25 yd field goal, 12-59 5:45, ST 10 - RF 0			1		
05:22 RF - Beau DeBruin 3 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 9-80 4:06, ST 10 - RF 7			Penalties-Yards.....	4-39	4-
00:31 ST - Brandon Raciborski 42 yd field goal, 6-18 0:46, ST 13 - RF 7			24		
3rd 03:54 ST - Jesse Wendt 26 yd pass from Tanner Kattre (Brandon Raciborski kick), 1-26 0:14, ST 20 - RF 7			Possession Time.....	30:18	
4th 09:50 RF - Jeremy Wolff 1 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 13-85 5:10, ST 20 - RF 14			29:42		
03:59 RF - Jeremy Wolff 2 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 1-2 0:49, ST 20 - RF 21			Third-Down Conversions.....	4 of 15	
02:58 RF - Spasimir Bodurski 35 yd field goal, 4-5 0:21, ST 20 - RF 24			1 of 11		
			Fourth-Down Conversions.....	1 of 2	
			1 of 1		
			Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	1-1	
			4-4		
			Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	1-6	
			3-23		
			Individual leaders		
			RUSHING: UW-Stout-Ryan Englebert 16-80; Tanner Kattre 19-55; Coty Watkins		
			3-26; Jesse Wendt 1-2; Antawan Walker 1-2. UW-River Falls-Nathan Anderson		
			29-106; Jeremy Wolff 11-18; Beau DeBruin 4-8; John Ward 1-1; Lawrence Gales		
			1-minus 1.		
			PASSING: UW-Stout-Tanner Kattre 12-21-0-132. UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 7-13-0-124.		
			RECEIVING: UW-Stout-Jesse Wendt 6-86; Coty Watkins 3-24; Ryan Englebert 2-11; Shawn Korth 1-11. UW-River Falls-Josh Grover 5-108; Brett Hanson 1-14; Andy Marx 1-2.		
			INTERCEPTIONS: UW-Stout-None. UW-River Falls-None.		
			FUMBLES: UW-Stout-Jesse Wendt 1-1; Tanner Kattre 1-0; Shawn Korth 1-1. UW-River Falls-Nathan Anderson 1-1.		
	ST	RF			
FIRST DOWNS.....		15			
13					
RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....	40-				
165	46-132				
PASSING YDS (NET).....	132				
124					
Passes Att-Comp-Int.....	21-12-0				
13-7-0					
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....					
61-297	59-256				
Fumble Returns-Yards.....	1-7				
0-0					
Punt Returns-Yards.....	4-37	1-			
10					
Kickoff Returns-Yards.....	3-81	4-			
44					
Interception Returns-Yards....	0-0				
0-0					
Punts (Number-Avg).....	7-30.4				

Tennis places fourth at WIAC tournament

The Falcon tennis team placed fourth in the WIAC tournament, and finished fourth in the final WIAC standings, at the annual conference championships played in Madison on Oct. 20-21. The best finish for the Falcons came from the No.2 doubles team of Mindy Rudiger and Katie Anderson, who placed second. They lost in the title match, 8-2, to an Eau Claire team. The No. 1 Falcon doubles team of Becky Briese and Katy Ostrowski placed fifth after defeating a Stout team, 8-4. In singles play, Briese, playing at No. 1, lost to a Whitewater opponent in three sets, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. In the match for third place she lost to an Eau Claire player, 6-3, 6-2. La Crosse won the tournament title with 56 points, followed by Eau Claire, 53, Whitewater, 48, River Falls, 31, Stout, 29, Oshkosh, 23 and Stevens Point, 12.

CC team prepares for WIAC Championships

With the last meet of the season coming on Oct. 14, the men's and women's cross country teams will be running in the WIAC Championships held on Oct. 28. The meet will be hosted by UW-La Crosse and held at Maple Grove Country Club in West Salem, Wis. The men start running at 11 a.m. and the women start at noon.

Soccer stays close with St. Olaf, but falls 2-1

Julie Sperstad put in an early first half River Falls goal against St. Olaf on Oct. 22 but it was not enough as the Oles took the game 2-1. St. Olaf jumped out to an early lead when Kelsey Watts put in a goal, assisted by Christina Mills, at 5:07. Just over four minutes had passed when Katie Bierlein added a second goal to put the Oles up by two. RF came back to within one when Sperstad scored the only Falcon goal of the contest at 11:06, assisted by Kim Saufl. The Falcons were outshot in the game, 13-9, and were led in the department by Sperstad, who booted six tries. Emily Stieler was in goal for RF and tallied two saves. Her record now falls to 9-5-2 on the season. The Falcons are now 9-5-2 overall and 5-2 in the WIAC. They wrap-up the regular season on Saturday when La Crosse visits Ramer Field. The game starts at 2 p.m.

