

COMMUTER CONTROVERSY

Columnist Robb Pennie reflects on a parking lot conversation he heard and shows strong support for a special "species" that exists at UW-River Falls—commuters. Biased or not, check out what he has to say.

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Once again the *Student Voice's* Focus section tackles an important issue that impacts many of the nation's universities. This week our reporters found out what minority life is like at the college level.

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RETURN TO GLORY

The Falcon hockey team is currently 6-2 and looking to make its fourth straight trip to the Final Four. One of the main reasons for the team's success is goalie Brady Alstead who has recorded two shutouts in NCHA play.

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Women's Equality Group not only for women, president says

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A women's issues group has been formed here at UW-River Falls, and both male and female students are more than welcome to be a part of it.

According to Mandy Fox, Women's Issues Programming Coordinator, there has not been a women's group at UW-RF for the past 2-3 years. But last Wednesday, women met in the St. Croix room to organize a group that would deal with the concerns of women on campus. The members named themselves The Women's Equality Group, a name that defines the concerns of the group but does not only accept female members. In fact, men are encouraged to participate.

Brianna Evans, president of the Women's Equality Group, feels it is important to involve men in the group because women are only part of the society, and "if you want it to be a society thing, men have to be involved." She said men are very welcome to the group and necessary to help get things done.

Evans said there seems to be a stigma attached to men who get involved in women's rights issues.

"It's hard to break through this stigma, but I hope to find a way," she said.

Evans was active in a women's group

at UW-Eau Claire and was surprised that UW-RF had no such group. So she took it upon herself to organize one. She is encouraging any interested UW-RF students to be a part of the organization.

"It'll need anyone with energy and ideas," she said.

Evans feels these groups usually end up being very collective because anyone can be involved. She says the group may consist of a range of members from survivors of rape to women who have not been victims of such serious experiences. Fox said some women involved in these groups are victims of sexual assault "but you can look at any group and find that."

Fox said she believes most people feel that women's issues programming is an important part of this campus.

"I think college-aged women are very concerned about safety and sexual assault issues," she said.

She said she feels that the most important aspect of making this group work is getting more people involved. That will determine how much progress the group makes.

"Women's groups are not only a great place to make change and to deal with concerns, but also to find good things and support them," Evans said.

She said she doesn't just focus on negative things, but "support what

already exists." Since Evans is new to UW-RF, she said she doesn't know what the problems on campus are. Through the group she hopes to investigate and find out what policies are currently in place and what to change or support.

Evans said that when freshmen come to this campus for orientation they need to be aware that rape does occur

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-Brianna Evans, Women's Equality Group president

on college campuses and there are safety issues. For example, Evans says that most people don't think much of going out at night, but it is a big deal for some women. She said for her it's a big issue because "if I have somewhere to go after dark I need to know I'm going to be safe."

Since other women on campus may have this same concern for safety after dark, it's important for the group to make women aware of such things as the escort service offered at UW-RF, Evans said.

"It's a great service but how many women know it exists?" she said.

Both Evans and Fox said they don't want to make goals for the group at this time because they don't want to discourage anyone from joining by not including some issues.

However, Evans said she would really like to have a "take back the night" rally. She has been involved in these before and feels they are important because women shouldn't be afraid to go out at night.

"We should have every right to be out on the streets at night, but we don't," Evans said.

She says these rallies are a lot of fun because there is so much energy and everyone bonds together. She said she is trying to come into this group without a lot of expectations because she doesn't know what the interests on the campus are yet. She is waiting to see how many people are going to show up and what their concerns are.

"Since I'm new here on campus, I'm really going to listen to everyone else to find out what the group wants to do," Evans said.

Fox said what needs to be determined first is whether the group is going to be a functional, supportive or political group. She sees herself as a supporter of the group. Fox said she would be a good resource for the group

because she knows the university well. She hopes the group uses her as a resource.

"I would like to see them become a thriving organization," Fox said.

Evans said that she does not want the organization to be known as a feminist group because it may distract some women and men from joining. She says that you do not have to call yourself a feminist to care about women's issues. Fox says that in the mid to late 1980s, the word feminist was cool, but it's not cool anymore.

"Something happened and feminist became another 'F' word," Fox said. "Feminist is a real loaded word. It has a lot of negative connotations attached to it, and you don't need to bring that baggage with when you're starting a new organization. Unless that's the kind of baggage you want."

The Women's Equality Group will meet twice a month and encourages students to attend their meetings. Although the group's main focus is on UW-RF students right now, Evans says she wouldn't mind seeing the community eventually become a part of it. She said she will be here for another year and a half and hopes the group continues long after she is gone, Fox said.

"Whatever this group decides to do is up to them. I'm going to help them do whatever they want," she said.

Cafe takes chill out of winter

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A hot cup of gourmet coffee would be just the thing to take the chill off on a blustery Wisconsin winter day—but what about a fresh sandwich from the deli, a slice of pastry, and soft music from a baby grand piano tinkling in the background?

These extras may not warm like the coffee, but they serve to make an experience at the new Grand Cafe on Main Street something that River Falls has not seen before.

The Grand Cafe is a new gourmet coffee shop located at 123 S. Main St., the old Ragstock location, in between Chaser's and the Sunlife Tanning Salon. In addition to coffee, the cafe offers deli and bakery goods, as well as live piano and guitar music, according to a partner in the project, Susan Appleton.

In the tradition of the coffee shops on Grand Avenue in St. Paul, Grand Cafe seeks to provide a "cozy, friendly atmosphere that will invite patrons to linger over a second cup and dessert," according to owner Terry Wallace.

"Grand Avenue is 'this'," said Wallace, gesturing around the Grand Cafe's main room. "It's 80 different shops up and down the street; they each have their own character. There's probably ten coffee shops on Grand Avenue, and I went to every one, besides many, many others, and pulled ideas out of what worked and tried to incorporate it here."

Appleton says the food selection is very special. There will be five gourmet soups every day. According to Wallace, there are 12 salads available, five different kinds of fresh bread, five types of meat, as well as chicken, tuna, and seafood salads.

"When someone comes in to order, we'll ask them what kind of meat, what kind of bread, and then whatever they want on [the sandwich]," said Wallace.

Customers will have a choice of 30 different flavors to add to the gourmet coffee, and there is also a choice between regular and decaffeinated. Grand Cafe also offers dessert such as cakes and pies.

"[The desserts] are made by a pastry chef for the Dellwood Country Club, which is a pretty high class distributor," said Wallace.

As the result of six months of construction, the decor of the cafe is also very unique, according to Wallace, who has owned the building for ten years. An

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World Aids Day gives UW-RF students chance to reflect on lives lost to disease

ANNA BOISJOLI
STAFF WRITER

AIDS awareness week brought new knowledge and a better understanding of the disease to many.

A variety of activities encouraged students to reach out for information, or to remember those they have lost to the disease, and hope for those who are now living with the disease.

According to UMHE minister Bonnie Jones-Withuhn, the candle-light remembrance Thursday evening was emotional at times.

It consisted of Jones-Withuhn leading off with introductions among the 20-or-so students who were in attendance and a reflection of what we, as a society, have learned about AIDS.

They shared stories about people who have lived with AIDS and have died, people who are living now with the disease, and people who are hopeful for the future of the disease.

"We always see the light as a hope," Said Jones-Withuhn about the importance of having candles.

"There is an importance in finding unity with each other. There is a need to find something to bring us all together, because we always see the

pain, the separation, and the negativity of the disease," said Jones-Withuhn.

"We need to highlight AIDS here on campus, people think that just because we live in River Falls, that AIDS isn't here, but it is," said Jones-Withuhn.

"It's something we have to live with, not something we can run away from; it's here."

Friday afternoon in the Student Center, there was a table set up for distribution of literature and safer-sex kits. This table was manned part of the time by peer educator Richard Herod III. Several students came up to the table and were asked to answer a true/false question to obtain their safer-sex kit

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World AIDS Awareness Day

Sorting through free speech and student fees: Campuses struggle with law

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For \$7, roughly the price of a movie ticket, the University of Virginia plans to preserve students' First Amendment rights.

Recently the University's Board of Visitors voted to allow students who disagree with the views of campus political or religious organizations to request a refund for a portion of their student activities fees.

While the money may not add up to a lot of cash for students, the University hopes it will offset its decision in August to end its ban on funding of religious activities. That decision was based upon a June ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that threw out the university's policy of denying student-activity fees for religious publication.

This ruling shocked many campus officials nationwide, since most policies excluding religious groups were based upon the First Amendment's "establishment clause," regarding the separation of church and state.

State university officials had long believed that using student activity fees for such groups would essentially

be giving state monies to support religious causes. It also ignited a debate on college campuses about how students' First Amendment rights are best served and raised new questions about how mandatory student fees should be allotted.

Supporters of the ruling say in an environment where student fees fund clubs that support everything from animal rights to gay and lesbian causes, it is unfair to deny money to a group solely because they are a religious organization.

