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Stress mounts as finals week approaches

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again. The end of the semester is here; finals are just around the corner, leaving many students in a rush to finish up final projects and papers with the clock ticking. With that comes stress, stress and more stress.

"Stress is the number one health problem that students have at UW-RF," said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, director of Student Health Services. "The trick is to have a plan, don't just assume things will work out, plan ahead."

Though prioritizing and time management are the two top things students can do to ensure a successful end to the semester, there are many other things students can do.

- Getting the recommended seven to eight hours of sleep at night, at least four times a week. (This gives you three days for a few possibly needed all-nighters.)

- Eat healthy, regular meals. Many times crazy schedules and studying leave students to eat when they have time during the busy week.

- Limit smoking, chewing tobacco and alcohol and caffeine intake.

- Exercise at least two to three

times a week, regularly.

- Have a support system available to utilize when you start to feel the stress coming on.

- Take time out for fun and relaxation and to regroup and clear your mind.

Stress and illness are directly related. According to a brochure distributed by the American College Health Association titled "Stress in College: What Everyone Should Know," stress may be a key element in half of all illnesses. Studies suggest that stress levels affect the immune and nervous systems, heart function, metabolism, and hormone levels, making people more susceptible to illness, as well as making it more difficult to recover from an illness.

"Learning to say no is key for students in terms of extra commitments, shopping, working and volunteering during finals week," said Linda Vigers, UW-RF Student Health nurse, who sees a lot of students for illnesses during the weeks before and during finals week.

Many students are already feeling that pinch of worry coming over them and are looking forward to the end of the semester.

"Between my job and school, I can't wait for finals to be over," said senior Sara E. Long. "It

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Freshman Judy Vang gets a jump on her studies in the Davee Library as closing time nears Dec. 8. She took advantage of a slow night to begin studying for her psychology final. By spreading out her studying, she should reduce stress levels, as Student Health Services suggests.

Photo by Micheal Foley

Evaluations not limited to just bubble sheets

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

It is the end of the semester and students are filling out the "student evaluations of classroom teaching effectiveness." Many students may think that these evaluations are pointless and wonder why they should even bother filling them out.

These evaluations do have a purpose and provide helpful feedback to faculty.

"The main purpose is to provide feedback to faculty on how students perceive them and provide feedback to administration on how faculty are doing," said Wendy Stocker, executive staff assistant to the provost and vice

chancellor for academic affairs.

The evaluations are also used to make personnel decisions.

"[The evaluations are used for] annual retention, vote for assistant professors, used in tenure and promotional decisions and they're used in post-tenure review," said Wesley Chapin, political science professor.

The evaluation consists of eight questions students answer on a bubble sheet. The evaluation does not allow for individual comments on the form.

"In a typical semester 12,000 to 15,000 of these evaluations are turned in," said David Trechter, agricultural economics professor. "If a significant portion of students wrote comments, we

wouldn't have resources to go through comments."

Some professors, however, give out their own evaluations in order to get written feedback from their students.

Chapin said he has had students fill out a second evaluation so the students could give comments. These evaluations are sealed in an envelope and not looked at until the semester is finished.

Students can always find another way to make their opinions on a professor known.

One way for students to make comments about their professor is to go to www.myprofessorsucks.com. This site allows students to anonymously make comments about professors and read

comments from other students.

However, students need to realize this site does not necessarily show an accurate perception of all student opinion.

"Both with written and online surveys, you tend to get the end of the spectrum," Trechter said. "Those that really like or hate a professor."

Chapin said that sometimes students' opinions on professors might not be based on the student's opinion of how the class is taught. Students who are unhappy with the time of a class, being required to take a class or have previously heard negative comments about a professor, may rate a professor lower than he or she deserves.

Trechter suggested "a certain amount

of self-reflection should happen" when students evaluate professors.

Trechter said if students do want to share their comments about a professor then they can go to the professor after the class is over and share their comments. If students do not feel comfortable talking to the professor, Trechter said students can go to the department chair, dean of the college or the dean of students and express their concerns.

Students who want to view the results of the evaluations can ask for the summaries of the evaluations at the library reserve desk. Before requesting the evaluations, students should go to the

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Students cash out

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

As Christmas break comes creeping up, students look forward to going home and spending time with their loved ones. However, with the main population of students leaving the area around River Falls for break, there are a few who miss the students dearly and wish they never left the area. No, it's not the professors; it's the local business owners.

Businesses, whether it be the bars, restaurants or other places that rely on the student body for a source of profit, take a big hit during the break between the fall and spring semesters.

"They are our business," said Terri Andrews, who runs Sunrise Tanning. "We take a big hit."

Sunrise relies on students for a

main source of profit and offers student rates to try and draw the kids from campus to the business.

Sunrise Tanning is not the only business on the Main Street strip that takes a hit when the students leave. In particular, Domino's Pizza, a business known for its student deals through the Survival Kit, is one of the most-effected businesses when the students depart for their hometowns.

"We are quite effected by the students leaving," Domino's manager Jason Reeves said. "We get almost all student pizza business on and around campus, with our specials."

Other businesses, especially the bar scene, see a dramatic drop when the students leave River Falls.

"Yeah, we get hit huge," said

The Hammer Bar owner, John St. Ledger. "We end up shortening our staff to only two people during this time, but we try to remain open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday."

The Hammer Bar also shuts down the 18-plus side of its business, because most of the students that used this area are from the dorms.

Ground Zero, another-popular student bar, takes a hit, but not a major one, said Joe Sahnaw, a bartender at Ground Zero.

"Our business definitely slows down," Sahnaw said. "Most of our business is from the older residents of River Falls and they usually return after a week following the start of break."

With even some students

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Administrators serve empathy, scrambled

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

Free food anyone?

The Chancellor's Breakfast will run from 10 p.m. to midnight on Thursday, Dec. 16 at Rodli Commons. The breakfast is open to all UW-River Falls students who present their student ID.

The event is built into UW-RF's contract with Chartwells.

Students wishing to study may do so in the Blue Room in Rodli Commons starting at 8 p.m.

Menu for the all-you-can-eat breakfast includes: scrambled eggs, buttermilk pancakes, sausage links, assorted pastries, juice, milk, coffee and hot chocolate.

Campus administrators will be on hand to cook and serve the meal, clean tables, serve coffee, replenish food and take out the trash.

Entertainment will be provided by the UW-RF music department. In the past years, there have even been visits from Santa and his elves who pro-

vided goodies for all.

The event first began in 1984 with Chancellor Gary Thibodeau and the annual tradition has been continued by Chancellor Ann Lydecker and now Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander.

Nylander said there was no debate whether the event would be held this year after the passing of Lydecker. It is a tradition Nylander hopes to see

continue on campus.

"We just want to celebrate the end of the semester and the beginning of finals with the students and have some fun," Nylander said.

Gerda Benedict, director of food services, feels the breakfast is a very worthwhile venture on the part of the University.

"The purpose of the breakfast is for administrators to let students know that they understand the stress they are going through during finals week and give them an opportunity to take a break from their studies and enjoy a late-night meal," Benedict

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Virgil Nylander



Luigi's Pizza doesn't enjoy slow nights, like the one experienced the Wednesday before finals. When the semester ends, other businesses in River Falls feel a similar pinch in.

Photo by Eric Ebert

Entrepreneurial spirit nets school credits, revenue

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

With a lot of enthusiasm, senior business major Lewis Parish is not seeing "red." He turned his small business management class project into profit.

Parish decided he might as well make his project pay off, deciding he would put what he is learning into creating a small business. The class project, which entails making a business plan, quickly turned into a small business.

Since starting "Mugs R Us,"

he has made a good profit.

"I'm well over the break-even point," Parish said. "My product really sells especially at campus football and athletic games. And I already have orders for graduation."

"Once you get the word out, it promotes itself," Parish said.

In his class survey, Parish found that 80 percent of students want to buy his mugs.

Because logos and personal commemorations are etched onto the glass mugs by Parish, costs are kept low. Parish said he is successful because he can

keep costs down and fill a need.

"I have found a niche and I'm working it," Parish said. "I am selling memories. My mission is to sell cherishable items that a person can enjoy."

Parish, who sells his keepsake mugs to students, faculty and alumni, said he keeps his costs low by buying product at a low cost, applying and etching the designs himself.

"By selling on a supply and demand basis, I don't have to keep an inventory of stock so I

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LOCAL

Chancellor update

The UW-River Falls Chancellor search committee has received many applications from eligible candidates. The Chancellor Search and Screen Committee has met to decide which candidates are to be interviewed on campus after some preliminary meetings with the Board of Regents and UW System President Kevin Reilly. The candidates will be publicly announced in early January and visit campus the following month. March 11 is the anticipated day the new Chancellor will be announced at the Board or Regents meeting.

Fall commencement

Commencement will take place Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Knowles Center. There is expected to be 276 students getting their bachelor's degrees and 32 students getting their master's degree. Edward Peterson, history professor, is the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Teacher award and will be giving the commencement address. Peterson has been at UW-RF since 1954 and has not missed a day of teaching classes during his 50 years of service.

Textbook return

All textbooks that were not bought are due back by 8 p.m. on Dec. 21. If they are not returned, fines will be issued. If students are in need of an extension due date, Textbook Services must be contacted before Dec. 21 to see if arrangements can be made. Any books that came with CDs, pamphlets, maps, or discs need to be returned with the book. Students in J-Term classes can begin checking books out Dec. 17.

South Fork Suites Tours

Any students interested in living in the South Fork Suites in Fall 2005 can take a tour during the open house. The Suites will be open Dec. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m., Dec. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Jan. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Applications to live there for the 2005-06 school year are currently available in the Student Services office in the Student Center.

River Falls High School bomb threat

A 15-year-old boy attending River Falls High School has been accused of leaving a bomb threat on the wall in a boys bathroom. The same day the threat was made a teacher noticed it, and notified authorities. The boy was suspended and the district will decide if he is to be expelled. It appears to have just been a prank.

REGIONAL

New ban for U of M athletes

With so much media attention on the University of Minnesota athletic department's recruiting in past years, it should be no surprise the scandal has brought repercussions back to the U.

When high school football recruits were brought to campus and left to the care of student athletes, it has been reported that they were brought to a non-alcohol serving Minneapolis strip club, Déjà Vu. The club has benefited from the publicity garnered by the media attention. Not only has it made the name more recognizable, but also retail sales have gone up. Déjà Vu has sold T-shirts with the words "Minnesota Athletics Recruiting Center" for \$5 a shirt. Unlike the strip club, the University has suffered.

With a reputation that is not held in the highest regard, the NCAA had been pushing the athletic department to make some obvious changes. When head football coach Glen Mason found out, he was reportedly pleased with the punishment he gave his players and thought they would not repeat their actions. He told them they were wrong and to not do it again. The NCAA disagreed.

In response to the Association's suggestion new guidelines were set. Athletes are now formally forbidden from alcohol use, private jets, expensive restaurants on the university's tab and strip joints.

More morning classes at UW-Stevens Point

UW-Stevens Point has been notified by the federal government that it needs to change the enrollment capacity in classrooms that are too small.

In order to fix this UW-Stevens Point plans on meeting the requirements by opening class sessions in the early mornings or late afternoons. As a result classes that have had an enrollment of 40-50 students will be down to about 35. By making more sections available the same number of students who need the course will have more options when choosing which section will work best for their schedules. It also calls for more teachers teaching more classes in a day.

The teachers however have been reportedly cooperative. They have expressed their understanding the desire to graduate in a timely fashion, as well as their utmost concern for safety.

NATIONAL

Abstinence only program has side effects

In a program that exclusively teaches an abstinence only approach to sex, students learn only one side. To some parents, that is how things should be. However, studies have shown that the limited information they are receiving is inaccurate.

One such study has shown that educators are giving out untrue statistics. They have taught that condoms do not prevent AIDS 31 percent of the time in heterosexual relationships. They have also reportedly claimed that touching of the genitals could result in pregnancy. This program also conveys stereotyping of the genders, with women seeking monetary help and men wanting to be admired. One program used information that reported a human obtains 24 chromosomes from each parent when it is only 23.

