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New law deters online gamblers

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Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006 has been passed in order to make it illegal for any site to accept monetary transfers from U.S. financial institutions, including banks and sites dedicated to such transfers, like Paypal.

Texas Hold 'Em, Omaha, Seven Card Stud, Black Jack, and sports betting are just a few of the games that draw thousands of Americans daily to Internet sites like Paradise Poker, Party Poker and Sportsbook. But now this easily accessible form of entertainment for gamblers and sports enthusiasts has lost its main selling point - simplicity.

"I think that it's a good thing," Kirk Thicking, a UW-River Falls junior, said. "I've played, and it's just something that most true players that are live players think is a joke. I've never been impressed with Internet poker. I don't trust it and I think that it is just a re-creation of what poker should be."

Even though not every poker player believes the new law will have a negative effect on the game, some of the Web sites are taking extra precautions to ensure they continue gaining members. Online gamblers may be inconvenienced, but sites have yet to be shut down.

The opposite has happened in some instances, like with Full Tilt, a site dedicated to creating the "best online poker experience ever." The site has gained members by offering promotions to entice more people to gamble online with the site.

Full Tilt's most recent promotion matches the amount deposited into the account by the member. If someone puts \$100 into their Full Tilt account, they receive \$100 for free to use on the Web site – up to \$600 in deposits.

"I love playing poker, but I only play in person," UWRF junior Kennedy Cullen said. "I'm not that big on [playing] online. I feel that bluffing and being there is such a big aspect that playing online isn't real enough

The prevalence of online gambling and sports betting has been steadily increasing in recent years despite attempts from the government to slow it down or stop it altogether.

In 1999 the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act made it "unlawful for any person engaged in a gambling business to knowingly use the Internet to place, receive, or otherwise make a bet or wager; or to send, receive, or invite information assisting in the placing of a bet," according to the U.S. House of Representatives Web site.

The 1999 act applied only to U.S. Internet

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Elections 2006



Jens Gunelson

Student Senate President Joe Eggers and Provost Charles Hurt discuss voting registration. When heading to the polls, voters need to provide a form of identification and proof of residency.

Voters face several decisions at polls

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On Election Day, Americans across the country will exercise their right to vote.

UW-River Falls is no exception. As students prepare to hit the polls and make their opinions known, they are faced with a barrage of political propaganda while having to

make major decisions. On a national level, the Iraq war is something that affects everyone, while the marriage amendment will only directly impact Wisconsin resi-

UWRF political science professor Neil Kraus is sure the future of the

Iraq war will change, despite the results of Election Day.

"I believe that regardless of the election outcomes, there will be more talk of some sort of timetable for U.S. involvement in Iraq," he

While Kraus said democratic victories would not mean leaving the war, he is certain that if the donkey takes over Congress there will be change in Iraq.

"One thing that will happen very quickly if the democrats take over Congress is more oversight of contracting in Iraq, which means having hearings on the subject," he said.

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Election to determine fate of same-sex couples

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In a united state-wide effort, residents of Wisconsin are joining together to spread the word about what the proposed marriage amendment will mean for the state of Wisconsin. This effort has been titled, A Fair Wisconsin Votes

This effort is not limited simply to homosexual couples or those in civil unions. Many different people and organizations have joined the effort against the marriage amendment.

The question proposed on Tuesday reads: "Marriage. Shall section 13 of article XIII of the constitution be created to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state and that a legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this

According to Fair Wisconsin's Web site, "The ban goes beyond banning marriage for gay couples. It will also ban civil unions and threaten

any legal protections for unmarried couples." recognition of couples in any relationship simi-

lar to marriage. In a 2005 report of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, four states - Missouri,

Utah, Ohio and Michigan – were highlighted. These are states where "governmental entities and/or individuals have interpreted the constitutional amendments to: Deny domestic partner benefits, such as health insurance, to unmarried couples - same- and different-sex; argue that domestic violence laws do not apply to differentsex unmarried couples; and attempt to void a custody agreement between a same-sex couple."

Fair Wisconsin also lists a series of ways this ban will affect non-married couples in the state of Wisconsin.

The ability to take bereavement leave in the case of a death in the family would be seriously jeopardized for all unmarried couples; joint parenting rights, existing contracts and health care benefits would be taken away from families; and senior partners who choose not to remarry would not be granted survivorship agreements.

The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic If passed, the amendment would prohibit legal Violence and the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault have come out against the civil unions and marriage ban in Wisconsin because they are concerned about the impact it will have on domestic violence protections for unmarried couples.

'Because of the far-reaching language of the amendment, legal experts from former Wisconsin Bar Association presidents to former governors to the Wisconsin Medical Society, are concerned that even existing medical powers of attorney for unmarried couples would be jeopardized if the ban passes," according to the Fair Wisconsin Web site.

River Falls has its own chapter of Fair Wisconsin, headed by senior Lacey Felmlee, who is also co-chair of the Gay-Straight

"When I first heard about [the ban] I was shocked," Felmlee said. "I didn't think Wisconsin would have this come up."

She took action right away, contacting Fair

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Meagan Spangler, left, and Madeline Elsenpeter, two 10-year-olds from River Falls, trick-or-treat in McMillan Hall Tuesday during Halloween in the Halls. Every year, local children go through the residence halls on Halloween seeking candy from those students who choose to participate in the event.

Getting squirrelly could result in fine

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As students, faculty and staff go about their business on the UW-River Falls campus, squirrels are busy scurrying about, burying nuts, digging through trash cans and taunting passersby.

"They appear to be a healthy, happy bunch and are not overpopulated," sophomore Kim Altenhofen said. "They are also always fun to watch as they scurry around campus."

During freshman orientation, new students are informed that they should refrain from harassing and interacting with the squirrels that populate the campus. Doing so could result in a citation.

According to the UW System Administrative Code, the harassment of squirrels is a prohibited act. In Chapter 18, Section 6 of the code, it is stated, "No person may remove. destroy, or molest

fish life within the boundaries of university lands except as authorized by the chief administrative officer or except when this provision conflicts with a special order of the

Department of Natural Resources." This means that anyone who attempts to harm or interfere with the squirrel population, or any other creature on university property, may receive a fine.

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Jen Dolen/Student Voice

A squirrel perched in a tree outside Centennial Science Hall looks on as students any bird, animal or and faculty traverse the UWRF sidewalks.

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Student holds art show to present research

Ashley Pray, a UW-River Falls art major from Somerset, is holding her senior exhibition, "Crayons and Layers," in KFA Gallery 101 Nov. 8-14. Her show will consist of fiber and dye crayon research she has worked on for the past two years. The research involves making large-scale wall hangings using handmade dye crayons on gauzy silk, as well as denser fabric. Her imagery explores abstract geometric shapes, the human form and garments.

Ag Sci club offers snow blower tuneup



The Agricultural Mechanization Club hosts its annual snow blower tuneup Friday and Saturday in the Ag Sci Engineering annex. The tuneup is held Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For \$25, the club performs oil and spark plug changes, sets tire pressure and washes the machines. For more information contact Jake Kappelman at 425-4006.

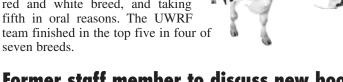
Student receives award for paper

UWRF student Ashley Anderson, a speech communication major from Fargo, N.D., has been nationally recognized by the National Communication Association student club for a paper she wrote for a Sophomore Seminar (SCTA 284) class. Anderson is the first recipient of the top member paper award by unanimous selection of the reviewers. A plaque will be given to Anderson, who will also present the paper at the National Communication Association Conference in Texas in November. The National Communication Association is the oldest and largest national organization to promote study, criticism, research, teaching and application of the artistic, humanistic and scientific principles of communication.

Dairy team competes in nationals

The UWRF Dairy Judging Team took sixth place at National Collegiate Dairy Judging contest in Harrisburg, Pa., in September, and fourth place in Madison in October. Coached by Steve Kelm, professor and chair of the department of animal and food science, team members include: Daniel Lauderdale, a senior majoring in

dairy science; Charlotte Muenzenberger, a senior majoring in dairy science; Leah Johnson, a senior majoring in agriculture education; and Alexandria Cooper, a senior majoring in agriculture education and secondary math. Top finishes at the Madison contest included first place in the red and white breed, and taking fifth in oral reasons. The UWRF team finished in the top five in four of seven breeds.



Former staff member to discuss new book

River Falls author Michael Norman is known as the Midwest's foremost authority on the supernatural, having written six books about haunted America. His latest, "Haunted Homeland," tells more than 100 stories about the ghosts that have haunted America. Norman, a playwright, actor and former head of the UW-River Falls journalism department, will read and discuss his new work at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Breezeway of Davee Library on the. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ruth Wood (ruthann.p.wood@uwrf.edu) or Carol McClelland (carol.mcclelland@uwrf.edu) at 425.3537

Bridge work may cause weekend delays

As construction continues on the I-94 bridge, weekend delays are expected. Work on the westbound I-94 bridge over the St. Croix River in Hudson is scheduled to continue for the next two weekends. The two left-hand lanes of the bridge are closed until 5 a.m. Nov. 6. The entrance ramp from highway 35 to westbound I-94 will also be closed at this time. Crews are making repairs to bolts that were improperly installed as part of a 2004 construction project. The bridgework is being done during the weekend to minimize driver inconvenience, however, motorists using the bridge during these times should be prepared for some delays and congestion.

Students join forces with middle schoolers

Members of the UW-River Falls Horticulture Society have teamed up with Hudson Middle School students in a joint effort to spruce up the school's gardens. Seventh and eighth graders in Cindy Lander's classes have enjoyed the project so far, said Michaela Molter, president of the UWRF Horticulture Society. The project began in early October when a group of UWRF students went to the middle school to discuss new layout plans, and began digging and removing plants. The project is on hiatus with the onset of cold weather, but the students will continue with their plans in the spring as early as April. According to Molter, plans are to design and assem-

ble an irrigation system, install a pond, and plant perennial divisions around the south side of the school in the quarter of an acre courtyard area. Both Landers and the club members hope that the middle school students will learn proper planting procedures, installation processes, and plant identification, as well as how to make plant cuttings.

Veterans Office to hold flag ceremony

The UWRF Veterans Office will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Nov. 10 on the west side of North Hall by the flagpole. Student David Till is the master of ceremonies, Purchasing Director and veteran Tom Weiss will lead an invocation, and veterans Mark Kinders, Public Affairs director, and

Andrew Redd, a UWRF student, will be the guest speakers. The American Legion will perform the flag-raising ceremony and UWRF students Mike Freedman and Jesse Talbot will perform taps. The Veterans Office will display posters throughout the university campus for further reference.



Workshop gives students career preparation

Career Services is holding a walk through career workshop Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center. The workshop will assist students with getting a head start on their career paths, and gives students the opportunity to participate in mock interviews with real employers. The cost is free. For more information, contact Career Services at (715) 425-3572.

Briefs compiled by Leah Danley

Students voice concerns to a sluggish Senate

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With every position filled on

Student Senate, the ball should begin to start rolling for major motions to be passed. Yet the majority young and new senators have had a significant effect on business, resulting in consistently weak meetings.

"It is a little frustrating," Senate President Joe Eggers said. "But there are 17 new senators, leaving over three-fourths being especially young, like freshmen and sophomores."

Senate basically had to start from scratch with only a few returning senators. In the past, a majority of the members returned from a previous time on Senate, Eggers said.

"Our institutional memory in the past was much more reliable," he said. "This year it is not, which is a great disadvantage to us."

Student Ashley Graef, a sophomore, said she is concerned about the rising tuition at UW-River Falls and around the country in general.

"Tuition will always be a concern," she said. "Tuition [at UWRF] is pretty good compared to Minnesota schools."

Once the Nov. 7 election results are in, the governor and the Wisconsin State Assembly will begin work on the new budget for 2007.

The UW System will receive funding through the budget, Eggers said, leaving the cost of tuition at UWRF up in the air until the budget is passed. This will give Senate an opportunity to hear what students think about tuition and get the concerns and issues of UWRF to the legislature.

Senators worked on registering student voters for Election Day, Eggers said.

The 2006 election year is extremely important at both the state and national levels, Eggers said. Senate has not been faced with issues because candidates and incumbents have been busy campaigning, Eggers said.

"Nothing is being pushed through because of an election year," he said. "Everyone is working on their campaigns."

Student Edward Kringle said he wants better food on campus. Even with the new Student Center, he said he doesn't think the food will be any better because administration and staff only focused on the building rather than the services.

Kringle also said he finds parking and winter plowing to be a huge problem on campus, but he is skeptical of Senate

addressing any of the issues.

"I haven't seen them push their weight around yet," he said. "They're probably doing it for a resume booster."

If a student pays for a parking pass on campus, it should allow them to park anywhere, said freshman Deonte Compton.

Compton said parking is a major issue at UWRF.

Eggers said Senate has looked at the problem of parking, but the few solutions have not been feasible. One of the options was a parking ramp, but the costs are too high.

"A parking permit for a student would be around \$800 to \$900," he said.

