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‘Whorehouse’ opens at UWRF



The actresses from the UWRF production, “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” left to right, Alexis Simmons, Brittany Engler, Kelsey Anderson, Sylvia Wadzinski and Cassie Nielson, act out a scene during an Oct. 23 dress rehearsal. The play opened Oct. 25 and will be performed Oct. 25-27, as well as Nov. 1-3 in the Davis Theater located in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building.

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Resolved budget will benefit UW System

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Nearly four months after its original deadline, State Legislators have finally passed a State budget that favors the UW System.

There had been a stalemate between the Democrat led Senate and the Republican led State Assembly in the past months over how to balance the Wisconsin State budget.

Democrats wanted to raise taxes on cigarettes, tax the profits of oil companies and put a tax hospitals, while Republicans wanted to cut spending, including a cut to the UW System Funding, instead of raising taxes.

The two sides came to an agreement Tuesday and approved a proposal that compromises between the two extremes. A \$1 per pack tax on cigarettes was approved while the tax on hospitals and oil companies was dropped. The deal also will transfer \$200 million from a fund used for medical malpractice victims to the general budget fund.

The UW System has received budget cuts over the last five years, Chancellor Don Betz said. The budget passed this week provides a modest increase in funding for new initiatives at UW-River Falls.

“We are truly pleased that the Legislature in a bipartisan manner voted to support UW-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin System,” Betz said in a press release.

The new budget increases funding to the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant, a financial aid program for low-income students, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, Mary Halada said.

Nearly 200 students on campus receive the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant. The future of these students was left in limbo early this year after the funds for the grant were insufficient to cover the students who needed the aid. As a result many were placed on waiting lists until the money issue was worked out. It comes as relief that the new budget contains an increase to this grant.

“It’s comforting to know that I’ll still be able to afford school here,” senior Nathan Rugroden, a Wisconsin Higher Education Grant recipient, said.

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New health care programs cause worry among staff

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On Nov. 5, the faculty and staff of UW-River Falls have a tough decision to make.

A change in the health care system has left many scrambling for information and searching for answers regarding each of the three providers which they must choose from: Humana West, Anthem and the Standard Plan, also referred to as the Wisconsin Physician Service (WPS).

However, these options do not cover visits to doctors or specialists in Minnesota, Faculty Senate Chair David Rainville said. Only Anthem covers a small amount of providers in St. Louis County.

“This poses an incredible hardship on people, as most specialist providers are

in Minnesota and the Twin Cities,” he said. “This is clearly a major inconvenience.”

Rainville said about 40 percent of the faculty and staff at UWRF live in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, which means that they will have to find new family practice and specialist doctors.

Along with choosing a new provider, faculty and staff—including administration personnel, professors and even janitors—must also choose how much coverage they want. The three options are distinguished by Tier 1, which is the least amount of coverage; Tier 2, which is broader coverage; and Tier 3, which is the most extensive and expensive coverage.

“About four or five years ago, the faculty had Tier 2 coverage, which meant that they could see any doctor, physician or specialist in Wisconsin or Minnesota. It was a really good pack-

age,” Stephen Olsen, chair of the Faculty Compensation Committee, said. “Basically, out of the blue, the new plans came out and revealed that Tier 1 and Tier 2 plans no longer include any Minnesota providers, including doctors, hospitals, specialists or physical therapists.”

Olsen said the new Tier 1 option expands coverage, as long as a person doesn’t get sick enough to have to go to Minnesota for treatment, as the closest major Wisconsin facility with specialists is in Marshfield, nearly a two and-a-half hour drive from River Falls. This rings especially true with Rainville, as he has had surgery four times already this year.

“This will now force me to have to find a new doctor,” he said.

According to a state-published guide regarding these changes, the Tier 1 family plan costs \$68/month, the Tier 2

family plan \$150/month and the Tier 3 option \$358/month.

“Faculty salaries at UW-River Falls are among the lowest in the system,” Rainville said. “And the cost of living in this area is the highest in Wisconsin.”

“It isn’t just the state trying to screw us, it’s the cost, too,” Olsen added.

The Employee Trust Fund (ETF) is the organization overseeing the health insurance changes, which affects all people employed by the state of Wisconsin. Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Mary Halada received a letter from ETF on Aug. 31 notifying her of the changes. However, she said she is not fond of the new plans, as many people will have to switch from their lifelong family doctors.

“Certainly continuity of care is huge,” she said. “But we have to make a deci-

sion.”

Faculty and staff are also upset with the distribution of insurance providers by county. A map included in the state-published guide shows that there are four Tier 1 options in Dane County, which includes Madison.

“The problem happens to lie with us because of this county,” Olsen said. “This is a major devastation of health inequality. Everybody isn’t suffering equally.”

“I think that the state folks who determine these plans for us don’t understand our area,” Halada said.

On Oct. 17, there was a faculty health fair in Hagestad Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from each of the three providers were on hand to address the faculty and staff, who were encouraged to submit questions and concerns.

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Health policies help avoid complications

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Students should learn about their health insurance policy to avoid complications when they get sick or injured, Director of Student Health Services Alice Reilly-Myklebust said.

In the 2006 National College of Health Assessment of UW-River Falls students, close to 6 percent of respondents didn’t know whether or not they had health insurance. This illustrates how seldom students think about health insurance, Reilly-Myklebust said.

Most insurance policies have a number of treatments and preventative screenings they don’t cover. Reilly-Myklebust recommends that students study these exclusions and call before going to the doctor if they’re unsure whether or not something is covered.

“The bottom line is, if a student gets a treatment that’s not covered by their insurance, the student has to pay out of pocket,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

Sophomore Sid Rasmussen, who is covered through his parents’ health insurance policy, said he gets confused when he thinks about the specifics of health

insurance. He took the time to learn the benefits and exclusions of his policy, and this knowledge helped him avoid insurance confusion the one time he sought medical attention since starting college, Rasmussen said.

Students also need to be aware of the policies of their insurance company regarding deductibles, preferred providers, claims and co-pays, Reilly-Myklebust said.

Patients may need to pay a certain amount, a deductible, for the year before their insurance company begins paying for medical care. Additionally, the policy may pay less for treatments when patients seek care outside of their network of preferred health care providers.

In some instances, insurance companies may require policy holders to send in a claim form along with copies of their medical bills.

Other insurance policies require co-pays, which means that the student and the insurance company each pay a preset portion of a certain treatment.

Students should also make sure they are not underinsured, Reilly-Myklebust said.

Some cheaper plans have very

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Career Fair draws mixed reactions

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Students gathered in the University Center Riverview Ballroom Oct. 17, as just short of 100 recruiters from employers and graduate schools visited for the 16th annual UW-River Falls Career Fair. This year’s fair gave students from all grade levels the chance to meet with prospective employers and graduate schools to see what they have to offer.

History senior Hsajune Dyan, 24, came to the Career Fair because he wanted to get more information about the Peace Corps., an organization that sends students who have a two or four-year degree to places all over the globe for volunteer work.

“That’s my only aim so far, to check out the Peace Corps. booth and ask good questions,” Dyan said, prior to entering the event. “I want to go abroad and do volunteer work.”

He spoke with Tammy Duve, a recruiter from the organization. Duve was very inquisitive with students who approached her, and she displayed thorough knowledge about the organization.

“I think service careers are growing in popularity,” Duve said. “I think students who are coming out of any undergraduate programs are more globally minded.”

After speaking with Duve, Dyan said his mission was fulfilled at the Career Fair, and he got what he came for.

Accounting senior Josh Kerr walked around the Career Fair with his head up. He came prepared like most of the stu-

dents and was well dressed for the event.

“I’m basically looking for internships,” Kerr said. “I’m trying to get some work experience early is what I’m hoping.”

Getting experience while still attending college is a very important step toward success, Carmen Croonquist, UWRF director of career services said.

“It’s so hard to get it [experience] after the fact if you’re a student,” Croonquist said.

Marketing Communications senior Cassie Staubus was the Career Fair coordinator this year. Staubus invited 3,500 companies to the event. The invitation process begins in the summer, and the first 100 that respond are guaranteed a spot in the Career Fair. Open access to the event is required by law, so it is legally impossible to deny a company that accepts the invitation.

Student Jannette Paulu, an animal science major with an equine emphasis, was frustrated that the event did not have any representatives present from a business that catered to her major.

“In the three years [that she has attended] they have not had one horse, barn or equine related employer...” Paulu said. “They need to start diversifying.”



Josh Dahlke/Student Voice
Senior Hsajune Dyan talks with a recruiter from the Peace Corps. at the 16th annual UWRF Career Fair.

Many of the companies that attend the Career Fair have been doing so for years, and they are quick to accept their invitation, Staubus said. The event is on a first come first serve basis in order to ensure good planning, which makes it difficult to cater to the specific needs of students. Faculty from every department are notified, however, so they have the opportunity to request that certain companies be invited that will be beneficial for their students.

The idea of a two-day fair has been discussed, Staubus said, and is a possibility for the future. The Career Fair has always been held in the gymnasium, so this year the transition to the new University Center was a trial in itself.