Since the national launch of the program there has not been a drop in sexually transmitted diseases, and youth who early in life pledge abstinence are not making wise protection decisions when they do engage in sex due to lack of information.

In a program supported by President Bush the information to be taught is not reviewed before its release by the federal government. The government does plan on doubling the federal allowance for this program from the 2001 budget to \$170 million.

Delivery not just for pizza anymore

In college towns all across the nation pizza joints are a common sight and late night deliveries are expected. But some colleges are now delivering pretty much anything that a student could need late at night.

In Washington, D.C., students have been able to order things such as pop, baked goods or other late night necessities. On other campuses, such as Columbia University, pharmaceutical items, frozen foods and even ice cream are available to be delivered at anytime.

Students who are too busy or too lazy or who go to school in an area where everything closes early for the night are able to get things delivered right to their dorm rooms. Unlike the pizza guys who often have no access into the residence halls, the student deliverers are able to go right to the student's room. On most campuses there isn't even a delivery charge for the items. However, they are sometimes more expensive than the same items at the stores.

These type of systems are different than other delivery services in that they most often are exclusive to just the campus. They also are on a much smaller scale than other grocery delivery services. Also they can be ordered via the Internet and paid for with a credit card. This type of ordering saves possible embarrassment for students ordering items such as condoms. There are still more advantages.

Since the majority of the programs are run completely by students it is very convenient that it is not very expensive to start such a program. Some of the earliest ones report having started with just \$1,000 and others even less. All around it is a beneficial program for all who participate.

STUDENT SENATE

Senate pulls out of USSA

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The last Student Senate meeting offered a variety of discussion, motions and treats on Dec. 7. The Student Association meeting was held prior to the Senate meeting, it was a time when any student could come and address the Senate on any issue he or she desired. There were no students voicing their opinion at this meeting, so the regular Senate meeting began only a few minutes after 7 p.m.

The first motion on the table enticed discussion from both sides of the table and came down to a close vote. The motion made by Adam Koski, finance director, and seconded by Jeremy Zitzow, parliamentarian/ethics chair, was a motion first brought to the Senate on Oct. 26. The

motion dealt with UW-River Falls remaining a member campus of United States Student Association (USSA). USSA is an organization that represents students at a national level. Currently, each UW-RF student pays \$1 a semester, included in his or her tuition, which collectively is more than \$10,000 a year. The Senate was in heated discussion with two sides of the issue being argued. Kendra Plant, women's initiatives chair, was for staying a member campus.

"We really do have a say, we should stay a part of it," Plant said. "We need to lead this cause towards students' rights."

Plant, along with John Gavin, shared governance director, and Katy Leisch, student senator, argued that it was necessary to stay in USSA until they rebuild so the UW-RF Senate is giving them the support they need.

On the other side of the spectrum were

Nick Cluppert, student affairs and academic services director, and also Joe Eggers, legislative issues director; and Zitzow.

"It's not about the money, it is about what USSA isn't doing for us," Eggers said. "We are spending our money on something that is failing us. His failing students."

After about 30 minutes of debate, the Senate came to a close vote of 7-4-1 in favor of pulling out of USSA.

In other Senate news:

- Tabling for the budget is going on this week again. So far, more than 500 petitions have been signed. Contact Eggers or Cluppert for more information.
- The gripe-line for the Senate should be up and running again next semester.
- The next Senate meeting will be on Jan. 25 in the Regents Room of the Student Center at 7 p.m.

Students make play their own

Jon Majak
Staff Writer

On Dec. 1 at 6 p.m., the cast of Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol shuffled in from the cold weather and filtered into the green room in the basement of the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Eminem played on a stereo as each cast member sat down in front of a mirror that had each name etched on black paper above it. The mirror was framed with light bulbs, some working and some burnt out, illuminating each face as they collectively started the 45-minute process of applying the extensive makeup that was used in the production. Tonight is preview night; a night in which they run the show in front of a full audience before the show officially opens the next day.

There was hectic energy in the air as the cast applied makeup to their cheeks or drew age marks on the line around the eyes because, unlike this year's production of Twelfth Night, the Masquers Student Theater Organization, not the faculty, is putting on Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol. Therefore, the play is under the complete control of students from cast to the production staff to the backstage crew.

"The only difference is it's your friend directing and it's less pressure," Peter Potyondy said, who was cast as Ebenezer

Scrooge.

Nathan Messina, who was cast as Jacob Marley and was co-lighting designer, agreed.

"It's a little more laid back," Messina said while dabbing on blue makeup to make his Jacob Marley look unmistakably dead.

"A lot more pride too," Freshman Kate Garlock, who was cast as the bogey/hobgoblin Bogle, sat next to Messina, applying her white makeup and thick black eyeliner.

"It's been fun," Garlock said. "I've never done the faculty stuff."

As cast members continue their transformations into their char-

acters, student director Bradley Jennings goes from one member to another and helps apply makeup and makes small critiques.

"Don't gel hair," Jennings said to Potyondy while standing behind him at a mirror. "I want more fluffy, more crazy and less molester."

As the cast filed its way to the stage to do prop run-throughs, Jennings had time to jokingly reflect on not just this production, but also all of his years being part of theater productions.

"A whole new group will come and hopefully will treat it as respectfully as I have," Jennings said.

Jennings said that in previous years the Masquers production has not been up to par with the faculty production but hopefully Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, with all its elaborate set and lighting, will raise the bar for students.

At 7:30 p.m., the show began in the packed Blanche Davis Theater. Jennings sat in one of the back rows as the show went on, scribbling notes on paper in the dark of the theater and going to the sound booth during intermission to discuss sound effects issues.

At 9:30 p.m., after the last lines are delivered by the six narrators and the cast takes its final bows, Jennings has the cast members sit together at one side of the stage to deliver his critiques of the show.

The comments ranged from line readings, to lighting of cues for the narrators to the sound effect of a door creaking accidentally repeating. The good-natured cast cracked jokes about the little mishaps and at 10 p.m. went back to the green room to take off the layers of makeup.

Jennings stood in the theater for a moment and when asked what was next to come he smiled.

"Now we perform," Jennings said.

Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol closes on Dec. 11, having played six performances.



Photo by Sarah Gestson
Students prepared for the play, Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol, in a preview night Dec. 1.

Whooping cough causes problems

Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor

Most people think because whooping cough is something they were immunized for when they were kids they can't get it. Measles, mumps and whooping cough are all illnesses that afflicted those unlucky folks who weren't immunized as children. It turns out they couldn't be further from the truth.

According to the American Medical Association, though most infants in the United States are immunized for whooping cough, this immunity usually fades as a person enters early adulthood.

"That could explain why there has been an escalation in whooping cough cases amongst adolescents and adults," Barbara Nelson, head of the public health department for St. Croix County said.

According to the American Medical Association, whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is an infection of the respiratory tract caused by bordetella pertussis bacteria. A pertussis infection is very contagious and can be quite serious. People become infected with the whooping cough bacteria by inhaling contaminated droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze. Once inside the

airways, the bacteria produce toxins that interfere with the respiratory tract's normal ability to eliminate germs. Pertussis bacteria also produce chemicals that cause inflammation, damaging the lining of the breathing passages.

"The numbers of adolescents and the numbers of adults have been increasing dramatically over the last few years," Nelson said. "Basically, the vaccinations are only good for five to seven years and most people don't get immunized after kindergarten."

"The rash of cases is counter intuitive," Donna Counts, a second grade teacher at Andersen Elementary School in Bayport, Minn. said. "My kids (students) aren't the ones being looked at. It is the fifth and sixth graders that seem to be getting whooping cough."

If you're having symptoms similar to those of whooping cough, get a test, Nelson said.

"You can go to your doctor and get something called a PCR. You will know in 24 hours if you have whooping cough," Nelson said.

The first symptoms of whooping cough may be similar to those of a common cold, including nasal congestion, runny nose, sneezing, red and watery eyes, mild fever

and a dry cough. After about one week to two weeks, the dry cough becomes a wet cough that brings up thick, stringy mucus. During this time, coughing begins to occur in long spells that may last for more than a minute, sometimes causing a person to turn red from effort or blue from lack of oxygen. Coughing spells may actually lead to vomiting. At the end of a coughing spell, the person gasps for air with a characteristic "whooping" sound.

Your doctor can confirm whooping cough by taking cultures of respiratory fluids for examination in the laboratory. This involves taking a sample of secretions from the nose or throat and identifying the whooping cough bacteria in the secretions. Blood tests and a chest X-ray may also be done.

Once a person is tested and confirmed to have whooping cough, the person is isolated. "Don't leave home," Nelson said. Isolation should last up to five days after antibiotics are first administered Nelson said.

Whooping cough is treated with antibiotics, usually erythromycin. Some experts believe treatment is most effective when antibiotics are started early in the course of the illness.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE

Nov. 30

Lindsey L. Tillman, Danielle N. Heisler and Sarah M. Foster were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn Hall.

Dec. 2

Rodney P. Parshall was fined \$243 for underage consumption at the Karges Athletic Center.

Jessica J. Skime was cited for operating after suspension and making an unlawful U-Turn.

Sarah J. Erickson collided with a legally-parked vehicle owned by Diane C. Coldren at 403 South Wasson Court.

Dec. 3

Courtney A. Hawkins was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Bryce A. Lindquist was fined \$243 for underage consumption at the Ag Science building.

John R. Strharski was fined \$243 for underage consumption at East Cascade Ave.

Andrew J. Engal and Jayme L. Argall were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Prucha Hall.

Joseph A. Anderson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Rachael L. Strasser and Jean M. Madden were each fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Parker Hall.

Theresa R. Kurtz, Kelly J. Klingsporn, Gao L. Vang, Sohyung Kim, Benjamin Samuelson, Vang Lor and Jason A. Schultz were each fined \$181 for remaining in their rooms during a fire alarm.

Elizabeth K. Schwertel and Kristen M. Johnson were cited for seatbelt violations.

Susan R. Walton reported identity theft at 448 N. 8th St.

Tracey L. Johannies reported the theft of a clarinet and other music equipment (valued at a up to \$4,238). Police are investigating.

Steve Stocker reported the theft of a sign (valued at \$1,300) from 1130 Athletic Drive. The sign was taken from the Ramer Field press box area and is about four feet tall and 32 feet long.

Dec. 4

Stacy L. Cherek was fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Michael J. Schulenberg and Gena R. Sonnek were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Stratton Hall.

Nathan A. Tenut was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Stratton Hall.

Kelsey M. Bear was fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Bradley T. Murphy was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Thomas J. Irrgang, Kevin T. Keller and Christopher K. White were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Hathorn

Hall.

Dec. 5

Rodney P. Parshall, Alexander S. Passon, Michael T. Johnson and Matthew J. Kunes were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Joshua A. Koehn and Cody A. Cracker were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at the Ag Science building.

Jennifer R. Roley was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Parker Hall.

Landon D. Overby was fined \$243 for underage consumption at May Hall.

Sara E. Palesh was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at South Third Street.

Dec. 6

Katie A. Vargo was cited for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Dec. 7

Jennifer L. Neumann reported mail theft at 350 Nicole Lane.

Music program tries to survive on small budget

Eric Ebert
Photo Editor

Times have changed in the UW-River Falls music department. With state budget cuts in education and growing numbers in UW-RF music ensembles, money has become an issue that has some people in the music department singing a little off-key.

Music department chair James Roy, has been employed by UW-RF since 1980 and said he thinks the ensemble tour budget was around \$20,000 when he started. However, since then the music department has received less funding for tours and the overall budget for the department has remained the same.

"Over that same time, ensembles have grown. We can no longer operate them because of this," Roy said.

This waning budget makes it harder for ensembles to purchase music and hire new faculty. Yet Roy said other UW System schools, like UW-Platteville, are experiencing just the opposite.

"They get \$70,000 a year earmarked for the performing groups," Roy said. "We're trying to run those same groups on about \$4,000 a year."