UW-River Falls vs St. Olaf College (Oct 22, 2006 at Northfield, Minn.)			2.	9:31	STO	Katie Bierlein (6) (Kelsey Watt)
Goals by period	1	2	3.	11:06	RF	Julie Sperstad (2) (Kim Saufl) -
UW-River Falls.....	1	0	-			
St. Olaf College.....	2	0	-			

SCORING SUMMARY:			1.	5:07	STO	Kelsey Watt (5) (Christina Mills)
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STANDINGS

Football			Soccer		
WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L
UW-Whitewater (7-0)	5	0	UW-Eau Claire (17-2-0)	8	0
UW-Lacrosse (5-1)	3	1	UW-Oshkosh(9-4-2)	6	2
UW-Platteville (4-3)	2	2	UW-River Falls (9-5-2)	5	2
UW-River Falls (3-4)	2	2	UW-Stevens Point (9-3-2)	4	3
UW-Oshkosh (4-4)	2	3	UW-Whitewater (6-9-1)	3	3
UW-Stevens Point (3-4)	1	3	UW-LaCrosse (7-4-3)	2	3
UW-Stout (1-3)	3	4	UW-Platteville (11-5-2)	1	4
UW-Eau Claire (2-5)	1	3	UW-Stout (4-10-0)	1	6
Volleyball			UW-Superior (9-9-0)	0	8
WIAC Standings	W	L	Men's Hockey		
UW-Eau Claire (22-2)	7	1	NCHA Standings	W	L
UW-Oshkosh (27-4)	6	1	St. Norbert (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-Whitewater (25-5)	6	1	UW-River Falls (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-LaCrosse(18-7)	4	3	UW-Superior (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-River Falls (19-10)	4	4	Lake Forest (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-Stevens Point (21-11)	3	4	UW-Stevens Point (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-Platteville (21-9)	3	5	St. Scholastica (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-Stout (13-10)	1	7	UW-Stout (0-0-0)	0	0
UW-Superior (13-16)	0		UW-Eau Claire (0-0-0)	0	0



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Men's Hockey Head Coach Steve Freeman addresses his team Tuesday afternoon during practice. This season the team is relatively young, with two seniors and almost a dozen freshmen and transfers. The Falcons open up the season at home this weekend with two tough match ups against UW-Eau Claire and Lawrence University. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

New faces add depth to Falcon men

Division I transfer will be a big hitter, but wants to prove more

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For UW-River Falls junior Jim Jensen, this season is the beginning of a new chapter in his hockey career.

Following a career in the junior hockey ranks and one season at the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) Jensen has made a seamless transition to the Falcon squad.

“[Duluth] brought me up there to fill more of a physical role,” Jensen said. “They saw me as the mean guy and a big hitter, but that’s not all I can do.”

Head coach Steve Freeman sees in Jensen what his coaches at UMD saw and quite possibly more.

“Jim really brings a physical presence to our team,” Freeman said. “He likes to play the body and is a big hitter. We’re expecting him to play a lot of minutes.”

Jensen said he is looking to become more of a total package hockey player here at River Falls and coming from a Div. I school, he has a chance to become a better all-around player.

“I expect more of myself and put a little more pressure on myself,” Jensen said. “I don’t see it as a step down. Now I have an opportunity to get more minutes. I’m going to be a better player.”

Jensen practically chose to

come here after playing in about 13 games for UMD. He said he already knew around Christmas time last season that River Falls would be a good fit for him. When UMD didn’t renew his scholarship, he made the decision to come try playing for the Falcons.

He said that he knew a few of the guys here who told him that he would be a good addition to the team and after meeting with the coaches, he knew this is where he wanted to be.

Junior goaltender AJ Bucchino has known Jensen by association for about four years, he said.

“He’s a real asset to the line,” Bucchino said. “He’s been around. He was an established defenseman [in juniors]. He goes hard every time. He knows his position.”

Others have noticed the impact Jensen will have on their defense.