The availability of parking is also a city issue.

Freshman Mike Gillen said he noticed first- and second-year students stressed due to advising and class registration.

"They previously had help with it all," he said. "Now, they are on their own."

There are outreach advisors in all the residential buildings on campus, Eggers said. Besides contacting their advisors, students can contact an outreach advisor if they have questions and concerns about their classes, registration and advising.

As for the lack of events at Senate meetings, Eggers said

every other September and October agenda for the past seven years have only motions that fill vacant Occasionally, Senate voted on a current legislative bill - like the

Taxpayer Protection Act. "A lot of our motions are when something significant happens," Eggers said. "These agendas this semester are the same as seven years ago with getting and appointing new senators and starting off fresh."

Other Senate news

•The Leadership Development and Programming (LDPB) will start its annual budget request process this week, LDPB Chair Natalie Hagberg said. The annual budget forms are available at the Leadership Center. The requests are due by Feb. 2 at noon.

There will be two annual budget workshops to explain the request process and answer questions Nov. 15 and 16 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The location is to be announced. For more information contact Hagberg at natalie.hagberg@uwrf.edu.

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

Grant makes stress services possible

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Midterms are underway at UW-River Falls, and with the help of a \$10,000 grant Student Health Services (SHS) is expanding its resources to help students cope.

Personal Counselor Gretchen Link said there is an increase in students who request counseling during midterms.

"The primary reason students come in is stress," Link said. "Midterms tend to trigger stress, especially if one has not kept up with assignments and not prepared to take the tests."

Link is one of five authors of the grant. The others are SHS Director Alice Reilly-Myklebust, Personal Counselor Jennifer Elsesser, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Terry Brown and CAS Associate Dean Brad

"Faculty are seeing more mental health issues in their classes," Elsesser said.

Caskey, a psychology professor, said the most noticeable mental health issues during midterms affect freshmen.

"More and more it seems like their senior year in high school there's not a lot of pressure on them," Caskey said. "Then they come to college and they're literally overwhelmed."

There is also an effect on seniors, but for different reasons.

"I think there's a lot of uncertainty about what they're going to do next," Caskey

The pressure for seniors builds as their final semester moves forward.

"I'm worried and excited," said senior Lena Nguyen, who graduates in December. UWRF is one of 12 universities in the

nation to receive this type of mental health

The grant, accepted on Oct. 1, was the direct result of last year's \$2,500 grant, which initiated two campus discussion groups and a presentation by Harvard University's Chief of Mental Health Services Richard Kadison.

The grant paid immediate dividends with

the renovation of the UWRF Counseling

Services Web site and the hiring of new part-time Personal Counselor David Sommers. Sommers began work here Oct. 24 and

had four appointments with students in his first two days. "At this point I am extremely impressed

with the intellectual abilities and complexities students demonstrate," he said.

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WRFW joins college radio network

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This semester, UWRF and seven other Wisconsin universities joined a statewide college radio news network that offers a valuable resource to students and other Wisconsin broadcasters.

UWRF's radio station, Pure Radio 88.7 WRFW-FM, joined this semes-

The Wisconsin Broadcaster Association (WBA) College Radio News Network is designed to share productions and news feed through a Web site. Some of the productions include student radio reports and public service announcements that have mass appeal, which are uploaded as MP3 audio files.

Six months ago, UW-Milwaukee lecturer Maryann Lazarski proposed the network idea.

"Student-run news operations are journalists, broadcasters and man-

agers are always looking for more resources, without having the money to spend on them.'

Although the service is free to students, someone had to pay for it. The WBA provided financial support to get the product off the ground and offered assistance from its Web designer in order to develop the site.

WRFW News Advisor Sandy Ellis said she appreciates the WBA financial support.

"It wouldn't be possible without them," she said.

In addition, Ellis said it was necessary that the network be funded for its educational purposes. The network became available to



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not unlike professional news- Engineer Nick Hassel, left, and Adam Hakari, right, host a WRFW program Tuesday night rooms," Lazarski said. "Student from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also pictured are guest speakers Erin Meier and Connor Neste.

the eight universities this semester.

The WBA College Radio News Network teamed up with the Wisconsin Radio Network (WRN), which has 50 commercial radio affiliates. As a result, WRN stations have access to student-produced stories and sound bytes to use on the air. "The students get the experience of producing news stories that

will not only air in the River Falls area, but potentially could be heard all over Wisconsin," Ellis said.

Before the network, WRFW had to rely solely on its reporters. In

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RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

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Oct. 25

· Two individuals were seen running from outside Grimm Hall around 6:40 p.m. after throwing an unknown object at the window of room 231. The outer-most window pane was damaged.

Oct. 27

• Nathan K. Anderson, 21, was arrested at 11:30 a.m. after he failed to appear for a probation and parole meeting. He was

transported to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

• Andrew A. Jones, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Johnson Hall.

• At 1:45 p.m., theft of a cellular antenna was reported from a vehicle parked in G-Lot. The antenna is valued at \$90.

Oct. 29

• Lizeht Delatorre, 22, was fined \$172 for disorderly conduct at 302 Walnut St.

At 1:24 a.m., River Falls

police were called in response to a disorderly person inside a home. According to reports, Delatorre smashed pumpkins outside the home, as well as scattered chips, pieces of flower, and Halloween decorations on the floor, and tipped over a chair inside the home.

"I destroyed items in the house because I was upset that my friends had left me alone for my birthday," Delatorre wrote in a statement to the police.

• Mary Elizabeth E. Hamilton, 19, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.

• Brianna J. Becker-Verdon, 20, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall.

Oct. 30

• The red sandwich board sign that announces UWRF hockey games was stolen from the intersection of Main Street and Cascade Avenue. The \$50 sign disappeared between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

Oct. 31

• Anthony B. Norling, 18, was fined \$249 for underage consumption in Crabtree Hall.

Voting: Students voice opinions on issues of this year's election

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"Republicans have basically refused to look very closely at U.S. contracted policies in Iraq, even though the major media has exposed the numerous problems of waste, fraud and abuse of contractors there.

The future of the Iraq war is one issue that concerns first-year voter Laura Behrend.

Though the 19-year-old UWRF sophomore may vote, she is not 100 percent clear on what the subjects on the ballot mean.

"I am not too informed about the other issues, is necessary. issues," Behrend said. "It is kind

there are so many sides to everything right now."

Despite being overwhelmed by election issues, the Madison native is thinking about her decision on the marriage amend-

"I would vote against it probably," she said.

In voting against the marriage amendment, Behrend said she disagrees with the two-sentence bill that states, "Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage or unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized in this state."

Though UWRF junior Nate Kirchner, 20, is a Minnesota voter, he said he does not want to see religion being used in battles such as the marriage amendment.

"I am tired of all the religious wars motivating decisions regarding women's rights and other things," said Kirchner, who is an

"None of the

candidates give a

shit about us."

Nate Kirchner,

student

of the amendment, Kraus has an back from political opinions this opinion on the effect of the bill on election as he registered "roughly Wisconsin if it passes.

"The impact of the marriage amendment is difficult to determine, particularly because the second sentence of the amendment is not clear," he said. "One thing is for sure – it can't be challenged in the courts because it will be a part of the Constitution."

For Stacy Solberg of the UWRF College Republicans, passing the marriage amendment, among

"The crucial issues to this camof confusing to me. It seems like pus and College Republicans

include rocketing tuition prices, high property taxes, outsourcing of Wisconsin jobs to other states and ensuring that marriage continues to

be between a man

and a woman," she said. In working to accomplish election goals, College Republicans

have taken an active role. "We helped Kitty Rhodes pass out Ramen Noodles to the poor, malnourished students here, and have met Congressman Mark Green and worked with other College Republican chapters around the state," Solberg said.

While the UWRF College Republicans have not "taken any direct 'get out the vote' efforts," they do want students to vote and help them win a major victory.

"Governor Doyle and his administration have been undeniably corrupt and we want UWRF students to vote to rid Madison of the corruption and incompetence of Governor Doyle," Solberg said.

Tom Friant, a member of the Aside from the religious aspect College Democrats, took a step 50 students to vote."

> "I do not feel that I should voice my personal political opinions because my duties require a nonbiased presentation," said the 20year-old UWRF junior.

> After numerous attempts to reach the College Democrats about their election issues, deadline was met with no reply.

> Although the UWRF Student Senate does not openly share the opinions of either the College Republicans College or Democrats, the organization's primary objective is to "get voters out to the polls," Senate President Joe Eggers said.

> Rachele Rogers is one student the Senate will not have to get to the polls.

> The 19-year-old sophomore is "excited" for her first chance at voting, but she thinks it is a private

"I definitely think it's important," said Rogers, who has already registered to vote. "It is a personal choice. While I will encourage my friends to vote, I definitely won't push the issue."

In Kirchner's case, getting to the polls is first an act of memory.

"If I remember, the plan is yes," he said when speaking about his decision to vote.

The business administration major does have one problem with voting at age 20 though.

"None of the candidates give a shit about us," Kirchner said of college students.

While candidates may disagree with Kirchner's logic, the polls will be open on Election Day for anyone to voice their opinion.

Amendment: Organizations receive statewide support

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Wisconsin. "I took it very personally right away," Felmlee said.

representative for the effort. "It's hurting so many people beyond the realm of same-sex couples," Felmlee said.

She is now the River Falls

She then cited court cases in Ohio where domestic violence were overturned because the couples were not married. Felmlee said they were viewed as roommates, so they could not press the same charges.

Felmlee also saidpeople may fear a 72-hour hold for domestically abused people would be invalidated, giving those individuals no time to seek other living arrangements.

"I feel like people don't really think about how this will impact the economy," Felmlee

She said a researcher left UW-Madison with \$3.5 million in grant money and went to Pennsylvania because he was unable to receive domes-

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tic partner benefits.

'If this ban passes, I will not be staying in the state of Wisconsin," Felmlee said. "I Wisconsin economy. I don't want to feel like a second-class

Organizations supporting Fair Wisconsin in its opposition to the ban include the UW Board Regents, United Council of UW Students, long list of organizations

and unions, as well as regional faith communities primarily Lutheran Church of America, three presbyteries of the

conference of the United better insurance benefits." Church of Christ.

Another subset of Fair Wisconsin is Students for a

Fair Wisconsin. "I have yet to find an examwill not be contributing to the ple in our nation's history

where we made great, progressive strides as a free country citizen because I fell in love just by sticking with the status with a woman and not a man." quo," said Carrie Kishline, a representative

> Students for a Fair Wisconsin. a fair wisconsin "The treatment of the LGBT community by the government on all levels deplorable, save the few

affirmed gay rights comprised of three regional rather than restricted them. synods of the Evangelical I'm bisexual, and I'd like my marriage to be for all the right reasons that the 'marriage con-Presbyterian Church (USA), servationists' say it should be statewide United Methodist for. I want a lasting connection Conference and the statewide for love, not for who gets me

Gambling: Laws unclear of what regulations government can invoke

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servers and Web sites, forcing people interested in online gambling to look elsewhere for entertainment.

The past and current laws, including the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, are unclear about what regulations the U.S. government can place on sites like NETELLER, Fire Pay and myCitadel, which are all used as a source of transferring money from consumer to Web site, much like the American Web site, Paypal, which is commonly used for Ebay.

According to cardplayer.com, an online forum dedicated to everything related to live and Internet card playing, even if the United States finds a way to regulate the financial transactions with foreign institutions, "online poker is here to stay and the federal government simply cannot ban it."

"I think the new gambling laws aren't necessary," Diana Rogers, a senior who enjoys playing live poker, said. "If a person wants to gamble their money away online, that's their responsibility - not the government's job to regulate."

Almost all gambling Web sites, including the ones already listed, have owners and management residing in foreign locations,

since it is illegal to solicit gambling online in the United States. Full Tilt is an Australian Web site, Party Poker belongs to the government of Gibraltar and Paradise Poker is based out of London, with affiliates Sportingbet.com based in Australia.

In the event that overseas sites become unusable, echecks and money orders are also considered practical alter-

"If a person wants to gamble their money away online, that's their responsibility – not the government's job to regulate."

Diana Rogers, student

A Web site, pokerplayersalliance.com, was recently created in order to fight the war on poker,

"The PPA is committed to protecting the game of poker in the face of federal legislation that just passed to ban 'our game.' We renew our effort to obtain separate treatment for poker on the federal level when Congress returns from the elections, and before the financial enforcement provisions are complete," Michael Bolcerek, president of Poker Players Alliance, said.

For now, gambling online is not completely illegal, but the most recent law greatly increases the difficulty of participation.

"I think that this will be fought by the people running these [gambling] sites," Thicking said. "This is something that is a goldmine for the people running it. They will just have to pull a few strings to get it reopened in a few years.'

Squirrels: Fine applies across state

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At UWRF, students who are caught in the act of terrorizing animals will be subject to a \$186 citation. The same is true for all other UW institutions. Because this is a statewide policy, all students at Wisconsin universities must pay this for-Public feiture. Safety Operations Program Associate Wendy Penny said the current citation amount went into effect in January. The previous fine for this offense was \$181. Though the fine is quite

hefty, the simple presence of the furry critters is enough to keep students from violating the rule.