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Freeman Drug robbed for the second time

River Falls Police have a man in custody after Freeman Drug Inc. was robbed for the second time this month Wednesday morning. The 47-year-old male suspect came into the pharmacy demanding OxyContin, and poured a flammable liquid on the floor, police said. The suspect was given a bottle of the drug; he then ran out of the store. Pharmacy owner Leah Gavin chased the man down, and with the aid of a citizen, the suspect was caught and held while the River Falls Police were notified.

Police arrived and brought the man to the River Falls Police Station. Shortly after arriving, the man collapsed. He was then transported to the River Falls Area Hospital to be evaluated. He was then taken to the Pierce County Jail.

This robbery and a similar robbery that occurred Oct. 15 at Freeman are being investigated by the River Falls Police Department.

Chancellor continues Coffee with The Times

Chancellor Don Betz will discuss issues in the Middle East. The talk entitled “Transitions in the Middle East” will spend time discussing the proposed international conference currently championed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, plus Iraq after the Petraeus/Crocker report, and the role of Iran in the political waters of the Middle East. All of these issues have been raised in *The New York Times* in recent weeks. Betz chose the topic due to the number of significant issues currently on the global political agenda that are centered in the Middle East.

Betz has a continuing professional interest in the region and its issues. From 1982 through 2003, Betz worked for and with the United Nations on Middle East issues. He created and chaired the International Coordinating Committee on the Question of Palestine (ICCP), a UN-affiliated non-governmental organization (NGO) network pursuing peace in the Middle East based on UN resolutions.

The event will be held 3:30 p.m., Oct. 30, 1874 Room in the University Center. The event is free and open to the public. The Coffee With the Times series is sponsored by the American Democracy Project and *The New York Times* Readership Program at UW-River Falls. For more information, please contact Colleen Callahan at 715-425-3169.

Cyber Security Awareness Month ends

The final week in October is a comprehensive review of all previous security topics. There will be a haunted house in FredNet Services (basement of East Hathorn) all day on Halloween (Oct. 31) with free candy, spooky decorations, information packets and techs available to answer your questions. The haunted house will be open between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Look for more information online at www.frednet.uwrf.edu/, www.its.uwrf.edu/, www.uwrf.edu/desire2learn/ and on Channel 24. Also look for fliers at the IT Services Helpdesk (basement of Chalmer Davee Library), front desks of residence halls and the University Center.

Local horror films showcased on campus

On Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. students can watch local horror films. The event will feature pure Midwestern horror and macabre, and show films from Wisconsin and Minnesota’s disturbed independent filmmaker. Featured titles include: “There’s a Werewolf in my Attic,” “Your Next 3: Pajama Party Massacre,” “Unsettled, Beerwolf,” and many more short films including trailers and coming attractions. These films are unrated and contain graphic content including: violence, gore, nudity, foul language and other disturbing images.

This event is free and open to the public. The films will be shown at the University Center in the Kinnikinnic Theater.

Campus Lab Farm hosts haunted pavilion

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Halloween night at the lab farm, there will be a family-friendly haunted house. There will be a \$4 admission, or \$3 with a non-perishable food item. Children ages 6 and under are free. Refreshments and candy will be provided at the end.

The spooky festivities take place at Lab Farm 1.

Symphony band to play a tribute concert

At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1, there will be a tribute concert for John Zdechlik, a composer and conductor. Zdechlik is a native of Minneapolis, Minn.

Zdechlik has composed over 60 works for band, small ensembles and solo musicians. He is still writing, conducting, and traveling as a guest conductor and clinician. He is the conductor for the Minneapolis Brass Ensemble. A Tribute to John Zdechlik will feature Andy Parks on Concerto for Horn and Balade featuring Rick Gaynor, Euphonium. The concert program will include the World Premiere of On a Thomas Tallis Theme. Come meet John Zdechlik and listen to his lifetime contributions to the musical world.

The concert is open to everyone. Adults are \$5, seniors \$3, students with ID \$2. The event will be held in William Abbott Concert Hall.

Guest to visit UWRF from Guthrie Theatre

Nov. 2, from 11 a.m.to 12:30 p.m. Mel Springer, master props craftsman from the Guthrie Theatre, will be speaking in the Stage Technology and Scene Design Class.

Everyone is welcome. Come hear Mel talk about his work as a prop artist and see the techniques he uses to solve artistic problems for the Guthrie Theatre.

If you have any questions please contact Ken Stofferahn, B2 Kleinpell Fine Arts. The event is free and will be held in 108 Kleinpell Fine Arts.

UWRF Athletes Trick or Treat for canned goods

The UW-River Falls student athletes will be collecting canned goods this Halloween as part of their annual Trick or Treat for Canned Goods. Members of various athletic teams will be trick or treating throughout the community on Oct. 31 in hopes of collecting canned or non-perishable goods for the local food shelves. Last year this program collected 879 food items, and this year’s goal is 1,500.

If you wish to donate to this cause but will not be at home on Halloween evening, there will be a donation bin in the Karges Center through Nov. 2. This program is sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. S.A.A.C. is an organization committed to enhancing the student athlete experience through community involvement.

Senate meeting focuses on Family Day, budget, campus safety

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Family Day, an impending budget and campus safety concerns were all topics of discussion at Tuesday night’s Student Senate meeting.

The meeting began with a detailed report from Mike Hovestol concerning the current status of the Information and Instructional Technology Committee (IITC). The committee, whose operations unite many of the councils that deal with technology on campus, remains grossly underrepresented, with only two of the seven available representative spots filled. Hovestol and President Derek Brandt urged Senators to bring their input to the table as well as encourage other students to do the same.

“[IITC] is what is responsible for the bulk of what makes things work on campus technology-wise,” Brandt said.

Shared Governance Director Cindy Bendix announced that the Student Association meeting originally scheduled for Nov. 23 has been moved to Nov. 13 in the University Center. Students are welcome to attend the meeting, which will basically serve as a large forum for discussion of issues that students feel need to be addressed.

The legislature passed the compromise 2007-09 biennial budget for UW-River Falls and the UW System Oct. 23. It still must be signed by Gov. Doyle Oct. 26.

The budget will provide Wisconsin

Higher Education Grant increases, fund First Year Experience to improve student retention, provide funds for the Health and Human Performance Building, as well as enable the expansion project for the George R. Field South Fork Suites II, according to a campus-wide e-mail from Chancellor Betz.



Derek Brandt

A Senate delegation is scheduled to travel to Madison at the end of the week in order to show support for Gov. Doyle, who “has supported the UW System through this whole process,” Brandt said.

Safety concerns were a topic of much discussion, from danger areas on campus to residence

hall security. An upcoming Safety Walk Nov. 27 will give students the opportunity to address safety concerns, such as poor crosswalk conditions and poorly lit sections of walkway, with officials such as Public Safety Director Dick Trende and Chancellor Betz.

Student Senate Advisor Gregg Heinselman brought up WCCO’s recent experiment that tested security levels on campus and found that six out of six times, individuals were able to gain entry to residence halls without identification. Often, this is due to the practice of entering a building and holding the door for someone

Family Day continues at UW-River Falls

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UW-River Falls is putting on its newly revived Family Day event designed to encourage family fun and involvement with students on campus.

The event is coordinated, organized and funded through both the Student Senate and the First Year Experience office (FYE).

Student Senate is no longer rooted in the planning of the day itself and serves mainly as the primary financial contributor of the event, Senate President Derek Brandt said.

Senate, which was struggling to make the event successful on their own, turned over the reins to FYE two years ago to help in the organization and planning of the event and decided to stay on as volunteers for the event as well as provide some of the necessary funding for it.

“The Student Senate funds roughly one-third of the overall costs of the weekend activities,” Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Gregg Heinselman said.

The event had taken a hiatus in the past due to the poor turn out rate, but has seen an increase in participation since the event revival by the Student Senate.

“It is a great event for University families in part due to Senate’s gracious support,” Heinselman said.

Sarah Egerstrom, director of FYE, said she expects this year’s event to be well attended based on the turnout of the previous Family Day.

“The event was very well attended last year,” Egerstrom said. “A

lot of families participated, especially younger siblings, grandparents and parents.”

Last year the event boasted a record turn out of 800 participants, Egerstrom said. This year the expectations are even higher, with FYE expecting at least 1,000 participants to attend the event.

“This type of participation is a positive sign that the event is meeting the needs and reconnecting families at UWRF,” Heinselman said.

The Family Day event will take place over two days starting Nov. 2 and concluding events Nov. 3.

Some of the events include a football and hockey game as well as breakfast with the Chancellor.

There will also be a play and an open skate in Hunt Arena. Families can also participate in campus tours and learn about student life at UWRF.

“Families especially enjoy meeting the faculty and seeing firsthand what life is like at UWRF,” Egerstrom said.

The events are free to UWRF students and children ages five and under. Family members and children six and older are required to pay a \$10 registration fee that gets them two meals, admission to the athletic events, tickets to a movie, evening entertainment, admission to Kids Fest and pictures with Freddy the Falcon.

The goal of the event-filled weekend is to encourage student, as well as family, participation in the campus and its activities and organizations.

“Family Day provides students and their families with an excellent opportunity to reconnect while spending time on campus,” Egerstrom said.

To register for Family Day or for more information about the event activities and schedule, visit www.uwrf.edu/fye/familyday.htm.

RIVER FALLS POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Editor's note: Information for this section is taken from River Falls Police and UW-River Falls Public Safety incident reports.

