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FRIDAY

Atomic. Mostly sunny with highs in the thousands. 80% chance of flaming cinders.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Hell freezes over. El Nino expected to be blamed. Hey, it's not our fault.

Sunday: Like Friday, only warmer. Plasma possible in southern states.

For complete weather coverage, open your window, look outside and find out for yourself.

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Freddy arrested, in critical condition

Hail of gunfire ends 17-hour standoff with authorities

Reign of terror began two days ago in Minneapolis; high speed chase results in accidents and damage in four counties, two states

Gail Wynyard
Staff writer

The former UM-River Falls mascot once known for his friendly smile is in critical condition today after a violent conclusion to a 17-hour standoff that followed a day-long rampage through Twin Cities metro area. Under heavy guard at River Falls Memorial Hospital, Freddy the Falcon, 43, remains unconscious after

he was shot 136 times Tuesday by authorities fearful the bird was about to restart his rampage.

According to eyewitness reports, a defiant Freddy stepped out of his house at 1964 Talon Ave around 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and began waving a semi-automatic handgun at the police and military surrounding the property. Freddy reportedly took aim at the River Falls Police Department lunchmobile, at which time officials from River Falls, Hudson, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin and Minnesota state patrols, and federal officials unloaded on him.

"Feathers and blood were flying everywhere," said Andy Griggs, who witnessed the standoff. "I guess I hadn't noticed he was such a big bird."

A member of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was killed while trying to stop Freddy from being shot. The lunchmobile was not damaged.



Freddy Falcon

The scene was the conclusion to a chain of events that began two days earlier in Minneapolis, when Freddy was discovered trying to break into the residence of Goldie Gopher, mascot of U of M athletics. Freddy and Gopher reportedly have been at odds with each other for some time.

Officers who found Freddy said he appeared to be drunk.

"He was drooling and mumbling something about how it's not fair

that the U of M students actually like their mascot," said David Anderson, one of the Minneapolis police officers called to the scene. "We took pity on him and told him to go home. If we had known what was about to happen, I'm sure we would have arrested him right then and there."

Three hours later two security officers discovered Freddy urinating on the floor of the University of Minnesota's Williams Arena. When confronted, Freddy pierced one of the guards with his beak, ran out of the building and car-jacked a passing cab.

"All of the sudden there was this bird standing out in the middle of the street pointing a gun at me," said cab driver Tom Bernard, who escaped without injury. "The next thing I knew I was lying on the pavement watching my cab disappear around a corner."

According to police reports and video from traffic monitoring cameras, Freddy spent the early morning

hours speeding up and down the streets of Minneapolis, running 468 red lights along the way.

"This is Minnesota, so no one really thought much about that," said Minneapolis Police Chief Doug Goodman. "When he started knocking off pedestrians, though, our officers couldn't help but notice."

According to Goodman, when officers tried pulling Freddy over, he responded by shooting at them. "That, and he flipped them the bird, so to speak," Goodman said.

From 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday Freddy led police from 17 cities, four counties and two states on a high-speed chase through the Twin Cities metro area. At one point he drove onto a runway at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, closing the airport for two hours and forcing Northwest and other airlines to divert landings to nearby I-494.

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With pool leaking, UM-RF swim team turns to Kinnickinic River

Problems with undertow from dam intake a concern for coach, swimmers who haven't been chummed

Bobber Lure
Fishing Reporter

Without the use of a swimming pool facility the UM-River Falls swimming team relocated its practices and meets to the north fork of the Kinnickinic River for this season.

Being in a natural setting, as opposed to an indoor site, the swim team and it's competitors have to deal with nature each meet.

The American Collegiate Swimming Association (ACSA) agreed to the change in swimming venue on one condition. The condition being that the starting point of the races must be down stream and the finishing point must be upstream.

"The reason we made that condition is if a swimmer is swimming down stream the current would give them an added advantage and their total time for the event would be drastically reduced," Chairman John River said. "If their times were drastically reduced they would most likely break school and national swimming records and unfairly beat out swimmers from other schools who don't swim in rivers for spots in the Swimming Nationals at the end of the season."

The current has had an unanticipated effect on UM-RF swimmers. In away meets each UM-RF swimmer's times in all of their events have increased.

"I think the river has built up our muscles and endurance," Sophomore Pat Mississippi said. "I really think the current has been a help in the long run rather than a hindrance."

Since the river meanders back and forth, the swim-

mers have to start at different spots on the river so that the total combined distance to the finishing line is the same for each swimmer.

"We wanted to make this as fair as possible for each swimmer," coach Sam Stream said. "It's just like in track where you start each runner at different points on a track but the total distance for each competitor is exactly the same in the end."

Swimming in a river is much different than swimming in a pool. Out in nature you have to deal with the elements. Besides the current, which at times gets pretty swift after large rainfalls, the swimmers have to deal with all types of weather.