But others argue that it is wrong to use student activity fees to support religious or other ideological activities, especially if a student is compelled to support a group with which they disagree.

And clearly, even for the justices, the matter is a tough call. In the *Rosenberger v. U.Va.* case, the ruling carried with a narrow 5-4 margin. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of *Rosenberger*, former editor of the Christian student publication, "Wide Awake." They found the university violated the First Amendment right to freedom of speech when it excluded the publication based solely on its religious affiliation.

"This case lies at the intersection of

the principle of government neutrality and the prohibition on state funding of religious activities," wrote Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in her concurring opinion.

In delivering the court opinion, Jus-

"Since I cannot see the future, I cannot tell whether today's decision portends much more than making a shambles out of student activity fees in public colleges."

-David H. Souter
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

ice Anthony M. Kennedy criticized the guidelines U.Va. followed, stating "it effects a sweeping restriction on student thought and student inquiry in the context of university sponsored publications."

He goes on to say that this prohibition, "would bar funding of essays by hypothetical student contributors

named Plato, Sinoza, and Descartes."

But Justice David H. Souter dissented: "Using public funds for the direct subsidization of preaching the word is categorically forbidden under the Establishment clause and if the clause was meant to accomplish nothing else, it was meant to bar this use of public money."

The court, accordingly, has never before upheld direct state funding of the sort of proselytizing published in "Wide Awake" and, in fact, has categorically condemned state programs directly aiding religious activity.

After the ruling the U.Va. Board of Visitors revised their funding policy. Earlier this term, "Wide Awake" applied for just over \$8000 and was granted \$4722.

"I'm deeply excited about the ruling," says the publication's current editor, Erick Sierra. "Formerly religious speech had been classified as second-class speech. Everyone from gay groups to animal rights activists to any extremist group that wanted funding was allowed, but those groups looking to promote Judeo-Christian beliefs were subject to apartheid. The *Rosenberger* decision has created an equal playing field for all view points

and all perspectives."

But not all U.Va. students are elated. "It potentially takes more money away from other groups, since now more groups going for same dollar amount," says Alvar Soosar, the U.Va., student council vice-president for organizations and appropriations committee chairman. "I think it's kind of unfortunate. People seem to be pretty neutral about it in general. Some of the more religiously aware people are happy for the change. Others are very unhappy, but those are all in the minorities."

The U.Va. Board also went one step further and recently declared political organizations eligible for funding as long as monies are not used for lobbying or electioneering. This is partly in response to the issue being pushed by U.Va.'s University Democrats, which also had applied for funding.

Following the announcement, the student newspaper, "The Cavalier Daily," ran an editorial entitled "Going Overboard," stating it was impossible for a political organization to separate its activities from electioneering or lobbying and that the Board went too far by changing this policy

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Planning a wedding during the semester? Don't do it!

SAMANTHA CUMBERWORTH
COLUMNIST

I was threatening my mother with a baseball bat; screaming at her to tell me where she had hid my wedding shoes. When my blood pressure hit the boiling point and I couldn't stand the frustration anymore, my alarm went off and I woke up. The date was Monday, November 6, 1995, six days before my wedding.

We chose November 11, 1995 as our wedding day because it held sentimental value to us. We didn't think about the fact that I would be in the middle of 17 credits to finish my final semester of college. Besides, how hard could planning a small wedding be?

First, there are the flowers. Luckily my future-mother-in-law was talented in the creative department and was making the bouquets and the boutoniers. I had explained to her that the wedding colors were hunter green and burgundy, and I wanted the flowers to accent her 32-year-old-antique-white dress that she had so graciously offered to let me wear. She had worn the dress 32 years ago when she married my husband's father. The dress was simple yet elegant and beautiful and I was honored to wear it. However, when she was finished with the flowers, I had wondered if she had gotten lost in her thoughts of her wedding because the boutoniers were white with dark green leaves and no accent of burgundy or hunter was present. The flowers were the ugliest and most boring things I had ever seen in my lifetime.

Being the communication student that I am, I told her the flowers were gorgeous. I then proceeded to ask her if she thought the flowers might fit the theme of the wedding better if they had the wedding colors added to them maybe with a burgundy bow or a hunter green ribbon accent. She thought they were fine. I then asked if she thought the white might clash with the antique white of the dress. She didn't think many people would look that closely at the flowers and if they did, who were they to judge? So she left them. I then asked her again if she wouldn't mind doing what I had originally asked and she told me that men don't like bows. IDON'T CARE WHAT MEN LIKE, I screamed to myself, THIS IS MY WEDDING AND I WANT THE GOSH DARN FLOWERS MY WAY!! I smiled and let her walk out the door, leaving the white flowers for me to contend with.

Not gone more than two minutes, I called my creative, crafty friend Sara and asked her if she would help me fix the flowers. She agreed to help and we set a date. This irritated my husband-to-be because he thought I would hurt his mother's feelings if I changed the flowers. This did not gain him any brownie points. We had a LOUD discussion about whose feelings he cared more about; his mother's or his wife's. He didn't see it the way I thought he should so I re-phrased the question for him. I POLITELY ASKED HER TO CHANGE THEM, SHE DIDN'T, SO I AM DOING IT MYSELF. DO YOU STILL WANT THIS MARRIAGE TO HAPPEN? He encouraged me to do what I thought was best.

My future grandmother-in-law made the bridesmaid dresses and the junior bridesmaid dresses but we still weren't sure how the dresses would get to the church before the ceremony, especially if severe weather hit. The grandparents informed us early that if there was snow, they wouldn't be able to make it.

The next nightmare came the Tuesday before the wedding. I dreamt that I was walking down the aisle and nobody else was in the church because severe weather had stranded everyone at home. I don't know if the dream was my subconscious wishing I wouldn't have a crowd staring at me or the weather report from the nightly news.

I figured it was the nightly news but worried that the meteorologists pre-

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BRIEFS

SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY: The UW-RF snow emergency policy will be in effect from Nov. 1-March 31. No parking will be allowed in faculty lots or on residence hall service roads from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. When necessary to plow student lots completely, students will be notified two days prior to the plowing date. Any vehicle remaining in student lots will be issued a \$20 citation and may also be towed at the owner's expense.

NEW CITY PARKING ORDINANCE: Alternate parking will be in effect every night from Nov. 1-March 31. Between 1 a.m. - 6 a.m. park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd dates and the even numbered side on even dates. Remember to park according to the date after midnight. If snow emergencies are declared, vehicles parked on the wrong side will be towed immediately.

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP for UW-RF sophomores and juniors interested in careers in environmental public policy and Native Americans/Alaska Natives interested in careers in health care and tribal public policy may apply for a Morris K. Udall Scholarship. For details and application form, contact Dr. Donald Petzold, Chair, Geography Department (X3264). Deadline for receipt of nominations is March 8, 1996.

PHI KAPPA PHI OFFERS GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS for outstanding senior students for competitive fellowships worth up to \$7,000 for first-year graduate or professional study. Fifty fellowships will be awarded nationwide and thirty \$1,000 honorable mention awards will be made. For further information contact Dr. James Shatava in Rm. 102 Ag. Sci. or call 3298.

DIANE WEGNER will be playing at Brandy's with her band on Wed., Dec. 13 from 8 to 10 p.m. The event is sponsored by H.U.B. and there is no cover charge.

UW-RF FESTIVE CONCERTS OF SEASONAL MUSIC annual concert will be presented in the Wm. Abbott Concert Hall on Dec. 9, 10 and 11. The Saturday and Monday concerts will begin at 8 p.m. and the Sunday program begins at 3 p.m. Free tickets to control seating are available in the Music Office, Rm. B-46, KFA or by calling 425-3183. The concert will include performances by UW-RF organist, Kathryn Moen, The Women's Chorus, under the direction of Sarah Parks, and the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, directed by Elliot Wold. Members of the audience will be invited to join with the Concert Choir in signing the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's "Messiah."

NOW (NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN) meets on the second Wednesday of the month at YMCA, 2211 Vine St., Hudson, WI at 7 p.m. For information call 386-2264.

MINORITIES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCE SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Government Finance Officers Assoc. is open to government finance majors. Deadline for the scholarship is Feb. 19, 1996.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by Government Finance Officers Assoc. is open to accounting majors. Deadling for applications is Feb. 19, 1996.

JAMES MADISON FELLOWSHIPS: The scholarship for history, government or social studies majors is being sponsored by the James Madison Mem. Fellowship Foundation. Deadline date is March 1, 1996.

ENJOY MEETING OTHER ADULTS? Want to brighten someone's day--and yours? Check out the Young at Heart Program sponsored by the United Ministries in Higher Education. Contact Bonnie at UMHE at 425-2391 for more information.

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE will be at Textbook Services from now until finals week. Textbooks in all subject areas at prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE program directories are now available. This program gives students the opportunity to exchange to universities within the United States and its territories. Interested students should contact Mary Lou Bean, NSE Coordinator, Hathorn Cottage, 425-3948.