"With the small [squirrel] population I think that the fine is actually a good idea," freshman Nate Ober said. "It keeps the students from harassing them, which keeps them here on campus."

The squirrels that scamper about the lawns on campus are extremely tame creatures.

"I do agree with the policy we already have, though it would be nice if the fine weren't quite as steep," sophomore Ben Blanchard said. "But it does make the squirrels seem like they are comfortable around us, so much so you can on Facebook about it."

almost pet them when they sit on top of the trash cans around campus."

While the squirrels are

friendly creatures, they have been known to startle some students as they search for food. "I can't count how many

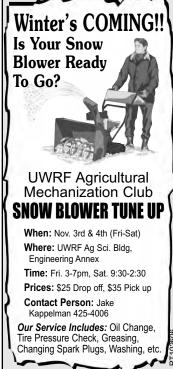
times I've seen people jump because the squirrels jump out of garbage cans at them,' sophomore Eric Vogel said.

The squirrels have become popular with students - there are 10 student-created groups on Facebook devoted to the squirrels that scamper about the campus on a daily basis.

Altenhofen created the group "UWRF Squirrel Stalkers" as a tribute to the squirrels and the humor in the fact that students could also receive monetary penalties for harassing the ani-

"The group is just a joke with funny officer positions and such," she said. "Speaking for the group, we have no intentions of harassing or harming any of the squirrels on campus. We just all remember being told as freshmen that we should not chase the squirrels on campus because of the fine, and found that humorous enough to make our own plug

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EDITORIAL

Vote for life

While the proposed marriage amendment has been widely discussed during the past several months, Wisconsin voters seem to have overlooked another life-changing issue on the Nov. 7 ballot - the death penalty.

The issue comes in the form of an advisory referendum, meaning neither a "yes" nor a "no" vote has the power to directly change the law. But voting on this referendum is still important, as it points legislators in the direction of the majority's values.

Guilt and regret are incredibly powerful emotions, and can make for useful tactics when dealing with violent criminals. It is our opinion that a life consumed by these feelings is far worse than a quick and painless death. With a lifetime sentence, offenders become prisoners of their own shameful minds, trapped in solitude and driven toward change.

But even greater power comes in the form of forgiveness.

While natural instinct initially leaves victims' families seeking revenge, peace of mind is often only attainable by making peace with the criminal - whether through interaction or mere clarification. "An eye for an eye" is far less fulfilling than an apology. Questions are so frequently left unanswered in violent cases that there is virtually no possibility of discovering verifiable truth once the convict is six feet under.

And what about the doubt that lingers within the judicial system? Between the death penalty's reinstatement in 1976 and 2005, 119 people on death row were released after their innocence was finally proven. What a shame to think the United States has empowered itself with the ability to author the murder of so many wrongfully convicted individuals.

We all know someone who has messed up - through drugs, alcohol, abuse or crime. Yet our love for that person allows us to see the good inside - no matter how deeply concealed. Now who are we to impose death upon others without offering another chance simply because we are far removed from their lives?

When you cast your vote Tuesday, have faith in humanity, all the while realizing the logic of human error.

Dissenting opinion

As the saying goes, "Let the punishment fit the crime."

If someone is convicted of first-degree intentional homicide, they should expect the same treatment in return. The victims who were murdered don't have the opportunity to avenge their death, so it is up to the state to do it for them.

Those who commit such vicious crimes are most likely not going to be reformed, no matter how much psychological treatment they

For some victims' families, the institution of the death penalty would be a form of closure. Allowing the murderer to walk around in prison will do nothing for the consciences of those who are emotionally scarred by their actions. There is no reason to keep these people locked up in a prison where they are only taking up

If we have to wait for these convicts to fulfill their life sentence in order to get them out of our jails, the state will have to continue to erect prisons to house them. We are spending valuable resources on those who are worthless to society.

The fact that these people have it easy while they sit in prison is sickening. They are given meals, have access to athletic equipment and live in a lap of luxury when compared to the lives of the homeless who have murdered no one.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Large companies deprive citizens

This past week, there was yet another letter to the editor, this time questioning Socialist Alternative's approach to achieving democracy. The writer criticized the idea of taking the top 500 corporations into public ownership.

Major U.S. corporate empires influence every aspect of our political and social lives - from who gets elected to what is played on our TVs and radios. Such powerful entities should not be controlled by a board of directors solely concerned with maximizing profit, but rather by the people.

As socialists, we support democratizing the economy by taking these corporations that dominate our lives under democratic workers' control. This is the only way to bring accountability to the major economic decisions that impact our everyday lives. What is meant by "true democracy" is an expansion of rights far beyond what capitalism is capable of allow ing. This is what was characterized in last week's letter as

"stealing."

We argue that the real thieves in this country are the rich elite whose profit-driven agenda fills our world with war and poverty. The working class currently props up this elite by the sweat of our collective brow; meanwhile 50 million American workers go without access to health care. In a socialist society, the wealth created by our labor could be used to fulfill the needs of society. These include such things as: free public education through college, safe public transportation and socialized medicine under democratic control.

It is extremely difficult to communicate ideas in 300 words or fewer. For more complete information than these letters allow, I would encourage anyone with an interest in socialism to attend a Socialist Alternative discussion meeting. These meetings take place every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Cooklock room of the Davee Library. Otherwise, consult our Web site at socialistalternative.org.

Proposed ban harms couples

Being gay is not a choice, but the way you vote on Nov. 7 is. Since I found out about the proposed ban on civil unions and marriage, I have felt discriminated against and personally attacked. So I have joined in the fight against this proposed amendment.

The proponents of this amendment are attacking my life and my right to pursue happiness in the United States. I am a typical college student. I carry a fulltime class load, work part time and am involved on campus, but there is one minor difference: I'm gay. I live my life with high moral and ethical standards and believe all people should be treated equally.

But this amendment is about more than gay marriage. Gay marriage is already illegal in Wisconsin, and this amendment carries unintended and unforeseen consequences.

The effects of similar bans in other states are extreme. In Ohio, 15 domestic violence **Brett Hoven** charges have been dropped **Student** against unmarried men who

were abusing their live-in girlfriends. In Utah, restraining orders are being challenged regarding men and women in unmarried heterosexual partnerships. Domestic abuse workers fear that the vital 72-hour restraining order that can be placed on an abuser will be eliminated for unmarried people who are in compromising and life-threatening situations.

Passing this ban will make Wisconsin an uninviting, intol-

My greatest fear is that I will wake up on Nov. 8 to an amended constitution. A constitution that now discriminates - not only against me - but thousands of other straight and gay people across our state. Vote NO to the proposed constitutional ban on civil unions and marriage. Keep discrimination out of our state.

Lacey M. Felmlee

Don't miss your chance to speak up! Letters to the editor are due by noon Wednesdays.

No excuse for avoiding Nov. 7 vote

On Nov. 7, people across the nation will go to their local churches, community centers and elementary schools to voice their opinions on who they believe will best lead their towns, cities and states. They will exercise their right as American citizens to choose who governs them. They realize that so many of the decisions they make today will directly influence tomorrow and where this nation will be 20 years from now, 30 years from now and maybe even 100 years from

A lot of people understand that it is crucial to vote.

And a lot of people really don't give a shit, and a lot of those people are college stu-

I recently braved the UW-River Falls campus to find out if students plan to vote. If they answered, "yes," I asked them what issues they found to be important in the upcoming election and why. If they answered, "no," I also asked them to tell me a little bit more about their decision.

I was expecting to get educat-

ed answers, especially from those who realized that being knowledgeable is crucial in the world we live in today.

Yet I was unpleasantly surprised. The vast majority of the stu-

dents I asked said they were not going to vote, and when I asked why, they gave answers like, "I don't really care about politics," or "I never really got into them.'

It's ridiculous that college students paying for an education

would not take the time to sit down and conduct a little background check on the candidates who are running for office. I know we are all busy and we all have homework and we have to work and so on, but that is not an excuse for us not to care where this country of ours is going.

Our forefathers fought hard so we could have a government where the people were able to actively participate, and not

have to sit and watch while some dictator controlled our lives.

We have the power to control what goes on with the government, and instead we make excuses and more excuses to defend the fact that we are inherently

> lazy. And then we bitch and moan about the decisions our Beckie leaders De Neui make. If you don't

> > care about politics then you don't care about

the war in Iraq, stem cell research or the marriage amendment.

And if you don't vote, you don't have the right to bitch and

Also, if you say you don't like politics because you don't like the political advertisements where candidates are attacking each other and you see it as stupid or juvenile, you still don't have an excuse.

I guarantee that you probably live for "Real World," "The Bachelor" and the hundreds of other reality shows where people are stabbing each other in the back, so don't pull the card that you are too grown up to show an interest in this type of campaigning.

But I shouldn't generalize all students. There were a few diamonds in the rough, and some people had a lot of educated opinions on the issues they felt were important. Props to you for exercising your right and being able to back it up with some knowledgeable facts. You are the ones who have the power, and hopefully some day you won't feed off of the easily swayed and apathetic.

The point is, it's important to be a little bit educated on politics, and it's important to vote. It's easy for others to take advantage of you if you don't care, and the last people who we want to take advantage of us are politicians.

My advice to you is tape Nip/Tuck this week, read up on the upcoming election and vote Nov. 7.

If you want to voice your opinion, drop off a letter to the editor at 304 North Hall.

Political talkers classified

So now that the election is dreadfully near we have all run into at least one person on campus who has all the answers for all of our political woes. These people are probably morons. And as a favor, I will help you identify the basic people who will make their views and voices louder the closer we get to Nov. 7.

The Crunchy Kid

This person is generally a hippie. They probably major in something abstract like art. They are easily noticeable by the smell of incense and Bob Marley poster in their room but don't be misled, they don't actually listen to Marley. Their main concern is that everyone just gets along. If it were the '70s they would be putting flowers in the barrels of guns.

The problem is that they won't vote because they will be too busy getting stoned, playing hack or "Chillin' on the groove, man. Um ... have you seen my keys?'

The Offended by Ads Kid This person is the one who is just oh so offended by negative ads that they refuse to vote.

they have gathered through the two, maybe three, presidencies that they can actually remember, and say that recent political ads have gotten too negative. Apparently this person forgets Vice President Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton

pistols because of political differences.

dueled with

The **Churchy Kid** This subject is easily rec-

ognizable by

his or her generally soft-spoken demeanor, except when it comes to same-sex marriage or Mel Gibson. They will vote how their pastor tells them and how any of the four or five religious groups on campus

tells them to. Now, I am not being anti-religion. Anyone who takes a side because they are told to without thinking on their own is just plain wrong.

This person will vote for the

amendment ... so long as Sunday's sermon doesn't tell them to do the opposite.

The Bit of Information Kid This person is just an allaround jackass. They managed to survive through the required basic political science class and now are an expert on all

things political. Good for you. Our little guy managed through tests with such tricky questions Oscarson as, "How many senators are there?" Wow,

you're a big boy

now. Make sure

mommy and daddy buy you some ice cream. Then it's off to bed, though. You had a big

This person can take any debate and bring it back to some nugget of information they wrote a two-page (double spaced) paper on last year.

The Kid Who Thinks Communism is in Style Really, the laziest of all of them. They're political because

they have an army surplus

Washington, D.C., English is different than made by the president, and he does what he believes is best for the country. No president is able to please everyone.

Throughout the six years that Bush has

been in office, we may believe he has

that have cost us a lot of money and lives. Regardless of whether or not going to war with Iraq was a bad idea, what's done is done. Furthermore, what is in progress is in progress, and at this point if we were to suddenly leave it would make us

made some bad decisions

more problems, and cost us more money and lives in the future.

Whether we agree with Bush or not, he is in office for another two years. Nothing will change that, so we need to learn to deal with it. Instead of constantly criticizing him and telling the world that we do not agree with him, we need to stand behind him and find ways to be constructive instead of destructive.

maybe a few red stars for pizzazz. They will offer you an opinion because their music

tells them what to think. If it's a dude - he attempts a stereotypical Russian beard. If it's a chick - she has a

stereotypical Russian beard. On top of being unoriginal and puffed up, they seem to forget that people like Stalin were not great people. Remember that? Maybe a little? Tell ya what, Google "Communist douche bags," and you'll find Stalin.

They don't know how to vote, but they know how to contradict themselves by buying a shirt with Che Guerva on it, thus supporting capitalism (something he hated).

Well, hopefully this helps in some twisted sort of way. But the odds are that you, a college student, will not vote. But just in case you don't want to be a stereotype, do some of your own research and vote Nov. 7. So go buy some ice cream for yourself - you're a grown up



Ben Jipson

Out of fear of embarrassment, I didn't expect to see anyone wearing the grossly perverted and otherwise incriminating costumes I'd seen in recent

Much to my delight though, I was wrong. Nearly everyone who was out on the town last weekend was wearing some kind of weird getup. In fact, the students who weren't dressed up were the ones who looked out of place. And the wide range of costumes was something of a spectacle.