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Oct. 13

- A streaker interrupted the UW-River Falls Homecoming football game against UW-Eau Claire. There are no suspects at this time. If anyone has any information regarding the streaker contact River Falls Police Investigator John Wilson, (715) 4125-0909. Any tips can be made under the condition of anonymity.

- Samantha J. Thoreson, 19, was cited \$172 for underage consumption at 215 Union St.

- Leah A. Danley, 21, and Katherine D. Oaks, 22, were each fined \$109 for public urination.

Oct. 14

- Steven Dale M. Barrett, 30, was taken into custody by River Falls Police on a probation hold. Barrett was subsequently transported to Pierce County Jail.

- Riley G. Riddell, 21, was cited \$109 for public urination. Riley was observed urinating in the entryway of Steve’s Pizza by a River Falls Police officer. Riley attempted to flee but was caught after a short chase. Riddell attempted to explain his actions by saying he was mad at the establishment for not letting him in to use the bathroom.

- Michael J. Hudy, 23, was cited \$83.80 for possession of an open container, \$235 for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$109 for littering at 100 E. Elm St. Hudy

attempted to flee River Falls Police and threw the bottle of beer he was holding. He was apprehended after a one-and-a-half block chase.

Oct. 16

- Benjamin S. Anderson, 27, and Paul D. Wolf, 22, were each cited \$172 for disorderly conduct.

Oct. 18

- A construction vehicle (digger) belonging to F&K Excavating fell into the basement of the white house that was torn down near Q-Lot on the corner of Spring Street and Second Street. F&K brought in equipment to pull the digger out. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 19

- Damage to a vehicle parked on Sixth Street in front of Centennial Science Hall. Black paint was splattered on the hood, windshield and driver’s side door of a Ford Focus. There are no suspects at this time.

- Jared D. Eloranta, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Stratton Hall and cited for disorderly conduct by the River Falls Police.

According to police and public safety reports Eloranta had been wandering around Stratton Hall yelling and banging on doors at approximately 3 a.m. and was confronted by another resident, who was unarmed in the report, and began swearing at him. River Falls Police arrived and, after continued verbal abuse, cuffed and trans-

ported Eloranta to the River Falls Police Department. Eloranta continued to be belligerent with officers while being booked there and was eventually taken to Pierce County Jail to be booked and held there.

- Kristofor J. Gesch, 20, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Parker Hall.

Oct. 20

- Tyler C. Akerlind, 18, was cited \$249 for underage consumption in Hathorn Hall.

Oct. 21

- Battery in Hathorn Hall was reported to public safety. According to the public safety report Chelsea M. Nelson, 18, was beaten by her roommate, Tiffany A. Withers, 18, and two other UWRF students, Elexis S. Harris, 18 and Erica Y. Shaw, 18.

After an argument between the roommates, Nelson was then choked by Withers, and in an attempt to free herself, struck Withers in the face. Withers then pushed Nelson to the floor and she, along with Harris and Shaw, proceeded to punch Nelson while she was on the ground, Nelson said in the report.

- Two smoke detectors were reported stolen from the west end of May Hall. The smoke detectors were later found on the east end of May Hall, one was shattered into pieces and the other was damaged.

To report information about a crime, call the St. Croix County Crimestoppers Tip Line:
1-800-303-8477

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Health care: New system proves inadequate for some UWRF staff

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Noticeably absent from the fair was ETF, who was planning on attending but backed out at the last minute, offering instead to participate via teleconference. However, after doing the same at other UW System schools, UWRF faculty thought it would be pointless if they could not be there in person.

“Their (ETF’s) performance in this matter is irresponsible,” Rainville said. “It’s insensitive. Decisions that were made regarding these providers were made by ETF. My opinion is that they did not want to come here to face the music.”

“Part of our problem has been to educate staff and faculty members, which is why we had the health fair,” he said. “ETF is giving conflicting information, and frequently misinformation.”

Olsen also noted that the health insurance issue ties into the Wisconsin budget crisis because by cutting off Minnesota doctors, hospitals and clinics, they have kept revenue within the state.

“There’s no impetus for them to help us,” he said. “Governor Doyle is the only person who can say that this is unacceptable

and fix it.”

Halada said that through the efforts of the governor’s office, a teleconference with ETF was scheduled earlier this week.

Aside from being an inconvenience and putting financial strains on faculty and staff, the health insurance changes could also have a far greater impact on UWRF.

“The main effect that we will see at this University is faculty will be leaving,” Rainville said. “The change in benefits makes it impossible for many to bear.”

Nonetheless, the faculty and staff of UWRF will be forced to make an important decision in less than two weeks.

“This thing is a nightmare, and right now it doesn’t look like anything is going to change,” Olsen said. “I’ve been here 11 years, and I’ve never seen anything devastate the campus like this. This one’s a deal breaker.”

According to a press release by Chancellor Don Betz, a motion was passed at the Oct. 24 Faculty Senate meeting to put forth a petition from all faculty and staff to Gov. Doyle, the board of regents and UW System President Kevin Reilly, voicing their disappointments with insurance options.

Budget: Agreement reached

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The Wisconsin Higher Education Grant funds may be available as soon as next week, Halada said.

Another initiative, called the First Year Experience program, is part of the UW-System growth agenda and is aimed at retaining first year students. The budget allocates \$316,100 for the new initiative.

“What we would like to do is beef up the First Year Experience program so that those students coming in have a better chance at being successful, which would help out our retention rate,” Halada said.

Money was also allocated to the Veteran Remissions fund, a financial aid program meant to wave the tuition for Veterans, Halada said. Previously there was no state funding for the initiative, and universities were forced to absorb the costs.

The operational budget of the UW System has also received a boost to help pay for the system’s cost to continue. The cost to continue at UWRF includes teacher salaries, utility bills, insurance and other costs associated with running the everyday functions of the university.

“The Cost to Continue Dollars basically keeps us even with last year, so if we don’t have that, it’s

a reduction,” Halada said.

The State budget also approved funding for the initial planning stages of the new Health and Human Performance Building and an expansion to the South Fork Suites.

“All of that is our money,” Halada said. “But they have given us the approval to spend our money.”

The UW System did receive a cut in the form of a \$25 million lapse, Halada said.

A lapse allocates a set amount of money that cannot be used during the current budge cycle. The money is then reinstated during the next budget cycle, which is in another two years.

“It’s much more manageable than a \$150 million cut,” Betz said in reference to the State Senate’s original proposed budget.

If the lapse is divided evenly between all UW System schools, UWRF would absorb a \$700,000 lapse over two years, with the possibility of getting the funds back during the next budget cycle in two years, Halada said.

“The budget is not perfect,” Mark Kinders, Director of Public Affairs, said in an email. “It will be challenging, yet we can manage this, and we are glad to have it resolved.

Student Health: Comprehension of policy is imperative

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limited benefits and high deductibles and leave students as financially vulnerable as those who are uninsured.

Students have a number of options available for dealing with limitations of their insurance policy. Reilly-Myklebust recommends they first do all they can to make sure they stay healthy, which means keeping up to date on immunizations, getting enough sleep and exercising.

Additionally, some hospitals may offer scholarship programs to help patients who otherwise would not be able to afford a procedure, UWRF Student Health Nurse Lori Otto said. This is by no means a solution for

chronic conditions since scholarships only cover an isolated procedure.

The UW System plan through Student Assurance Services, Inc., like some other plans, doesn’t cover many preventative screenings.

“The idea is to make this plan work together with Student Health Services,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

Student Health Services contracts with the River Falls Medical Clinic and Pierce County Reproductive Services to offer all students many of the tests not covered by their health insurance.

One major problem is that there is no maximum on what students can end up paying out of pocket, Reilly-Myklebust said.

“There’s very little hospital coverage,

which is very concerning as well,” Reilly-Myklebust said.

UWRF and other UW System campuses joined together several years ago on one insurance plan to allow students better coverage for less money, but the major limitations have Reilly-Myklebust looking into other insurance plans.

No final decision has been reached on the issue because the process of sorting through benefits and exclusions is very complicated. Further, if UWRF would break away from the group insurance plan, students would probably have to pay more to be covered by an adequate insurance policy. “If anybody has an answer, that’d be great,” Reilly-Myklebust said. “But there are no simple solutions.”

Career Fair: Students are offered opportunities to advance

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Some of the companies that attend the event stick around the University for a few days to conduct interviews, so some students could potentially get hired directly out of the event.

As a result of the Career Fair, senior Chris Kuker was able to get an interview with Mid-America Financial group.

“The next step will be to interview with the District Manager and, if all goes well

there, I expect to be offered a position that would start mid-January,” Kuker said in an e-mail.

“I don’t think students realize that, really, they can start this job search process a year before they graduate,” Recruitment Coordinator Melissa Wilson said.

Wilson also wants students to realize that companies, such as those that attend the Career Fair, do not just hire students from one particular educational background. In any company a variety of tasks usually

need to be accomplished. An agriculture business for instance, might require employees with several different types of expertise such as business, writing, communication or science.

Despite the frustrations some students had with the Career Fair, Croonquist and Wilson said they think it went well. This year, a total of 1,087 people attended the event.