SCHOLARSHIP: The Wisconsin Grocers Association Education Scholarship, being sponsored by the Wisconsin Grocers Association, has a deadline of March 1, 1996.

SCHOLARSHIP: The AAA Fellowships for Scientists and engineers, being sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science is offering a scholarship for science or engineering majors. The deadline is January 15, 1996.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES provides certain health services to registered, paid students through agreements with the River Falls Medical Clinic (425-6701) and Pierce County Reproductive Health Service (425-8003). Please call ahead for appointments and bring your student ID. Taxi rides by the River Falls Taxi (425-7878) are also provided to and from the River Falls Medical Clinic with presentation of a student ID. Low cost condoms (\$2.50/dozen) and other nonprescription safer sex and birth control supplies are available for students to purchase at Pierce County Reproductive Health Service.

CABLE TV MOVIE PROBLEMS - contact TV Services at X3175 immediately, or the next business day. Detail what the problem is - the date & time, wrong movie, wrong time, poor reception, movie cut off before ending, etc. If enough students call each time there is a problem, the problems are more likely to be resolved and we will receive better service.

MEETINGS

Thursday, Dec. 14
UMHE will be Christmas caroling to nursing homes and elderly high rises. They will meet at the UMHE House at 5 p.m. There will be a chili Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. sponsored by UMHE. Call 425-2391 with questions.

The Women's Equality Group, a newly formed organization to discuss women's issues on campus, will meet in the Kinnikinnic Room on Thursday at 4 p.m. Women and men are welcome!

If anyone has a brief, meeting or event to be published in the *Student Voice*, submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

Former RF student to speak on God's view of sexuality

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The Chi Alpha group and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will host a guest speaker on the subject of God's Views of Sexuality on Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the President's Room of the Hagestad Student Center.

Amy Anderson, an ordained pastor and former UW-River Falls student, will attempt to challenge some misconceptions of how God intended human beings to express themselves, which includes the area of sexuality.

"I think both Christians and non-Christians have a lot of misconceptions about how God intended humans to express themselves," Anderson said.

Erland Bragar, campus Minister of Chi Alpha, said that Anderson used to be a member of Chi Alpha when she attended UW-RF. "She was the spark plug for Chi Alpha getting moving at

the time," Bragar said.

Anderson graduated in 1980 with a BS in Dairy Science and had managed a dairy farm and worked for the Valley Veterinary Service in River Falls, but her heart was in campus ministry.

"I had been in Chi Alpha with Erland Bragar leading and had seen the important difference God was making in my friends' lives through the ministry," Anderson said.

Anderson had spent nine years in Germany where she found and led a lively ministry in Cologne. In March 1994, she returned to the U.S. to attend Fuller, a seminary in Pasadena, Calif. She will graduate with a MA in June and plans on beginning a Ph.D. in Studies in New Testament Textual Criticism at a secular university, she said.

Her goal is to return to Germany and continue to work with campus ministry, and in addition, teach in the German universities, Anderson said. "They (universities) all have theology

departments."

Not only is Anderson a scholar, she is also an inspiration, Bragar said. He feels she is a true ambassador of Christ, which is what Chi Alpha symbolizes.

Edward Brown, Fellowship of Christian Athletes campus minister, said he has heard Anderson speak from the pulpit and feels she is a marvelous speaker.

Sandy Winter, contemporary worship coordinator at Ezekiel Lutheran Church and a former UW-RF student, said that Anderson has a very good knowledge of the word of Christ and has a gift in sharing the

Gospel.

"I've heard her speak at a couple of conferences," Winter said. "She is wonderful. She is great."

Along with her gift she can relate to students. "She relates to student at their level, and she makes them feel welcomed," Winter said. "She cares a lot about them."

Bragar said his goal for holding this workshop is to encourage living a Christian lifestyle, but more importantly would be to establish a relationship with Christ.

Anderson doesn't want to give too much away, but she hopes students of all religions or non-religions come to hear what she has to say about God's view of sexuality.



College students use Internet to access information

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COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Somewhere in cyberspace a college student is working on his sociology professor's latest research assignment, "The Role of the Family Dog in Modern America."

Utilizing a search tool on the Internet, the student has fingertip access to articles about dogs, photographs of dogs, statistics on dog breeds, theories by dog psychologists, sounds made by dogs, poems to dogs, dogs on television, videos of dogs and discussion groups about dogs.

Some of the information turns up to be useless, some thought-provoking, some doggone entertaining. One thing is certain, when he turns his paper in Monday morning, it will read nothing like anyone's in class.

An increasing number of college professors are requiring students to use the Internet, specifically the World Wide Web, to explore information that is impossible to share within a regular classroom. By creating their own Web pages, presiding over on-line conferences and communicating through electronic mail, professors are able to assist students at any time of day and from anywhere in the world, provided the computer hardware is in place.

With industry estimates placing the Internet's growth at 80 percent annually, some proponents of on-line education see the Internet as a technology that will forever change the scope and methods of traditional education.

"The best thing about the Internet is that it gives students access to the outside world, to places and things they would never be exposed to with ordinary textbooks," said Robert Krawczyk, studio professor at Illinois Institute of Technology's College of Architecture.

Like several of his peers, Krawczyk uses his own home page on the Web to supplement lectures. Students that access the page, whether from a home computer or a computer at any number of locations on campus, can link to other Web sites that Krawczyk believes will help their understanding in class.

For example, his home page includes links to several architecture publica-

tions, college libraries and architecture-related databases. Users can move from each site by clicking with a mouse on words highlighted in the body of each page, thereby pursuing a virtually endless thread of resources and study materials, he said.

"Of course, it's up to the student to make use of the technology in place and, certainly, it can be overwhelming at times. It's up to the instructor to provide links to the most succinct sources of information and leave it to students to find the more obtuse ones,

where they just log on and roam around and see what they can find."

While some critics argue that on-line technology isolates students from the world on campus, Internet aficionados say nothing is lost in the way of socialization.

"Certainly the Net can be isolating, but I

encourage my students to network and to make contact with people on-line. It's a way of meeting people in places like Poland or Turkey and sharing ideas," Krawczyk said.

Using the Internet as an educational tool is not a new concept on many college campuses. Four years ago, the University of Minnesota developed a search tool known as Gopher, which can access text-based files across the world. More recently, the Web and various browsing tools have been developed to access a wider variety of files, such as photographs, three-dimensional charts, articles, books, video clips and music.

Curtis Bliss, English instructor at the State University of New York at Albany, is passionate about the Internet's value as a teaching tool. Having supplemented four classes with a Web page, Bliss said on-line instruction is about to blow the roof off traditional teaching methods in more ways than one. Students' ability to choose where their research leads, often times hemispheres away from where the instructor intended, is going to cause a rethinking of the traditional classroom paradigm, Bliss said.

"(On-line education) is extremely liberating in that the classroom is no longer confined to a specific time and place, and the source of information is no longer just the teacher or an old textbook," he said. "Students are empowered to become active pursuers of information and can escape that tradi-

tional, teacher-centered hierarchy of information dissemination.

"Isn't sitting on your bed thinking about your English homework a much better learning environment than doing it in some sterile classroom?" he asked.

Bliss's classes usually meet in person for just two hours per week—the rest is done on the Internet, where he spends about three hours a day updating his home page, working with students via e-mail and leading interactive discussions. By shedding traditional classroom distractions, students who are on-line can think and respond critically about a topic and preview what their written comments look like, as opposed to just blurring something out in class, Bliss said.

"Many students are more inclined to participate in discussions. And when they do, their answers are more stylized and from fresh perspectives," he said. "Because so many links lead to other links, students can approach a subject from any number of directions. It's wonderful in that knowledge is becoming more student-centered—but it scares a lot of instructors to death."

Bliss, like Krawczyk, assembled his home page and corresponding links without school assistance, learning the requisite Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) on his own. And while other professors also find the computer language easy to master, many don't have the time or initiative to learn how. Students, likewise, often face similar roadblocks.

To help matters, Abraham Bass, associate professor of journalism at Northern Illinois University, developed an introduction to the Internet on his home page that has students and faculty surfing almost instantly.

"I have one student who was able to find the nudes in Playboy in eight minutes and others who found things about MTV in four," Bass said. "A lot of these kids grew up playing video games, and the Internet is just a slightly better and more sophisticated design. It just won't gobble you up like Pac Man or something. And finding the information is more fun than traditional methods because if you get bored, you can explore other things on-line that are more exciting. You can waste time more productively. It sure beats being bored and walking around a library."

"Learning the navigation process is

the important thing—to feel familiar with the equipment. So when something crucial comes up you know how to find it," he added.

The only problems Bass sees about encouraging Internet use among students is that some users become addicted. Others, however, become discouraged by slow information searches and boring results.

"People who sing the praises of the Net never talk about how slow the Internet usually is and how often things are broken and don't quite work," said Toby Donaldson, a graduate student at the University of Waterloo. "My experience is that such minor annoyances add up to be a major annoyance for many new computer users, not to mention many experienced ones, too. To the point of utter frustration."