“Jimmy’s style of hockey is perfect for our team,” sophomore Dustin Norman said.

Jensen will be one of a number of new faces on the Falcon roster this season. The team has only two seniors and 10 freshmen.

“Our team in college eligibility seems young,” freshman Cory Baldwin said. “But we’re all a bit older and played in juniors.”

Freeman said that every player on his roster played at least one year in the juniors programs.

He said he’s confident that their play in juniors will help them step in and play at the college level.

“There will be some growing pains until the freshmen adjust,”

Freeman said. “I don’t think it will take a long time.”

Although the team hasn’t played any games yet, the players have still gotten to know each other and that will help the team throughout the entire season.

“The group of guys is absolutely great,” Baldwin said. “You walk into the locker room every day and everyone is happy to see each other.”

This season, Norman, is making a return to hockey after going close to nine months without playing competitively.

In January last year, Norman tore his ACL and had surgery in March, so he is itching to get out on the ice against players other than his teammates.

Last season the Falcons finished the season on a bit of a low note, falling to UW-Stout in the final three games of the season, including two in the playoffs.

“We had a good start and the middle of the season was good,” Norman said. “The end of the year was disappointing with three losses. That put a damper on the morale.”

They finished the season with an overall record of 17-7-3. UWRF was 9-4-1 in the NCHA and 6-1-1 in WIAC games, finishing first in the conference.

Bucchino will return as the top goaltender and the Falcons will also return their top scorer, sophomore Derek Hansberry.

Hansberry finished the season with 33 points. He had 18 goals and 15 assists.

Seniors Tyler Kostiuick and Jared Sailer are the only two seniors on the roster.

This season, good things are

expected to happen all across the ice for the Falcons, besides the addition of Jensen.

“This year, coach brought in depth,”

Norman said. “It will make the team a lot more well-rounded.”

Freeman said early on he has noticed the team is more competitive with each other in practice, which will make for a healthy competitive team throughout the season.

“Offensively, you need to have that talent and skill,” Freeman said. “The players add to our game and added some grit. They’re tougher and more physical than last year. Hopefully once they mesh we can really do well.”

Returning players are looking for ways to improve their game.

“I’m concentrating on every shot. Shot by shot. Period by period,” Bucchino said. “It’s a short season. One game could cost you the playoffs.”

The Falcons play UW-Eau Claire and Lawrence University on Friday and Saturday, respectively. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Athletes and coaches are looking forward to a full student section this weekend.

“They told me about it,” Jensen said of the student support. “I got a good idea, but I’m just going to wait and see.”

Cold temps and hockey mean winter is around the corner



Sarah Packingham

I love winter. I really do. While I complain about cold just as much as someone who hates the winter weather, I still wouldn’t change living in the frozen tundra for anything.

I just have to keep remembering that there are a lot of places colder than good ol’ River Falls, Wis.

Now this “winter” that people think has already started here, is not really a winter at all, not by any means - except for some chilly temperatures throughout the past few days. Occasional

snow flurries that don’t stick anywhere do not mean winter is here.

Sitting out at the Homecoming football game and having to wrap yourself in a blanket for three hours afterwards means that winter is around the corner, but it’s not here.

However, it was worth being chilled to the bone for the rest of Saturday to see the Falcon football team win the game following an impressive comeback on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, the Falcons put a stop to UW-Stout. They forced the opposition to turn the ball over on downs and even blocked a punt.

The offense put on a second half show and scored enough points to come back and win for all the fans decked out on such a cold day.

The game was absolutely awesome, but it still wasn’t wintry enough for me.

There is only one sport that I equate with winter and that’s hockey. Obviously I know that there are other winter sports besides hockey, but it is by far my favorite.

I always wanted to play hockey when I was little. I liked to ice skate, so I thought playing hockey could be similar. My parents wouldn’t let me play hockey though. e boys. I can’t say I blame them, but I still find myself wishing I would have

This weekend, the UW-River Falls men’s hockey team opens up play for the season and I’m pretty excited to see the Falcons take on neighboring UW-Eau Claire and Lawrence University. The Falcons were picked to be one of the top five

in the country and the second in their conference. It should be an awesome, bone-crunching season of Falcon hockey.

The eligibility-wise young team is ready to take on whoever dares to enter Hunt Arena.

I don’t know what it is about hockey that means winter, but it’s there. Maybe it’s the ice or the chilly confines of a hockey arena or the scent of drive and determination, but whatever it is, I love it.