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EDITORIAL

Make advising easier: prepare

We’ve finally reached the halfway point of fall semester at UW-River Falls and for returning students, that means it’s registration and advising time. The advising period starts Monday and registration begins Nov. 2.

The strange thing about this time of year is that, for some, it seems to be more stressful than the midterms they just got done taking.

Students aren’t alone in feeling the stress that comes with advising, as many advisors seem to have problems setting aside enough time in their schedules to properly help students map out their academic careers.

We’re all busy people, but for a college student I can’t think of too many things that should be more important than laying out an academic map to get out of school in a timely manner.

Most of the problems that occur with advising come from either the student or advisor not taking enough time to carefully check all aspects of the students DAR or course schedule.

For students, while it may seem easy to blame your advisor you have to realize that you’re in college now and someone is not going to hold your hand every step of the way.

When a problem arises you should try and do your best to see if you can figure out a solution and not leave it all on the advisor. Two people working towards one solution is a much more effective than just leaving it all up to one person, who is busy with other work.

When you go to your advising meetings, check up on the policies your department has. Follow the instructions your department has set out for you, and it will make for a smoother appointment with your advisor and make the whole process easier on your way to graduation.

Check over your DAR, make up a rough estimate of what your schedule will be and don’t depend on your advisor to do it for you. They are there to answer questions you may have about the DAR or certain classes in your major, not to make a schedule for you. Ideally your advisor will be just as well prepared as you are, but you should be ready to deal with this not always holding true.

When you notice you have a problem with your DAR, don’t wait until the last minute before graduation and then freak out. Look ahead of time. Print off a new DAR right away when the new semester begins to make sure all your classes fill up the right slots.

The advising period should not be as big a headache as some make it out to be, especially if everyone involved just takes a little bit of time from their busy schedule to prepare.

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Faculty answers money questions

Editor’s note: The *Student Voice* will be running a weekly faculty/employee column this semester. This is open to any UW-River Falls staff member who would like their opinion heard on the pages of the *Student Voice*. The columns are opinion pieces between 450 and 600 words and must be submitted to the editor by the Monday prior to that week’s issue. Please send any columns or questions regarding them to: editor@uwrfvoice.com. The *Student Voice* also reserves the right not to print a column if it is not suitable.

I often get questions from students, so I thought I would share a couple of them with you, along with my responses:

Dear C. BEAD (College of Business and Education, Associate Dean):

My grandma, Penny Pincher, worries about me all the time. She thinks I spend too much money (actually that I charge too many of my purchases). Grandma Penny thinks that young people today don’t understand how to save money for something they want to buy. She says that we want “immediate gratification” so we just “pull out the plastic” and buy too many things without considering the long-term consequences. How can I convince Grandma Penny that she’s “living in the past,” because credit cards are essential to survive in today’s world?

TYVM! Maxed Out Mandy

Dear Mandy:

I have good news and bad news for you. The good news is that using credit cards (responsibly) is very important for anyone, especially college students who want to

establish good credit ratings before they graduate and embark on their new careers. If you have a credit card, you should use it wisely and pay off the balance in full each month. Otherwise, you may get overextended and have to pay excessively high interest charges or late fees.

The bad news is that I spoke with a Senior Outreach Studies group on campus today, and they all agree with your grandma. Many people (young and old) don’t know how to save money for things they want to buy. They often make “impulse” purchases with their credit cards and don’t worry about how they will pay the bill.

Recent U.S. data for college students show that on average they carry \$2200-2800 in credit card debt. Students who graduated from college in 2006 also owed an average of \$21,000 in student loans. If you use a conservative estimate of 6 percent and a 10-year repayment period, the average monthly loan payment for these students would be \$235. If you add this to the rent, transportation costs and other expenses related to starting your career, you will need to land a better than average paying job to pay all of your bills. Therefore, I encourage you to follow your grandma’s advice and think twice before “pulling out the plastic!”

Spend wisely! C. BEAD

Dear C. BEAD:

I really need your advice. I just received

one of those letters that tells me I am pre-approved for a low interest rate (2.9 percent for the first six months) credit card and all I need to do is call their toll-free number to register. Since I get one or more of these letters every week, I usually throw them in the garbage. However, this one came on a day when my roommate and I were planning a Spring Break trip to Mexico, so the opportunity to charge the \$1,000 trip cost, and pay it off at a later date, was very appealing. What do you think I should do?

PLMK! Confused Colin

Dear Colin:

I would find another way to pay for your trip. These credit card offers that seem “too good to be true” usually contain many hidden costs. Make sure you read the fine print before signing up. After the six-month trial period, the interest rate will probably increase to at least 18 percent. At this rate, and assuming you are only able to make the minimum payment each month, it will take about eight years to pay off this charge and the actual cost of your Mexico trip, including interest charges, will be over \$2,000. Please tear up this letter and find another way to pay for your trip (or make alternative plans for Spring Break).

There Is No Such Thing As A Free Lunch (TINSTAAFL)! C. BEAD

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Brian Schultz

Castro crisis none of our business

I have to admit, I am getting increasingly frustrated with the U.S. government’s idea that we are the one voice in the world that is responsible for telling all the little worker countries what to do.

A front-page article in *The New York Times* Oct. 24 described a message President Bush was scheduled to deliver later that day to the Cuban people. The motive? Bush seems to believe that we can control how our miniature neighbor conducts their affairs. He wants to induce the Cuban citizenship to rise up in rebellion against dictatorship by suggesting that they disallow Fidel Castro’s brother Raúl to officially take over Cuban rule.

Forget the fact that Raúl Castro has already been acting in this position for over a year since his brother got sick. Forget the fact that this speech is aimed at “Cuban dissidents” as *The New York Times* called them.

Apparently our president has forgotten the fact that Cuba is not our country.

As a very near neighbor, the United States does need to be aware of what is going on. And since Cuba has had numerous clashes with the United States, especially in illegal immigration issues, it is wise to have a voice regarding their policies.

However, it is not our place to make an official statement to the citizens under a separate government telling them how to respond to their leaders.

Illegal immigration apparently isn’t such a problem to our government, considering all the social programs created to assist illegal aliens in becoming a part of our culture and economy. I don’t think that our leaders genuinely care how many people are actually coming in. It seems that they do care about enforcing U.S. control over anyone they can.

Yes, the Castro government is a dictatorship that oppresses

those who live under it. No, it is not democracy. A lot of people in the United States would love to jump the border into Canada, but you don’t see Prime Minister Stephen Harper urging American citizens to throw off President Bush.

Some may argue that having a dictator-led nation so close to our borders is a security threat to our people. I can’t imagine that Homeland Security is too concerned. Cuba is smaller in area than the state of Florida, half the population of Iraq (which we traveled across the globe to conquer) and roughly a third of the population of Afghanistan (another nation we crossed half the world to chastise).

Don’t try to tell me that Cuba, which lies within easy reach of local missiles and military operations of all kinds, is seriously a threat to national security. Though perhaps it is, with so much of our military trying to establish control of oil reserves in the Middle East.

Cuba is not a threat. It simply comes down to the U.S. government dipping its fingers into pies that it has no business even sniffing.

Remember, too, this is how all these pointless and enraging wars began. Let’s attack Afghanistan for housing al-Qaida. Let’s go to Iraq to uncover weapons of mass destruction and give them democracy. Let’s attack Iran to remove them of the burden of nuclear weapons.

Let’s just stop pretending we’re the only adults in a world of children. This great nation may be the richest, the most accomplished and the consumer of most of the world’s resources, but we are not the only ones capable of running a nation. And just because others do things differently doesn’t necessarily make them wrong.

We don’t have to ignore social atrocities in other nations. We can still reach out to those people with foreign aid. But we need to learn to stop trying to control other established governments and creating a world of mini-U.S. Maybe then we’ll actually start to be respected in the global community.

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Katrina Styx

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Television defines U.S.

The clerk asked “Where are you from?” “The States,” I replied sheepishly.

“Ah-maaay-reeka! The Superpower.”

That brief and instant statement came at me forcefully. Coming from the country that calls itself “Number One,” I never realized exactly how much the United States dominates the rest of the world.

“Do you support Bush?” is the first thing I’m asked when I refer to my home country. The people that I don’t lie to about being Canadian I fear will immediately hate me. Such is never the case, but they don’t hesitate to pull me into an unintentional guilt trip for my president’s actions.

Most of the perceptions of the States have proved to be embarrassingly true. We are the fat and ignorant.

As I attempt to defend myself as a United States citizen, they continue to impress me by informing me that Minnesota is a blue state. Honestly I admit that I would not be able to even name their president from whatever country they’re from.

The surprises keep coming as I find the rest of the world knows more about my country’s politics than I do. A German is telling me who to vote for in 2008 if I want the U.S. dollar to do better.

This learning experience continues to be broadened, for even *The New York Times* couldn’t tell me how the French citizens actually feel about their new ruler. I am actually excited to see what



Teresa Aviles

the newspapers will say about the country in the next few years.

During my down time in lounges of hostels, we flip through the channels. There’s the occasional British game show and BBC news, but generally majority rules to American television. “Scrubs,” “The Simpsons,” “House;” all of your favourite shows are theirs too, even if they don’t understand what is going on.

Music and movies have the same American power. Shouldn’t their English be better if they can sing the chorus to “Hey There Delilah?”