"The Web is still too new for many people to have put much thought into whether the things the Internet can do are really worth doing," Donaldson said. "The fact that cool, multi-media-type things can be done is what everyone is talking about. I mean, great, we can pump live-action video over the Web, but that doesn't mean it's really a useful thing for teaching. The technical achievement is impressive, but the pedagogical value is still unclear to me."

"Bad teachers will not suddenly become good teachers because they start to use the Internet," he said.

Another threat to the Internet's educational potential is its possible exploitation by schools as a cost saving device, said Jack Owens, history professor at Idaho State University.

Owens said courses that depend heavily on the Internet shouldn't exceed 15 people, and institutions that like to cram students into a large auditorium could place an excessive burden on the single, under-paid individual in charge of a large Internet class.

"It is very difficult to sustain a meaningful, interactive relationship with 100 people at the same time," he said. "Moreover, since (a) great advantage to Internet teaching is the ability to include students at remote sites, including students with disabilities, (it) really does require a small class."

Bliss agreed. "The answer lies in the responsible use of information technology," he said. "It could be our savior, or it could do us in."



Cafe/ Establishment brings something new to River Falls community

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Italian tapestry adorns the ceiling, and prints by Takar and Patricia, from galleries in Beverly Hills and Michigan, hang on the walls. There are several free-standing tables, and booths along the walls have church pews for seats.

"The church pews came from Bay City, from St. John's Evangelical Church; there's a club in St. Paul that has church pews and the same style of lights, and that's a character that no one else had [around River Falls]," said Wallace.

The church was being closed to turn it into a museum, according to Wallace.

"So when I knew what I wanted in here, I put the word out that I was looking for church pews, and Paul Steiner, our plumber, called me and said, 'There's an ad in the paper, go check that church out,' so I went down there and bought them."

In the storefront window sits the cafe's namesake, a 1940 baby grand piano. The idea for the piano was the result of a collaborative effort. Wallace had to sell his house on Grand Avenue in order to do the Grand Cafe project, and he was unhappy about

that decision. He was talking to some friends about the decision, and one of them gave him the idea for the piano.

"[One] said, 'If you're leaving Grand Avenue, name your restaurant after Grand Avenue,' so that's what we did," said Wallace. "Then there were probably 12 of us out for dinner, and one said, 'Well, get a grand piano to put in there.' I knew I wanted music, so it was a combination of a lot of brainstorming between a lot of people."

Wallace found the piano at an estate sale on Summit Avenue, and said he was fortunate to have found it.

"Again, I was just going through the paper, I was looking for one, and I just lucked out," said Wallace.

Finding people to play at the cafe has not been a problem, either, said Wallace. People from Stillwater, Minneapolis and River Falls will perform at the cafe, as well as a student from the University.

"Six different people play throughout the week for lunch, and at night in our schedule there's a piano player for Mondays, a guitarist for Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the rest are also guitarists; some will have piano accompanists," said Wallace.

Some of the performers also sing, and a jazz band from the Twin Cities area will be performing on Saturday, Dec. 9.

On Saturdays and Sundays there will be piano music during the day, and Saturday nights are still open to anyone wishing to audition, according to Wallace.

"Everything's pretty set, except for Saturday nights; right now it's just a process of coming up with something different," said Wallace. He is still taking audition tapes, which can be dropped off at the Grand Cafe.

Another feature that local talent may want to take advantage of is an open slot every evening for anyone interested.

"Between 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. we're opening up the stage for anybody who wants to come in to play for tips," said Wallace. "We've got tapes coming in all the time, so in case the Tuesday night person can't play every Tuesday, but they just want to play every other Tuesday, we'll have others to fill that slot."

Grand Cafe is open at 6 a.m. for early risers who commute to St. Paul or for students who commute to and from River Falls.

"Statistically, the Midwest coffee industry is busiest in the morning," Wallace said, when asked about the early morning opening time. "If you go down South, it's more at night, or even out East, but in the Midwest it's in the morning."

The Grand Cafe will have live music until 10:30 p.m., and on weekdays the cafe will be open until 11 p.m.

"Weekends, we don't know because if this place is full, we're not closing," said Wallace. "We don't have to close because we don't have a liquor license."

So far, the cafe, which opened on Monday, has been steadily doing better.

"Our lunch [on Tuesday] was doubled over Monday," said Wallace. A schedule is posted in the front window as to which performers will take the stage and at what times, so people can coordinate their visits with what music they would like to hear.

"I want people to be comfortable here," said Wallace. The cafe is meant to be a place where people of all ages can go and relax over coffee and good food, and Wallace thinks that he has achieved the kind of atmosphere that everyone will enjoy.

UW-SYSTEM UPDATE



UW-Superior: An alternative final exam plan was proposed by the UW-Superior Student Senate and discussed by the Faculty Senate at their Nov. 21 meeting. The Perpetual Calendar, proposed by Dr. Hal Bertilson, vice chancellor of academic affairs, has been used since it was adopted last spring. The proposed schedule was based on the assumption that the university was required to provide the students with a minimum of 170 contact days per year with their professors.

Steve Perala, Student Senate president, said while calling System Administration to make sure he was following proper guidelines for writing an alternative proposal, he discovered that 170 contact days was a maximum requirement not a minimum. The Student Senate brought forth a new proposal with a five day final exam schedule instead of the six or seven day schedule now, only 166 contact days and no finals on weekends. The Faculty Senate voted to send the proposal to the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) to be considered.

UW-Whitewater: With enrollment being low in the fall '95 semester for UW-Whitewater, administration was faced with a budget deficiency as high as \$279,000. It has now stabilized the enrollment and achieved its budget goals for the semester. With a freshman enrollment of 1,901 students this fall, Whitewater has more freshmen than in past years. Last spring, the university administration noticed a low retention rate and believed that more freshmen would be needed for the fall semester. The university easily achieved its goal for this semester.

UW-Stevens Point: Two student senators were recalled and one resigned at their Nov. 27 meeting. Senators Ronald Rule and Patrick Vento, representing the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture, were recalled due to excessive absences of Student Senate meetings, Raghu Devaguptapu, legislative affairs director said. Another Student Senate senator, Kurt Boylen, representing the College of Liberal Arts and Education, was not recalled, but proceedings were brought against him as well. Senator Destin Peters' resignation was also accepted by the senate. Peters cited a busy schedule and work conflicts among the reasons for his resignation.

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Patton to research library fires, safety issues

ERIC WIDHOLM
FOCUS EDITOR

Three fires that occurred in the construction zone of Chalmers Davee Library within the last week has prompted Student Senate President Chris Patton to research the issue.

During the Tuesday night meeting, Patton told Senators he was going to call the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance to set up a tour of the library construction area.

"I will specifically look at safety and make sure, when there is a fire, there is a plan to evacuate people," Patton said.

Patton will tour the library in response to reactions from students, faculty and staff about concerns for fire safety and inhaling the fumes from construction equipment.

"It think that it's important that we as student leaders make sure everything is okay," he said.

According to Patton, construction

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fires happen all the time, however, he said that the situation is different when there are students in the area, combustible paper and narrow aisles for evacuation.

"I think it's definitely an issue," Patton said. "It warrants responsibility."

Three Senators resign

Three resignations from the Senate were approved during the meeting.

Senators Dan Dietzel, Shaun Fiedler and Kenna Johnson will all resign from the Senate effective Dec. 23, 1995.

Dietzel will be graduating, Fiedler will be

leaving UW-River Falls and Johnson will be going to Scotland. The motion was passed unanimously.



Caffeine and studying may, may not mix

AMY BUKDOLL
THE INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR

Gordon Braun, a third-year University of Florida exercise and sports science major slept a total of four or five hours during finals week last semester between studying for general chemistry and qualitative analysis, human anatomy and personal growth.

In that time span he said he went through two boxes of Vivarin and about 20 cans of Mountain Dew or Dr. Pepper.

"I was just so...so...wired," he said, describing how his knees and hands shook from all the caffeine.

Eric Bragger, a second year UF microbiology major, described how an all-nighter actually helped him pull off a B+ on a western civilization exam, for which he said he had "no clue."

"It's so quiet, and it's so dark, and you've got your desk lamp on or something, and you're concentrating so hard..." Bragger said. "But then on the other hand, you're so tired... and all of a sudden your brain just stops, and you're like, 'I need another soda.'"

Most students have at one time or another used caffeine to pull them through a long night of studying. According to Loren Chastain, a student in UF's pharmacy program, caffeine is a stimulating drug that when taken in moderation can improve awareness, performance and mood.

"The system is acting on an increased level in carrying out its normal function," he said, describing the drug's effects.

On The Down Side

Though caffeine is primarily found

in coffee, tea, cake and chocolate, according to a Food and Drug Administration consumer report, it is also found in baked goods, frozen dairy desserts, gelatin, puddings, pie filling and soft candy.