"We're just like the US postal service," Senior Betty Driftwood said. "We deliver through rain, sleet, snow, and hail."

The switch from pool to river has also affected the diving events. The diving events were also moved to the north fork of the Kinnickinic River. The exact site is the fishing resorts that outline the shore of the dam that was completed two years ago.

The university Alumni decided to donate money for construction of a 30 foot high diving board in July when the leak in the pool was discovered.

With the permission of the UM-RF surrounding community officials, the diving board was built in the middle of the dammed up water. The diving teams must take a boat out to the diving board and the judges accompany them with clip board in hand.

"The reason we constructed it in the middle of the dam is because the water was too shallow

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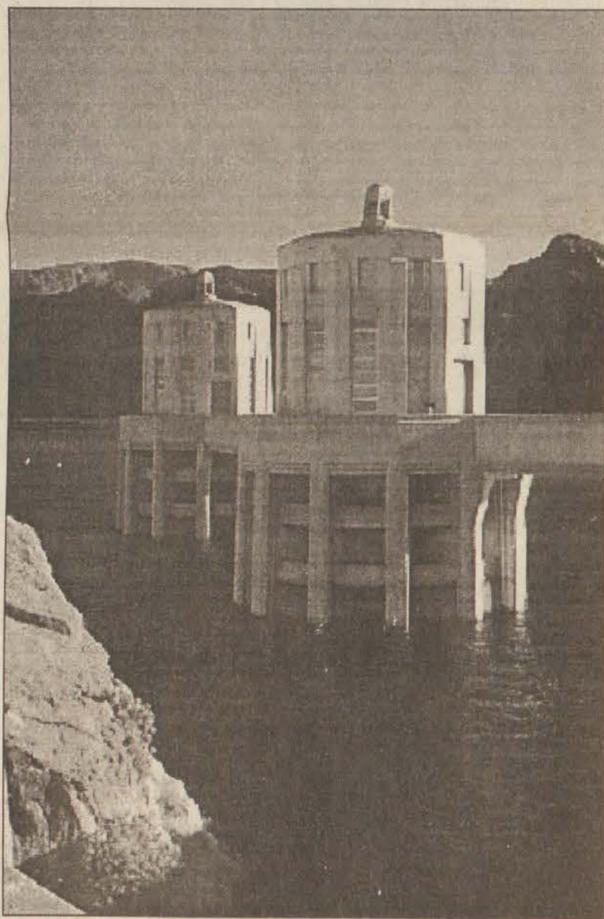


Photo by US Department of the Interior—really!

The intake towers at the River Falls dam have been a source of concern for UM-RF swimmers, as the strong current they create could suck in helpless team members and send them to a horrible, torturous death in the turbines of the power plant.

UM-RF Student Organization becomes introspective

Unfortunately, many wouldn't know which way is up if it came and bit them on... Well, never mind

Bob Roberts
Staff Writer

In an unprecedented turn of events, the UM-River Falls Student Organization of Representatives declared itself invalid and ineffective.

Representative President Biff Bovine began the Monday evening meeting by declaring himself Em-

peror of UM-RF and all-around nice guy.

"I have decided that having so many representatives causes too many problems, the result of which is indecisiveness," Bovine said.

Vice President Missy Robinson objected to the turn of events and called for an immediate vote to remove Bovine from his position. The vote would also make Robinson temporary president.

After 15 minutes of discussing Robert's Rules of Order regarding such a vote the Representatives decided such a vote would be legal if it was seconded.

Representative Pepper Steak quickly seconded the motion to call Bovine's dismissal to a vote.

The result of the vote was a deadlock. Half in favor of his removal

and half against.

"We just weren't sure if maybe he could possibly have a legitimate point," Representative Will O'Tree said.

Following the tie the Representatives called for a five minute recess in order to collect their thoughts. The Ecstatic committee also used this time to distribute cookies to the representatives.

Twenty minutes later the meeting was once again called to order by president/emperor Bovine. Robinson again called for a vote to remove Bovine from his position, and was again seconded by Steak.

The tie was broken by Representative Cinder Block.

"Missy made a lot of sense when she asked me to support her, plus she gave me her cookie," Block said.

"I don't know what ad-hoc means, it could be a stone for making stone washed demin jeans."

-Representative Rug Burns

Robinson denied bribing Block with her cookie and asking her to vote in her favor.

After the vote Bovine left the Representative meeting, but he took the gavel with him.

The representatives were unsure if they could continue the meeting without the gavel. After a 17-minute debate it was decided that Robinson could continue the meeting if an-

other gavel could be found, the original gavel was not a requirement.

Representative Phisher Price made a motion to take a 10-minute recess in order to locate a gavel. His motion was seconded by Milten Bradley.

After 10 minutes of searching and

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