The music department's \$3,675 budget has made it harder for ensembles to go on tours also

and some requests made to the Leadership Development and Planning Board (LDPB) for funds have been denied.

The Performing Arts Committee, part of LDPB, is responsible for handling requests made for money for all of the performing arts organizations and ensembles. Last year the UW-RF Concert Choir requested more than \$74,000 for a tour of Korea, China and Japan.

"That's over twice our budget," adviser of the Performing Arts Committee, Marie Johnson said. Money provided by LDPB is designed to be given to student organizations; although the UW-RF ensembles are not student organizations, requests have been approved in the past.

However the Performing Arts Committee is responsible for many organizations, which haven't received funding for various reasons, Johnson said. Any organization not receiving an annual budget is eligible for single-event requests.

"There still is an opportunity to access some money," Johnson said.

Johnson said the biggest problem is there are more people asking for more money with less to give them. The committee wants to support touring, Johnson said, but decided travel would receive less attention in requests.

"I agree with the importance of going on tours," Johnson said. "We'll see what happens, maybe we'll get more of a budget this year."

Kristin Tjornehoj, associate professor of music, said touring is of major importance to music ensembles.

"For the survival of the large group, you have to tour," Tjornehoj said.

Tjornehoj, who has conducted at UW-RF for 10 years, said when she was hired she promised to tour both locally and internationally. Ensembles now don't receive as much funding so they aren't getting out as much.

Yet even with the hardships that touring has presented, there is still money available. Tjornehoj said that understanding what the Performing Arts Committee wants is critical to receiving funds. Tjornehoj said there has been a change in focus since when she started, now the committee funds people coming to the university because it is accessible to more students.

However, even with money problems the UW-RF music ensembles continue to flourish. The ensembles act as public servants providing joy for people listening and benefiting from music, Tjornehoj said.

"That's what keeps you going," Tjornehoj said.

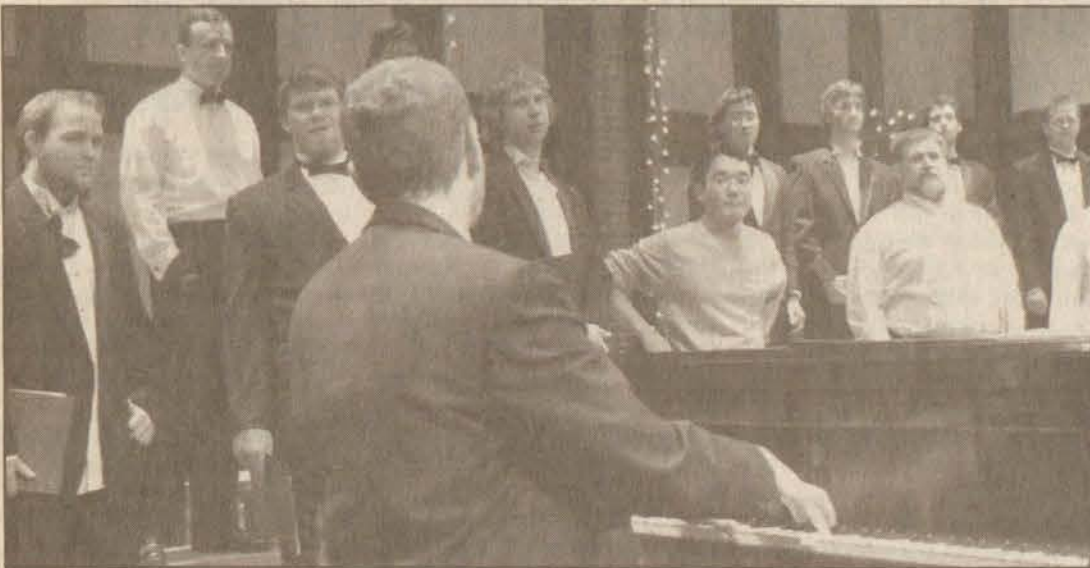


Photo by Eric Ebert
With small budgets in the music department, it is difficult for music ensembles to tour.

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Alumni giving back to UW-RF

Bridget Bohl
Staff Writer

During the past year, 1,220 graduates have been added to the UW-River Falls Alumni Association's database, said Dan McGinty, director of development of alumni relations. Graduates are added to the database about two months after graduation. Currently, there are 32,900 alumni in the UW-RF database, McGinty said.

"It is our responsibility to ensure an active and productive alumni program exists," McGinty said.

Methods for encouraging an active alumni program include two-way communication through publications, alumni events (regional and national), annual giving programs, alumni clubs, campus advisory committees, career advisory programs and through our online communication opportunities, McGinty said.

"Alumni participated in the Homecoming parade, attended the football game and were honored at a banquet later that evening," McGinty said. Even before this, alumni participated in special receptions during graduation and participated at other on-campus events, McGinty said.

The Alumni Association strives to bring together alumni, students, staff, parents and friends of the University, McGinty said.

A major goal is to increase awareness of UW-RF and its projects by encouraging alumni support.

In order to keep alumni active with UW-RF, there are 37 events held annually. Some of these include Homecoming, athletic alumni reunions and distinguished alumnus day.

Other events include chartered boat cruises down the St. Croix River, Guthrie Theater and Chanhassen Theater performances and alumni travel programs.

Alumni are not required to pay dues. Funds come from the overall operational budget of the University Advancement, McGinty said. He also stressed that no state funds are used to sponsor alumni events. Alumni are charged to attend special events such as receptions and chartered boat cruises.

The majority of our alumni events are held regionally within the state, annual events also take

place in Arizona, Washington D.C., California and Seattle.

Another goal of the Alumni Association is to be to have all members available for contact via e-mail. Currently the Alumni Association has 8,500 member e-mail addresses.

"The ultimate goal is to have all of our alumni identified with a good e-mail address," McGinty said. "An electronic newsletter is an additional communications channel. We want to expand without losing effectiveness of other communicative means."

Younger alumni tend to prefer electronic communication, while those older tend to prefer reading paper copies.

McGinty believes in the importance of the Alumni Association.

"A common theme that I hear quite often from our alumni is about the special bond that exists between the university, students, faculty and alumni," McGinty said. "It is our mission and vision to maintain and enhance that special relationship between our alumni and the university."

Bill Rost, Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement feels that UW-RF has been successful in keeping alumni involved.

"The Alumni Association's mission is to bring them (alumni) together in ways that are meaningful and have a lasting impact," Rost said.

Rost also feels that the strength of the Alumni Association is a reflection of the positive experiences alumni experienced during their studies at UW-RF.

"You might even say the Alumni Association begins, figuratively, before you even graduate," Rost said.

Natalie Miller, a marketing communications major, will be graduating this December. She feels that the alumni association could be important in providing vital contacts in the business world.

Miller also sees merit in the dedication of alumni to UW-RF.

"I think it's great that distinguished professionals give back to the institutions where they obtained their knowledge," Miller said.

Alumni giving back both time and money are important to UW-RF, Miller said.

Students waste less food

Nick Koeheler
Staff Writer

Plates are cleaner and less food is being thrown away thanks to Project: Clean Plate.

Before Project: Clean Plate was initiated a lot of food was being wasted.

"A lot of apples untouched, not even a bite out of would be wasted," marketing-intern, Tim Meyer said.

The project, which began Oct. 10 aimed to help students reduce food waste in Rodli Food Court and Cascade Cafe. It also aimed to lower food cost, increase the reputation of Chartwells and the University and make donations to the hungry.

When the program began, all wasted food was emptied into a large bin. The bin was then weighed to determine a benchmark of how much food was wasted per week. The weighing resulted in 275 pounds of food that was wasted every day at Rodli Commons.

After the benchmark was deter-

mined, Chartwells set a 40 percent reduction rate, or 165 pounds per day in waste.

Signs, table tents and posters were made to get the word out on food conservation. Slogans such as "Keep Hunger in Mind" and "Don't bite off more than you can chew" were used in the campaign.

In addition to the signage, Chartwells also created a display that indicated to the students how much food 275 pounds was.

Students responded quickly and effectively. In only the second week of the project, a 20 percent reduction in waste had already occurred. That translates into 55 pounds less of food waste per week.

Project: Clean Plate was part of the "Be-A-Star Compass in the Community" initiatives of Chartwells. Originally started by Joe Kraskouskas, Chartwells Resident District Manager at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, the project has been expanded nationwide.

In the four weeks that Project:

Clean Plate ran, students were able to reduce the amount of food wasted down to 162 pounds, or 41 percent.

"Everyone here is really happy how it turned out. The students really grabbed on to it," Meyer said.

"When you have a program like this, you think it won't be taken seriously. But the students showed they were serious about reducing the amount of waste," Jennifer Conde, director of Dining Services said.

The nationwide project had its most successful year yet. In past years, Project: Clean Plate was not as successful. The success of the project of this year is attributed to the extra aggressive marketing campaign compared to the past.

In 2003, UW-River Falls was awarded the Associate of the Year for the Central Region of Chartwells.

Chartwells also donated 400 pounds of rice to the River Falls Food Shelf since the reduction goal was accomplished.

UW-RF must reduce utility costs

Sarah Matara
Staff Writer

Many students who went through school in the 1980s and 90s remember getting the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" lectures. Along with that philosophy came the talks on conserving energy, which will be a main topic of conversation in coming months at UW-River Falls.

Since 1999, the state of Wisconsin has fallen short of paying the UW System's energy bills by \$41.6 million, said Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Mary Halada. And it's only going to get worse.

At the UW-RF space planning committee meeting, facilities management director Waldo Hagen predicted that energy costs for UW-RF would go up about 17 percent this year. Last year's energy costs totaled approximately \$1.4 million. This year that total may rise to \$1.7 million.

Hagen said the cost of electricity is projected to go up 10 percent, while coal will rise 64 percent and natural gas will rise 25 percent.

Halada said that the committee has been talking about ways to educate the campus community on energy conservation, since it's not something many people think about on a daily basis.

"With those kinds of increases, we need to be thinking about it [energy conservation]," Halada said. "This we need to put on our radar screen."

Hagen and campus planner Dale Braun have met with members of the Leadership Center to discuss ways of bringing the issue to the students' and staff's attention.

Braun said energy conservation is an important topic that must be brought to everyone's attention.

"We need to figure out how to raise the consciousness of students about energy use," Braun said. "We need to remind students to use energy wisely."

Some options include holding conservation contests, distributing conservation information pamphlets and teaching students and staff conservation techniques. Nothing is finalized yet.

Halada said an option for saving energy that the committee is looking into involves holding night classes centralized in one building so the heat can be turned down in the other buildings. This may

also be considered for future J-Term classes.

Halada said some people are confused about what saves energy and what doesn't.

"Is it saving energy to turn off the lights if you're leaving the room for 10 minutes? Am I supposed to shut off my computer every night or just leave it on stand-by?" Halada said.

These are some questions that would be addressed in the information pamphlets.

Hagen said that it saves energy to turn off the lights, even if you're leaving the room for 10 minutes. The new fluorescent lights installed in many of the buildings are efficient and save energy.

As for the \$41.6 million deficit in paying the energy bills, the UW System plans to go before the legislature in January and ask the state to pay the money.

"Basically, our position is that the state funds our utilities and they haven't been funding them at the appropriate level and we need them to do that," Halada said.

Halada is confident the state will see that they haven't been funding properly.

"I think they can look at the figures and see that they haven't," Halada said. "But their argument will be that they don't have enough money."

If that happens, then the money will have to come from somewhere, but that won't be known until the legislature's decision in January.

Marc Marotta, the secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Administration, released a statement to all state agencies asking them to plan accordingly and educate the public about energy conservation.

"I strongly encourage every agency and campus to take similar steps by reviewing building operations and education your employees and other building occupants regarding steps they can take to reduce energy demand," Marotta said.

As for utility costs, only UW-Stout has lower utility costs than UW-RF. In 1973, UW-RF was using 215,000 BTU's of energy per square foot. Thanks to better technology and more efficient systems, those are down to 137,000 BTU's per square foot.