Excessive caffeine intake, a dosage of 500 to 600 milligrams per day for an adult, can cause headaches, insomnia, irritability, dizziness, sudden tremors, anxiety and loss of appetite.

In addition, it can cause racing and irregular heartbeat, facial flushing and gastrointestinal problems such as nausea and vomiting.

Gretchen Erwin, an elementary education sophomore, said she has felt such symptoms. When she was in the 10th grade, she and a friend each took Vivarin, an over-the-counter-caffeine-based stimulant.

"We've gotta be really cool and do this," she said describing their reasoning at the time. "We heard about how awesome it was."

After taking just one pill each, she and her friend began to feel sick.

"It felt like my heart was pounding out of my chest... it was painful... I seriously thought I was having a heart attack."

"We couldn't believe what it did, but we both vowed never to use it again," she said.

Over-the-counter medications like Vivarin offer the same effects as soda or coffee, only more intense, Chastain said, usually causing an upset stomach and nausea.

"You're dumping a lot of caffeine on the body at once," Chastain said. "It tends to shock the body."

Going Without

Caffeine is addictive and can induce withdrawal symptoms including irrita-

bility, nervousness, restlessness, drowsiness, headaches and lethargy, Chastain said.

However, Dr. Michael J. Huey, director of Student Health Care at the UF Infirmary, said it is possible, though difficult, to eliminate caffeine from the diet. It is important to do so slowly in order to avoid withdrawal effects.

Caffeine, unfortunately, is found in some unlikely places, Huey said. For example, he said that Anacin brand aspirin used to include caffeine. The company found that most people drink more caffeine during the week to get them through.

As a result, they got more headaches on the weekend from caffeine withdrawal.

It is difficult to assess exactly how dangerous caffeine can be because some people are more sensitive to it than others. Huey said people especially at risk are those who suffer from irregular heartbeats of any kind, severe hypertension, stomach problems (including ulcers) and migraines.

Caffeine increases activity in the systems of the body. It causes the stomach to secrete more acid, the heart to beat more quickly and the blood to flow faster to the brain. An increased amount of blood to the brain is what causes that thumping feeling associated with migraines, Huey said. Using caffeine to get through an all-nighter won't help on any exam, Huey said.

"Just because caffeine is a stimulant

doesn't mean it'll make you at your best in processing information."

Although caffeine can increase brain activity, sleep deprivation still will slow the clarity and precision of thinking.

However, if there's no way around an all-nighter, Chastain suggests that "the healthiest way would be to study with friends, stand up when studying and splash cold water on your face."

Regardless of whether it can be avoided, some students still prefer to use caffeine to push them through that early morning stretch.

Pulling It Off

When Gordon Braun pulls an all-nighter, he said he takes one caffeine pill before he begins. That pill will usually last about four or five hours.

"I study as long as I can until I feel tired again," he said.

Then about 2 a.m., he'll get a soda. That keeps him going until 6 or 7 a.m. If he starts dozing off he might consider taking another pill, but he usually tries to take no more than one.

The day of test, he'll eat a good breakfast and if necessary will have another cup of coffee or pill. And he said he usually does well on his tests. He got A's and B's on his final exams last semester.

"It doesn't make you think better, it makes you more aware. It gives you that edge to stay awake a little longer."



Wedding/ Marriage in midst of semester not recommended

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dicted the first blizzard of the season to be upon us the day most of our family would be traveling.

Next, we needed to make reservations at local hotels for family members who were traveling to the wedding. Because both of our families are from out of town, we blocked rooms at two hotels and let the guests decide where they wanted to stay. The price difference was substantial. When we blocked the rooms at the Super 8, the sales manager promised me a certain rate. My husband-to-be and I were taking care of most of the family member's rooms and when we went to pay for them, the manager didn't give us the quoted price. He told me that he expected more people to book with them and therefore couldn't give us the lower rate.

Using my interpersonal skills, I glared him straight in the eye and told him that, at this point in the week, I was not someone to reckon with and asked him to reconsider the rate. I told him I had no control over my relatives. He gave me a puzzled look and told me that was the best he could do. I told him the best I could do was to report his lying a— to the chamber of commerce and cancel every other room booked under our party name. This time he knew I meant business and decided to give us the better rate.

Gold rings are used as a symbol of never ending love and being the Americans that we are, my husband and I opted to follow that tradition.

About a week before the wedding, we dropped my ring off at the jeweler with instructions to solder the wedding band to the engagement ring. We also need the wedding ring sized to the same size as the engagement ring.

When we left the rings with the jeweler, they were a comfortable-fitting size 6 1/2. When we went to pick them up the Friday before the big day, the newly soldered ring was excruciatingly tight. I wasn't sure if stress bloated me but I knew something wasn't right. I couldn't even fit the ring over my knuckle. I asked the sales person to check the size for me. She announced to me that the ring was a size 5. I asked her to double check was size it was supposed to be and after looking at the book, she gave me that popular puzzled look. Again using my communication skills, I asked her how we could remedy the situation. She politely told me that we could have the ring in about a week or so. When I calmly explained to her that I was getting married in less than 24 hours and needed the ring fixed today, she became dumbfounded.

"Well what do you want us to do then," she asked. I told her I wanted her to fix the ring today and have it back to me in less than two hours.

"That will be impossible," she said, a little more irritated now. Matching her irritation and adding my own frustration, I advised her to make it possible! Needless to say, her supervisor came over and asked what the problem was. Forgetting the most important part, she began to explain that I

wanted the ring fixed by today and that it would be impossible. I corrected her version of the story by telling the supervisor that they had not followed simple instructions and now my wedding ring did not fit the way it did when I left the ring with them a week ago.

She made a couple phone calls and told us that if we wanted the ring fixed today, that we would have to run over to a jewelry fix it shop. They fixed the ring and we had them send the bill to the jeweler. We never did hear about it.

What would a wedding be without a cake. The River Falls Bakery has a fine reputation and because I am a River Falls community member, I decided to patronize local merchants. I ordered the cake and told them I would pick it up the Friday before the wedding. This was convenient for me because I would be at the bakery to pick up the buns for the rehearsal dinner that was to be held at our house the night before the wedding.

When we stopped by to pick up the cake, the woman working behind the counter had no idea what I was talking about.

"Wedding cake? What wedding cake?"

I asked her to check the book again and she informed me that the cake was scheduled to be made the following day. Panicked, I asked her if we could pick it up in the morning. She made a special note to the baker and promised that it would be ready the next morning.

It was; and it was delicious.

Finally the big day was upon us. Severe weather hadn't hit us and everyone arrived unharmed. I had gotten fake nails put on and couldn't do a thing for myself. I couldn't button, zip or open a car door but I wasn't going to let that stop me. The day went off without a hitch. My only words of wisdom to those who are planning to get married in the middle of a semester: DON'T DO IT!

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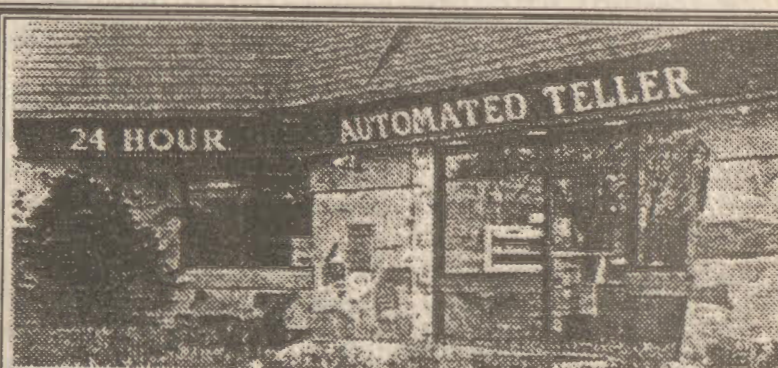
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A moment of silence

Editorial

"AIDS and HIV don't care where you come from, what your background is or who you are. The disease has no feelings."

Let's take a moment to reflect. AIDS. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrom. December 1 was a day for everyone to recognize World AIDS Day. Red ribbons were worn, tears were shed, candlelight vigils were held and prayers were said. The disease has killed nearly 300,000 Americans and there isn't anyplace in the U.S. that hasn't been affected by AIDS or HIV. It doesn't matter

if you come from a metropolitan area such as St. Paul or Minneapolis or if you come from a small town like Ellsworth or Taylors Falls. AIDS and HIV don't care where you come from, what your background is or who you are. The disease has no feelings.

However, people do. These are real people who have this unfeeling disease. They go through months and years worth of pain and suffering. Their families and friends go through the same process. It takes a lot from both the victims and the family and friends, not only physically, but mentally as well. For the victim, it takes everything. For the victim it is death till they part. For the family and friends it is not that easy. With death comes many months of suffering and agony. There are also many memories, some good, some very painful. But they are memories and they do not leave the mind easily or quickly.