I have memories of growing up and going through the snow to get to the car and head to a college hockey game. I love the nights where it’s warmer in the chilly arena than it is outside.

Now, after the hockey opener on Friday night, I will feel like winter is here. I’ll have cold temperatures to complain about and hockey goals to cheer about.

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

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New spa will add to relaxation services offered in RF

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It's the middle of the semester and classes are really starting to take a toll on the mental and physical wellbeing of the UW-River Falls student body. Midterms, papers and projects cause some students to search for something to help take their mind off the stress that causes headaches, fatigue and irritability. Fortunately, River Falls has two options to accommodate the relaxation needs of the over-worked: Lori's Massage and Day Spa, and the new River Falls Spa.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
Kristi Hartman, left, and Wendi Blawback anticipate the River Falls Spa's opening on Nov. 14. The spa is located on South Main Street in the same building as dentist Tim Knotek's office.

Lori's Massage and Day Spa is located at 303 N. Second St., and is owned by Lori Moran. Moran started her career as a physical education teacher, but decided to go back to school to become a licensed esthetician and massage therapist. Her spa includes a gift shop and has been open in River Falls for 13 years. Soon to open in the area is River Falls Spa, owned by Tim Knotek, the dentist who holds his office in the same building at 630 S. Main St. He hired Kristi Hartman to manage the front end and Wendi Blaubach as the main cosmetologist on staff. These two women have worked hard to get the new spa off to a successful start and said it will begin accepting appointments in early November. "It's coming together pretty quickly," Hartman said. "We've had fun putting it all together." Both spas offer a wide array of services to clear the minds of people who have been working or studying all day, including 30-90 minute massages and body wraps. Students who have had a rough week filled with tests and homework can take advantage of the soothing experience. "I might go get a massage before finals to help me focus," junior Courtney Schroeder said. Along with therapeutic services, both spas offer a number of ways to be pampered, including facials, manicures, pedicures and hair care. "Now I know someplace that I can take my roommate, Dan Buker, so that he can get cleaned up for the ladies," senior Nick Asmus said. The spas also provide full body waxing, including the Brazilian wax that many brave women endure despite possible pain. Though both businesses specialize in relaxation and beauty services, they do differ from each other. Blaubach and Hartman said River Falls Spa offers reflexology, which involves stimulating certain pressure points on the hands, feet or ears to provide relief for problem organs. They also said a relatively new service called ear candle-ing is available. "It's done by using wrapped up fabric with a



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Left to right: Jessica Austrum (massage therapist), Lori Moran (owner), Mary Qualls (hospitality specialist), and Missy Crawford (hair specialist) are among the staff at Lori's Massage and Day Spa, located on Second Street in River Falls. The spa offers a discount for UW-RF students.

candle tip," Blaubach said. "You light the tip of the candle and put it in your ear where it creates smoke. This smoke drains out all of the excess wax in your ear." Blaubach said it's great for people suffering from congestion or those who are planning to travel by airplane. Though Lori's Massage and Day Spa doesn't provide ear candleing or reflexology, Moran said it does offer custom spray tanning for a healthy glow. It also offers a couple's massage for those who are looking for a relaxing experience with their significant other. Moran also said Lori's Massage and Day Spa accepts a UWRF ID for a 5 percent discount on

any service. Coupons are also available on the Web site: <http://www.lorisdayspa.com>. Blaubach and Hartman said even though they haven't discussed it fully, River Falls Spa will most likely offer specials to students at UWRF when it opens in early November. "We want the students to come here, and we realize they are on a limited budget," Blaubach said. "They are a huge part of our business." These spas are a beacon of hope for students trying to remain sane throughout midterms, relaxing their stressed minds and bodies. For more information on Lori's Massage and Day Spa, call 425-9393. River Falls Spa can be reached at 425-7900.