UW-Madison uses the highest amount with 327,000 BTU's per square foot. UW-Stout uses 114,000.

Take a copy of the Voice home for the holidays

EDITORIAL

Higher ed can't take another hit if state is to thrive

The next Wisconsin state budget is on Gov. Jim Doyle's desk awaiting his inevitable amendments and eventual approval. A lot is riding on the new budget for every bureaucracy, business and individual Wisconsinite.

During this time of uncertainty, the students on every UW System campus need to stand up and demand their fair share because the future of Wisconsin is at stake.

No one envies the task Doyle has in front of him. He must shuffle and prioritize all aspects of the state. Hopefully, when he's looking at the dollar figures and deciding which ones to shave, he has the overall good of the state in mind – not just his reelection bid. It's easy for a politician to fund what will get him the most votes, but the state needs him to have the courage not to. Wisconsinites need Doyle to do the right thing and set the state up for long-term prosperity.

Undercutting young people now, by decreasing the UW System budget and increasing tuition, will only perpetuate the budget shortfall problems. Even if taking big cuts now temporarily relieves the situation, it will lead to bigger and more widespread problems down the road.

Any UW-River Falls student who cares about Wisconsin and hopes to live here in the future to raise a family must take a stand and usurp the budget raids on higher education.

In the short term, tuition would go up, faculty employment and the quality of UW System education would dive. If tuition costs continue to escalate, many young Wisconsinites will be priced out of higher education or will be forced to find it in another state.

The long-term effects are much more damaging. Making college more expensive – especially to public institutions – is a frightening regression to a pre-World War II climate where only the fortunate and wealthy had access to higher education. Less fortunate "college material" students will run the risk of sacrificing a potentially high income-earning job that college may have facilitated simply because their pockets aren't deep enough.

In addition to a less-educated workforce because of high tuition prices, the students who do graduate and stay will hold much more debt than those graduating now or in the past. With the debt load, it will be much more difficult for these new members of the Wisconsin workforce to purchase property that would translate to local aid through property taxes.

Any UW-River Falls student who cares about Wisconsin and hopes to live here in the future to raise a family, must take a stand and usurp the budget raids on higher education. Students at UW-Madison have held marches on the capital to remind Doyle that they represent the future of the state. Other campuses are pitching in by writing letters.

The UW-River Falls Student Senate has drafted a form letter that students can sign and mail to the state capitol. The Senate has also collected more than 500 signatures on a petition they plan to forward to Doyle soon.

Letters to Gov. Jim Doyle can be sent to: Office of the Governor, 115 East State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.

To sign the petition, contact the Student Senate at 425-4911 or visit their office in the Leadership Center.

Student Senate's petition

We, the undersigned students, faculty, staff and members of the UW community, demand that the Governor, Regents, and state legislators:

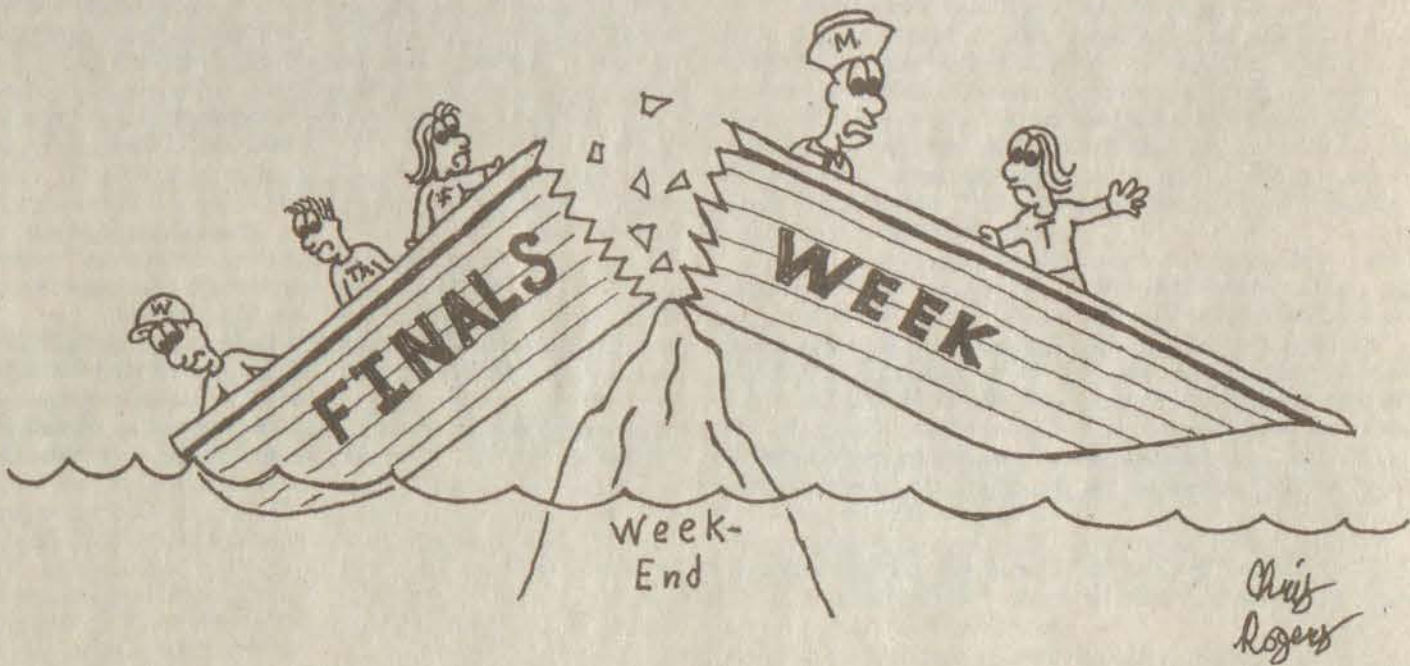
1. Lower tuition and increase financial aid
2. Increase the level of state funding for new classes and professors
3. Increase the level of state funding for and commitment to Plan 2008, the main UW diversity program, especially for the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students
4. Increase the level of state funding so that all campus workers, professors, and TAs receive the good salaries and benefits that they deserve.

– To sign the petition, see a Student Senator.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Semester's end brings allegations against faculty, lament over Student Senate decision

Sticky-fingered faculty member prompts disgust

I would like to make you aware of an incident I witnessed this past Friday in hopes that you will reprint this in the upcoming edition of the Student Voice.

On Friday, Dec. 3, I witnessed an incredible sight. I'm very proud of the University and how we come together to help our community, such as our current efforts on behalf of the food drive. However, I was dismayed Friday when I witnessed a faculty member take an item left on the table in the psychology building specifically for the food pantry. Not only did I witness this faculty member, who will remain nameless, take an item, I watched them cook and eat it from my seat on one of the couches. I find this an unacceptable form of behavior – especially from a faculty member – who is supposed to be guiding us, the students, into worthy and honorable careers.

To the person who I am addressing my disgust – you know who you are – I hope you feel deeply ashamed to have taken food from the needy and perhaps you'll feel the urge to donate more than you consumed to this cause. I sincerely hope that this is a once-in-a-lifetime incident, and as honorable students and perhaps faculty members we can make certain that this never happens again.

Heidi M. Gilbertson
Student

Binge drinking not worth soiling pants over

"Spinning a drunken reality" went beyond simply condemning the SHS ads. Ms. Gaynor inferred that those who do not get drunk are losers (have "little to no social life," sit "in the corner by themselves" in class, and can be found "peeing their pants

in excitement" while awaiting the start of class).

I am not in the "let's go get wasted every weekend" crowd and by no means am I EVER brimming with excitement to the point of pissing myself before class starts. I guess Ms. Gaynor didn't consider that those who aren't talking about getting wasted might have been drinking responsibly.

This article reinforced the stereotype that those who don't get drunk are losers. A lot of people come to college thinking (incorrectly) that everybody is getting drunk and that makes them more likely to think that this behavior is acceptable. The promotion of binge drinking (typically defined as drinking five or more alcoholic drinks within a few hours, usually to get drunk) is both unethical and dangerous.

Binge drinking has only negative consequences. It can result in sexual assault, date rape or unprotected sex. If someone becomes intoxicated, they could aspirate their own vomit or get blood alcohol poisoning and die. If the drunken person drives, there is a high chance that there could be alcohol-related driving injuries or fatalities. Finally, binge drinking in college raises the chance that the drinker will become an alcoholic when he or she gets older.

If someone believes that they must drink to have fun, they could be on the way to having a serious drinking problem. Getting wasted isn't something special that should be bragged about; anyone can do it with enough alcohol. The promotion of binge drinking in Ms. Gaynor's article marred what could have been a good piece.

Lindsey Decker
Student

Student Senate drops ball in USSA decision

When I joined Student Senate, I had the goal of leaving students at UW-River Falls in a better

position than when I began. However, I fear with Student Senate's decision (7-4-1) to abandon our membership to the United States Student Association (USSA) my goal has been abolished in one clean sweep.

UW-RF students will have one less \$1 payment per semester to make, but they are losing their voice at a national level. Smile for your \$1, but cry that programs like Pell Grants, the TRIO Program and GEARUP will now lose lobbying power at the federal level.

At a time when education has been losing funding, why are we severing our partnership with the USSA? If democracy matters, why are we giving up the national fight for education?

It may be because the Student Senate is too lazy to get informed about USSA. How many have actually taken the initiative to talk to a USSA staff member? Initiative seems to be lacking along with membership. It may be that we have given up because we are nowhere near a full senate. My personal "committee" has been running all year long with no members and getting a position in Senate is as easy as asking for permission from the members (but few do). What happened to elections and student participation? What happened to initiative?

Kendra Plant
Student Senator

Women's rodeo looks to put up with more bull

I am a junior at University of Wisconsin-River Falls. I am a member of the rodeo team and have been competing in team roping at the rodeos sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

Currently, the NIRA has only three women's events: Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, and Goat Tying; while the men can compete in five events including Steer Wrestling, the rough stock

events, and Tie-down Calf Roping. Team roping is the only event that is co-ed.

I want to ride bulls.

But the NIRA will not allow me to compete in bull riding, even though I have ridden bulls before.

In the last letter I sent to the NIRA, I wrote:

I am not mocking the NIRA or its affiliates by trying to get into bull riding just for the heck of it. Rather, I am going to take the time to prepare the rationale to present to the board. It is going to require a lot of time, and I do not intend to waste my time, or your time. I do not intend to make any enemies along the way; however, the proposal of women's bull riding may irritate certain individuals.

I want to make all NIRA members aware of the fact that I am trying to add women's bull riding. If any women are interested in competing in bull riding, or any other men's events, they should contact Erika Laur at erika.laur@uwrf.edu.

I would greatly appreciate your help in passing on this information.

Erika Laur
Student

The Student Voice will be on hiatus during winter break, returning Feb. 4.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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UW-RF COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

The most successful war directed by President George W. Bush hasn't been the war on terror, it has been the war on civil liberties. The USA Patriot Act dropped on us by John Ashcroft is the primary weapon in the war against civil liberties. Libraries can be searched to see what you're reading, and your house can be searched without you being notified, all in the name of protecting us from the terrorists. Anyone who dissents against a position of the president or disagrees with the war in Iraq is labeled anti-American or unpatriotic. Protestors have been confined to "free speech zones." News flash: The United States is a free speech zone. Or used to be. Since when is the United States a totalitarian society? Our leaders are supposed to be accountable to the public and disagreement is not un-patriotic. Stifling questions while waving the flag is about as unpatriotic as you can get.

Robert Kennedy once said, "The sharpest criticism often goes hand in hand with the deepest idealism and love of country." Bush said we're at war defending our freedoms. But if in order to do this we're giving up freedoms at home, what are we defending?

UW-RF COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

First off, the College Republicans would like to thank the Student Voice for giving us the opportunity to express our opinions alongside the College Democrats.

Liberals want you to be concerned about the Patriot Act and feel it takes away liberty. The Patriot Act was put into place to protect us from terrorism, to protect us from the people who want to harm us. It is designed to allow the government access to their homes, records and files, not yours.