There are many things I do, say and own that cause jaws to drop. Making American style pancakes for some hostellers, they laughed at the stack of fluffy flapjacks on a platter and said, “Just like in the movies!”

Whether the things they see on the American moving picture becomes part of their culture or not, it is still known. Even worse, it makes me feel like my own culture is purely Hollywood and constructed for Fantasy Land.

To hear someone say that I am from “America” is strange. The name rings throughout their accent of “a place where dreams come true!” They might know quite a bit about the country’s politics and what our pancakes look like but they should probably get the name correct.

What right does the United States of America have over the rest of North America or Central America and South America for that matter?

I desperately want to take the American dreamers to the heartland. They will find the majority of Bush-scorers, the sensible that don’t consume McDonald’s and just as many punk-posers in Minneapolis as there are in London.

Teresa is a journalism major and a geography minor. She is enrolled in the Semester Abroad: Europe program and has done research on the River Thames in London. She is currently backpacking independently across Europe.

University expectations demand more studying

With midterms already here, it’s crazy to think that we’ve been in college for seven weeks now. Time sure does fly when you’re having fun. Fun is exactly what college is, too.

However, it seems easy to get carried away with all the fun that’s available and forget about what we’re really here for.

College definitely requires more study time and a larger commitment than high school did. I have been feeling the stresses of all these midterm tests. Sometimes it’s hard to say no to those offers that seem like “once in a lifetime opportunities.” Living in the dorms, I encounter many different types of people who all have their own personal study styles. Some people really get into homework and never come out of their rooms. However, this will probably leave them with only half of the college experience. Others



Linda Abel

spend a much smaller portion of their time studying.

As for me, I’m trying to find a balance between work and play. We must remember that we are of course here to enjoy our time and meet new people, but more than that we need to learn something. I know that it’s hard to sit in a quiet room and read, especially when you’re tired from a long day of class or possibly some extra curricular activities.

Being a freshman, I understand what you are all going through. This whole three hours of homework to one hour of class is nothing short of a culture shock from our senior year of high school.

In my personal experience, I’ve noticed that those who get their work done and focus on what is the main priority generally become more successful in life. I’m sure we all have someone whom we look up to and admire for their accomplishments—which can really

help motivate us in these times of discouragement.

For me it’s my mom. Cliché, I know, but she really is an amazing person. She went back to college when she was 35 and was still able to get straight A’s, be a wife and mother, work and run a household successfully. I can’t help but think if someone with all that on their plate can do well in college, then there is nothing holding me back.

So remember, freshman, even if it seems like all this studying is going to kill you, just keep with it. Whoever it is that you look up to, keep looking. Without even knowing it they will help you a lot throughout your education. And maybe you’ll be that motivator to someone else someday. Even as the times get hard, it’s important to stay focused and keep your goals in mind. We are an amazing group of students, and I know that each of us is capable of doing anything we put our mind to.

Linda is double-majoring in marketing communications and business communications with an emphasis in professional organization. In her free time she likes to dance, watch movies, hang out with friends and spend time with family.

‘Real World’ reflects reality of deteriorating societal values

“This is the true story...of seven strangers...picked to live in a house...work together, and have their lives taped...to find out what happens when people stop being polite...and start getting real...The Real World.”

The introduction to MTV’s television show “The Real World” has been the same since its debut and is recognizable to nearly every teen and young adult in the United States. After “Cops,” it is the longest running reality television show in history.

The first season was filmed in New York, N.Y., in 1992. Reality television was a fresh concept at this time. Viewers were shocked and intrigued by the idea of the show and its focus on serious life issues.

Prejudice, for example, is apparent in many seasons. In San Francisco, a famously annoying “Real World” housemate by the name of Puck mocked his homosexual roommate Pedro for his sexual preference and Cuban heritage. Puck was kicked off of the show for his behavior, but continued to leave inappropriate jokes about homosexuals on the house’s answering machine.

Life-threatening illnesses have also affected Real World cast members. San Diego’s Frankie suffered from cystic fibrosis. She left



Annee Mayer-Chapleau

the show due to homesickness, and passed away on June 9 of this year.

In addition to prejudice and illness, topics such as religion, politics and unrequited love are covered. In recent seasons, however, these topics are commonly discussed in a hot tub with a margarita in hand.

“No longer an outlet for 20-somethings to brood about their future careers, the show has become a cyclic three-month on-air party for young adults to mingle in hot tubs and obsess about the present. The locales

have changed from creative Mecca’s like New York and London to vacation spots like Las Vegas and Hawaii,” critic Benjamin Wallace-Wells said.

“MTV has rejiggered the show to require characters to engage in artificial, season-long contests or projects—like putting together a fashion show—which the characters embrace in the way most American teenagers experience spring break: as a big party.”

Wallace-Wells’ description of the show’s evolution is accurate, but is it fair put all the blame on MTV? “The Real World” has become part of our culture, and each new cast member—who is increasingly airbrushed, bigger breasted and less and less unique—

reflects what our society favors.

With the large amount of footage they film, MTV chooses to air what viewers demand to see: sex, trash talk and lots and lots of binge drinking.

The 20th season of the show is currently being filmed in Hollywood, Calif. If the show continues to progress as it has, what can we expect within the next few years? Quite possibly a trendy pornography with prejudicial outbursts. What does that say about the direction in which our culture is heading?

Annee is a junior studying Creative Writing. She loves astronomy and her main goal in life is to dance like David Byrne from the Talking Heads.

Midst overabundance of reality television, some programs still stand out

People, television is in trouble. I suspect it’s been in trouble since Survivor started more than a decade ago. We have more than 30 channels on campus, and every once in awhile, I like to flip through them like a normal American to see what’s on. It’s usually nothing. Normal TV channels are stuffed to the brim with horrifically poor programming. On top of obnoxious and invasive commercials blaring brand-names and mascots, we’re forced to witness some truly horrible creations like “Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders: Making the Team 2,” “My Super Sweet Sixteen” and MTV’s “Next.” Now I could use this article to rant about all the shows that I loathe, but I want to be a little more constructive than that. Instead, I’ll focus on the few TV shows that I love, in the hope that maybe others can learn to love them as I do. Maybe together we can save TV. I know, it is an altogether too ambitious plan, but I like it nonetheless.

I will start with my favorite TV show: a British import from the early 2000s called “Spaced.” “Spaced” is two seasons of clever comedy that originally aired on Britain’s Channel 4. You

might recognize the creators of the show from the feature films Shaun of the Dead (2004) and Hot Fuzz (2007): director Edgar Wright and actors Simon Pegg and Nick Frost. If you liked the humor in Shaun and Fuzz, then you’ll cherish “Spaced.” This show combines highly cinematic moments, the goofiness of a sitcom and frequent, devastating pop culture references; the final product is brilliant.

I suspect that I’ll have plenty of fellow fans agreeing with me on my next favorite show: “The Office” on NBC. This is one program that has succeeded despite the fact that it flies in the face of current trends. This show is basically a remake of another U.K. classic by the same name. Steve Carrell plays Michael Scott, an awkward and uncomfortable man bent on being friends with everyone. The supporting characters are what really make this show. Since “The Office” is a current program scheduled on NBC’s Thursday lineup, I encourage everyone to catch a



Joe Hager

few episodes.

Another program to check out is “Arrested Development.” This quirky and intelligent comedy aired on Fox a few years back but was killed off due to low ratings, despite the fact that it won six Emmy Awards, including Outstanding Comedy. “Arrested Development” is a show that runs on recurring jokes and complex character interactions that rack up laughs like nothing else. The best part about this show is probably Michael Cera. For those of you who enjoyed him in this summer’s “Superbad,” I definitely recommend you check out “Arrested Development” on DVD.

The last show I’ll write about is one that I’m obsessing over in recent weeks. Thankfully, my girlfriend likes the show as much as I do! “Stella” aired a few years ago on Comedy Central and was canceled after one season because no one watched it. This is a sad and frequent result of putting a show on

the air that doesn’t appeal directly to the mainstream. Anyway, “Stella” is a joint creation of three comedians: Michael Ian Black, Michael Showalter and David Wain. “Stella” is so off-the-wall and plain weird that it escapes simple description. The nonsense plots follow Michael, Michael and David on all sorts of adventures. Cause-and-effect logic is thrown out the window as the plot changes by the second. If you’re in the mood for something different, check out “Stella.”

Though the creative worth of today’s television may be decreasing, there are still plenty of gold nuggets to discover. And if you’re as sick of MTV reality shows as I am, you’ll thank yourself for checking out “Spaced,” “The Office,” “Arrested Development” and “Stella.” These comedic goldmines will make you think twice the next time you channel-surf.

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STUDENT VOICES

How many hours of TV do you watch in a day? What is your favorite TV show?



Daniel Burr, sophomore

“I only watch one hour of TV a night. I only watch ‘Survivor’ on Thursday night.”



Stacy Asp, freshman

“I probably watch about an hour to an hour and a half. My favorite show is ‘The Hills.’”



Steven Kaul, senior

“I watch ‘Smallville’ on Thursdays and that’s it.”

April Whittlef, senior



“I don’t watch any TV, but if I had a favorite show it would be ‘Dawson’s Creek.’”