Family: Residence halls play important role in Family Day

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weekends, and I think it also will play a role in the number of families that will be attending Family Day." As a hall manager, Fritz said residence halls play a large role in Family Day and student attendance by getting students excited about the event and hosting activities. Many halls provide additional programming to allow families to interact with the living communities. Fritz said Crabtree and Parker Halls are scheduled to host a dinner for the students and their families. This year, Family Day plays host to an old event in a new place: Hogthorn. Hogthorn is a pig roast for residents of Hathorn hall and their families. "It also allows friends and families to get a glimpse of what goes on here while their students are away at school," Fritz said. Traditionally, Hogthorn took place in the spring, however this year it is part of the Family Day experience. "We wanted to extend the invitation to the rest of campus and support Family Day," Fritz said. "It is very logical to have Hogthorn during Family Day since the two have the same purpose of providing quality family time by facilitating fun family activities and giving families the opportunity to visit the campus." Hogthorn will be a lunch option for students that day, however dining services will maintain its regular hours, so other food venues on campus will still be available. "Hogthorn will be a lot of fun, and the food is going to be excellent," Fritz said. "There will be a lot of fun events going on on campus so everyone should check them out.

Turkey: Race offers learning experience, exercise

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In addition to free T-shirts, planning the event has been a learning experience for Dekkers, a health and human performance major. "It has taught me a lot about behind the scenes," she said. As a Student Health Services health educator, Keven Syverson is familiar with the pressure of orchestrating an event like the Turkey Trot, and he knows it is an important opportunity for UWRF students, like those in Dekkers' class. "These are future coaches working with people," Syverson said. "It is a great learning experience." With raising money for the Special Olympics as a main goal of the Turkey Trot, Syverson said the

event has additional benefits with "physical activity and trying to increase that among students and faculty on campus to get out there and move a little bit." Although first place prizes for each age group are awarded, Dekkers does not want people to think the Turkey Trot is only for serious runners. "Don't feel intimidated," she said. "It is a fun run." Syverson said he hopes the environment will bring participants out. "It is a nice opportunity to see campus and do something healthy," he said. For Dekkers, the combination of frozen turkeys, raising money for the Special Olympics and enjoying a morning run leaves her with one message for those thinking of participating: "It will be a lot of fun, so everyone should do it."

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Senses Fail ‘Still Searching’ for good music in new album



Eric Wood

In an ever-changing musical world, bands nowadays seem to think change is necessary for success. Don't stick with the same sound -- people get bored. The sad thing is it's true. In a competition bracket from hell, bands compete day in and day out for die-hard fans -- ones they know will be there in the end, not the ones who plague MySpace pages with "Add Me!" exhaustedly until the character limit cracks.



Senses Fail's new album searches for a distinct sound.

Bands feel the pressure to change things up to keep them fresh and search for their own unique sound. New Jersey's own Senses Fail recently released its second full-length album, "Still Searching," which is in stores everywhere and available for online purchase in the ever-expansive iTunes library. It's apparent that Senses Fail is indeed "Still Searching" for its breakout sound to go big with the likes of Fall Out Boy, Panic! At the Disco, or should I say radio popularity. Fans of the screamo genre will be kept on the edge of their seats, for this record belts in and out with the oddly displaced screams and howls of lead singer Buddy Nielsen, distract-

ing you from what has actually improved from prior albums. Still Searching has a noticeable amount of enhanced guitar work throughout the album, some of which includes melodies and dual harmonies, making this album great. But it's too early for a verdict, with electronica to slow-tempo grooves for intros that honestly don't fit the album. Once again too much change, not enough solidness. The album opens up with subtle, short songs that lack punch, like "The Rapture." The song is followed by a failure of delivery, a song with a knock-out intro, and a human pretty much exasperating for oxygen as he drowns, pleading for a song with mediocre lyrics. Seemingly taking a style by another band in the screamo genre, Emery, the song "All the Best Cowboys" has a sick electronic intro and a solid blend of lyrical harmonies, mimicking guitars in sync with the intro, and a smooth fusion into the next album track. Honestly, after seeing Senses Fail for one of my first shows at The Quest in Minneapolis, I thought this album was just a change to keep fans interested. After a sheer, lackluster sound at this year's Warped Tour, I began to wonder why I liked Senses Fail.

In a competition bracket from hell, bands compete day in and day out for die-hard fans.

It's a good effort in my eyes, but overall nothing worth college students' dollars, and as a fan of the band I was honestly disappointed, so I guess maybe next time Senses Fail.

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Jazz, open mic expose creativity

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As the jazz chart jams in the background, some people chatter and others work on homework in the mood-setting lighting. Still others are tuning instruments or rehearsing in their heads. Sound like a chic uptown café ? Or Brandy's? Two Tuesday evenings every month, it's Brandy's with the Jazz Arts Collective. Originally titled "Live Jazz and Open Mic," the event is now part of the Student Entertainments and Arts Committee (SEAC). "They're a really new, cool addition," UW RF Event Coordinator and SEAC Advisor Karyn Kling said. "They're such talented musicians." The nights are filled with house band performances, as well as opportunities for people to take advantage of an open mic setting. Senior Anthony Bloch, who is in charge of the event and plays drums in the house band, said the goal of the group is to "enrich the community and campus with jazz art."