By far the best were the ones created from old, wacky clothes and sheer originality and creativity, not the ones sealed in Wal-Mart packaging. The Anchorman quartet was a big hit, and the posse of Smurfs was imaginative. Though they looked a bit peculiar if they weren't with their respective groups.

The drag outfit for a man is far from a new idea, but its timeless qualities keep it premier. There were dozens of

guys dressed up as some form or another of a woman - each more characteristically masculine than the other, which added to the humor.

Halloween exposes

Intil this year I spent the

last several Halloween

weekends in Madison bingeing

flushing pepper spray from my

on Milwaukee's Best and

Qdoba burritos, sleeping in

urine-scented elevators and

My old age seemed to be

ronment of downtown River

Falls. To much surprise, there

were hundreds of college stu-

dents packing house parties and

bars. Even more surprising was

dressed up for the holiday fun.

expect for an Allhallows Eve in

River Falls. It was rare to run

into any familiar faces or cos-

tated crowds in

Madison, so any

in River Falls, I

be quite easy to

identify friends

laughable attire.

dressed up in

tume critics within the incapaci-

I wasn't quite sure what to

the number of students who

catching up with me this year,

so I sought after the tamer envi-

eyes.

A large shout-out went to the late Steve Irwin (a.k.a. the Crocodile Hunter), as many chose to sport Irwin's khaki outfit and hiking boots as their costumes. One lad even carried with him a large stuffed crocodile to fully complete the effect. At certain instances throughout the night he pounced on the croc, putting it in submission in such a way that looked as if he was sodomizing the poor thing.

One scantily clad young lady caught my attention. "Oh my goodness," I remember thinking to myself. "There's the shy girl from my HHP class. And she's

> " I paused to size up her costume, "-as a smelly pirate hooker!" That was one of my first memories of the fantastic night when I woke up the

dressed up as a-

next day, and it was refreshing to know that even the most conservative-minded college students still like to dress up in holiday spirit.

Knowing these costumes make you look like tramps or expose too much crotch - especially for the guys - wasn't a concern. So kudos goes to all of you costume wearers. Way to demonstrate your inner-child.

Not long ago your main goal for Halloween night was to land a heap of candy, but now wearing a Halloween costume has taken on a different meaning. It shows you still possess somewhat of a youthful and carefree mentality, which is precisely what you should be holding dear at this point in adulthood. It shows you have the knowledge that you'll probably look ridiculous, but you have the understanding that for one night out of the year, in the name of fun, it's socially permissible to dress up in a childish way and nearly sodomize stuffed croco-

Support Bush for the greater good

We, the people of the United States, are making ourselves look weak to the enemy.

I've never been a political person, and I understand that most of the country doesn't agree with President Bush and the way he is running this country, but we need to realize that his people not agreeing with him not only makes him look bad, but it makes us look bad as well. I did not vote for Bush in the 2004 election and I do not think we should be at war with Iraq, but other countries shouldn't know this.

Our country appears to be divided, with most of us making it clear we don't approve of Bush and the United States' involvement in Iraq. To the terrorists, this makes us look weak. It makes them think we are ready to crumble, and probably makes them think that if they took out our president they would win and we would do whatever they say because we didn't agree with the guy in the first place.

There are also many people who seem to think President Bush himself makes us look weak because he often doesn't seem very bright. Something a friend of mine brought to my attention is that since Bush is from Texas, his vocabulary is different.

Texas English, much like British English is different from American English.

Therefore when he gives speeches, it is as if he is speaking a second language. This could be why Bush pauses

so much, because he has to make sure he speaks in a way that is "correct" according to the rest of America.

Bush's approval rating has not always been low. In fact, he holds the record high of more than 85 percent approval, which occurred shortly after Sept.

As of Oct. 8, his approval rating was around 37 percent, but there have been presidents before him who had lower

During Jimmy Carter's presidency his approval rating dropped to 26 percent, and in 1952 Harry S. Truman had a rating of Being president of the United States isn't

major decisions, but each final decision is

easy. There are advisors to assist with

Nicole Aune

> look even weaker. That would likely cause us

Campus could get more use out of local sports station

Derrick

Knutson

year I hooked up my television and started flipping through the channels to find out what new channels the University had added. The first one I came across was MTVU. It had a small amount of aural and aesthetic appeal, but I knew shortly after turning it on that it wouldn't be something that myself or many other students at UWRF would watch. The next new channel I came across was ABC Family. This channel at least had some programming that I was familiar with and would probably watch from time to time. After my surfing through campus channels was done, something just felt off. I went back through them again, and that's when I realized that Fox Sports Net was gone.

Last school year there were two

online surveys administered to determine what channels the University should keep and what channels should be eliminated. FSN was apparently

one of the channels that got the axe. This baffled me because nearly half of the students who attend UWRF are from Minnesota. Granted, not all of them follow Minnesota sports, but there are a great number of them who do. FSN is the home station to

such Minnesota sports teams as the Twins, Timberwolves and Wild. I am an avid Timberwolves fan, and it disheartened me when I found out that I would not be able to see any of the games from campus this year unless

usually only the case for about three games per year, and that makes up a very minute portion of the Wolves'

season.

Many of the male Minnesota sports aficionados on campus feel that FSN got cut because of the large portion of women on campus.

"I guess all the girls on campus would

rather watch '7th Heaven' than FSN," said Dan Rinker, a UWRF junior.

Rinker is an ardent Twins fan, and he went on to say that it is torture not having FSN on campus this semester because he wasn't able to watch the

follow the Twins was to listen to a static-ridden radio broadcast from his room or watch blurry Internet broadcasts. Rinker's sentiment has been expressed by many of the male sports lovers on campus. This is not a completely male-dominated issue though. There is a nearly 60/40 ratio of females to males on campus, which may have led to the cut of FSN, but there are a number of women on campus who thoroughly enjoy sports.

"Parker Hall is one of the avid halls that want it (FSN) back," said Tricia Fredricksen, the current chair of the

Residential Living Committee. Undoubtedly, some of the women on campus just want FSN back so they can ogle Joe Mauer during Twins season, but a number of them like to kick

back and watch some good sports as much as the guys do.

"I wasn't happy when they cut FSN," said senior Ashley Woodward. "When there's nothing on all of the other channels to watch, there is always something on FSN."

For those on campus who just can't live without FSN, there is a decent chance that it could be coming back. Fredricksen said the Residential Living Committee voted to bring FSN back. This doesn't necessarily mean FSN is coming back, but it means that there is now a recommendation to bring it back. The issue still has to go through the University to be approved. If that happens, Minnesota sports aficionados all across campus could soon be enjoying Minnesota sports once



Michael Tate, senior

"Yes, I am going to vote because I believe third parties need all the votes they can get."

STUDENT. voices



Margaret Geissinger, junior

"Yes, I feel that every voice needs to be heard."

Do you plan to vote Nov. 7, and why or why not? Tom Mondor, junior

"Yes, because it is our civic duty.



"No, because I don't know enough to make a good decision one way or another. I bare ly watch the news."

Jessie Schwarz,

senior





Trask Reed, sophomore

"No, because I'm from Minnesota and I don't want to get an absentee ballot.'

Tyler Canopy, junior

"Yes, because the issues being voted on affect me."



Women's soccer team advances in playoffs with 1-0 victory

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The women's soccer team defeated UW-La Crosse 1-0 in the first round of the playoffs on two separate occasions, the last Tuesday, advancing to the second round.

Kim Saufl scored the only goal, 36:11 into the first half.

With a loss to La Crosse, the Falcons finished the regular season in fourth place behind UW-Eau Claire, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Stevens Point.

They had a 5-3-0 record in the said. Intercollegiate Wisconsin Athletic Conference (WIAC) and a 10-6-2 record overall. The team's best stretch came in September when they went 5-2-2, including a four game winning streak, in which they beat UW-Whitewater, UW-Superior, St. Catherine and Carleton.

The Falcons' best offensive player is senior forward Ashley Peterson. She is leading the team in almost all offensive cate-

and a .258 shooting percentage. She was named the WIAC Offensive Player of the Week on week of September and the second week of October.

named to the Team of the Week every minute of every game. at D3Kicks.com - an informational site on Div. III soccer.

"I had a great year and I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to play with," Peterson

Senior midfielder and forward Kim Saufl is also having a very good year on offense. She is second on the team with 10 goals and eight assists, and had a .156 shooting percentage.

Other contributors on offense include Amy Jensen with five goals and eight assists, Julie Sperstad with two goals and four assists, Jen Terry with three goals and one assist, and Jessi Larson with one goal. Larson

gories, with 17 goals, nine was named the WIAC Defensive assists, five game-winning goals, Player of the Week the first week of September when she scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick against Northland, which was also her first collegiate goal.

On defense, goalie Emily Also in October, Peterson was Stieler has been strong, playing

> On the year, she has allowed 1.19 goals per game. She also has 77 saves, seven shutouts and a .778 winning percentage.

It has been a great season for the Falcons thus far.

"We all work so well together and all our hard work throughout the season has paid off," Peterson said.

With the win over La Crosse, the team will advance to the next round of the playoffs today,

The Falcons will face UW-Eau Claire at Eau Claire.

The game is set to begin at 11 p.m. in the WIAC Playoff Semi-



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Junior Julie Sperstad, left, takes on UW-La Crosse's Chelsea Gilbertson Saturday afternoon. The Falcons lost on Saturday, but beat the Eagles in the first round of the playoffs.

Football team falls by 18 to UW-Platteville

RF unable to capitalize in fourth quarter

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After a dramatic come-frombehind victory against UW-Stout in the Homecoming game on Oct. 21, the UW-River Falls Falcons traveled to UW-Platteville looking for a third consecutive victory.

The Falcons were unable to capitalize on chances in the fourth quarter, falling to the Pioneers 28-10.

"It was frustrating. We were in a lot better position than the week before when we won," senior punter Jovin Kroll said. "We couldn't score in the fourth. [Platteville] put the game away in the fourth.'

Sophomore wide receiver Josh Grover summarized the game.

"We ran the ball with no problem," Grover said. "We just couldn't seem to make the big plays.'

In the first quarter Pioneer Mike Genslinger ran the ball in from the 1-yard line and the extra point by Tony Smidl was good to give Platteville the 7-0 lead at 6:12 of the first quarter.

The Falcons waited until the second quarter to get on the scoreboard. At 13:35, Spasimir Bodurski kicked a 27-yard field goal to pull the Falcons to within four. About 10 minutes later, Genslinger had another 1-yard run to extend the Pioneers lead to 14-3. With 32 seconds left in the half, Jeremy Wolff ran the ball in for a touchdown from the 3-yard line. Bodurski's kick was good to pull the Falcons to within four for the half.

Both teams played solid defense in the third quarter to keep the score 14-10 going into Pioneers. the final 15 minutes of play.

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00:32 RF - Jeremy Wolff 3 yd run (Spasimir Bodurski kick), 13-73 3:55, RF 4th 06:18 UWP - Mike Genslinger 8 yd



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

UW-River Falls quarterback Jeremy Wolff attempts to throw a pass against UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 14 at Ramer Field. Wolff the last two games and end the led the Falcons to a 20-17 victory against the Pointers. This weekend the Falcons are on the road at UW-La Crosse.

fourth quarter, Genslinger scored another two touchdowns, one off an 8-yard run and another off a 69-yard run. Smidl's two attempts at extra points were good to solidify the 28-10 win for the

The week before the loss to the

run (Tony Smidl kick), 8-89 3:34, RF 10 - UWP 21

run (Tony Smidl kick), 1-69 0:33, RF 10 -

RUSHES-YARDS (NET).....

PASSING YDS (NET).....

FIRST DOWNS..

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03:28 UWP - Mike Genslinger 69 yd

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Pioneers, the Falcons took charge in the fourth quarter to beat the visiting Blue Devils. The Falcons won 24-20, following an impressive fourth quarter surge by both the defense and offense.

"We ended up making the plays when we need them,"

Passes Att-Comp-Int....... 15-5-3 21-9-

Punts (Number-Avg)..... 4-34.8 4-

1-4

5-80

2-27

2-38

TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.....

Fumble Returns-Yards..

Punt Returns-Yards.....

Kickoff Returns-Yards.

Interception Returns-Yards....

Kroll said. "Stout has lost four games in the fourth quarter, including to us. They're a team that tends to fall apart in the

Fan support at Homecoming game was impressive. Students were vocal and really got into the game.

Penalties-Yards Possession Time	6-40 36:50	
Third-Down Conversions of 10	12 of	22 4
Fourth-Down Conversions of 2	1 o	f3 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances 3	2-3	3 3-
Sacks By: Number-Yards 7	1-12	2 1-

Individual leaders

"It's really important," Grover said of the fans. "It gives us that extra drive and momentum."