That is not a bad thing though. It is rather a good thing. Not for that particular person, perhaps, but for society as a whole. These people who suffer or see their loved ones suffer help convey the emotions to those of us who don't know how it feels.

But December 1 shouldn't be the only day that we recognize AIDS and HIV. It should be recognized everyday. Everytime you go out and end up sleeping with someone, you should remember it. Everytime you have unprotected sex, it should be the first thing on your mind. Everytime it should be the first thing in your head. Remember, for less than 50 cents you can save your life. What's worth more? A 50 cent condom or a life saved.



Want to see Mark Olson's comments & thoughts on the Falcons men's basketball team?

Turn to page 6 to get the latest on the men's basketball team and get your weekly dose of Falcon's athletics.



Learn about technology before judging it

Reuben Herfindahl



"In my experience it is always better to understand than to be ignorant, even when being ignorant means being happier."

In the early 1950s, an IBM executive said that he foresaw the day when the world might have a need for as many as a half-dozen computers. Although there are some of us that might wish that was true, it is not, and we must deal with the consequences of a society which revolves around computers and technology in general. One would be hard pressed to find any students on campus who have not had to use a computer for one reason or another. For better or worse, we are now in the midst of the second decade of the so-called "home computer-age," and it certainly shows no signs of slowing down or stopping.

Unfortunately, as with any new technology, there will always be problems (I can only imagine the problems that automobiles originally caused). The issues

faced now, at a time when few Americans have a really good understanding of computers and the illusive concept of "the Internet," are perhaps even greater than the problems faced at the turn of the previous century with automobiles and the resulting traffic laws.

One of the issues to be faced is that of regulation. Virtually no regulation of the Internet exists (although with the up-coming telecommunications bill, this changes almost as fast as the Internet itself). Censors seem to have almost abandoned traditional targets, such as books and popular music, and are now aiming their attacks at the Internet. They clamor for regulation of an industry few of them even understand, or have even tried to understand. This is where the danger lies.

As with any form of mass media, there are dangers. Not all forms of mass media are aimed at all ages. In the 80s, depressed teens killed themselves and their parents blamed it on the "devil music" their children were listening to. In the late 60s and 70s, music was once again blamed, this time for drug abuse. Prior to that, Hugh Hefner was credited with the de-moralizing of America with Playboy magazine. Today, the Internet seems to be blamed for all of the problems of above, and more. There is some truth to the above claims, as well as the claims about the Internet. The problem is that all of the claims are overstated. Apathy and lack of knowledge is to blame. Some of the professors on this campus even flaunt their blatant ignorance of the Internet and then proceed to tell their students what is wrong with it.

Most of the claims of censors point at the accessibility

of pornography on "the net." The truth of the matter is that, yes, there are sexually explicit material available via the Internet. However, unless one knows where to look, one won't find the offending material.

The same can be said of cable television. Most 12 year olds know that

Cinemax and HBO run semi-pornographic movies at 3:00 in the morning. Parents, for the most part, don't allow their children to watch TV at 3:00 in the morning, hence the children are not exposed to the sexual images. The reason why they are not exposed is simple: adults (for the most part) know how TV scheduling works and would not allow their children to watch these channels that late at night. On the Internet, however, many are painfully apathetic. All the major on-line services offer blocking out of pornographic newsgroups. An adult need merely request that their children's user-names be denied access to those groups, and the obvious sites are blocked off. UW-RF blocks access by not even subscribing to these newsgroups.

The simple message one can derive from all this is simple. Don't criticize or try to censor what is not understood. In my experience it is always better to understand than to be ignorant, even when being ignorant means being happier. Get on "the net", "surf" a little. Try out e-mail and newsgroups. I challenge you to find anything satanic, pornographic, or drug-promoting without painstakingly searching for it. It's like they used to say at the end of GI-Joe cartoons when I was a kid, "Now you know, and knowing is half the battle."

Commuters deserve compassion, not condemnation

Robb Pennie



"We are the toughest species of student at River Falls, not here to make friends and a social life, but to make the grade, grab our diplomas, and get back on the road."

"People who commute all the time must be crazy," complained a shrill voice, waking me from my comatose state, slumped over a table in the Student Center. "I mean, I had my blinker on and I was ready to back into the parking spot when this little car just drove right into my spot! She got out of her car and ran into North Hall before I could get out of my car to yell at her!"

"I'd never seen the girl before and who did she think she was, anyway?" the voice continued to whine. "Yeah, commuters are dicks," another voice muttered.

Sounded like a good move to me, I thought, slipping back into my comatose state, wondering what the

average student knows of the commuter's life. You aren't sure who we are or why we're at college, but you're surrounded by us at all times. You know us only by our oversized coats, hiding us from the wind and cold of a long morning's walk from a distant parking spot, and our large, heavy bags, containing our lives. We size you up with fatigued eyes, and deciding that you pose no immediate threat to ourselves or our autos, ignore you. We are the toughest species of student at River Falls, not here to make friends and a social life, but to make the grade, grab our diplomas, and get back on the road. We are modern day road-warriors.

Blinded by the sunrises and sunsets we face on a daily basis, worn by the early morning alarms and late nights of studying to compensate for the time lost in transit, we age quickly and display little humor. By the end of the semester our eyes take on a glassy, fogged-over appearance, accompanying nervous, caffeine-induced twitches that let all non-commuters know we're not to be trifled with. We are the experienced, hardened by our daily battles.

We are solitary creatures—there is no room for time for fraternity among us. It is easier this way; there's less guilt as we steal each other's parking spaces, sandwich each other's cars in tight spots, and leave behind door and bumper dings marking our passage. We hide our secret parking spots from all others, only discussing the subject of parking when we have had to park far enough away so that the loss of such a space would be irrelevant.

We are cowboys of the road, hiding behind our sunglasses and testing the local law enforcement agencies on a daily basis. We set new land speed records on Highway 35, trying to get to class on time, our Ford Escorts and Honda Civics shimmying and whining as their speedometers click off triple-digit figures. We ride the bumpers of slower moving cars, hoping to bully them into speeding up, feeling no guilt in doing so, as it has been done us throughout our commuting career. We leave our gas guzzlers and econoboxes, parked half in, half out of yellow zones, hoping that the cops are interpreting parking laws liberally as they drive by our cars.

By the end of our commuting careers, we become billboard philosophers, wondering if Aves's cheese ever tastes like its taxidermy clay and contemplating our mortality as we speed by Melgard Monuments. We laugh to ourselves as River Falls goes tacky by putting up a trendy, housing-development-like welcome sign on the north end of town.

Our habits mark us as deviants to non-commuting students and professors. We often stroll into classes late because we had to take that extra lap, searching for a parking place, or sleep, slumped over and curled up in any place accepting of our fatigued carcasses.

But we are students, in many cases carrying academic and life loads exceeding yours. Either cut us some slack or venture into campus crosswalks with great caution. Have a nice day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newman Center offers many opportunities

I enjoyed the article in the Student Voice a few weeks ago about religious opportunities for students on campus. I would like to expand the information about the Newman Center.

The Newman Center is a ministry for and with the Catholic students and faculty at UW-RF. Father Norm Volk took over as pastor this fall. As with any new pastor, the Newman Center is in a process of rejuvenation, with expanding opportunities for students.

Newman opportunities include the following: marriage preparation, crisis counseling, a scripture sharing group, and social outreach (including Habitat for Humanity, St. Joseph's

Home for Children, and assistance for senior citizens). Fall activities include or included the Fall Welcome Back party, the 1970s party, the Halloween party, the Thanksgiving Appreciation Dinner, Christmas tree decorating, roller skating, and an upcoming Christmas party.

The Newman Club is the Newman student organization, and the "Drop in Center" next to the church provides study rooms, a TV room, a pool table, a kitchen, a library of Catholic literature and movies, and a place to meet friends and chat. All are welcome!

Sunday masses provide an opportunity for students to plan liturgies, serve

as lector or Eucharist minister, be an usher or greeter, and decorate the chapel. Sunday masses are 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. There is also a very quiet, peaceful, (and short) mass at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

I invite all students, especially those whose spiritual life has drifted since leaving home, to check out the Newman Center and its activities. I think you will like it.

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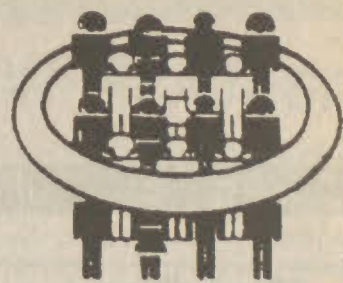
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UW-RF has open ear for diversity



Multicultural Services Office offers activities for students of color, also invites entire campus

FAITH KAMMERDIENER
STAFF WRITER

The Multicultural Services Office provides many services that are targeted towards students of color. These services are tailored so that the students will have a positive experience at UW-River Falls.

"Students of color want what every other student wants," MSO Interim Coordinator Lisa Reavill said. "They have the same expectations."