The four-instrument house band begins each evening with a few jazz charts. "The band is awesome," Bloch said. "People should show up." After the house band breaks the ice, the mic is opened and names are called off a sign-up list. Those performances are often broken up with more house band sets. Bloch said on a slow night the audience consists of about 40 people. The open mic has seen many different faces and performances. Bloch said people have performed hip hop, poetry readings and original guitar pieces, among others. To encourage people to come and perform anything they want to show off, the flyers and a Facebook group invited people to come and "poop in a bucket."

Bloch said he was only partially joking. "We always want people to come out and try new things," Bloch said. "Anything anyone wants to do, come and do it." Eric Possehl, a senior who plays the saxophone in the house band, said, "Everyone there is pretty well open-minded," and open to new performance ideas. "We're there to hear things we've never heard before," Possehl said. He recalled one world music performance where Indian music was played. "It was a different feel than what we're used to," he said. "It was cool." Freshman Abel Johnson said he loves jazz and thinks the opportunity to listen to live jazz and perform some of his own work is "an amazing idea." "Jazz is such an emotional genre of



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
Trevor Posso performs the Dashboard Confessional song "Vindicated" at the Jazz Arts Collective Tuesday night at Brandy's.

music," he said. "If this wasn't already here I probably would have started one myself." Mike Defenbaugh is also a regular attendee at the Jazz Arts Collective. In addition to performing on his trumpet or flugelhorn once in a while, he said he enjoys just going and taking in the experience. "It's a prime opportunity to see some really cool ideas," he said. Another draw, Defenbaugh said, is being able to listen to student musicians. "People can see what's going on on campus and support their friends and peers," he said. If performing alone is intimidating or unappealing to people, Possehl said attendees can ask to perform with the house band. As a true jam session would work, "We never decide what to play ahead of time," he said. "There's so much to play." The house band also takes requests from the audience, where invariably the Lynyrd Skynyrd piece "Freebird" will be thrown out. "Freebird" is more

than 16 minutes long, and has become an inside joke between bands and music junkies. Bloch said the group is trying something new this year by designating one of the bi-monthly performances a tribute to a dignified jazz artist. Tuesday was the first one with the dedication going to the famous jazz artist Thelonious Monk. Monk is often considered the father of bebop through his jazz compositions and piano playing. The group was uncertain of other performers to commemorate in the future, but wants to make it a regular affair. Inspired by last spring's farewell performance with local professional jazz artists, Bloch is planning to host another big event, bringing in more professionals to jam with the group in the future. Defenbaugh said he remembers last year's event as one of his favorites. "They brought local artists and professors down," he said. "It was awesome." The house band consists of Bloch on the drums and Possehl on the saxophone, UW RF alumnus John McClean on bass, and student Eric Thompson on guitar. With two members soon graduating, Bloch is hoping to "pass the torch" on to Thompson. "We just want to give people who like to perform a place to do it," he said. Possehl said he hopes to make it back to the performances next semester when he is student teaching. "I hope it will continue," he said. "We want to keep it for as long as we can." Now that the group is a part of SEAC, it may be easier for that to be done. "It's really great to be part of SEAC; they've helped us out a lot," Bloch said. "They have really enthusiastic ideas." The next session is on Nov. 7. Visit the Jazz Arts Collective Facebook group Web site (Live Jazz! and open mic) for further information.



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
From left to right, Eric Possehl, Anthony Bloch, Nate Bauermeister and Jason McClean play Thelonious Monk songs as part of a tribute to the jazz legend Tuesday.