The final two weekends of the season will not be easy for the Falcons. River Falls has to take on the top two teams in the conference, UW-La Crosse and UW-Whitewater. Last season,

RUSHING: UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 20-142: Beau DeBruin 36-125: Lawrence Gales 13-48; Greg Robinson 5-26; Storm Harmon 1-9; B.J. LeRoy 1-2; Jamie Bisch 1-minus 1. UW-Platteville-Mike Genslinger 26-285; Brent Nelson 7-26; Tyson Droessler 3-21; TEAM 3-minus 7.

PASSING: UW-River Falls-Jeremy Wolff 5-14-3-66; Storm Harmon 0-1-0-0. UW-Platteville-Brent Nelson 9-20-2-105; T. Christiansen 0-1-0-0.

Whitewater made it all the way to the Div. III National Championship game, losing by seven. Kroll said it appears that this season, the Whitewater team hasn't lost a beat. "They are the top team by far.

There are no ifs, ands or buts about it," Kroll said. "La Crosse is a very solid team. They are in the top of our conference, just below Whitewater. They've got a good head coach and they play well for him."

"It was frustrating. We were in a lot better position than the week before ... we couldn't score in the fourth." Jovin Kroll,

senior football player

La Crosse has the most to lose in the final two weeks of the season and the Falcons have a chance at playing the spoiler

In the playoffs, the top team in WIAC gets an automatic playoff berth and the other slots are filled by a committee that selects an at-large bid for who they want to see play and who has done well all season.

Falcons are just looking to put together a solid strategy to win season on a high note.

In the final two weeks, the

The Falcons are on the road again this weekend to take on UW-La Crosse.

The game is set to begin at 1 p.m. Saturday. River Falls wraps up the regular season of play on Nov. 11 against Whitewater. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Ramer

RECEIVING: UW-River Falls-Jake Jenson 2-30: Josh Grover 2-22: David Ubbelohde 1-14. UW-Platteville-Derek Hoff 3-44; Brian Gallick 2-25; Joe Danielson 2-21; Craig Patterson 2-15.

INTERCEPTIONS: UW-River Falls-Ben Arata 1-27; Shane Hanson 1-0. UW-Platteville-D. Pietrowiak 1-11; Nolan Krajco 1-0; H. Christiansen 1-12.

FUMBLES: None.

Keeping active is crucial to students' well-being, can be fun



livia Newton-John once said, "Let's get physical," and that's what students at UW-River Falls need to do. Physical activity is an important aspect of anyone's daily life.

It keeps people involved, healthy and boosts self-esteem. So if the solution to being happy is that easy, why not just workout for half an hour a day?

All it takes to get started is a walk around campus for 30 minutes to just get a physical routine started. There are a

number of ways to get active on the UWRF campus, even if you're not going to be involved in a recognized varsity sport like football, volleyball or

First off, hit the gym. Both May and Hathorn Halls have gyms located inside that students, faculty and staff can use. Going to the gym is a way to improve yourself.

Using the gym is great for toning and forming muscles, and both on-campus options have a number of different machines for weights and aerobic activity that can be used to get the blood pumping. The two gyms on campus allow students to use all the machines for a reasonable price per semester or for the entire academic year. While it may seem to some like the more advanced lifters, along with the athletic teams, go to

May Hall, anyone who wants to get physical can join the May Hall gym.

If you want to be a part of a team, but are not interested in any of the varsity sports on campus, there are a number of club sports for students.

There are both men's and women's lacrosse and rugby teams for students who want to get involved without having the extensive time commitment of a varsity athlete. With club sports you get to be involved with a group of people who do what you want to do, but don't necessarily have practice every day or games every weekend.

Most of the club sports on campus aren't necessarily big name sports that everyone has heard about, so it's also a good way to learn something new.

Before I came to UWRF. I

had heard of rugby and knew a

couple people who played it, but I had never actually seen it.

After spending a few weeks at River Falls my freshman year, I attended a rugby game and discovered it was an awesome sport that people should recognize as something to be talked about. It's a hard-hitting, bone-crunching good time. I even tried playing the game last fall for a day so I could write about what it was like to play. Those who play it have to be tough. The hitting got so rough that Tuesday afternoon that I could barely move for days afterwards. I was covered in bruises, but to this day, I love

to watch it. If you want to be on a team, but don't have time to practice and only want to play a game once a week, then intramurals

is the way to go. Here at UWRF, we have a number of different intramural sports that are played throughout the year including: football, soccer, broomball and volley-

... I can relieve stress, have fun and exercise all at the same time. I don't see anything better ...

I haven't played an organized sport since I was probably in eighth grade, but I always liked to just play games for fun. Intramurals are a way for me to

With intramurals I can relieve stress, have fun and exercise all at the same time. I don't see anything that could be better to do with my spare time.

Currently, I'm playing on both intramural broomball and volleyball teams.

I love sliding across the ice to

stop the ball from being put in the net, and I also love to dive for the volleyball so the other team doesn't score. The teams I am on this season are very vocal and supportive,

and it reminds me of playing on teams when I was younger. I love supporting my teammates and having people cheer for me

If you choose not to take part in lifting at the gym, playing on a club or intramural team, you can always watch and support those who do.

Or you should at least support the hockey teams, football team, basketball teams and all those who don the Falcon logo. Just stay active.

SPORTS WRAP

Swimming teams open up new season

The Falcon men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened the 2006-07 season on Oct. 27 hosting Macalester at the River Falls High School pool. The Macalester women won, 133-105 and the Macalester men won, 109-97. Mihkael Keyser, Michael Brudzinski, Anthony Orlando and Jacob Moe came out strong, winning the first event, the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:53.86 for Falcons. For the women's team Falcon sophomore Danielle Mandich won two events, the 100 and 200-yard freestyle. Diver Jaynell Feider managed to beat out her competitors in one round of the 1-meter dive to give the Falcons muchneeded diving points. Falcons Ashley Swenty, Jill Lambach, Tracy Crane and Alyssa Adair won the last event of the meet, the 200yard freestyle relay. The Falcons host Eau Claire on Saturday at the River Falls High School. The meet begins at 1 p.m.

October 28 results Macalester 133; UW-River Falls 105

UW-RF top finishers (event-time/score) 1. Mandich, 200 Freestyle 2:06.47; 1. Mandich, 100 Freestyle 56.85; 1. Feider, 1 Meter Diving 147.65; 1. Swenty, Lambach, Crane, Adair, 200 Freestyle

October 28 results Macalester 109: UW-River Falls 97

UW-RF top finishers (event-time/score) 1. Keyser, Brudzinski, Orlando, Moe, 200 Medley Relay 1:53.86; 1. Brudzinski, 200 IM 2:21.55; 1. Keyser, 100 Backstroke 1:05.56; 1. Brudzinski, 100 Breaststroke 1:08.29

Volleyball advances to second round of playoffs

The Falcon volleyball team started the Trick-or-Treat Tournament on a good note Oct. 27. The women won the first two matches of the tournament with a three game sweep of both Lakeland, 30-26, 30-22, 30-19 and Millikin, 30-26, 30-25, 30-18. Leaders for the Falcons' first day include Andrea Geehan with 15 kills, Kat Krtnick with 40 assists, Kelsey Scheele with 18 digs, and Molly Thompson with three ace serves. The second day, the team finished strong, defeating both Bethel and Superior. They defeated Bethel, 30-19, 31-29, 30-28, then went on to beat Superior 32-30, 30-20, 30-17. Leaders for the Falcons on Saturday included Scheele with 20 digs, Gina DeRosa with four block assists, Molly Thompson with two serving aces, Kate Thompson with 18 kills and Krtnick with 43 assists. The Falcons will be competing in the WIAC Tournament Friday night at UW-Eau Claire. The game begins at 7:30.

October 28 Results GAME SCORES UW-Superior...... (0) 30 20 17 UW-River Falls..... (3) 32 30 30

GAME SCORES Bethel University... (0) 19 29 28 UW-River Falls..... (3) 30 31 30

Football

October 27 Results GAME SCORES Millikin University. (0) 26 25 18 UW-River Falls..... (3) 30 30 30

GAME SCORES LakeLand College...(0) 26 22 19 UW-River Falls..... (3) 30 30 30

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WIAC Standings	W	L	WIAC Standings	W	L	Т
UW-Whitewater (8-0)	5	0	UW-Eau Claire (18-2-0)	8	0	0
UW-Lacrosse (6-1)	4	1	UW-Oshkosh(10-5-2)	6	2	0
UW-Platteville (5-3)	3	2	UW-Stevens Point (11-3-2)	5	2	1
UW-Oshkosh (4-4)	2	3	UW-River Falls (9-6-2)	5	3	0
UW-Stevens Point (4-4)	2	3 3	UW-LaCrosse (9-4-3)	3	3	2
UW-River Falls (3-5)	2	3	UW-Whitewater (6-10-1)	3	4	1
UW-Stout (1-4)	3	5	UW-Stout (5-10-0)	2	6	0
UW-Eau Claire (2-6)	1	4	UW-Platteville (12-6-2)	1	5	2
			UW-Superior (10-9-0)	0	8	0
Volleyball						
WIAC Standings	W	L	Manta Hadron			
UW-Eau Claire (26-2)	7	1	Men's Hockey			
UW-Oshkosh (32-4)	7	1	NCHA Standings	W	L	Т
UW-Whitewater (29-6)	6	2	St. Norbert (2-0-1)	0	0	0
UW-LaCrosse(20-8)	4	4	UW-Eau Claire (1-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Stevens Point (24-11)	4	4	UW-Stout (1-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-River Falls (23-11)	4	4	St. Scholastica (0-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Platteville (24-10)	3	5	UW-Stevens Point (0-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Stout (15-13)	1	7	UW-Superior (0-0-0)	0	0	0
UW-Superior (14-20)	0	8	Lake Forest (1-1-0)	0	0	0

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

UW-River Falls (1-1-0)

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Sports Wrap courtesy of UW-River Falls **Sports Information**

Men's hockey schedule

Nov. 3 at Gustavus 7 p.m. Nov. 4 St. Olaf, 7:05 p.m. Nov. 10 at Augsburg, 7 p.m. Nov. 11 St. John's, 7:05 p.m. Nov. 17 at Eau Claire,* 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at UW-SP,* 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 Lake Forest,* 7:05 p.m. Dec. 2 St. Norbert,* 7:05 p.m. Dec. 8 at Scholastica,* 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at Superior,* 8 p.m. Dec. 12 St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m. Jan. 4 at Marian, 7 p.m. Jan. 6 Bethel, 7:05 p.m. Jan. 12 at St. Thomas, 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. Jan. 19 UW-SP,* 7:05 p.m. Jan. 20 Eau Claire,* 7:05 p.m. Jan. 26 at St. Norbert,* 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at Lake Forest,* 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 Superior,* 7:05 p.m. Feb. 3 Scholastica,*7:05 p.m. Feb. 9 Stout,* 7:05 p.m. Feb. 10 at Stout*, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16 NCHA Quarterfinals Feb. 17 NCHA Quarterfinals Feb. 24 NCHA Semifinals March 3 NCHA Finals March 7 NCAA First Round March 10 NCAA

Ouarterfinals March 17 NCAA Semifinals March 18 NCAA Finals

Jan. 21 UW-SP,* 4:05 p.m.

* NCHA Games

Women's hockey schedule

Nov. 3 St. Mary's, 7:05 p.m. Nov. 4 Hamline, 2:05 p.m. Nov. 10 @ Bethel, 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at Augsburg, 2:15 p.m. Nov. 17 Eau Claire,* 7:05 p.m. Nov. 18 at Eau Claire,* 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at St. Catherine, 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at UW-SP,* 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at UW-SP,* 4 p.m. Dec. 9 Finlandia,* 7:05 p.m. Dec. 10 Finlandia,* 2:05 p.m. Dec. 13 at Gustavus, 7 p.m. Jan. 6 Bethel, 2:05 p.m. Jan. 9 St. Thomas, 7:05 p.m. Jan. 13 Amherst, 7:05 p.m. Jan. 20 Lake Forest,* 2:05 p.m.

Jan. 27 at Superior,* 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at Finlandia,* 2 p.m. Feb. 3 Eau Claire,* 2:05 p.m. Feb. 7 at St. Thomas, 7:05 p.m. Feb. 9 at Lake Forest,* 7:05 p.m. Feb. 10 at Lake Forest,* 2:05 p.m. Feb. 17 Superior,* 2:05 p.m. Feb. 18 Superior,* 2:05 p.m. March 2-4 NCHA Playoffs March 9-11 NCAA Playoffs March 16-18 NCAA Frozen Four *NCHA Games

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Coaching duo makes history with 200th win

Falcon men win one out of two in opener

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UW-River Falls head men's hockey coach Steve Freeman made history Saturday night at Hunt Arena.

The historical landmark has been 10 years in the making. In the final three games of last season, all Freeman needed was one win to hit the 200 wins mark. The Falcons fell to the UW-Stout Blue Devils in three straight games to end the season, stalling Freeman's coaching record at 199 career victories.