According to Reavill, it is MSO's job to make sure that students of color can fulfill these expectations. One service that MSO provides is advising to four student organizations targeted for students of color: African American Student Alliance, Asian American Student Association, Latino Student Organization and Native American Council. These organizations are tailored to students of color, but students of European descent are welcome to join. Unfortunately, many don't.

"It's rather rare that a student of European descent joins," Reavill said.

These organizations provide students of color with cultural affirmation. MSO Student Services Coordinator Linda Alvarez and another MSO counselor, said. According to Alvarez, students of color need this so they can feel comfortable at UW-RF.

MSO tries to make every effort to help students find cultural affirmation by supporting events that the four student organizations schedule. They try to publicize and inform faculty members of upcoming events.

Students of color make up only 4 percent of the UW-RF student body, with 222 attending UW-RF during the 1994-95 academic year. Attendance has been slightly increasing over the years. In the 1992-93 academic year, 162 students of color attended UW-RF and in the 1993-94 academic year, 201 students attended the University.

However, she said that many students of European descent feel that there isn't this need for cultural affirmation.

"European American Culture is celebrated every day," Alvarez said. Therefore, many of these students feel that this isn't very important.

However, "I believe there is a need," Alvarez said.

Alvarez said that participation in these cultural events by students of European descent is low. Part of this is because these students may feel uncomfortable in participating in these

events because it's something that they have never experienced, she said.

However, Alvarez said that MSO and the student organizations try to make everyone feel welcome regardless of skin color.

MSO also holds a workshop during Freshman Orientation on diversity. Alvarez said that this workshop is used to inform students about cultural diversity. MSO also works with Resident Assistants and Residence Directors to make sure that diversity is incorporated into the residence hall structure. The office also closely works with the academic support office to make sure that students of color do succeed in college.

New students of color also benefit from MSO's programs. MSO has set up an academic success program to

dent through scholarships.

Yang said that the students live on campus and participate in classes such as math, self concept, television production and telecommunications. He said the students also are taken to various local attractions such as the Mall of America, Omni Theater and the Walker Art Museum in the Twin Cities.

Yang said that the program was started in 1990 and about one-third of the students return each year for another camp session.

Yang also said that he attends many college fairs and high schools trying to recruit students. He also said that he travels to many Twin Cities schools, picks up the students and drives them over to the UW-RF campus. He said that most of these students are low income so they do not have the opportunity to visit college campuses.

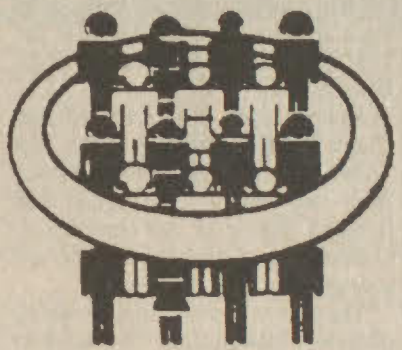
When deciding on a college, Yang said that students usually just read the pamphlets and then pick a college based on the information.

Yang said that four of the students that he talked to last year decided to attend UW-RF this year. He also said that many students and high school advisors have been repeatedly calling him because they want Yang to come back and visit their high schools.

Yang is also involved with the MSO's mentoring program. The new program was started this year. About 40 students are paired up with a faculty member, he said. The faculty member helps their student adjust to college life and community life by becoming a resource for that student, Yang said.

Besides offering various programs, the MSO office can also be used as a resource center for all students. Alvarez said that she has helped many students with papers dealing with multicultural aspects. Yang also advises students and the MSO office has a library that has materials on different cultures and races that students can use.

By providing these services, MSO is trying to achieve five objectives: promote the academic success of students of color; promote cultural diversity and create awareness within UW-RF and the River Falls community; improve and create resources that support cultural programming, services and scholarships; foster networks with outside organizations and individuals who can help with recruiting students of color; and strengthen campus-wide communication and involvement in UW system's Design for Diversity.



ensure that these students succeed. They provide them with an Orientation to College class, which Alvarez teaches so the students can get to know other students. MSO also provides scholarships and helps students gain the financial assistance they need.

The office also helps the University comply with the UW-System's Plan For Diversity. The UW System decided that students needed to be prepared for a diverse work force so Plan for Diversity was developed, Alvarez said. Each year, Alvarez helps compile a booklet that shows how the University is complying with this mandate.

MSO also acts as a recruiting center for the University. MSO Associate Student Services Coordinator Pao Yang has been active in a pre-college program designed for middle school students, and he also actively recruits students from various high schools.

The pre-college program consists of a summer camp where students of color learn what college is all about. Yang said that about 150 middle school students attend the three summer sessions. The students come from many Wisconsin towns from Hayward to Milwaukee, he said. The Department of Public Instruction funds each stu-

dent of all colors to start recognizing the different aspects of cultures and beliefs because the United States is becoming more culturally diverse every day, and involvement in these organizations is one way to start.

"The challenge of our country is to be comfortable multiculturally," Alvarez said. "It's not rejecting one or the other, it's embracing all."

The MSO student organizations hold several events throughout the year to encourage all students to participate in learning about culture. The NAC just recently had Dr. Joan Kennedy, a Native American speaker that tells stories for the winter season, speak Dec. 7 to students free of charge at Rodli Commons.

Before the speaker, the group invited students to attend a "Native dinner," which included Native American tacos, wild rice casserole and corn held at the United Campus Ministry house.

Jessi Cleveland, president of NAC, said that she likes being part of an organization that celebrates her heritage as well as others.

She said that many students have misconceptions about Native Americans and think that there are only a few Native American tribes in the United States. Actually, there are over 500-600 tribes in the United States, all with their own separate beliefs.

"A lot of people assume that Native Americans are from one big tribe," Cleveland said. "We all have different customs, different beliefs, different everything."

The AASA was formed in 1989 and is the largest organization, according to Alvarez. There are 53 Southeast Asians that attend UW-RF and about

half attend the meetings, she said. Also, there are 46 Asians at UW-RF, according to the MSO pamphlet.

The Hmong students are having the hardest time adapting, according to Alvarez, because they have only been coming to the United States since 1975 and many have not been exposed to American culture long enough.

"Our Hmong people are tremendously affiliative and really appreciate group support," Alvarez said.

The LSO was formed in 1986-87 and so far consists of about 10-12 students of the 40 on campus. Recently, LSO had a visiting professor from the University of Minnesota speak whose specialty was in Chicano spirituality. Also, an Aztec dancer performed after the speaker.

"If you want to learn about different cultures, this would be a wonderful place for a European American

can," Alvarez said. "I would just highly recommend participating."

One student who has been participating in LSO for three years and who is not of Latino origins is Dan Lutz, president of the organization. Lutz, a senior majoring in Computer Science from Milwaukee, said he had always been interested in the Latino culture.

"I think other people could get a better understanding (by becoming involved)," Lutz said. "There's a lot of misconceptions about (Latinos)."

Lutz said that being from Milwaukee, he has always had several friends that were of color and doesn't feel intimidated about being president of

Hmong women strive for higher education

JESSICA ROJAS
STAFF WRITER

May Xiong is being pulled in several different directions. Although she strives to be a good UW-River Falls college student, she comes from a traditional Hmong family where education is a new concept for women.

"My mom and relatives wonder if I'm going to get married, but they want me to go to school," said Xiong. "When I go home they always ask 'Are you married, yet? When are you going to get married?'"

Xiong likens the experience to the quote Lisa Reavill gathered for her dissertation of the Hmong women plight. "... Put your foot at the door but don't really shut it, kind of thing...but leave it open too. There's so much pressure at your feet. You better either open that door and get through that door or close it."

Lisa Reavill, the assistant dean of students and coordinator of the Multicultural Services Center, gathered testimony from seven of the fifteen Hmong women attending UW-RF for her dissertation on Hmong women and their college experience.

She presented her research to an audience of 16 Tuesday in the President's room in the Student Center. Reavill has been working on her doctorate for educational leadership for three and a half years at the University of St. Thomas.

The dissertation that Reavill defended last week is entitled "Promise and Paradox: The Experience of Hmong Women in College" was based on the interviews with seven UW-RF women students, including accounts from Xiong. Reavill interviewed each woman three times, first to learn about their background, then what brought them to college and on the third visit, a reflection on what college means to them.

"They were very willing to talk," said Reavill, of the women she spoke to. "People like talking about themselves."

At the end, Reavill brought all seven women together. She was surprised that they hadn't all known each other and was pleased at the chance to get them together and talk about their experiences.

"It helped me to realize I'm not the only one going through this," said Xiong, who was glad to know there are other women she can relate to.

"If they did know each other they were grounded in the present," said Reavill, citing school and work. "So

they never talked about their experiences."

Reavill began with the context of the study, a quick overview of the Hmong people and their flight from Laos to America after the US troops left Laos. During the Vietnam conflict, the CIA used Hmong men as soldiers to guard the "Ho Chi Minh" trail. After the war the Hmong were in danger and fled. Currently, many Hmong people reside in pockets in California, Minnesota and Wisconsin, according to Reavill.