Kyle Witherrite, freshman



“I watch two to three hours and my favorite show is the ‘Colbert Report.’”

Becky Gaiovnik, sophomore



“My favorite show is ‘Grey’s Anatomy’ and I watch about an hour a day.”

Jordahl emerges as top athlete

Lauren Bennett
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When she was young, she moved to Pocatello, Idaho. She played soccer for all of high school. When she graduated from high school, she played soccer for Walla Walla Community college in Washington state. After receiving her AA degree at Century College in St. Paul, Becca Jordahl transferred to UWRF in fall of 2006.

Jordahl had never run cross country before last year, and at her first meet on Sept. 9th last season, she placed fourth.

Only a sophomore this year, Jordahl has already made a mark for herself as one of the top athletes in the country. Last year she placed 19th in the NCAA Div. III Nationals, and recently won the University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invitational Sept. 29 for the Div. III women's race.

However, Jordahl couldn't have gotten this far without help from her coaches.

"[Scott Sekelsky] always has tips, advice, motivation and guidance for me and my whole team," Jordahl said.

Sekelsky primarily serves as the women's cross country coach and spends a lot of time working with Becca.

"Becca is an asset not only because she is a talented runner, but because she does what you hope every runner would do, and that is train and run to the best of their ability," Sekelsky said.

Head Coach Keven Syverson agreed with Sekelsky statement.

"[Sekelsky] and I are very fortunate to have a runner of her caliber running at UWRF."

Jordahl is not focusing on what has happened, she is constantly focusing on improving. She won athlete of the week for WIAC and UWRF multiple times and "feels great," but she feels as though she needs "to keep improving for that feeling to continue."

Also contributing to her performance this season is the 70 miles she ran each week over the summer and plans on spending time in the gym, cross training and using the bike.

Not only is Jordahl an excellent runner for the team, she is a great role model as well.

"Becca is not happy with second best. She wants to be the best, and this is an important concept for her teammates to understand (men and women)," Syverson said, "Whether it be in running or in school or a career."

Jordahl doesn't have a lot of spare time, but when she does, she "sleep[s], eat[s], and work[s]." However, it doesn't all come that easy.

"School is hard for me," Jordahl said. "I'd much rather be running, so it's difficult for me to balance the two."

Jordahl has most of it figured out and is looking forward to breaking more records and doing well in the remainder of the season and



Jens Gunelson

Sophomore Becca Jordahl runs in the UWRF Time Trial/Alumni Meet Sept. 1. Jordahl began running cross country last season and in her first ever race she took fourth place.

next year.

"Conference is this weekend. I took third last year, so I'd like to improve on that," Jordahl said. "I'd like to place in the top ten at [regionals]. I will feel lucky if I get the opportunity to go to nationals again this year, and if I do, I would like to place in the top fifteen."

Sekelsky is looking forward to next year as well.

"I see no reason why she can't have an even better year than the one she is having right now," Sekelsky said. "If everything falls into place, she could certainly make a run at a national title."

Volleyball aims to finish season strong

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When one thinks of Falcon volleyball, the word success comes to mind. They have brought home to UW-River Falls the WIAC Championship four times; in 1996, 1999, and consecutively in 2002 and 2003. Last year alone, they had four players named to All-WIAC teams, with Andrea Geehan, Kat Krtnick and Kate Thompson being selected to the first team All-WIAC and Lindsey Mace earning a spot on the WIAC All-Defensive Team.

It is with the loss of these excellent key players that the Falcon volleyball team finds itself 6-24 overall and struggling to develop the young talent that fills their roster. Head Coach Patti Ford has been there over the years of success, and sees the great potential in her young squad.

"We're very youthful this year," Ford said. "With the loss of six seniors last year we are looking at a true rebuilding season."

The Falcons youthfulness showed this past weekend as they had a 0-4 showing at the Simpson College Tournament, falling to Loras, Wartburg, Simpson and Principia. This was just another bump in the road following losses to Eau Claire and Stevens Point in the two previous weekends.

Despite the Falcon's record, the rebuilding has been taking place this year. With many close losses and final scores that told a different story than that which was on the court, Coach Ford has found high points to build off of.

"We've encountered a few tough situations," Ford said. "It's going to take some time, but our team is packed with very good athletes, and if these girls continue to work hard and develop, we'll be able to compete at the highest level."

Leading the Falcons on the volleyball court are sophomore Kelsey Scheele, senior Krista Russell, senior Courtney Schroeder and sophomore Gina DeRosa, all of whom are proving themselves to be key returners as well as leaders for the new faces.

"It's hard to replace the key players we lost, but they way these girls are stepping up will help the rebuilding process and help develop the rest of the players in general," Ford said. "We have had so much success here. With hard work, we will again be a conference championship type team and be contending at the national level."

The Falcons have the Elmhurst tournament Oct. 27 and are set for a rematch against Concordia and continue on to play Elmhurst. Conference play-offs start Oct. 30.



Jens Gunelson

Falcons sophomore Becky Ponick attempts a bump during a Sept. 22 match against UW-Stevens Point.

SPORTS WRAP

Tennis takes third at conference meet

For the first time since 1989, UW-River Falls has captured the individual No. 1 singles title and No. 1 doubles title since 1992 Sunday in Madison, helping them take third place.

For the Falcons in singles, freshman Kozue Matsumoto led the way at No. 1, defeating Allie Hinman of Stout 6-1, 6-4 and later defeating Ingrid Stensvaag of Whitewater 6-1, 6-0, to win the WIAC No. 1 singles title for River Falls for the first time since Tanya Bryan did it in 1989. Kozue finished the season with a 15-0 record without dropping a set the entire season.

Cassie Wood took third place for the Falcons at No. 3 singles, defeating Kara Amundson of Whitewater 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Matsumoto added another first place medal to her repertoire; along with teammate Kathryn Ostrowski they defeated Lauren Fahl/Jessie Farrar from Whitewater 8-5. This was the first No. 1 doubles title in 15 years for the Falcons; Lori Johnson & Karen Whiteside were the last to do it back in 1992.

Falcon soccer loses WIAC match to UWSP

UW-Stevens Point jumped out to a 5-0 first half lead and went on to a 5-1 win over the Falcons Saturday afternoon at Ramer Field.

UWSP's Amanda Prawat scored twice, her 15th and 16th goals of the season, to lead the Pointers. Prawat scored just 20 seconds into the contest and the Pointers had a 2-0 lead just 1:59 into the match when Liz Kidd scored.

Dianna Hermes scored at 58:40 to help the Falcons avoid the shutout. It was her team-leading fourth goal of the season. Julie Sperstad assisted Hermes on the goal.

UWSP outshot the Falcons, 26-4 in the first half, and 32-13 for the game. Falcon goalie Emily Stieler made a season-high 15 saves.

The UWSP win snapped a three game UWRF winning streak over the Pointers.

The Falcons, now 2-12-3 overall and 1-4-2 in the WIAC, will end their regular season on Saturday with a WIAC match at UW-Eau Claire.

Football team suffers loss at UW-Stout

A 52-yard field goal with 45 seconds left in the game was the difference as UW-Stout defeated the Falcons, 28-27, Saturday afternoon in Menomonie.

Stout quarterback Tanner Kattre had driven the Blue Devils down to the River Falls 14 yard line before senior defensive back Joe Simonson intercepted a pass in the end zone.

River Falls went three-and-out on the ensuing possession and, after a return of 19 yards, Stout began its drive at the RF 46 yard line. The Blue Devils drove down to the RF 20 yard line when running back Andy Reese scampers 20 yards for the first score of the game, capping a 7-play, 46-yard drive. The Blue Devils converted a two-point try and led 8-0.

After the kickoff, River Falls started on its own 14-yard line. Junior quarterback Storm Harmon completed consecutive passes of 10 yards to freshman wide receiver MJ Bland, and 27 yards to freshman wide receiver Michael Zweifel, taking them to the one-yard line. Harmon snuck the final yard for a touchdown capping a 12-play, 86-yard drive. The Falcons were unsuccessful on the two-point conversion attempt, leaving the score 8-6.

On the first play of the second quarter, Harmon ended a drive with a 22-yard touchdown strike to sophomore tight end Ryan Hansen. Stout responded by completing passes of 23 and 24 yards on the next drive. The drive stalled at the River Falls 22-yard line, resulting in a 39-yard field goal from kicker Kyle Martin, bringing Stout within two at 13-11.

UW-Stout forced a punt, and then a rush of 22 yards by Kattre and 36 yards by Shawn Korth before Reese punched it in from the RF three-yard line to put the Blue Devils ahead 18-13.

River Falls did get one more chance in the first half after a Reese fumble was recovered by sophomore defensive back Ben Arata on the Stout 15.

After River Falls began the third quarter by missing a 33-yard field goal, the offense quickly got another chance after senior line-backer Ryan Agrimson intercepted a Kattre pass on the next play from scrimmage and returned it to the UWS four-yard line.

The RF offense wasted no time getting back on top, 21-18.

The RF lead lasted only three minutes into the fourth quarter after Reese ended a drive with a two-yard touchdown run, putting his team ahead 25-21.