In the season opener Friday night against UW-Eau Claire, Freeman and assistant Robert Ritzer were looking again to win their 200th game. With the Falcons falling to the Blugolds 3-2, celebration would have to wait.

On Saturday night, the Falcons put the previous night's loss behind them and took it to University. Lawrence Dominating the game with 61 shots on net, the Falcons went on to win the game 6-4, giving the coaching duo their 200th win.

"It's an honor, the ceremony itself with the fans sticking around to cheer and the congratulations from the players. It meant a lot to me," Freeman said. "With 200 wins in just over 10 years, the thanks have to go out to the players."

Freeman went on to comment on how much help Ritzer had been over the course of the last 10 years. As assistant coach, he did a great deal of recruiting and was obviously a great help on the ice.

"It's certainly a team award," Freeman said.

Even though the Falcons lost the season opening game against UW-Eau Claire, the team still has high spirits about the remainder of the season.

"We have a lot of potential to be a great hockey team," sophomore Devin Underwood said.

UW-River Falls 6, Lawrence University 4 (Oct 28, 2006 at River Falls, Wis.) UW-River Falls 2 2 2 - 6

02:50 RF - TJ Dahl (Borgestad, Usher) 08:25 LU - Aaron LaFave (Olynyk, Jennette)

09:41 RF - Jordan McIntyre (Pettinger) 19:57 LU - Masa Takahashi (Searl)

"We get along really well."

During the Friday night game, the Falcons had their opportunities, but were still a little bit flat on the ice.

"I think we might have come in a little unprepared," Underwood said. "The bounces just didn't go our way."

For experienced returning players, losing the opener was sort of a surprise.

"I think Friday night was kind of an eye-opener," junior TJ Dahl said. "Every team can come out and beat us, and to tell you the truth everybody wants to beat us because we're known as one of the better teams.'

Friday night was the first chance for a number of the new members of the Falcon squad to make their debut.

In his first game as a Falcon, freshman Mitch Kerns got a better feel for the college ranks, scoring one of the two goals against the Blugolds.

"It was a little bit faster and more physical than juniors," Kerns said. "I was nervous the first game."

On Saturday night, Freeman and Ritzer changed the lineup around a bit to get some of the new members some playing

"It helps to know that playing hockey is a privilege and not a right."

Devin Underwood, hockey player

"Coach wants to get a look at some of the young guys," said Underwood, who sat out Saturday. "It helps to know that playing hockey is a privilege and not a right.'

Junior AJ Bucchino started in goal on Friday night, and freshman Tony Stoehr got his first taste of action in the net on Saturday. Starting out a little shaky in the first period, Stoehr responded to keep the Falcons in the game until the third period when Bucchino relieved him. With Bucchino securing the win,

Second period 12:05 RF - Pat Borgestad (Dahl, 18:23 RF - Tyler Kostiuk (Jensen, Pettinger)

Third period 00:22 LU - Aaron LaFave (Jennette) 12:16 LU - Joe Searl (Peterson, Siers)
14:10 RF - TJ Dahl (Borgestad, Hansberry) 18:22 RF - Dustin Norman (Christoffersen,

Beth Dickman/Student Voice

Senior Tyler Kostiuk goes up for a faceoff against UW-Eau Claire Friday night at Hunt Arena. The Falcons lost 3-2.

Stoehr was able to record his first victory as a Falcon goalie. The 6-4 victory against

Lawrence University wasn't the blowout that was expected, but it was an all around good effort by the Falcons.

In the first victory of the season, UWRF dominated the ice, attempting over 100 total shots on goal during the game.

"We responded on Saturday and showed a great effort throughout," Dahl said.

Dahl and senior Jared Sailer are the captains of this year's squad, and Bucchino is the assistant captain. Dahl said he believes that he and his two teammates will be a solid core of captains.

"I feel very honored," Dahl said of being named captain. "To be a junior and to step up and take charge, I'm always open." This season the Falcons are

looking to make it all the way to Div. III National Championship. "I love the team chemistry,"

Dahl said. "That's what it takes to build a championship." The Falcons will be on the road

once this weekend against Gustavus on Friday for a 7:05 p.m. showdown.

River Falls will return home Saturday night for a 7:05 p.m. matchup against another Minnesota opponent, St. Olaf.

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) RF - Stoehr (51:58-22-18) RF - Bucchino (7:44-3-3) LAW - Isaac (58:55-61-55)

UW-Eau Claire vs UW-River Falls (Oct 27, 2006 at River Falls, Wis.) UW-Eau Claire 1 1 1 - 3 1 0 1 - 2 **UW-River Falls**

First period 13:02 EC - Tyler Trudell (Dus) 18:16 RF - Jim Henkemeyer (Dahl) Second period 05:58 EC - Sean Garrity (Dus)

Third period 09:21 EC - Evan Byers (Vesel) 11:58 RF - Mitch Kerns (Norman)

Goalkeeping (min-shots-saves) RF - Bucchino (59:15-25-22) EC - Mensing (60:00-44-42)



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team practices at Hunt Arena on Tuesday afternoon. This weekend the Falcons open the season with two games at home. On Friday night they take on St. Mary's, and Saturday they host Hamline University.

Falcon women ready to take to the ice at Hunt

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The UW-River Falls women's hockey team starts the season this weekend and is looking to make the program's eighth season their most successful.

Last season, the Falcons finished with a 14-11-2 record, which was good enough for third place in the NCHA.

The Falcons' leading goal scorer from last season, Jenna Scanlon, will return to the ice this season. Scanlon scored 13 goals last season. Jenny Wallace, the team's leading scorer from last season and a two-time All American, will also be returning. Last season's top goaltender, Amber Linder, is returning to be part of a solid defensive corps.

This season, there are a number already had a long time to get to leagues. of new freshmen mixed with the know each other and improve upperclassmen. Only one sophomore is returning to the team following last season. Making the was easy for a number of the freshmen on the squad.

"They have consistently been one of the top schools in Div. III," freshman Raissa Carpenter said. "I also heard they had a good coaching staff."

returns for his eighth season with the Falcon program and has high hopes for the upcoming season.

"I think it's good. We have a good freshman class and a mix of older players," Cranston said. "Our chemistry is pretty good." Even though the team opens

the season on Friday, they have

team chemistry. Cranston said his team has had three weeks off and is now in his third week of choice to come to River Falls working with the women. The against this season. amount of time on the ice before usually the same amount of time every season.

Carpenter said that the older women on the team have been Thomas will be up near the top, helpful in her adjust to college Head coach Joe Cranston hockey and to school in general.

"It's going to be a challenge, we're a very small team," Carpenter said. "We're really close-knit and hard-working."

It's also going to help because a number of the freshmen on the roster know a bit about the programs at the other schools they play in the WIAC and MIAC University at 2:05 p.m.

A majority of the players are from the area and have seen and given consideration to the schools that they will be playing

Cranston said he expects the season starts is common. It's Gustavus and UW-Superior to be the top teams the Falcons will play this season. He also said that UW-Stevens Point and St. and he hopes his team can be up in that area of the rankings.

> "I think [the Falcons] can put the puck in the net and have bet-

ter offense," Cranston said. The Falcons open up play tonight at home at 7:05 p.m. against St. Mary's at Hunt Arena. They will also be at home Saturday against Hamline

Donation funds interdisciplinary center

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A generous donation made by a UW-River Falls alumna to the University last May will result in the creation of a distinctive educational facility on campus.

Slated to be completed by the end of the academic year, planning for construction of the new Joanne Banks Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry is now underway.

The center, which will be located in the basement of the Davee Library, will operate as a classroom and meeting place for members of the UWRF community to engage in interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

"I see it as a magnet for interdisciplinary cooperation between faculty and students," Chancellor Don Betz said. "I think it will actually be a very strong generator of new options and new learning possibilities [because] it's the only place on campus that's dedicated to this purpose."

The \$234,000 gift from Banks will also provide support for faculty growth in interdisciplinary studies, as well as an annual lecture series that brings to campus prominent speakers in the field.

"Our hope is that we'll have a ... space that's suitable to host seminars and colloquia on interdisciplinary topics," College of Arts and Sciences Dean Terry Brown said.

The former Yellow Lab of the Davee Library will be utilized for the center, but space adjoining the lab may be included in the center's overall floor plan.

"The question now that we're determining is whether or not it will be the Yellow Lab and an adjacent space or just the Yellow Lab," Brown said.

Frisbe Architects, a River Falls-based firm, has been contracted to provide designs of what the center may look like.

The actual construction will likely be performed by "a combination of Facilities Management on campus and off-campus vendors," said Tom McGinty, director of development and alumni relations.

A center planning committee headed by Brown and composed of faculty representatives from each college is working to devel-



Submitted photo Joanne Banks is one of the cofounders of the interdisciplinary field

op the center's purpose and mission. Formed last spring, the members were chosen based on their proven commitment to the field of interdisciplinary studies, Brown

of literature and medicine.

A 1962 English graduate of UWRF, Banks was a pioneer in bridging the gap between the humanities and sciences in classrooms.

By teaching literature to medical students at Pennsylvania State University, Banks became one of the co-founders of the interdisciplinary field of literature and medicine.

According to the fall 2006 issue of Falcon Features, the University's alumni magazine, the field has had such an impact on medical school curriculums that it is now commonplace to see literature instructors employed by medical schools.

Banks, who is currently battling ovarian cancer, was unavailable for an interview.

Brown said the alumna credits UWRF for instilling in her the value of interdisciplinary knowledge.

"She says that it was teachers here who taught her to see the world in much broader terms," Brown said.

Banks was also the American editor of The

Selected Letters of Virginia Woolf, a multivolume compilation of correspondence penned by the English writer.

Exploits such as these earned her the honor of being named a Distinguished Alumnus of UWRF in 1981.

According to Falcon Features, the award was given "in recognition of her accomplishments as an educator, author, and pioneer in bringing medicine and literature together as 'healing arts.''

Last November, Banks contacted former Major Gifts Officer Bryan Sanders in the University Advancement office with the intention of making a donation to UWRF.

As Banks was an alumna of CAS, Brown was notified of the tentative gift and met with department chairs in the college to discuss a proposal for the funding. An agreement was reached to use the donation for the an interdisciplinary center, Brown said.

"There was a pretty clear consensus that this was what we wanted to ask for," she

After getting the go-ahead from Betz on the terms of the proposal, Brown and Sanders visited Banks at her home in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., to hammer out the details of the plan.

"We went down like a week after we heard from her," Brown said.

Banks took some time to ponder the proposal and agreed to make the donation, which the University received last May.

"She seemed to be very pleased with it, and then took some time, but then decided to fund it," Brown said.

The UWRF community will be able to benefit from Banks' vision.

"My hope is that it becomes recognized regionally as an incubator of innovative teaching and research, and nationally as a model for interdisciplinary studies," Brown

Betz said he believes the purpose of the center is in alignment with UWRFs mission.

"We want [students] to be successful citizens, successful leaders, and to have a broad international perspective," Betz said. "And I think [the center] will play right into all of

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addition to more stories, the new membership has brought about many benefits.

"My guys are excited, not just to air, but to be picked up by other schools in their newscasts," Ellis said. "We get to provide information to other students and get information from other schools."

WRFW Producer Melissa Latourelle agrees.

"This experience will not only allow us at UWRF to have a better newscast, but it will also get our own stories and voices to a wider audience." Latourelle said. "That is the kind of exposure and experience that can make a difference after graduation."

News director Tara Sowle also finds the membership beneficial.

"We get more stories and a wider perspective on things happening around the state."

Tara Sowle, news director

"We get more stories and a wider perspective on things happening around the state," she said. "Every school involved puts up stories that can be relevant to things happening in our area too, so it's like having more reporters stretched across the state."

Sowle also said one WRFW story in particular caught the eye of

"The story about Governor Doyle's visit received great reviews," Sowle said.

To listen, students can log on to www.uwrf.edu/wrfw/listen.htm. According to the official press release of the network, a halfhour program is under construction. This program will feature the

> "best of" stories from the network schools in addition to talk and feature segments.

> The production will rotate between member schools each semester. It is currently housed at UW-Madison.

> In addition to UWRF, the other schools participating in the network are UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater, UW-Eau Marquette Claire, University in Milwaukee

and Lawrence University in Appleton.

"This experience will

not only allow us at

UWRF to have a better

newscast, but it will

also get our own stories

and voices to a wider

audience."

Melissa Latourelle,

WRFW producer

A feature on the network will also be published in the October/November issue of the Society of Professional Journalists' Quill magazine.

Grant: Funds aim to better serve UWRF

from page 2

The hiring of Sommers during midterms was coincidental.

There are two full-time personal counselors at UWRF - Link and Elsesser.

Elsesser was made a full-time counselor in 2006 after serving as a part-time counselor since 2003. UWRF also has two part-



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

David Sommers awaits visits from employee base. The stressed students in his new office in department is in the Student Health Services.

time counselors - Jennifer Herink, who is on maternity leave, and Sommers.

But there is still a need for at least one more counselor on campus.

The average student to counselor ratio in the United States is 1,500-1. With the hiring of Sommers the ratio at UWRF is still more than 2,000-1.