Not only has the Patriot Act not taken away civil liberties, but it is bearing fruit by helping the United States win the War on Terror. Six months ago the CIA heard suspicious chatter concerning the Brooklyn Bridge through intercepted messages. Prior to the Patriot Act, it would have been impossible for the CIA to arrest and intercept this suspect without an arrest warrant. The arrest was never made; however, the allowances given to the CIA through the Patriot Act may have successfully deterred a terrorist act on the United States. The last message intercepted by the CIA concerning this matter was, "the weather is too hot on the Brooklyn Bridge."

TWO SIDES OF

Civil Liberties

Pill 'er up: Overmedicated Americans' drug use spiraling wildly out of control

Neutrality's light growing dim with partisan media

If you watch television these days, you know the pharmaceutical companies are becoming our most alluring and enticing advertisers. Replacing the tobacco and alcohol industries, these mighty drug companies advertise prescription drugs for just about anything that ails you.

As you soon learn from many of these ads, if you want to get it up or down - your mood, that is - there are several pills you can take. You can enhance your well-being without even leaving the couch or changing your lifestyle.

There was a time when diet and exercise were the panacea for good health. For instance, if you wanted to lower your cholesterol, you ate less fatty food. If you wanted to lower your blood pressure, you ate little or no salt. Well, no more. Drug therapy to the rescue!

In recent years, more and better drugs have come along to treat the chronic diseases and

conditions afflicting us: from arthritis, heartburn, appetite suppression, to, more recently, erectile dysfunction and everything else that causes us stress, in or out of the sheets.

Ladies, you can no longer use the excuse, "I have a headache," or "my hormones are in an uproar." You are expected to throw away the aspirin and welcome with open arms - Avlimil and Passion RX - the wonder drugs just for women.

These drugs promise "to help get you back to being yourself again." Well, yeah, like when I was 30. What about being myself now? What happened to romance?

I am waiting for the first lawsuit. "Husband sues wife for not taking libido-enhancing drug to save marriage." Or maybe, "Wife sues husband for not taking Viagra to save marriage."

U.S. pharmacies dispensed more than 3 billion prescriptions in 2003, up from about 2 billion a decade ago. We really depend on our drugs to get us through all aspects of our day.

From the start, even our children are in on this. Take for instance Ritalin and Adderall, two of the medications used to modify the behavior of children with Attention Deficit Disorder. They are rampant in pre- and elementary schools.

While some children clearly benefit from these medications, I believe they are severely overused. Parents and teachers cannot be bothered to take the time and patience necessary to discipline children. The words "punishment for behaving badly" no longer has meaning.

Even on college campuses, Ritalin and Adderall are being used as the study drug of choice because they allow the student to focus and study for longer periods. For example, a student wrote a 30-page paper on "War and Peace" in six hours after taking the drug Ritalin.

"I know it's not good for you," said John, who used the drugs at least 10 times last semester.

"But in a pinch, it helped me get through finals."

We do not seem to mind that these medications, like other drugs, can have ill effects as long as we receive the drug's functional value.

I find it rather counterproductive that immediately after a commercial finishes touting the wonderful and miraculous benefits of the drugs, you are seriously advised that if you take the drug you may suffer from insomnia, loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, dizziness, palpitations, headaches, changes in heart rate and blood pressure and a host of other life-threatening ailments.

Some of these are symptoms the drug was supposed to alleviate in the first place.

In fact, you may speak gibberish and grow excessive amounts of hair in your nose. But who cares? As long as the pills promise to make our day, we will keep popping them. We will take our Prozac and all will be well with the world.

During my brief tenure as a columnist for the Student Voice I have continually felt myself to be a round peg trying to force my way through a square hole. A large part of this is due to my writing style that forces me to self-regulate to a degree that the majority of time spent writing columns is trying to reword and simplify.

As a result, I have thought a lot about the media in general and how it attempts to portray news to the public. To be honest I haven't liked what I have seen by-and-large, so I am going to whine about it because this is my last column and I feel like it.

The problem, as I see it, is that too often news and even opinions seek to push whole ideologies in order to provide them with a more palatable version of reality. These days one cannot pick up a major daily newspaper, turn on the radio or watch television news without being bombarded with bias. Certainly things slip through the cracks from time to time, but by-and-large it is ever so much preaching to the choir. Major news sources, such as the New York Times and Fox News make claims that they are sources that give the consumer "All the news that's fit to print" or a

"fair and balanced" take on current events when they often seek to do anything but. The state of AM radio has become such a cesspit of hatemongering. I feel the need to take a shower after listening to that garbage. Then they go about providing a public "forum" that is suspiciously reminiscent of Cuban elections. The fact we still hold semi-civil, semi-fair elections in this nation instead of mass cage matches fought with knives and dynamite is amazing in light of the way we view "the other side."

Also: How local are local newspapers? I don't mean town papers that fill their pages with stories about someone's cat that died, but the dailies of major metropolitan areas like Minneapolis/St. Paul. When leafing through the front-page section of the Pioneer Press or Star Tribune one is bombarded with articles taken from AP or Reuters or whomever, and the actual content produced by writers employed directly by the paper is frighteningly scant. As a result the material that sees print is often such homogenous trash that when taken out of context it may well be confused with party propaganda or an infomercial.

In the end, media is a business and the consumers get what they are willing to pay for. The fact remains, if the American public wants partisanship and hate there is nothing to be done about it. But it seems a sad fate for my beloved nation.



PATRICIA BRUHN



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MICHAEL FOLEY

Nation favors PC over JC during holidays

More than 2,000 years ago, a baby was born who would become the King of the World. His name was Jesus and he was absolute perfection. Jesus loved all people and died on the cross for our salvation.

Today, the mere mention of Jesus in the classroom, the workplace and holiday shopping stores is under attack. With CHRISTmas vastly approaching, the name of the most sacred holiday is carefully being stripped from the public square. In Denver, the annual December parade has removed all floats pertaining to Christmas. In Somerville, Mass., the mayor had to apologize to the city after referring to the city holiday party as a "Christmas Party." All over the United States Macy's stores replaced the words "Merry Christmas" with a more politically correct greeting.

It's sad to see our country's traditions swept away by some radical, progressive movement. Our Constitution clearly states that Congress cannot establish a religion; however, it also guarantees the American people the right to freely practice their faith. Sadly, groups like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) don't understand the second clause of the First Amendment's religious section.

Even though the government heavily favors the religious perspective, the issue really goes beyond that.

On campus, many college students either lose touch with their religious convictions or stray away from the lifestyle defined in the Bible. It's simple to live a life that falls prey to the temptations of a non-spiritual life, so we often put religious issues aside and worry about other aspects of life. But many of us were raised in Christian households and therefore come from families that believe Jesus is the son of God, the King of the World. How can we sit back and let the extremists tear out this traditional fabric?

We need to stand up for our families and be thankful for what makes the United States great. Our country was founded on Christian principles. The influence of this religion has given us moral superiority over other nations. It has corrected the wrongs in our country's past (slavery, racism) and has guided us through challenging times. Our merciful God has given us so much that we must take back America from those who seek a secular state.

After your last final is over, remember why school is out of session for a couple of weeks. Christ was born in Bethlehem. Let's celebrate!

Support our troops. Support our President. And God Bless America.

Lifestyle enjoyed, but not endorsed

In last week's issue, I received what some of my friends have referred to as a thorough lashing. I'll be the first to admit that every one of my columns this semester has either directly or indirectly been about alcohol. Not only alcohol, but many of the activities myself and others partake in. However, in these times of a media flooded with apathetic apologies, I'll only offer a disclaimer.

First, I have never claimed to be an ethical journalist. I'm not even a journalist to begin with - just a college student who enjoys more than a few drinks on more than a couple nights a week. Also, I agree some of the things I'm doing aren't legal. One look at my police record will back that up more than I care to admit. But I am in college and I'm staring at a pretty messed up world through the even more distorted lens I kindly refer to as River Falls. I'm going to make mistakes but so are a lot of other kids here just trying to find themselves.

My columns are in no way trying to tell you what I do is "cutting edge," or that my friends and I have the monopoly on having fun in this town. I'm just trying to put some humor in your day, make you think about the stupid stuff we all do just to get by every week or even just a reason not to read some regurgitated political babble.

I've had fun since I've come to school and, to be honest, never indulged in either alcohol or that forbidden bowl while I was in high school. I had a great time being high on life then, but right now I'm taking pleasure in that warm feeling in my belly and sometimes even a good puking outside of Freeman Drug. You don't have to agree with my methods of enjoying my college days just as much as I don't have to agree with yours.

On the other hand, I think I have learned enough of these last couple years to be man enough to admit that not having a sober driver is not only immature, but also reckless. I take full responsibility for all the tickets I have received and the fines that go with them. My parents don't have as much say as I know they'd like. However, they do remind me quite adamantly to always have a sober person behind the wheel. I feel horribly for the family that was described in Linda Alvarez's letter and I hope nothing like that happens in my presence.

Not to end on a down note, we are in the middle of the drinking season. Thanksgiving through New Years and maybe even until Valentine's Day for you unlucky lonely folk, provides enough stress and family time to drive even the likes of my good friend Travis to sip a little. But who can pass up some good eggnog and brandy in from of a video recording of a fireplace while sneaking a kiss under the mistletoe?

What are you wishing for this holiday season?



Rachel Carlson, sophomore
"To spend lots of time with my family before I study abroad. Also, 'A's' on my report card."



Josh Koehn, freshman
"To have my own little midget."



Maite Oyarbide, senior
"To have an awesome vacation, and get a lot of sleep. That's my number one."



Anthony Bloch, senior
"Not to have to worry for at least one day."

Photo poll by Sarah Gestson

Pointers defeat men's basketball, remain No. 1



UW-Stevens Point forward Jason Kalsow looks to dish the ball to a teammate in the second half of the Dec. 7 matchup with the Falcons at Karges Center. Kalsow led all scorers with 17 points. Stevens Point head coach Jack Bennett looks to take his returning players to repeat national championship this season.

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team (3-3, 0-2) lost its WIAC home opener to No. 1 Stevens Point (7-0, 3-0), 65-50. The Pointers went into halftime up 29-14 thanks to River Falls shooting 19.2 percent overall from the field (5-26) and 8.3 percent from three point land (1-12). Stevens Point finished the first half on a 16-5 run.

The Pointers largest lead of the ball game was 26 points (52-26) with seven minutes remaining. Stevens Point got the margin by outscoring UW-RF 14-4 in the previous six minutes.

Overall River Falls shot 17-53 from the field for 32.1 percent, 6-26 from the three for 23.1 percent and 10-15 from the line for 66.7 percent. The Falcons grabbed 28 total rebounds, 18 defensive and 10 offensive. UW-RF only turned the ball over seven times while forcing 11 by Stevens Point.

Individually River Falls was led by senior guard Dan Torrez who scored 16 points off the bench (6-13 FG, 2-5 3pt, 2-3 FT). Sophomore guard Hans Hoeg was the only other Falcon in double figures with 11 (3-12 FG, 1-6 3pt, 4-4 FT).

The Falcon men's basketball team opened up WIAC play this week with no success. Thanks to a rough second half River Falls dropped its first WIAC contest at UW-Stout, 83-43. In the Falcons' only game of the week RF gave up a season high 53 points in the second half to the Blue Devils. "I've never seen anything go south so fast," said River Falls head coach Rick Bowen.

RF played Stout tough in the

first half, jumping out to a 4-0 advantage and shooting 31.0 percent (9-21) from the field and 42.9 percent (3-7) from 3-point land. In the first half the Falcons held the advantage in turnovers 10-8 but Stout had a 30-27 lead at half, thanks to 41.4 percent shooting overall. "The first half was not bad, we weren't playing well so I thought we would play better in the second," said Bowen.