Tricks in magic movie aren't enough



Jenna Lee

I never really understood what it was so great about magic. You're paying someone (usually a guy with creepy eye-brows) to make you believe something is true, but you know it's not, and he knows that you know it's not. At the end of the day, there is nothing extraordinary about smoke and mirrors. And there's nothing extraordinary about "The Prestige"-- except Scarlett Johansson's inability to hold a decent English accent. Set in turn of the century London, Alfred (Christian Bale) and Angier (Hugh Jackman) are budding magicians quickly rising to the top. They come into the business under the guidance of Cutter (Sir Michael Caine), the ingénue (a fancy way of saying the brains behind the brawn) who seems to know everything, yet is unaware of what destruction the rivalry between Bale and Jackman will cause. One injustice leads to a shooting, which causes a broken leg, which makes one give the other...oh, I've forgotten what elaborate steps are taken by whom to destroy the other. But when Jackman and Caine kidnap Bale's assistant/security guard and bury him alive, I had to roll my eyes. About a third of the way into the movie, it becomes evident that "The Prestige" is not just a period piece about obsession, but also science fiction! Who

wouldn't have guessed that they go hand in hand? Jackman's character is not just adamant on destroying Bale's career; he will do anything to learn the secret of Bale's signature trick -- "the transporting man." When he finds a possible answer in Colorado, he takes the boat from London to stay there until he learns it. There is a man named Tesla, a rival of Thomas Edison, who has mastered a mysterious time and space property of electricity. Tesla is played by David Bowie. Although he has done many acting jobs in the past, this performance rivals only his role in "Labyrinth." Bowie's character knows what amazing power he holds, yet is a very delicate man. His assistant is played by Andy Serkis, who did all the voice and green screen work for Gollum in "The Lord of Rings" trilogy. He really shows off his spectacular vocal ability by giving the character an obnoxious American tone that Englishmen are fond of making fun of. Johansson plays an inexperienced assistant who works for and eventually falls in love with Jackman. He sends her to work for Bale, who she ends up falling in love with. It seems like everyone thinks Johansson is a great leading lady, but after seeing all the movies that came out this year with her I can't understand why. Compared to Rebecca Hall, who plays Bale's wife, Johansson's performance was lifeless and flat -- like her last role -- while managing to be even less interesting. After what seems like a lifetime, the two magicians get to the point when

neither of them can destroy the other. Or so they think. All the cards are thrown down for the audience and we are left wondering why we didn't see it before -- just like watching a real magic show. So if you're the kind of person who watches the "how did they do it" TV shows where the masked magician reveals how all the illusions are done by guys like Copperfield, Blaine and Chris Angel -- then you'll probably go see this movie. Twice.



Nick Welsh

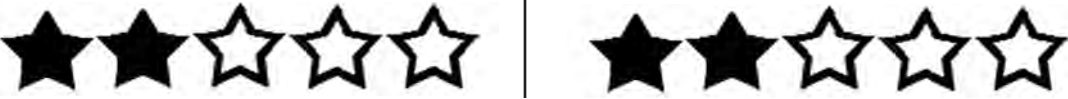
Like this summer's surprise hit "The Illusionist," another film focusing on magicians was recently made -- Christopher Nolan's "The

Prestige." Taking place in turn-of-the-century London, this story focuses on two friends struggling to make names for themselves as magicians. First there is Robert Angier (Hugh Jackman), who lacks creativity but is an expert showman, and by his side is the brilliant Alfred Borden (Christian Bale), a purist consumed with the improvement of his act who unfortunately lacks style. For some time these two cohorts work in the same act while playing a friendly competition in guessing the secrets of other tricks performed throughout the city. But that relationship is terminated when an act of theirs goes horribly wrong, and in Angier's eyes, Borden is the one to blame. From that point on, these two spar off, trying to outdo one another up there on the stage, as well as using espionage to gain the advantage. As time goes by, the feud develops into an obsession to the point of endangering their lives. New technologies like electricity come into play, both scaring and intriguing the audience. By the way, this wasn't necessarily a scary movie. The suspense just happens to catch you off guard. I have to tell you, I've been a fan of Nolan for a few years now. "Memento" is still one of the most original flicks I've ever seen, and he also brought back a sense of coolness and dignity to Batman last summer. But I believe he wasn't quite in his prime this time around, as flaws that were unseen in his past works kept coming up again throughout the story. For example, in the first 20 minutes viewers jump back and forth between the present and