The wait for an appointment with a counselor is one week, unless it's an emergency situa-

Last year one student had to wait three weeks to get an appointment with a counselor, which brought to light the fact that SHS was ill-equipped to

deal with the increase in student needs.

"I would like to say that in five years we have the healthiest campus in the UW system," Brown said.

The number of students Caskey sees with mental health issues has increased during his 15 years on campus.

"One of the things that became very apparent was that most faculty and staff had no training in dealing with this issue," he said. Grant funds allowed

Eisesser to design a faculty guide for dealing with student emotional distress.

"[Faculty] just felt kind of helpless dealing with those issues," she said.

The grant will also allow SHS to expand its process of hiring two student mental health

interns.

"We're hoping that students can help us more creatively," Reilly-Myklebust said.

SHS is also hoping the grant can help get a psychiatrist to assist the staff.

"I'm glad the school offers things for people that can't cope," Junior Laura Harsdorf, who has not sought counseling on campus, said. During stressful times such as midterms and finals she said she keeps everything in perspective.

"You not only have exams, but you have homework and your personal life," she said. "You have to get your mental, emotional, spiritual and physical life lined up."

Geography students take top honors at meeting Senior Capstone research

project leads UWRF students to regional conference

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UW-River Falls geography students took on the issue of environmental racism and presented their research, taking top honors

at a regional conference early last month. Seniors Amy Fox and Peter Tufigno won awards for Best Undergraduate Paper at the 2006 Association of American Geographers Joint Annual Meeting of the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Division and the West Lakes Division, which took place Oct. 5-7.

Fox won first place and Tufigno took second for their research on environmental racism, which was conducted during spring semester in their Geography 401 (Senior Capstone) course.

Assistant professor of geography John Heppen taught the course and encouraged many of his students to present their research at the 2006 regional conference.

Fox and Tufigno were the only ones who pursued his recommendation. The students' research findings were part

students collect data and make analyses. "[Environmental racism was chosen as the research topic because] geographers are interested in how humans interact in their

of an assignment for the course that had

environment," Heppen said. The class defined environmental racism "as the discriminatory geographic distribution of polluting, dangerous and hazardous waste industries near and next to minority neighborhoods or communities.'

Fox and Tufigno's research was very good, he said. "With the research they did, they could go to graduate school." Tufigno and Fox, however, said they are

undecided about attending graduate school. Both used data from various sources, as well as a Geographic Information System, to analyze the geographic patterns.



Peter Tufigno

Tufigno researched the different ethnicities coming in and out of the Lake Street area in Minneapolis. "I noticed a lot of eth-

change in the area," Tufigno said. "I thought it would be interesting to look at that change." Tufigno said he chose

diversity

to research Lake Street because he lived and worked in the area for a couple of

"What I found was there was a lower standard of living." he said. "There were more vacant units in the area and a higher turnover rate."

What he also found was a higher concentration of black people in the area.

Although he discovered this, he couldn't directly relate ethnicity to the standard of living. "I could take statistics of what neighborhoods were worse, but I couldn't say race was related," Tufigno said.

Fox conducted a research study on the race composition of the communities surrounding nuclear power plants in the United States.



"[I chose this topic] because I am interested in the human side of geography, and finding out why people are where they are and how their environment affects them," Fox said. She focused on Native American communities and nuclear plant locations because she

wanted to see why Native Americans are the only racial group inequitably affected by nuclear power plants.

Fox found that in comparison to the Native American population, it seemed nuclear plants most disproportionately affected them. Both Fox and Tufigno said the conference

was a good experience.

Tufigno said he chose to attend the conference to get experience and network with

Fox said she thought it would be a good way to have her research heard.

"I figured, as a senior this was my last chance to present my information and share my research with someone else," she said.

Undergraduate students, graduate students and professors from around the

"With the research they did, they could go to graduate school."

John Heppen, assistant professor of geography

United States attended the conference,

which was located in Lincoln, Neb. Fox and Tufigno were the only UW students who attended.

Heppen also went to the conference, and said 96 papers were presented.

"What I liked about Amy and Peter was they each gave 20-minute presentations," Heppen said. "Most undergrad students just used posters rather than a formal oral presentation."

"I chose to do an oral presentation because I thought people would more likely listen to my research," Fox said.

Fox and Tufigno said the conference provided them with a good experience. "It was my first conference," Tufigno

said. "I gained more confidence in my work, and feel more comfortable presenting things in front of people." By attending the conference, "I was able

to find out about a variety of topics that geography can cover," Fox said. This is the second year at least one UWRF

student has attended the conference. "As far as I know, no other UWRF stu-

dent have won awards at geography conferences," Heppen said.

Miscellaneous

Ashley Pray, a UWRF art major from Somerset, WI is having her senior exhibition, "Crayons and Layers" in the KFA gallery 101 from November 8-14, 2006. Her show will consists of fiber and dye crayon research she has evolved for the last 2 years. The research involves making large scale wall hangings using handmade dye crayons on gauzy silk as well as denser fabric. Her imagery explores abstract geometric shapes, the human form and garments.

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K-Fed has rap skills, lacks his own voice



Helen Clarke

Tdidn't have enough initial faith to actually buy the record. But Kevin Federline (aka Mr. Britney Spears) and his debut album, "Playing With Fire," offer some pleasant - and humorous surprises.

Let's start at the beginning. According to the intro track, the album is apparently a set of stories K-Fed tells his grandchildren later in life. I guess if you want your spawn to be known for their pot smoking and alco-

kevin Federline

Kevin Federline's debut album,

"Playing With Fire," dropped Oct. 31.

holism, these are good stories to tell. Otherwise cover your ears, kids.

The first song worth listening to is "America's Most Hated."

It unfortunately starts out with, "I'm the talk of the town." Egoism aside, I must say that in this piece he sounds a lot like Eminem - who I have an extreme amount of respect for. Federline definitely has the flow

down, as well as a pretty stellar talent for imitation. But for some reason I don't think that's what he was going

The next song, "Snap," is a disappointment, in that it makes him sound like a rich, club-hopping pothead. Not the former car wash attendant, gold digger and father of four we've come to know and love. Oh, how terribly mis-

Now here's where the shock comes in. I found myself bobbing my head to the beat of "Lose Control.

Maybe it's because I'm a rock fan and the song is apparently "that hip-hop flavor mixed with a little bit of rock and roll." But it's a damn catchy song, and I'm sure all you KDWB listeners will have this one stuck in your head in a matter of days.

The seventh track, "Privilege," begins

with that slow, sex groove we all know and love. But it's a huge disappointment to all law-abiding citizens when the first words out of his mouth are, "Let's get something to smoke."

I guess it fits though, considering Federline's voice could be easily mistaken for one of the most infamous lovers of women and weed - Snoop Dogg. The song lacks originality, but it definitely works for him - the flow is again excellent. Unfortunately, the song lost me at the first mention of Hennessey. Now that's just too cliché.

I guess it would be "Crazy" to think the woman who made K-Fed famous (and rich) wouldn't make a vocal appearance on his debut album. Brit repetitiously chants, "And they say I'm crazy for loving you, for feeling you ... and maybe I'm a little crazy, but they don't know all the things you do."

No one would argue for her musical talent, but she is definitely worse than her hubby. At least she's hot though, right? With titles like,

"World is Mine" and "Dance With a Pimp," you shouldn't be surprised to find out that Federline's ego is the biggest problem with this record.

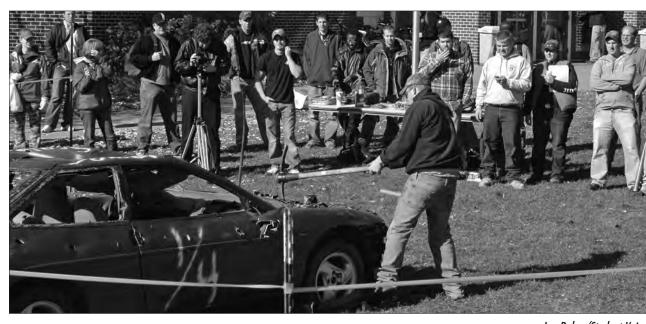
He has obviously spent a lot of time listening to rap, as

he easily morphs into Snoop and Em at various points on the album. While he clearly has skill as a rapper, he won't get anywhere without a voice of his

Since news of his musical dream broke, Federline has widely been criticized as an Eminem wannabe with rapping skills reminiscent of Vanilla Ice. But check your own judgment at the door - this album absolutely deserves a

No, K-Fed will never be the lyrical genius that is Eminem, but let's face it tacky white rap or not, "Ice Ice Baby" has somehow managed to transcend time. Maybe 15 years from now we'll still be singing about K-Fed's "hip-hop flavor mixed with a little bit of rock

CONSTRUCTIVE DESTRUCTION



Jen Dolen/Student Voice

Student Rudy Raatz smashes a vehicle he donated to the UW-River Falls 1/4 Scale Tractor Pulling Team fundraiser. Participants paid \$3 per minute to destroy the car Oct. 25 outside the Student Center.

Festival celebrates diversity

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To teach people about cultures different from their own, live music, a fashion show and a play all revolving around cultures are being presented by the Asian American Student Association (AASA) in the form of the Cultural Fest.

The annual festival observing UW-River Falls' Asian Awareness Month will be different this year than in years past. The event is scheduled for Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the River Room of Rodli Commons.

When AASA was in the preparation phase for Cultural Fest earlier this semester, the goals of the event were discussed.

AASA Co-president Xou Thao said the organization's leaders asked, "What is culture?"

In the past the event centered primarily around Asian cultures, but the concept is now changing. For the festival to be true to its name, Thao said there shouldn't be just one culture represent-

"This year we wanted to spread out the focus," Thao said, "as well as make people aware that we are here."

One of the main goals of Cultural Fest is to educate the campus community about the diversity that exists at UWRF. Highlighting the Asian cultures is part of that goal.

AASA Public Relations Director Cha Lee said there is now not enough representation of diversity on campus, yet Paj Thaib Niam Nkauj Kuab Kaws,' there are more students coming in each year making the University a more diverse place.

"We want to educate people," she said. "And to show them what other cultures are like."

It is also important to Lee to invite all students to join in not only the festivities hosted by diversity organizations, such as AASA, but to join the organizations themselves and become mem-

"I want [students] to understand it's OK for them to come and join us," she said. "It's for anyone."

Thao not only wanted to highlight non-Asian cultures, but also show the contrasts between individual Asian cultures.

We want to get everyone to notice the Asian cultures," Thao said. "To teach them about the differences from each other is important."

Another goal, Thao said, is to try to help the community.

"We want to help out any way, shape or form that we can," he said.

Aiding in the education process will be the Community Action Theater Troupe (CATTS) through a play the group will perform at the Cultural

the 12-person production reenacts a of the past and present. popular Hmong folklore.

"The skit by CATTS will be a traditional Hmong story titled 'Nkauj Zuag according to an Oct. 30 press release. "Which translated to 'Flower Maiden and Lady Toad."

The comedic play is about a halfhour long.

"It's a popular legend," Xiong said. "I wouldn't be surprised if a few non-Asian students knew the story." CATTS chose the Hmong storyline

"because of Asian month," Xiong said. In addition to the play, AASA will also host a fashion show at Cultural The fashion show is one of the main

opportunities AASA created for the other diversity organizations to be integrated into Cultural Fest. Thao said AASA asked the Latino

Student Organization, Black Student Union and Native American Council to participate in the fashion show. He said the fashion show will showcase "traditional clothing" of both

males and females for each diversity group. Thao said a popular Asian band, Watching Leona, is scheduled to per-

form at the gathering. Hmong dances will also be presented. In addition to commemorating Asian Awareness Month with Cultural Fest,

AASA will have a display in the CATTS President Carol Xiong said library with respectable Asian figures

Blood, auts, aore cannot replace a movie plot



Jenna Lee

here's nothing like a good, **■** old fashioned slasher film to really get the Halloween spirit going.

From the first scene to the last, the blood and guts keep pumping and never let up. I definitely spent a lot of the time watching "Saw III" through the fingers covering my eyes. I guess it hasn't been all that long since "Saw II" came out, but I had totally forgotten how disturbing the whole plot really is. I mean, your odds of surviving those tests aren't really that good are they? I had forgotten the graphic depictions of pain and suffering, but after a while my stomach dropped back down out of my throat and I was able to watch the rest in delightful hor-

The film starts off trying to explain what happened to poor Donny Wahlberg when he got stuck in the game at the end of the last film. And boy, did he hang tough! But before we get to see his whole story, more victims are found.

But something isn't right with these deaths - Jigsaw's M.O. has changed, leaving no way for anyone to actually survive. I would have felt bad for those particular victims, but you never get the in-depth character backgrounds for them like in the first two films. Even the female doctor, whose game relies on keeping the dying

a story either. We just know she is a neglectful mother and cheating wife. If Jigsaw really made all those types of people play his games, it's possible there would be more sequels than the Jason and Halloween movies put together.