RF quickly took the lead back. A touchdown run was set up by a 71-yard bomb from Harmon to freshman wide receiver Nate Thoreson, but the extra point was missed. After a RF timeout, the Raciborski kick hit the left crossbar and fell through the goal posts, putting UW-Stout ahead by one point with 45 seconds left.

RF sealed its own fate by fumbling the ensuing kickoff, giving it back to the Blue Devils.

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Hockey



vs



UWRF

Northland College

7:05 p.m. Oct. 27
Hunt arena

The Falcon men's hockey team opens its season this weekend, hosting Northland at 7:05 p.m., at Hunt Arena.

The Falcons are coming off a 2006 NCHA regular season championship and are looking forward to repeat, but will first have to fight through a tough NCHA schedule.

The UW-River Falls offense looks to be in good shape with the return of one of the NCHA's best lines in the veteran crew of TJ Dahl, Derek Hansberry and Pat Borgestad. Three players that all fell in to the top 10 in points in the NCHA last season, with Dahl leading the NCHA in points with 52, earning him NCHA Player of the Year honors.

The first line of Falcons is joined by the return of effective scorers Dustin Norman, Mitch Kerns and Wade Harstad, along with an array of new players. "We have a lot more depth this year at the forward position, which will take some pressure off that line (Dahl, Hansberry, Borgestad)," Falcon Coach Steve Freeman, who is entering his 12th season at UW-River Falls, said.

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Inspired charity begins fifth year at UW-River Falls

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Zer Vang spent four years of his childhood in a Thai refugee resettlement camp without electricity, running water and other comforts in life. Like 5,000 other refugees, Zer lived in a bamboo house and relied on wood to make fire, which in turn allowed him to eat cooked food and drink safe water. Food rations for the entire day were distributed to each family in the morning. “Every day was different,” Zer said. “I think Monday was rice and Tuesday was fish.” Despite the living conditions, there was one time of the year

that excited young children in the camp. “As far as I remember it was right around Christmas time,” Zer said. During that time, the children would receive gift-wrapped shoeboxes filled with presents. “We received toys and playing cards,” Zer said, “I remember one year I got a little robot.” Zer eventually moved to the United States and became a student at UW-River Falls where, for one semester, he was part of the Community Action Theater Troupe (CATTS). Word of Zer’s story spread throughout CATTS and spawned UWRF’s relationship with Operation Christmas Child (OCC), a charity that

sends shoe boxes filled with gifts to children devastated by war, natural disaster, poverty and disease. The boxes are gift wrapped and sent to various destinations throughout the world, including third world countries and impoverished Native American reservations around the United States. Last year, CATTS, in collaboration with other on-campus and community organizations like the Native American Council (NAC), filled 360 boxes. Those 360 boxes contributed to the collective 7.6 million that were delivered in 2006. CATTS advisor Linda Alvarez said she is hopeful that this year will be even more successful

than the last. “We are hoping to send out 400 boxes,” Alvarez said. “I don’t know if we’ll make it but we’ll try hard to.” Anyone who wishes to help can donate new individual items, completed boxes closed with a strong rubber band or cash contributions that will go to towards the shipping and handling expenses for each shoebox. Besides toys, clothes, school supplies and other non-perishable gifts, students are urged to send sentimental gifts that could brighten up a child’s life. “If a person just wants to send a Christmas card or something similar they may,” Alvarez said.

“Most of these kids have never received a gift in their lives.” Donation drop-off sites are set up throughout the campus and the community, including the Chalmer Davee Library, University Center, all of the residence halls and Freeman Drug on 104 S. Main St. Contributions will be accepted until Nov. 11 with a culminating gift wrapping party scheduled for Nov. 13-14 in room 104B of the library. UWRF’s affiliation with OCC is a small piece of a massive global endeavor. OCC is a project set up by Samaritan’s Purse, which is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and

physical aid to hurting people around the world, according to their mission statement. For over 35 years, Samaritan’s Purse has done their utmost to follow Christ’s command by going to the aid of the world’s poor, sick and suffering, according to their Web site. Although the organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it did not turn out to be an issue when the student organizations on campus decided to take part in OCC. “The students decided [the Christian affiliation] wasn’t a factor because the main emphasis was on poverty, literacy and food distribution,” Alvarez said.

R.E.M.’s first ever live album worth the wait



Matt Loosbrock

Is there anything R.E.M. can’t do? Their new live album (their first in their 20-plus year career) is a blast of energy, charm and a much needed kick in the teeth since the music industry started its slow decline. The double CD/DVD set comes down like a hand of God, full of wit and wisdom, showing what a real band can accomplish in an era where most music nowadays is pumped out like a septic system: untouched by humanity, full of shit and with bullet-like quickness to avoid the stink. What makes a great band? Great songs. Stewed together like a greatest hits record on

steroids, R.E.M. Live packs its best guns. From mega-hits “Losing My Religion,” “What’s the Frequency, Kenneth?” to politically driven tunes “I Wanted to Be Wrong,” “Final Straw” and less known, but essential listenings “The Ascent of Man,” “Electron Blue.” Every song here is stocked with R.E.M.’s clever and primitive nature, and some, like “Orange Crush,” sound better than it did a decade ago, with an added over-driven, distorted guitar interlude never heard before, thanks to guitarist/visionary Peter Buck. Mike Mills, the band’s bassist/keyboardist/vocalist brings the same melodic lines like always, simple and necessary. As for Michael Stipe, one of leading figureheads in modern rock, he keeps the songs sounding familiar, but still throws in his trademark improvisational skills, often singing harmony while he lets the audience take

the lead. That said, any band currently touring or planning on it, should take note. There are ways to make a record, and there are ways to perform it. R.E.M. applies this well into their concert, knowing that it’s a group’s performing flair that makes a band great. There’s a sense of urgency, as though the band is being tested, that drives the guitars to fuzz out and scream at the end of a set, or how the drums echo beats well after the song is over. Stipe shouts his words at times, like he’s trying to get a message out to someone, anyone, who will listen, as he yells in “Man On the Moon,” their closing song, “Are you having fun!?” And if you’re not at that point, there’s something wrong with you.

Matt is a senior double majoring in Music and Creative Writing who likes lots of music types, old and new (save for modern country, which is not his thing).

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Reviewers split on new vampire flick ‘30 Days of Night’



A.J. Hakari

Even the best vampire flicks have this inherent cheesiness about them that comes as a result of having their antagonists prance around with their teeth jutting out and acting like they’re being paid by the snarl. “30 Days of Night” is no exception, adding some occasional overacting to a sizable list of flaws that the flick proceeds to rack up. But for all its imperfections, it’s still often a very freaky tale, bringing to the screen a certain ferocity that you’re not going to get in horror flicks starring refugees from The WB. Our story takes place in Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost town in the United States. Due to its position on the planet, once a year Barrow undergoes a month of pure darkness — a fact that a roving gang of vicious vampires has taken note of. It’s not long after most of Barrow’s population has headed south and after the sun has gone down that the bloodsuckers proceed to swoop in, terrorizing and feasting on those townspeople unfortunate enough to have stayed behind. The survivors are eventually whittled down to a scant few, including town sheriff Eben (Josh Hartnett) and his estranged wife (Melissa George), who resort to whatever means possible to fight off the encroaching vampire horde and make it through the 30 days until sunlight shines again upon their ravaged town.

Although ‘30 Days of Night’ looks great and doesn’t skimp on the gore, it still lacks a human element that keeps it from being a genre classic.

lacks a human element that keeps it from being a genre classic. Viewers get stuck with the same stock survivors seen in every other horror movie ever made, and the attempts at dramatic tension (especially the uneasy relationship between Hartnett and George’s characters) are pretty weak. Plus, at almost two hours, the story starts to wear out its welcome before the climax starts to unravel, somehow managing to sometimes drag along at a snail’s pace despite liberally jumping through the titular 30-day timeline whenever it pleases. It may

not end up reigning as 2007’s horror king, but “30 Days of Night” nevertheless serves up a bloody good show for both hardcore horror buffs and pretty much anyone shuddering at the mention of “Saw IV.”

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Ken Weigend



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.