flashbacks without a warning, nor are we given the chance to put our feet down and fully comprehend the situation. I felt confused and frustrated because I wasn't able to understand how the characters got to the point where they were or the chronological order of events. Yes, in "Memento" it was nothing but flashbacks, but the story was far simpler than this one, and at least there was some sort of warning telling you it had happened. I know I'd have to see "The Prestige" at least once more so I could put the pieces together and then understand the story. Plus, I had expected more creativity between these two performers, each trying to outdo one another with a more elaborate and unique act each time around. Instead there is only one trick presented, and unfortunately all they do is merely alter it. I hate to say it, but even the ending was a bit predictable. When it finally came around I wasn't all that surprised. Though Bale does give an intense and convincing performance, I just couldn't sympathize with him considering the cold, heartless man his character really is. In the end I couldn't blame Angier for his actions. I probably would have done the same thing. But all this doesn't mean that the film was bad, for there were qualities that still made it good. I just think that if the film editing had been readjusted, viewers could have followed the story more easily with less unanswered questions in their heads, all the while keeping the ending secretive. It was flawed, but nonetheless still worthy.

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Homecoming 2006



Jens Gunelson
Despite the chilling October temperatures, many students, alumni and fans cheer for the UWRF Falcon football team at Ramer Field. A sea of people clad in red and white displayed festive posters supporting the Falcons, who defeated the UW-Stout Blue Devils 20-24 in the Homecoming game Saturday.

Homecoming shows campus spirit, old traditions

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Homecoming week has come and gone with immense participation from student organizations, alumni and administration, making the week-long celebration a success. "From the alumni perspective, it was the best Homecoming in years," said Marcus Bonde, Homecoming Committee chair. "I've received nothing but compliments."

The week of events was a hit thanks to the students who participated in the activities, he said. More than 700 people attended the Johnny Holm Band concert, 127 students rode the mechanical bull, 400 t-shirts were sold, and 36 registered units participated in the Saturday morning parade.

Newly crowned Homecoming Queen Anna Parsons, a senior and elementary education major, said the entire celebration was great. "The Homecoming Committee advertised this year, and so many people participated and took the events seriously," she said. "It was

better than the past years, and the parade downtown was great. I saw a bond between the community and the campus that I have never seen before."

About 800 students voted for this year's Homecoming King and Queen, Bonde said. Parsons was accompanied by King Cale Richter of Alpha Gamma Rho.

The royalty winners were announced at halftime during the UW-River Falls vs. UW-Stout football game halftime. The Falcons won 24-20.

While the highlight of Homecoming was the parade, student organizations competed of smaller events, even some that raised money for important causes.

About \$970 was donated to K & K Ranch, an equestrian center that offers therapeutic riding sessions in River Falls, Bonde said, and about 243 pounds of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. The money was raised through the Coin Wars and Pop Tabs competitions.

Parsons, a member of the first-place Organization Competition winner, Sigma Sigma Sigma, said

the sorority did well because the involvement of all its members.

"I think it helped that our organization is very dedicated to serving other people, and that is why we did so well in the Pop Tabs, Change Wars and Food Drive," she said. "All our hard work is going to a good cause."

Student organizations registered in these competitions and others, including the Lip Sync competition, parade, Org-On-Trail Derby and others, receiving points for first through fifth places.

"It was a close running for orgs within like 20 points," Bonde said.

Parsons said Sigma Sigma Sigma won because of the group's spirit and overall excitement.

"I am very happy to represent this campus," she said. "It was truly an experience I will never forget."

Genevieve Grammer, a senior and animal science major, participated in the parade with the Student Alumni Association (SAA).

The group's float was themed, "More fun than a barrel of rodeo clowns, and that's no bull," she said.

"It was really cool," Grammer said. "There was a lot more groups involved than we [SAA] anticipated."

She said a lot of people, including students, faculty, administration and community members, were downtown watching the parade travel the city streets.

"There were a lot of community members who brought their kids out," Grammer said. "It was a good thing that it was downtown."

Grammer said the Showdown at the RF Corral theme helped the spirit and success of Homecoming.

"Any club could do anything with the theme," she said.

Freshman Joe Saugstad said he didn't expect Homecoming to be such a huge event, and especially enjoyed the theme because he is really into country music.

"The Homecoming was spectacular," he said, comparing his high school experience at a Milwaukee public school.

The size of the student population



Jen Dolen/Student Voice
Freshman Laura Nordhus celebrates Homecoming by riding the mechanical bull Oct. 17 outside the Student Center.



Kenny Yoo
College Democrats member Tom Fraint campaigns while going through downtown River Falls with the Homecoming parade.



Kenny Yoo
UWRF student Taylor Ward takes the mic from Johnny Holm during the Johnny Holm Band's Homecoming performance Friday.