What the doctor doesn't know is that her husband is also playing a game that will eventually lead to her, but he must first learn how to forgive the people responsible for their son's death by a drunk driver. The husband gets through his tasks very quickly and shows his mercy like no other "Saw" character has before.

I almost thought for a moment that compassion was really going to prevail this time.

But before I had time to contemplate the human condition, another question popped into my head - one that I couldn't get out for the rest of the film.

How big is that house, seriously? All the games involved in the main plots of the films take place in the same building. Wouldn't the landlord notice a smell or something?

I guess Jigsaw could own the property himself, maybe. But still, aren't there neighboring buildings, homeless people or something else that would give the location up?

Amanda, the junkie who was the first person to survive Jigsaw's game, is still his accomplice. We get to see how she has fit into his plans more than we ever knew or probably wanted to know.

While the doctor is playing her game, Amanda becomes needier for Jigsaw's attention, so she acts out like a child by screaming and waving a gun, completely

Jigsaw alive, is not really given ignoring what Jigsaw is really telling her.

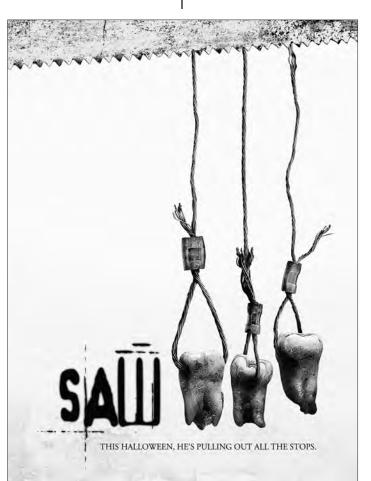
At the end of the first two "Saw" movies, it was obvious that sequels were on the way. I'm sure there will be one after "Saw III," since this series has become such a cash cow for the

But if guessing the plot for the next film was the game Jigsaw gave me, you would probably find me locked inside the Student Voice office, torn to pieces by some bizarre machine.



Nick Welsh

For me, horror has always been a hit-and-miss category. Sometimes horror films have a really good story to them, or they may just portray



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

stupid teenagers we love yelling, "Look behind you!"

In the past two years, "Saw" and its sequel were released, which deservedly fall into the first category. Unfortunately the latest installment, "Saw III," never does reach the bar set by its predecessors.

It continues where the story left off, with Detective Matthews chained in a bathroom and Jigsaw once again disappearing into the night. With his protégé, Amanda, he creates another one of his cruel games that involves two people: Dr. Lynn Denlon, who is a surgeon, and Jeff, who after a few years is still grieving the loss of his son and seeking revenge.

Like before, they are kidnapped and dropped off at an undisclosed location. I was hoping that by the third time around the writers would have finally revealed to us how Jigsaw learns about his victims and their personal secrets, but annoyingly that information is never revealed to us.

For those who have already seen "Saw I" and "Saw II," we learn that Jigsaw has a brain tumor that is slowly killing him, confining him to a bed and supported by an oxygen tank. Already, this game of his has started, and so he forces the doctor to keep him alive until Jeff's ordeal is finished. If not, Lynn too will lose her life.

Unlike in the previous two films, which had incredibly complex and impressively interconnecting stories, the plot this time around is really bare. It seemed that before there was always another story below the surface, emerging in the end and shocking us.

This time around, we seem to be looking more at flashbacks, witnessing scenarios we've already seen before, offering little new information. Yes, people are still being killed in gruesome and horrific ways, but they seemed to last for shorter periods of time than

Simply put, there really were few surprises this time around. Unlike before when it may have been mind-boggling, perhaps forcing us to think of something like, "How did I not see it before?" That just doesn't happen here.

The first film was terrific because it wasn't a rip-off of "Halloween" or "Friday the 13th." Instead it had an intrinsic story with plenty of originality and suspense.

It dealt with psychological pain on numerous levels, and what we may be willing to do for survival or to learn about the safety of loved ones. All the characters were introduced right away in the beginning and behaved rationally. That way, once everything was revealed to us, we could gain an appreciation for the movie.

I thought the second movie was great because it continued like before, only extending to include more characters and the astonishing connections to the first film.

The third time around, there is nothing new to learn from Jigsaw or anyone else. Sure, the blood and gore were realistic, but that was really the only positive characteristic.

I guess it comes to show that no matter how good a horror film may be, you can only make so many sequels until you run out of material to work with, thereby making further installments lame. In my eyes, that is precisely what happened

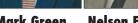
Jenna is a junior studying journalism and music Nick is a senior studying history. He enjoys watchhistory. She enjoys watching dark comedy movies. ing comic book superhero movies.











Mark Green

Incumbents are designated by asterisks. The candidate listing was compiled by Samantha Wenwoi.

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It's another election year, and the UW-River Falls community is

preparing to cast ballots on Nov. 7. This guide was created especially for UWRF students to answer questions about the procedure.

Pierce County Sheriff

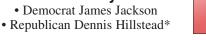
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• Democrat James Jackson





Voting essentials

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Registering to vote

Students living in River Falls may register to vote in River Falls. Students wishing to vote in hometown races may register in their municipalities using their permanent (home) addresses. Votes must then be cast in the city of registration.

Wisconsin

The deadline for pre-registering to vote in the state of Wisconsin

People can still register at the municipal clerk's office in their city prior to Election Day, or at their polling place the day of.

To be eligible to vote in the desired city of registration, one must reside at the current address for at least 10 days prior to the election. A driver's license or state identification number should be provided at registration. If neither are available, the last four digits of a Social Security Number can be used.

Proof of residency in the city must be established. Examples of acceptable forms of proof are a school ID with photo or a library card. A complete list of suitable forms of proof is available at the City of River Falls Web site: www.rfcity.org/local/votetax.html. This list also applies to all voters who wish to register throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Late registrations in River Falls are being accepted until Election Day at the municipal clerk's office at City Hall, 123 E. Elm St, which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to River Falls Deputy City Clerk Lu Ann Hecht, if one registers to vote in River Falls, they do give up the right to vote at their permanent (home) address. Residency at the permanent address must be re-established if they wish to vote there, Hecht said.

Minnesota

Pre-registration ended Oct. 17 in Minnesota.

Registration also takes place at the polling place on Election Day. According to the Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State Web site, examples of acceptable forms of proof of identification and residency required for registration are a Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, identification card, or receipt for one, with a current (or permanent/home) address.

A complete list of satisfactory forms of proof is available at the Web site at www.sos.state.mn.us/home/index.asp.

Polling locations

Polling places in Wisconsin and Minnesota are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. One must vote at the polling place closest to the address used to register to vote.

According to Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, political science department chair and pre-registration coordinator on campus, voters should bring a form of identification with them to the polls.

"If you really want to vote, just bring it with," Gladstone-Sovell

Students who pre-registered should have received a postcard in the mail with their polling place information, she said.

The city of River Falls is divided into four aldermanic, or voting, districts. The UWRF campus is located in District 2.

Students residing on campus who are registered to vote in River

Falls will cast their ballots at Rodli Commons on Election Day. For students residing off-campus in River Falls who are registered to vote in the city, a link to the voting district map, which includes polling place locations, may be reached at the City of River Falls Web site.

Greater Wisconsin

Students voting in greater Wisconsin may obtain their polling place data from the municipal clerk in the city they registered to vote in. A list of Wisconsin municipal clerks is available at the Wisconsin State Elections Board Web site at elections.state.wi.us/.

Minnesota

A polling place finder on the Minnesota Secretary of State Web site gives Minnesota residents a quick and easy way to find the location. The direct link to the finder is pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/.

Absentee ballots

Registered voters who cannot make it to the polling place on

Election Day have the option to cast an absentee ballot. The deadline for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot through the mail has already passed. However, one may still cast a ballot in person prior to Nov. 7.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Campaign signs illustrating the candidates running for various government offices are displayed at the intersection of Cascade Avenue and Highway 35 in River Falls. Elections will be held nationwide on Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

goals for Pierce County

Blair Bengs blair.bengs@uwrf.edu

Pierce County Sheriff Everett common - both want to be sher-

Pierce County as sheriff since Community watch programs 2001, Ortwerth is attempting to are also beneficial when people make 2006 her first year in are out of town, as residents are

Despite office. Muhlhausen's drive to continue and Ortwerth's dreams to begin, only one will be Pierce County Sheriff after Election Day on Tuesday.

Throughout their campaigns both candidates have highlighted their goals for Nancy Ortwerth Pierce County, and the budget is a clear concern for the incumbent and the challenger.

During the past two to three years the budget has been fewer than \$5 million, with a majority of that sum being spent on wages, Muhlhausen said.

If elected, Ortwerth will focus on the

budget as a primary objective, showed Muhlhausen one clear seeing as she does not believe issue was on his staff's minds -Pierce County residents should a shrinking budget. be responsible for financial issues, she said.

Everett

Muhlhausen

"I don't think the people, the budget restrictions. community itself, knows what we need," she said.

informed public opinions and election. open minds."

While the budget is a pressing issue for both candidates, Ortwerth's true area of expertise is the D.A.R.E. program.

Abuse Resistance Education) is room lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through lives free of drugs and violence, sion. according to its Web site.

full time with the Pierce

County Sheriff's Department,

community watch programs have been his crowning achievement.

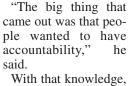
"People will have lived in a Muhlhausen and Pierce County community for 15, 20 years and D.A.R.E. Officer Nancy never known their neighbors," Ortwerth have one thing in he said. "They get talking, have events and know who to call. They can work amongst them-While Muhlhausen has served selves to solve the issue."

going on in the neighborhood," he said. An internal function

"more alert to what is

Muhlhausen values is the department evalua-Before taking over in

2001, he had the opportunity to interview former Sheriff Hines and the rest of the staff.



Muhlhausen has spent the past five years working to build a structure for accountability, and in the spring of 2006 he reevaluated the department.

This reevaluation

"It is going to affect our way of doing business," he said of

It appears the Pierce County Sheriff's Department will be Ortwerth's solution to the undergoing an evaluation problem is "more well- regardless of who wins the

According to her Web site, www.nancyortwerthforsheriff.c om, Ortwerth lists her internal goals as improving communications and teamwork, restor-The D.A.R.E. program (Drug ing department morale, and conducting a complete and an officer-led series of class- unbiased assessment of the department.

Muhlhausen's five years as 12th grade how to resist peer Pierce County sheriff have left pressure and live productive him with one concrete impres-

"I like being sheriff," he said. Throughout the 29 years "It has given me the opportuni-Muhlhausen has been working ty to form a department that I am proud of."

Sheriff candidates highlight | Wisconsin Assembly incumbent challenged

UWRF alumni contend for District 30 votes

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On Tuesday River Falls voters will choose their representative the Taxpayer Protection for State Assembly between two UW-River Falls alumni with a 33-year age gap and ideological differences typical of today's politicians.

Those candidates are incumbent Republican Kitty Rhoades, 55, and 22-year-old Democrat Dan Gorman.

Rhoades' message to voters is

"I have a proven track record of identifying the issue and getting things done," she said. But Gorman disagrees with

her history. "It seems I have a different view of the direction Wisconsin should be headed," he said.

"When Kitty Rhoades voted 97 percent of the time with republican leadership, you wonder where her decisionmaking process comes from."

Rhoades said she has raised bipartisan support on a number of issues.

"When I talked with some of my counterparts they are really amazed," she said of the support. Yet Gorman said he

believes those words should be taken with a grain of salt. "When Assembly and Senate

are both controlled by one party, then we of bipartisan," he said.

Increasing tuition is a major issue for UWRF students, and both candidates are aware of that.

"We need to create more grants," Gorman said. "This high debt load is really starting

to hurt the population at large." Rhoades has a different strategy to combat the problem. "I think it's critically impor-

tant that increases in financial

aid keep pace with increases in

tuition," she said. "There needs to be a justifiable formula to equalize the division of funds to Wisconsin campuses.' Gorman said Rhoades' agen-

da could end programs that are vital for many UWRF students. "She supports programs like

Amendment that will likely end reciprocity," he said. "It might not be an action item, but I would not be surprised if it came up again." That charge is outrageous,

worked with members of the Minnesota Department of Revenue to save reciprocity in the past. The candidates also have dif-

Rhoades said, adding that she

ferent ideas for building Wisconsin's economy. "We need to provide the infra-

structure to keep good jobs here," Rhoades said. Gorman has a four-point plan

for a better Wisconsin. The first point is a progressive economic development plan.

> "We should use our government's money to invest in health care, education and infrastructure," said. "A healthy, educated population improves the lives of

> the average citizen." The other points of Gorman's plan are: encouraging free, fair and informed elections; protecting the environment demanding responsibility; and government ethics reform.

Rhoades has been entrenched as the Kitty Rhoades District 30 representa-

tive since she first have to question the definition took office in 1998, serving four two-year terms.

Gorman said he decided to run because he is concerned with the direction the state is

"[Being young] helps running on reform because a fresh face is a new face," Gorman said. "It's about time we get a more diverse group of candidates running.'