There once was a romantic vision of vampires. They were seen as regal, mysterious and brooding figures; tortured souls that preyed on our psyches. Bela Lugosi terrified audiences the world over as he cast his eerily hypnotic spell in “Dracula,” and Max Schrek gave countless viewers nightmares of pale creatures hiding in the dark in “Nosferatu.” These unsettling characters that once haunted our minds have been replaced by a group of senseless, mindless, zombie wannabes. “30 Days of Night” butchers the old romantic vision of the vampire and turns to the Hollywood stereotype of what makes a horror flick -- make the audience jump while pouring bucket after bucket of blood on them. “30 Days of Night,” based on the graphic novel series of the same name, finds the little town of Barrow, Alaska, as it is preparing to descend into a month of uninterrupted darkness. In the final day of sunlight, town sheriff Eben Oleson (Josh Hartnett) is set upon investigating a series of bizarre crimes in town, all of which help to completely isolate Barrow from the outside world. Once the sun sets for the last time in 30 days, a group of vampires arrive and begin brutally murdering everything with a pulse. It is up to Eben to lead a rag-tag band of survivors, including his estranged wife Stella (Melissa George), to safety as they wait for the sun to rise again. The problems for “30 Days” begin almost immediately. The film tries to get to the action as quickly as possible but in the process forgets to flesh out characters the audi-

For the rest of us, the moviegoers who engage their brains during viewing, the film falls completely apart under any amount of scrutiny or consideration.

ence should care about. Once the action does come, it is wholly predictable and shallow. Vampires jump out of shadows, mutilate some jugulars, and move on. The usual bevy of bullets, of course, has no effect so the half-dozen survivors are forced to take shelter in a concealed attic and try to outlast the invading vampiric horde. The film plays out like Anne Frank with monsters. All of the details of the plot appear to have been tokened out in a pipe dream; the ending is such a contrived mess, even Uwe Boll might be left speechless. The Razzies should take special note here, even the vampires dialogue reads like it was scribbled on a napkin by a five-year-old. A movie that tries so hard to scare you inadvertently makes you laugh... often. At least the actors handle themselves well enough. For a situation so far out of the realm of reality, their performances seem genuine. On a very basic and cerebral level, “30 Days of Night” works out fine. Gore fiends will find plenty of red to quench their squeamish urges while thrill seekers should jump at least a few times. For the casual viewer who wishes to not think at all for two hours, “30 Days” won’t be a complete waste of time. For the rest of us, the moviegoers who engage their brains during viewing, the film falls completely apart under any amount of scrutiny or consideration. “30 Days of Night” does a rare thing in proving that even a movie with low expectations can disappoint.

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Voice of Falcon hockey has high hopes for season



Chris Schad

The Falcons were all set to make another run to the NCAA tournament last year. Despite a loss to St. Scholastica in the NCHA conference semi-final game, there was plenty of optimism that this would be the year the Falcons break through to achieve another one of their goals. After another disappointing loss to Bethel in the NCAA play-in game, the future still looked bright for the Falcons. They would lose only two players from last years team, Jared Sailer and Tyler Kostiuik. Things looked very positive, until we learned that AJ Bucchino had signed a professional hockey contract with an affiliate of the Anaheim Ducks.

With all respect towards Sailer and Kostiuik, the loss of the Falcons’ top goaltender was the biggest loss the team suffered in the off-season. Bucchino was a goalie who was an intense competitor and competed for a spot on the All-America team toward the end of the year.

Bucchino was also an interesting breed of goalie because where most opponents get into the goalie’s head, Bucchino got into the heads of opponents. Most goaltenders who do this don’t usually perform on the ice, but Bucchino was outstanding in net, as he went 21-6-2 with a 2.12 goals against average.

To replace a goaltender like that will be the biggest key to the Falcons marching to Lake Placid this March. One thing the new goaltender will have is that he has his entire defense returning.

Seniors Jim Henkemeyer and Jim Jensen continue to be the rock of the defense. Meanwhile, other role players such as sophomore Sean Pettinger and senior Jason Usher, who missed the second half of the season while studying abroad, provide depth to the defensive pairings.

Some may wonder why I haven’t mentioned the starting goaltender by name yet. That’s because I don’t know. Yes, I am the play-by-play voice for Falcon Hockey, but as of right now the coaching staff has not decided on a single starter. According to earlier reports, the Falcons have elected to go with a “goalie by committee” approach. This could be known as the Russian Roulette approach. The more goalies the Falcons use, the worse off they will be. However, this could also be a plus.

In the past, Freeman’s trademark strategy in net was to use a goalie by committee approach. Remember, two years ago Dan Meneghin and Andy Scanlon were the two goaltenders that Freeman was using on a rotating basis. Then came AJ Bucchino, who took over the goaltending. The Meneghin/Scanlon combo went 17-9-2 in the 2004-05 season and 7-2-0 in the 2005-06 season.

What I’m trying to say is that even though the Falcons lost a great goaltender in AJ Bucchino, it doesn’t derail their chances of being a great team. The Falcons enter the season ranked sixth in the USCHO.com poll, and it would surprise me if the departure of Bucchino leads to a disappointing season. So get out there this Saturday night and wear anything red and show support for what should be a very exciting season of Falcon hockey.

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Kenny Yoo/Student Voice

Junior Dustin Norman leads the charge during an intra-squad scrimmage Oct. 18 at Hunt Arena. Sophomore Tyler Czuba (No. 7) and senior Pat Borgestad (No. 25) follow in pursuit of the puck. The Falcons open their season Saturday against Northland College at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Falcon hockey returns to the ice

Following heart breaking loss in post-season, hockey looks to step it up

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A new chapter in the history of UW-River Falls men’s hockey will begin Saturday as the team takes on Northland College for the first time in school history.

Senior captain TJ Dahl said the Falcons don’t know much about their opponent for this weekend, but they don’t plan on preparing for the Lumberjacks in any different way.

Following last season’s 21-6-2 record, the Falcons are looking to contend for a National Championship this season. The Falcons fell short of that goal last year, following a 2-1 loss to Bethel in the first round of the NCAA.

Dahl was recently named captain along with seniors Jim Henkemeyer and Jason Usher, and junior Derek Hansberry, who

are this season’s assistant captains.

“I think it’s a good group of four guys,” Hekemeyer said. “Dahl was captain as a junior and was much deserving. We’ve all been around for awhile.”

While the Falcons have only been in practice for a few weeks, it’s not something that the team sees as a problem going into the opening weekend.

The Falcons held an intra-squad scrimmage Oct. 18 as one of the final tune-ups before the season began. The scrimmage is used to get players used to being in game-day like situations again.

About 75 fans attended the scrimmage. The Falcons lost a handful of players from last year, including forwards Jared Sailer and Tyler Kostiuik, defenseman Chris Robinson, and goaltenders AJ Bucchino and Tony Stoehr.

Bucchino’s position as starting goaltender may prove to be one of the most difficult to fill early on in the season. He played in 29 games for the Falcons last season and finished with a 2.12 goals against average and a .933 saves percentage.

There were three goalies listed on the online roster on the Falcon hockey Web

page. They include sophomores Matt Page and Tyler Owens, and freshman Clark Oliver.

“If one of the goalies gets hot, we’re going to pick him up and run with him,” Dahl said. “Any one of them is capable of it.”

The Falcons were picked to finish second in a NCHA pre-season coaches’ poll behind St. Norbert. However, in a poll of Div. III men’s hockey, UWRF was one of four NCHA teams picked in the top 15 in the country.

The Falcons were ranked sixth, following Oswego, St. Norbert, Middlebury, Manhattanville and Norwich.

“That’s fine. It’s nice to be in the middle. It’s a good spot,” Dahl said. “We can hopefully come out against a couple of MIAC teams and slowly inch our way up, with no bells and whistles. We don’t want to have the target on our backs.”

Every year, the NCAA looks to improve the game by adding various rules, and is again trying to crack down on obstruction penalties, including hooking and tripping.

While Hansberry said he is not terribly familiar with the rule changes, he said he

believes the rules will help him out since he is a faster player.

Hansberry had nothing but praise for his Falcon teammates and said that team unity will be a strength this season.

“I think we’ll be fine,” he said. “We’re a tight-knit, cohesive unit.”

Although the team has only been on the ice with the coaching staff for a couple of weeks, players are still confident going into the weekend.

“We’ve had a couple of really good weeks of practice,” Henkemeyer said. “It will be nice to only play one game [this weekend] to try and get all the kinks out.”

The Falcons return their top four leading scorers in Dahl (scoring 12 goals, earning 40 assists), Hansberry (21 goals, 14 assists), Pat Borgestad (16 goals, 13 assists) and Henkemeyer (8 goals, 14 assists).

The Falcons only play one game this weekend—against Northland College. They will also be at home Nov. 2-3 for games against Augsburg and Hamline. The puck is set to drop at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

2007-2008 Falcon Hockey Schedule

- Oct. 27 Northland, 7:05 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Augsburg, 7:05 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Hamline, 7:05 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Gustavus Adolphus, 7:05 p.m.
- Nov. 10 at St. Olaf, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 16 at St. Scholastica*, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 17 at Superior*, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 20 St. Mary’s, 7:05 p.m.
- Nov. 27 at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 30 Eau Claire*, 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 1 Stevens Point*, 7:05 p.m.
- Dec. 7 at Lake Forest*, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 at St. Norbert*, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 4 Marian, 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 5 at Bethel, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 10 at St. John’s, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Con.-Moorhead, 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 18 at Stout*, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 Superior*, 7:05 p.m.
- Jan. 26 St. Scholastica*, 7:05 p.m.
- Feb. 1 at Stevens Point*, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2 at Eau Claire*, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 8 St. Norbert*, 7:05 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Lake Forest*, 7:05 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Stout*, 7:05 p.m.
- Feb. 22 NCHA Quarterfinals, TBD
- Feb. 23 NCHA Quarterfinals, TBD
- March 1 NCHA Semifinals, TBD
- March 8 NCHA Finals, TBD
- March 12 NCAA First Round, TBD
- March 15 NCAA Quarterfinals, TBD
- March 22 NCAA Semifinals (Lake Placid, N.Y.), TBD
- March 23 NCAA Finals (Lake Placid, N.Y.), TBD

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Goalie Matt Lyon saves a shot from freshman Jon Halstenson during the intra-squad scrimmage Oct. 18 at Hunt Arena. The Falcons lost star goalie AJ Bucchino last year after he signed with an affiliate of the Anaheim Ducks.