The second half was a completely different story. RF just couldn't shoot while Stout caught fire outscoring the Falcons 53-16. UWS began the half outscoring River Falls 22-5 in the first five minutes. The Blue Devils shot 76 percent, 19-25 from the field and 70 percent, 7-10, from beyond the arc along with only missing one of nine free throws. Not all of the Stout second half performance was on the offensive end. The Blue Devils forced 12 second half RF turnovers and held the Falcons to 20.8 percent shooting overall, 5-24, and only allowed one 3 pointer, 1-11.

"Everyone involved with Falcon basketball was embarrassed, but let's not get crazy and change everything," Bowen said. "Let's focus on what we can do best instead of what out opponents can do."

Last season UW-RF started the same way, with a conference opening road loss.

"Last year a 38-point performance at Stevens Point turned our season around," Bowen said. UW-RF would go onto to win the WIAC title.

River Falls will look to pick up its first conference victory on the road on Saturday at UW-Oshkosh. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Road trip bumps men's hockey to No. 9 in national rankings

Mike Klees
Sports Information

Last weekend the UW-River Falls men's hockey team not only showed it deserves to be considered among the elite in the NCHA, but also that it is not yet where it wants to be. Slow starts, penalties and poor penalty killing plagued the Falcons in their first weekend of conference play. UW-RF went 1-1 on the road, but head coach Steve Freeman said that is not good enough for this team.

"We got to get back to work," Freeman said. "We need to stay out of the penalty box and work on the penalty kill. There's no question we are a good hockey team. We just need to work on the mental part of the game."

The Falcons opened up the conference season in Eau Claire on Friday night against a team riding a six-game winning streak. The Bugolds immediately jumped to a 2-0 lead just five minutes into the

first period. Freshman Matt Jackson answered with two straight goals for the Falcons to tie it up. Senior Garrett Larson, the Falcon's leading scorer for the year, put the Falcons up for good with a power-play goal early in the third. Junior Aaron Degerness and senior Tony Sikich scored in the third period to give UW-RF a 5-3 victory. Junior goalie Dan Meneghin had 35 saves for the Falcons and improved his record to 5-0-0 on the year. The Falcons went 3 for 8 on the power play, while holding the Bugolds to just one power play goal.

"We made some individual mistakes early, but we hit our stride about halfway through the game," Freeman said.

On Saturday night the Falcons traveled to Stevens Point to take on a scrappy Pointer team that was coming off a hard-fought tie the night before against UW-Stout. The Pointers jumped to 1-0 lead just two minutes into the game, but Larson responded with his ninth goal of the year

halfway through the period. The Pointers tacked on one more goal on the power play to make it 2-1 at the end of the first. Sophomore Jared Sailer tied it halfway through the second period with his first of two goals, but the Pointers scored two more goals to make it 4-2 after two periods. The Falcons roared back in third period, getting a short-handed goal from Degerness and a power-play goal by Sailer to tie it. UW-RF was unable to hang on though as the Pointers scored a power-play goal and then two empty-net goals to clinch a 7-4 victory.

Junior goalies Andy Scanlon and Meneghin combined for 18 saves for the Falcons. Adam Kostichka had a hat trick for the Pointers, who converted on three power plays, including two 5-on-3 opportunities. The Falcons were also impressive on the power-play going three for six, but they did not have the same success on the defensive end.

"It was disappointing last night," Freeman said. "The effort was there, but the discipline was not. We beat ourselves."

The Falcons (6-2-2) will take on UW-Stout this weekend in a home-and-home series. UW-RF and Stout are currently tied for fourth place in the NCHA, one point behind three teams that are tied for first. The Falcons are currently ranked No. 9 in the nation, while the Blue Devils received one vote in the latest USCHO poll.

The Blue Devils (7-3-3) are coming off two ties against Eau Claire and Stevens Point, but have played well this year getting big wins against Augsburg and St. Thomas. The Falcons went 2-0 against Stout last year, winning 3-0 in both contests.

The teams will face off at 7 p.m. on Friday night at Hunt Arena and at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night in Menomonie.

Injury reminds fans of sportsmanship

As those in attendance for the men's basketball game on Tuesday night witnessed, the Falcons welcomed in the No. 1 ranked Stevens Point Pointers. The game was expected to be a blowout but actually was close, leaving players and fans with their heads high, when the final buzzer sounded. However, there was one moment that came in two short minutes into the second half, when one of our own would go down with an injury, that would instantly silence the crowd.

Sophomore Hector Marchand, a transfer from Valparaiso, Ind., fell to the floor, with the crowd unaware of the extent of his injury.

Quickly, Stump was at his assistance and lining his body up with the inline stabilization techniques. Shortly after the ambulance arrived, the crew was hoisting Marchand up on to the stretcher and wheeling him off the court.

The true sense of a team that becomes a family was brought out before he was able to reach the door. All of the Falcon players went to their fallen comrade and wished him luck, with the sounds of clapping and loud cheers behind.

The clapping came from all in attendance. The cheering came from the Karges Krazies, and those fans from Stevens Point fans. This moment, frozen in time, clearly shows, that when someone becomes injured, instead of pumping our fists, we must clap our hands and wish

them luck and a speedy recovery. It is common around the sporting world to clap someone off, for any injury where they are removed from the game, but who actually takes the time to think of what that means? In this particular situation, I did stop to figure out what this might symbolize to the world of sports. This is what I came up with:

Fans bring the athletic families together. When a team is down, the fans get pissed and criticize, and the team bonds and works together to overcome the adversity. When the going gets good, the players rely on the fans to give them the home-field edge. In a situation of injury, fans are the sympathetic ones who provide caring and support, even if it means cheering for the other team.

This was one of those moments athletes, fans and mainly parents hate to ever witness. In athletics there will always be injuries, some more serious than others. In this situation, the extent of the injury is still unknown, but according to Stump, he feels that Marchand will be alright.

I will close on this final issue before break in saying that we wish a speedy recovery to Marchand. Our thoughts are with him and his family in Valparaiso, and the family he has become a part of that will be waiting for him to put on his No. 35 and join them back on the court.

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

Throughout the years that have included the assassination of JFK, Watergate, the Miracle on Ice and Ken Jennings' record-shattering run on Jeopardy, there has been one constant- The swimming pool at UW-River Falls.

UW-RF swimming coach Bill Henderson sums up the pool situation, which includes meets taking place at River Falls High School. "We have our meets at the high school," Henderson said. "Right from the start it was not a pool built with any kind of serious competition in mind."

The UW-RF pool, built in 1959, does not meet the requirements for diving, isn't large enough to have the whole team practice at the same time and is one lane short of the six lanes required to hold an NCAA event.

"Because of the separate practices, we don't have the chance to work on team fundamentals," senior swimmer Ashley Hawke said. "Our relay starts could be greatly improved simply by having the entire team there to work on drills and exchanges."

Because the pool doesn't meet NCAA requirements for holding a meet, the swim team holds their swim meets at River Falls High School, a situation foreign to the other swim teams in the system.

"When the Vikings play the Packers, nine times out of ten the home team wins. The same is true about swimming," Hawke said. "When you practice in the pool you learn when to turn, you know how the water feels, you know how to compete and how to swim in your pool."

According to Hawke, having home meets at the high school takes away the Falcon's home pool advantage.

"We know how to swim in the pool here at the college, but because our facility is not up to par or adequate to host swim meets, we need to go to the high school, meaning we now lose the home-field advantage," Hawke said. "As far as competing goes, we are away for every single meet that we have."

When recruits visit UW-RF, Henderson focuses on other aspects of the swimming program, rather than the pool.

"I emphasize the camaraderie and team orientation here," Henderson said. "I show them the pool, affectionately called 'the dungeon.' It's not our highlight of the tour."

The current swimmers aren't fond of 'the dungeon' either. "The deck is missing several tiles and others are broken, leaving sharp edges that cut swimmers feet," Hawke said. "This is actually worse than it sounds because the deck is so narrow, not only could you not have two teams present on it for a meet, but it is too narrow to even step around these hazards when walking around the pool."

According to senior swimmer and co-captain Logan Baker, cleanliness in the pool facilities is often overlooked.

"The janitors never clean our locker room," said Baker. Hawke had similar sentiments about the cleanliness of the pool itself.

"The pool only gets cleaned once a week, six times a week short of what's recommended," Hawke said.

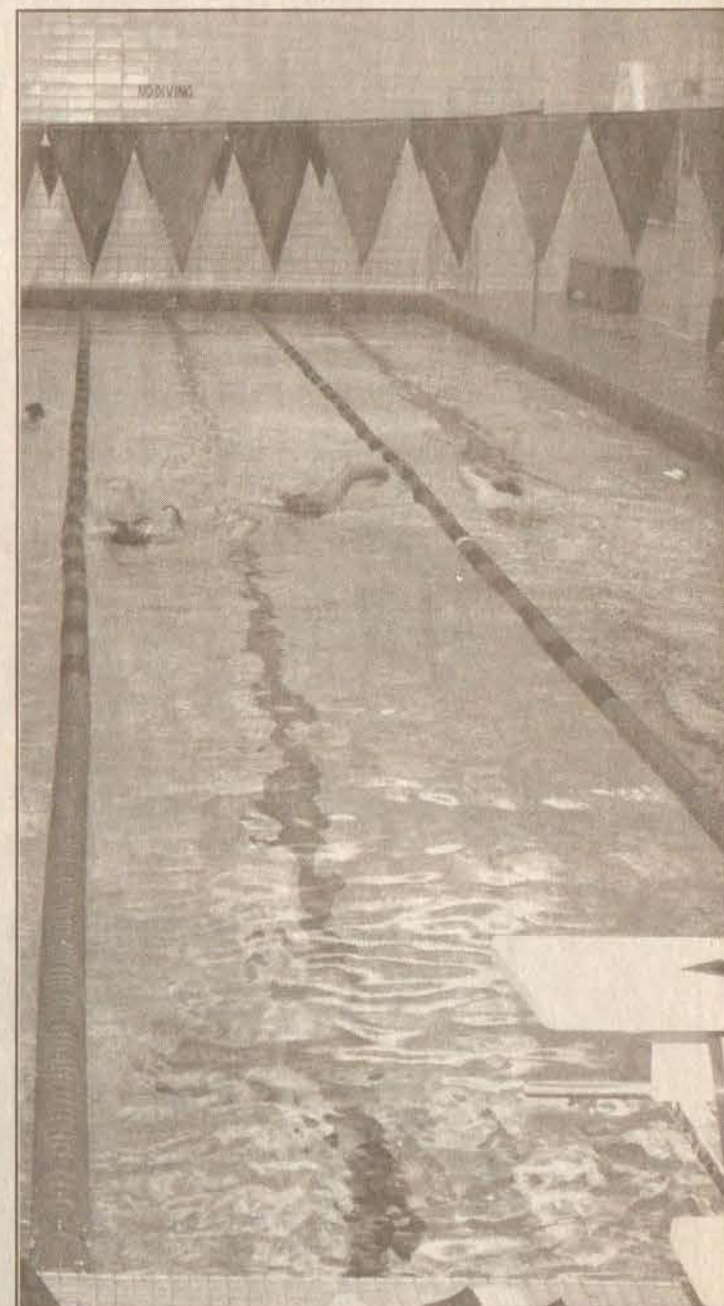


Photo by Eric Ebert
The Karges pool is inadequate for the Falcon swim teams to hold competitions. Instead the team must take their home-pool advantage to the River Falls High School for meets. The pool, built in 1959, is in need of some major changes in order to bring meets to the campus.

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SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Men's Hockey



UW-RF vs UW- Stout

7:05 p.m. on Dec. 10 at Hunt Arena

The Falcons (1-1-0) WIAC (6-2-1) overall, will face UW-Stout (0-0-2) WIAC (7-3-3) overall, Friday at Hunt Arena beginning at 7:05. The Falcons are looking to rebound after their 7-4 loss to Stevens Point, which was their first WIAC loss of the year.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

- Friday, Dec. 10
- Swimming vs. Hamline, 6 p.m.
- Men's Hockey vs. Stout, 7:05 p.m.
- Women's Hockey at Stevens Point, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 11
- Swimming vs. Augsburg (women), 1 p.m.
- Women's Hockey at Eau Claire, 2:05 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Oshkosh, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Oshkosh, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Hockey at Stout, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14
- Men's Basketball at Viterbo, 7 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Jacob Moe
Swimming



Marlene Yaeger
Hockey

Moe had two strong meets last week for the Falcons. In a dual meet against St. Thomas he was a member of the 400-medley relay team that finished in 4:44. At the St. Mary's Invitational he finished the 100 free in 1:02.17 and the 200 free in 2:30.61.

Goalie Marlene Yaeger set a school record on Friday with her 12th career shut out in a 3-0 victory against Lake Forest. Yaeger game stoped all 25 shots she faced. In an exhibiton game agianst Rober Morris, Yager picked up her 13th career shut out to lead the Falcons to a 2-0 victory.

Women's hockey team continues undefeated streak in NCHA play

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team finished a weekend in which it left both opponents scoreless and remained undefeated in the NCHA.

The Falcons' formula for success seemed to be in their ability to consistently more than double their opponents' shots on goal and make the most of power-play situations.

Friday night they played host to Lake Forest and it was the Falcons' ability to capitalize on power plays that helped them earn a 3-0 victory.

It was not until Jenny Wallace scored on a power play at 13:40 of the second period that the scoreboard saw any action. She received assists from Lindsay O'Keefe and Lou Paulson. It was Paulson who scored the

next goal at 3:40 of the third period with O'Keefe giving her second assist of the night. Leah Baron scored the final goal of the night on another power play at 8:25 of the third period, with assist from Jenna Scanlon and Kelly Hurley.

Senior goalie Marlene Yaeger played all 60 minutes blocking 25 shots for the night. Friday's game marked Yaeger's 12th career shutout.

Falcon head coach Joe Cranston was pleased with his team's efforts.

"We played awesome," Cranston said. "We outplayed them every period."

The Falcons out shot the Foresters 37-25. Saturday the team played host to an exhibition match against Robert Morris.

During this match, the Falcons continued their success in power-play situations.

The Falcons got their scoring done early

with Paulson making an unassisted power-play goal at 5:10 of the first period. Lindsay O'Keefe was the next to score for the Falcons on a power play at 14:04. She received assists from Emily Nierenhausen and Paulson. That marked the end of any scoring from either side for the night.

Overall the Falcons were 2 for 6 on power plays and left the Eagles 0 for 4.

"Our power plays look good and our penalty kills are good, but when its 5 on 5 we were sloppy," Cranston said.

It was Amber Linder's turn at goal, where she played all 60 minutes, she blocked all 19 of the Eagles' shots on goal.

The Falcons had 40 shots on goal.

The next match for the Falcons is Friday at Stevens Point. The puck will drop at 5 p.m.

POOL from Page 6

There's a possibility of getting a new pool at UW-RF as part of a \$40 million sports facilities upgrade that would include an aquatics facility. That would help Henderson with his recruiting.

"Our needs won't be met until we get a new facility," Associate

athletic director Patti Ford said. "It doesn't serve the needs of our department."

"To be able to showcase a nice new facility would be huge for recruiting," Henderson said.

UW-RF is playing host to the 2006 WIAC Conference Championship, but due to the pool situation, the event will be held in Inver Grove, MN. This would mark the first time a WIAC swimming event would be held outside the state of

Wisconsin.

Until the pool problem is dealt with, the UW-RF swimmers will continue practicing apart while working toward their team goals.

"Imagine telling any other team to do this," Hawke said. "How well would a basketball team perform if they had to practice at different times, then when a game comes around they all have to work together? What if this happened in hockey, football or soccer?"

Hawke doesn't feel that the current pool facilities are fair to the coach or the school, as well as the swimmers.

"It is not realistic, and from a coaching standpoint it is unfair and disadvantageous to our team and school, but it happens and here we are," Hawke said.

"Its just where we are right now," Ford said. "Once we get a new facility, we will be able to recruit a wider variety of athletes."

Swim teams recover and show strength at St. Mary's Invite

Katie Bild
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls swimming and diving teams lost in a dual meet at St. Thomas Thursday, but came back to have an extraordinary meet Saturday for the St. Mary's Invitational.

At St. Thomas, the woman scored 46 points to 57, while the men scored 34 to 59 points. The Falcon women were swimming without two key performers, Kelly Deters and Ashely Crunstedt. The women still took three first-place finishes.

Danielle Cesare won the 50 free (26.93), Marissa Merchant won the 200 breast (2:42.37) and the 400 free relay consisting of Jamie Hatch, Sarah Foster, Maggie Olson and Laura Schultz took first with a time of 4:02.12.

The men took two first-place finishes also. Ryan Smaagard won the 200 breast (2:29.96) and the 400 free relay consisting of Chad Goetsch, Tom Fritchen, Ryan Hawke and Smaagard won with a time of 3:41.18.

Saturday at the St. Mary's Invite, the women scored 531.5 for a second-place finish of eight teams, outscoring St. Thomas' 394. The men scored 420 for a close fourth-place finish of five teams.

Overall, head coach Bill Henderson thinks both teams swam very well for how far into the season they are.

"I'm pleased with the meet," Henderson said. "It was a super effort by the team. I figure about 90 percent of times were season bests and 30 percent were lifetime bests."

For the women, Rachel Clark had two first-place finishes, in both the 200 fly (2:24.88) and 100 fly (1:03.51). Olson took first in the 100 back with a time of 1:03.74, closely followed by teammate Cesare (1:04.17) who took second. Schultz took second in the 400 IM with a time of 5:05.57. The 400 free relay consisting of Schultz, Olson, Foster and Hatch took first also with a time of 1:47.46. Jamie Farley also scored points for the Falcon

women on the one-meter board in diving.

"Rachel's two wins in the fly were great and I was pleased with how she's coming along," Henderson said. "Laura also had excellent times. Maggie's win in the 100 back was a season best by 1.5 seconds. It was nice to beat St. Thomas in this meet after losing to them in the dual meet."

The men's team also had great finishes. Goetsch took three first-place finishes in the 1,650 (18:34.36), the 500 free (5:15.57) and the 400 IM (4:56.08). Smaagard placed third in the 100 fly in 58.39.

"Chad's victories were super, and the 500 free was his best time for this point in the year," Henderson said. "Newcomers Jacob Moe and Anthony Yarusso had a super meet, and Fritchen also had strong times."

The Falcons will compete next at the River Falls High School on Friday against Hamline. The action starts at 6 p.m.

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Falcons pick off Pointers

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon women's basketball team forced 39 turnovers on their way to defeating Stevens Point 68-56, Dec.8 at the Karges Center.

Traci Reimann led the way for the Falcons with 16 points. She made her presence known on the defensive side, by leading the team with four steals. Chantele Melgaard scored 11 points and made three of four from three-point range. Melgaard is shooting a team high 45 percent from behind the arc on the season.

Kirsta Cordes finished with eight points and came off the bench late in the first half to knock down two threes to help

the Falcons pull away and lead 32-21 at halftime.

The Falcons finished the game with a higher three point percentage (41) than field goal percentage (40). River Falls was out-rebounded by the Pointers, bringing down 33 boards, while the pointers finished with a total of 38. Gina Astedt came off the bench for the Falcons and led the team with six rebounds.

The Falcon's women's basketball team defeated Viterbo, Saturday night, behind 17 points from both Chantele Melgaard and Erin Effle.

The Falcons took the lead with 12:36 to play in the first half on a jumper from Melgaard and never trailed again. Viterbo came within two, late in the first half

and within one after a 9-1 run midway through the second, but were never able to pull ahead. Melgaard scored 10 of her 17 points in the first half.

Effle scored 13 points in the second half in the Falcons fourth consecutive victory. Effle grabbed seven boards to go along with her 17 points on the game. Reimann scored 13 points on 5-7 from the floor. Melgaard ended the game with four rebounds and a team high four steals. Guard Melanie Preiner led the Falcons in rebounding with eight.

Overall, the team shot 55 percent from 3-point range.

Saturday, the Falcons go to Oshkosh to play the Titans. The game tips off at 3 p.m.

Gen ed requirements face challenge

Brea Beaudoin
Staff Writer

Tensions are building between the modern language faculty and members of the general education committee as the groups debate where modern language courses will fit in the new general education program.

The new program, slated to begin in fall 2005, differs from the current program in that it defines general education courses according to the academic and learning goals they should establish for students rather than in terms of disciplinary areas.

Ruth Wood, chair of the gen ed committee, the Faculty Senate subcommittee working on revamping the current program, said that many departments are not specifically named in the new program as a consequence of the overhaul. Modern languages is one of them.

"The problem becomes that modern language teachers, obviously, would like to see their courses in some way count toward general education requirements," Wood said.

Five goals exist as defined by the gen ed committee. Within each goal are designators, or course categories, into which courses that meet that specific goal can be placed. The new program will identify courses according to which designator(s) they adhere to.

At the heart of the debate is which designator will be modern languages' best home.

Wood said three designators could possibly house modern languages: communication - speaking and listening (CSL), humanities and fine arts (HFA) and global perspectives (GP). The first two are general education credits; the third is a University requirement.

The choice is clear to the modern language department: HFA, a general.

Modern language department chair Peter Johansson said gen ed courses aim to make students more informed of the world around them and to help them become critical thinkers. He feels modern languages strive for the same goals and

should therefore count as generals.

"I personally believe that it's possible to teach critical thinking when teaching a language," Johansson said.

But a technicality is throwing modern language courses off track, he said - how the gen ed committee defines its criteria. He said some of the established components don't allow for modern languages.

"The ultimate criteria and outcomes as written appear to exclude modern language from the HFA area," Johansson said.

In order to be classified in a designator, a course must meet all objectives within that designator. HFA, the designator the modern language department is pushing for, includes linguistic expression as a criterion; a cloudy definition of the other criterion has made the department question its chances for success.

"I think the bigger, the harder problem appears to be a matter of analysis," Johansson said.

One of the criteria for HFA courses is for students to "interpret and evaluate artistic representations," according to the gen ed committee's course outlines.

The meaning of "artistic representations" is unclear to the department and has not been further defined by the committee.

"That's probably one of the reasons why we've been reluctant to go through with the effort," Johansson said of sending a course proposal to the gen ed committee.

But deciding how to classify courses is up to the departments, not the committee. The committee's job is to approve or reject a course only after the department submits a proposal. The modern language department hasn't submitted any proposals, which means none of its courses have been considered for inclusion in the gen ed program.

The department hopes the committee will rephrase some of its wording to make inclusion in gen ed more likely. Johansson said his department has not yet decided whether it will proceed with course proposals.

Gen ed designators

There are five goals set up by the gen ed committee. Each goal has designators that courses are placed under. The new program will identify courses according to which designator(s) they adhere to.

Goal: Communicate effectively
Designators: Communication - Reading & Writing (CRW)
Communication - Speaking & Listening (CSL)
Advanced Communications (CA)

Goal: Demonstrate knowledge of past and present human endeavor
Designators: Social and behavioral sciences (SBS)
Humanities and Fine Arts (HFA)

Goal: Apply scientific principles to the natural world
Designators: Mathematics (M)
Sciences (S)
Scientific Investigation (SL)

Goal: Engage in multidisciplinary inquiry
Designator: Multidisciplinary Inquiry

Goal: Evaluate individual responsibility to self, society, and the world
Designators: Personal Health and Wellness (HW)
Ethical Citizenship (EC)

"It hinges on whether the gen ed committee wants to redefine those criteria," Johansson said. Student Senate voiced its support of modern languages' inclusion in the gen ed program, in a motion it passed in November.

"If our university wants to move in the right direction by promoting diversity and exposing students to different cultures, ideas and ways of thinking, we can do this by allowing Modern Languages the opportunity to be a part of general education," said Senator Nick Cluppert in a letter to the committee.

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save money," Parish said.

The glass mugs in 13 and 32-ounce sizes etched with the Falcon logo, sell for \$9.99 and \$14.99, respectively. Mugs customized with personal data such as etched name and or graduation date, cost an additional \$3.

UW-River Falls Dave Bonko,

who teaches Small Business Management in the College of Business and Economics (CBE), acknowledges his student's enthusiasm has gone beyond class requirements.

"The students only have to present a business plan, see if ideas will float," Bonko said. "Parish has taken the concepts to a marketable state."

Parish said he is simply applying the business concepts he learned in class to his "Mugs R

Us" business.

"I wanted to bring my project alive," Parish said.

Bonko said that about 50 percent of his students express an interest in starting their own business. Like senior business major Jared Anderson.

Anderson's venture, Anderson Investment Properties, will entail buying and renovating older homes and renting them. Anderson said he plans to do the work of renovating and managing

the properties himself.

"My family already has rental properties so I am no stranger to this business," Anderson said. "I like the fact you buy a house and someone else makes the payments and you get the equity and profit."

Anderson said Bonko's enthusiasm for business motives his students and "arouses" their entrepreneurial spirits.

"He brings personal and real life experiences to class which

are great motivating factors," Anderson said. "He is also encouraging me to compete in the national Young Entrepreneurs Conference next year."

The Conference, which was established by a grant awarded to UW-RF CBE by Xcel Energy, will provide all business students from UW-Systems schools with a contemporary real-world learning experience in entrepreneurship.

The conference will be held on the UW-RF campus, April 29-30, 2005, and will encourage each school to submit their best-written business plan for competition.

Although he will be graduating in the fall, Parish said he plans to attend the conference to take advantage of the opportunity to share ideas with leading business executives and other entrepreneurs.

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returning, it's hard for businesses to make up the lost profit during the break. Many businesses like Domino's and Coach's offer spe-

cials to keep the locals interested in what each business has to offer.

"We try to run more specials, and try to draw in the people who come home to River Falls," Kent Kletscher, a bartender at Coach's, said. "Since the students are the ones who bring in most of our business with the two-for-one specials, when they leave

we are left with only our dinner crowd."

Don't forget about the businesses that helped provide entertainment and enjoyment while being at school.

"Eighty percent of our business is the kids," Andrews said. "We absolutely miss them."

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seems like everything is due all at once at the end of the semester, so my stress level is definitely high right now."

Students will have a "study day" the Tuesday before finals week officially gets underway this year rather than the Saturday "study day" that occurs in typi-

cal academic calendar year.

I think having the "study day" is a good idea, even if students don't use it how it's intended to be used, Long said. "It gives them a break, but they can also study for an extra day if they want to."

Following the suggested guidelines, even with an extra study day, won't guarantee a stress-free finals week, but they may help reduce the pinch of the growing worry and stress.

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library home-page (www.uwrf.edu/library) to look up the call number for the semester they want evaluations from.

Students should click on course reserves and then do a general search. They should type in professor evaluations and a list of items will come up for evaluation.

tions for different terms. The most recent evaluations are for the spring 2004 semester and the call number for that semester's evaluations are 6030.

Evaluation summaries are listed in alphabetical order by professor's last name. Each page gives a professor's name, course number and section number. Each of the eight questions has what percentage of students answered from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

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said.

About 1,100 students are served in a typical year, Benedict said. The numbers have

been as high as 1,200 or as low as 950. Benedict said.

Corey Enberg, a junior is considering attending this year.

"I never thought I'd say this, but now that I live off campus I really miss Rodli's food," Enberg said. "Cooking for myself just doesn't happen. I never turn down free food

when the price is right."

Amy Jorgenson, a junior, plans on attending the breakfast for the first time. Jorgenson plans on attending the event with her roommates.

"We're all going to need a stress relieving break so that we don't kill each other," Jorgenson said.

Your spring 2005 Student Voice Editors



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Derrick will be in charge of the design elements in the spring 2005 *Student Voice* including photography, page layout and Web design. All photographers, page editors, graphic artists and cartoonists will fall under his responsibilities.



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Happy Holidays from the Student Voice



Micheal Foley
Editor

I wish for a faculty/staff parking pass.

Holiday Wishes



Mike Longaecker
Viewpoints Editor, Columnist, Film Critic
I wish for a \$50,000-a-year newspaper job and more realistically, a fully functioning light saber.



Eric Ebert
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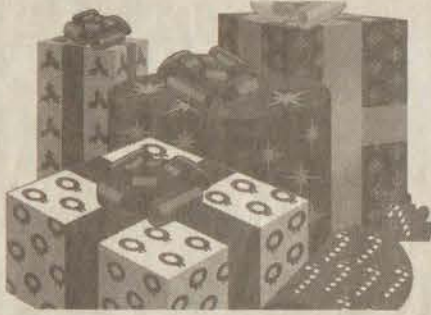
In an effort to be cooler than Mike Longaecker, I wished I could skate down the stairs.



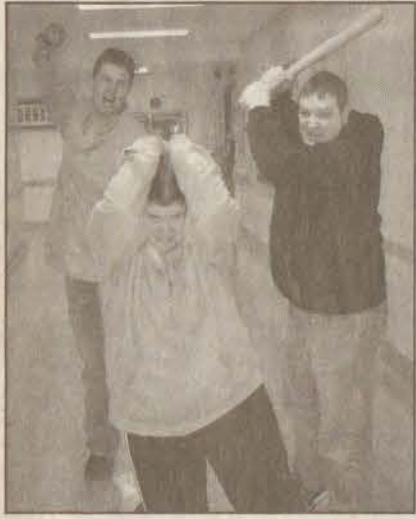
Eric Quade
Chief Copy Editor
Gypsy belly dancers ... two will suffice.



Derrick Williams
Front Page Editor
I wish for a fairy of my own. And a life-size Gumby statue. **Trista Seitzer, Proofreader**
I wish I was a little bit taller...



Rachel Gaynor
Assistant Editor
I wish for class to begin sooner so I won't wet my pants waiting.



Sarah Packingham
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I wish people would stop throwing stuff at me during work. And a date with Prince William would be nice.



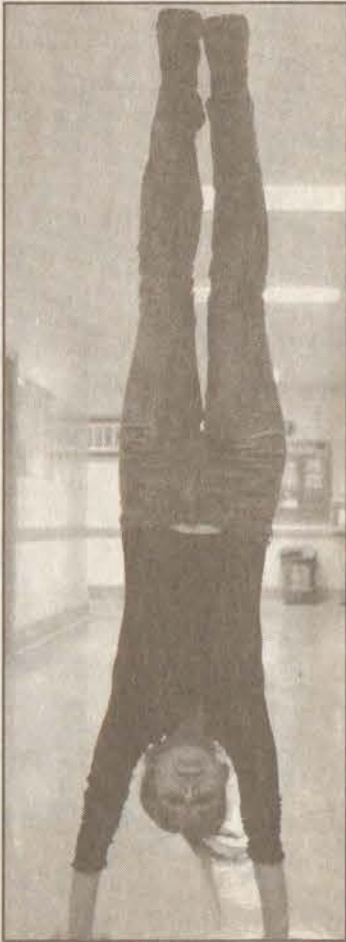
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I wish for higher taxes for poor people.



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I wish I knew what a PC load letter is and for whirled peas.



Drew Pawlikowski
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A small European country to rule with an iron fist.



Sarah Gestson, Assistant Photo Editor
I already got my wish, now my world is turned upside-down.

Not pictured:
Sara Tischauser, Sarah Day, Christine Honadel, Keighla Schmidt, Lucas Pokorny, Neng Yang, Katie Bild, Chris Rime, Christin Wzykowski

I love the smell of White Russians in the morning

Coppola, Kurosawa and 'The Dude' immortalized

For those of you who've been putting off studying for finals in anticipation of my top-five film list, I now grant you clemency. And if anyone thinks I actually believe the first 19 words of that last sentence, you'll also be interested to learn that I'll be administering flu shots all week long on the fifth floor of North Hall.

So enough, already. On with the list.

5. "Apocalypse Now Redux":

Francis Ford Coppola's Vietnam epic "Apocalypse Now" had always held a special place in my heart, but when he released "Redux" in 2001, it leapfrogged like a mofo up my list. Coppola's a renowned master of the contradiction: After "The Godfather Part II" was done, he said he'd never make another violent film. Then came "Apocalypse" or release a director's cut. More than 20 years later, he gave us "Redux." But we're all better off from Coppola's wavering sensibilities. Among "Redux's" additions to the original are a sublime French plantation scene and a surprisingly lighthearted surfboard theft/reconnaissance scene, which add color and depth to a film that was already the stuff of legend.

4. "The Big Lebowski":

Maybe the most re-watchable film of all time - and definitely among the most quotable. There's something romantic about the ritual of mixing a White Russian, popping this movie in and surrendering your self to the trials of The Dude. The Coen brothers' ability to stand character stereotypes - like a hapless landlord who moonlights in performance art - on their ears is part of the rea-

son they're still tops in the comedic genre. "Lebowski" may not mine the depths of human emotion like others on my list, but its ability to draw deep belly laughs well after the first dozen viewings is why it cracks my top five.



Mike Longaecker

3. "Schindler's List": What better way to say, "I'm more than just a magnificent action-and-science-fiction director" than to make what

may be the most important movie of all time? It's difficult to communicate the jagged topography of emotions Steven Spielberg drags audiences across with "Schindler;" I was unable to describe it when I first saw this masterpiece and it's just as hard 10 years later. Spielberg's stark black-and-white images construct a wholly visceral experience blended with a story that's impossibly heartbreaking. Unforgettable.

2. "The Godfather": THE Contemporary American classic. Coppola and Mario Puzo may have given "Part II" a richer story line, but the director has never since approached the artistic altitudes he reached with "Godfather." One moment, it's a vivid Florentine fresco. A few minutes later, it's straight-up film noir. And - visually - everything in between. It's also perhaps the greatest assemblage of American actors this side of "Mystic River." Every video store in America carries this movie, so if you haven't already, go do yourself a favor.

1. "Seven Samurai": Ever wonder where many of your favorite action directors look to when it's time to draw up a kick-ass battle scene? They queue up old films of Japan's greatest director - Akira Kurosawa. And when it came time for Kurosawa to tackle the

samurai genre, he made "Seven Samurai" and, sumarily canonized himself in film history. It's impossible for me to categorize this film, because it's so perfectly equal parts drama, comedy, tragedy and action. When Kurosawa isn't baffling us with his camera, he's letting his stable of actors wow us with their ability to bring texture and nuance to their characters. This epic film is the closest to movie perfection I've ever seen.

Honorable mention: "Rushmore," "Mystic River," "Miller's Crossing."

I'm a film studies minor who's about to graduate, which means I should know a thing or two about this stuff by now. And I think I do. But in the end, film analysis is pretty simple. I often think back to what St. Paul Pioneer Press Film Critic Chris Hewitt once told me. He said rather than holding each film up to the standards of classics, he judges movies based on what they're trying to accomplish. Most movies don't hold big pretenses - they're not trying to re-create "Citizen Kane." Just compare them to similar films and see how they stack up.

But in essence, movies are what you make of them. If you liked it, you liked it. You shouldn't necessarily let a film critic get you to turn your back on a movie you enjoyed. If you thought "Freddy got Fingered" was great, that's your prerogative.

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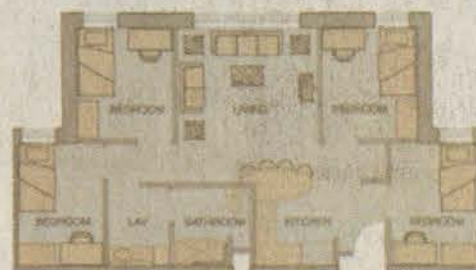
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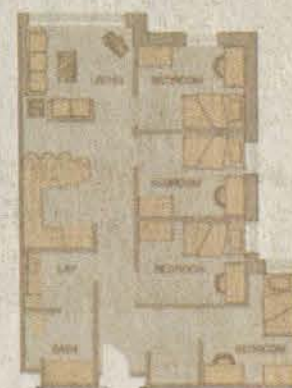
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