According to Reavill the "Paradox" for Hmong women in college occurs in the fact that they need to lead two lives that are always at opposition.

"I had to be independent, my father died when I was seven, that made me the oldest. I couldn't depend on others to be there so I depended on myself. After graduation, I couldn't just sit there and say 'well, who's going to take care of me now?'"

-May Xiong
UW-RF student

"They are adhering to a traditional role, but resist a little," Reavill said.

For example, as college students Hmong women must learn the western scientific explanations of the world, while Hmong religion cares more to the soul and spirit. At times students get pulled right down the middle, said Reavill, just as Xiong is getting pulled between both worlds.

The lack of understanding at home is also difficult for Hmong women attending college, according to Reavill, since most of their elders never attended college.

"My uncle said if you are going to school everyday, then you don't need food," said one woman Reavill interviewed.

"They don't think students expend any energy," explained Reavill, "so they don't need to eat."

There were also topics of gender biases in Reavill's dissertation. The Hmong's traditional cultural roles place women as the care giver, and education is generally lost with them.

Diversity design intended to make UW campuses culturally educated

STEVE HELMER
STAFF WRITER

How do you combat prejudice and racism at universities in Wisconsin? The UW-system seems to have the answer, "Design for Diversity."

Ever since the late 1980s, "Design for Diversity" has been the key to educating students on different ethnic cultures in an effort to have them accept and understand the minority students that they attend classes with.

"University settings are reflective of society," said Linda Alvarez, student services coordinator at the Multicultural Services Office.

According to Alvarez, there is a central issue of inclusiveness and it is American nature to clump different groups of people together.

"Rather than uniting our resources, we're dividing our resources," Alvarez said.

"There are many different perspectives that comprise the American perspective."

Alvarez said that the UW-system is continuing its efforts at making each campus multicultural, something that will benefit all people.

There are seven major goals of "Design for Diversity":

•Eliminating the underrepresentation of minority and economically disadvantaged people.

•Educate all students for an increasingly multicultural society in Wisconsin, the nation and the world.

•Improve recruiting and retention efforts to make it easier for minority students to enroll and function at the university.

•Improve evaluation efforts in the

"In our culture women played the mother role, it was the male that made the decisions," Xiong said. "We've come to America now and because of the quality we have more opportunity."

Currently, the Hmong are experiencing a revolution, much like the American women had in the early part of the century.

"The way a woman gets status is through her relationship with a man, college throws a wrench in the works," said Reavill, who explained that an educated person gets an increase in their status, whether male or female.

"Every woman has their struggle," said Xiong, explaining that this was hers.

The "Promise" mentioned in the title of the dissertation is one of hope. Reavill hopes that more Hmong women will realize the change in status through education, and its source of power.

"There is unknown promise out there," said Reavill.

Along with help receiving a doctorate, Reavill has learned much from her study.

"I learned culture is a human construction, it flows and is fluid, it's open to interpretation and change," Reavill said.

Reavill said she believes that the Hmong women realize this and it makes them strong intellectuals. They can choose different parts of the American culture and the Hmong culture to suit them.

Reavill also came to appreciate the knowledge she gained listening to students, saying "they are a wonderful source of knowledge."

"I have a lot of respect for Lisa," said Mary Lundeburg who attended the hour long presentation. Lundeburg added she wished more professors would talk about their research.

"I had to be independent, my father died when I was seven, that made me the oldest," said Xiong, who explained she needed to translate, as the eldest.

"I couldn't depend on others to be there so I depended on myself. After graduation, I couldn't just sit there and say 'well, who's going to take care of me now?'" That sense of independence is what motivated her to attend college, she added.

Through her research, Reavill came to admire Hmong women and their clear sense of identity.

"They have a tremendous desire to preserve the Hmong heritage," Reavill said. "Their strength is born out of their experiences."

areas of minority student enrollment and faculty recruitment.

•Remove financial barriers that prohibit minority students and economically disadvantaged people from attending college.

•Increase the number of minority faculty and staff.

•Establish partnerships with public schools, the state government, the community and the private sector to improve minority education.

Despite being put in effect to help minority students and educate other students, the program isn't supported by all people.

"It's basically a quota system," an

African American student, who wished to remain nameless, said of "Design for Diversity."

According to the student, the program is, in a sense, "discrimination." Students are brought in just because they are minorities to satisfy the program's

goals.

"I would rather get into a university because I got good grades, not because I am black," the student said. "When there is a system like this, the other students look down on you as though you didn't have the ability to be here on your own."

According to Alvarez, there is no quota system at UW-River Falls or any other UW campus, and it would be "ludicrous" to do otherwise.

Alvarez said that a quota system is not only both illegal and unethical, but it would also cost a university money to bring in a student who was not able to cope with college, just on the basis of race.

ERIC WIDHOLM
FOCUS EDITOR

Have you ever been interested in learning about different cultures and beliefs but found no outlet for your desire? At UW-River Falls, there are four organizations that will welcome your participation and be willing to help you learn.

The African American Alliance (AAA), the Asian American Student Association (AASA), the Latino Student Organization (LSO) and the Native American Council (NAC) all give students of any background, ethnicity or color the opportunity to learn about their own cultures or different ones with bi-weekly meetings and organizational activities.

"We'd love everybody to be a part of our organization," said Linda Alvarez, student services coordinator for the Multicultural Services Office. "You don't have to be ethnic, you just have to be interested in celebrating color."

Alvarez, who is the adviser for both the LSO and the NAC, said that many students often get a misrepresentation of cultures and beliefs about minorities. But, by attending and being part of these organizations, it can give students an opportunity to expand their education, both academically and morally.

Both the AAA and the NAC have been at UW-RF since the 1970s, according to Alvarez, and both are in a "membership drive" right now because of many graduating seniors last spring. Currently, there is an enrollment of 222 minority students at UW-RF, according to the MSO pamphlet. Most are part of the organizations, according to Alvarez, however, they would like to recruit more.

Minority students at UW-RF amount to only four percent of the total student population of 5400, according to Alvarez, but that is not reflective of the "real world."

She said that it is important for people

Mark Olson

Future is not now for men's hoops team



"The most notable aspect of this year's Falcons is the fact that they are playing together."

UW-River Falls Falcon men's basketball fans are going to have to show some patience this season. The team is in the process of rebuilding.

The squad lost six letter winners and four starters from last year's 14-11 team. Head coach Rick Bowen has just two seniors to work with in 1995-96. Through five games this season, the Falcons have a 4-1 record.

Last Saturday's game at Eau Claire may be an indicator of what is to come from the men's team in 1995-96. The squad did not score a point until the 13:48 mark of the first half. They also went scoreless over the contest's final 7:51.

However, in between the two scoreless droughts, UW-RF played the Bugolds tough. In fact, the squad came back from a 19-point halftime deficit to tie Eau Claire in the second half.

Through the first five games, the Falcons could be characterized as scrappy. They hustle for every loose ball, play aggressive defense and labor hard at getting teammates open for shots. The team is definitely not the most talented in the WSUC, but early on, they appear to be the hardest working.

Not surprisingly, senior Luke Madsen is leading the way for the Falcons. The 6-3 forward has been hitting 3-pointers with regularity. He is averaging more than 20 points a game. However, the Falcons desperately need to find some scoring from other sources or the team will struggle mightily like it did at times against Eau Claire.

The most notable aspect of this year's Falcons is the fact that they are playing together. Last season the team lacked chemistry. Everyone was doing their own thing. The squad was one of the most talented Bowen has ever had in his ten-year UW-RF coaching career, but the team finished with a disappointing 7-9 record in the WSUC. The mark was good for a fifth place tie.

The Falcons have been picked to finish eighth in the conference this year. From what they have shown so far this season, the prediction seems to be low. A sixth or maybe even a fifth place finish is not out of the question.

Next year the Falcons could have one of the more talented teams in the conference, considering the good base of skilled players Bowen has to rebuild with.

Sophomore guard Chad Meschke heads the list. After playing point guard last year, the 6-0 Meschke is starting at shooting guard this season. He should easily be all-conference by his junior year.

Another youngster to look out for is Tony Fisher. The 6-0 freshman is an exceptional athlete and appears to be a perfect fit to play the point guard position. Fisher is one of the reasons Bowen calls this season's freshman class one of the best he has ever had.

Another top freshman is Jeff Cattarozze. He currently backs up Fisher at point guard. So far this season, Cattarozze has shown that he can be an effective playmaker.

The frontcourt has its share of young talent as well. Sophomore redshirt Matt Chitwood has been thrust into the starting center position this year and has performed well. He managed to grab 12 rebounds against Eau Claire. The 6-8 Oshkosh native also looks like he has some nice inside scoring moves.

Junior forward Chris Ward may not be around by the time the rebuilding project is completed, but his leadership will be counted on for the 1996-97 squad.

Sophomore forwards Adam Cooper and Mike Zielski have received plenty of playing time early this season, and both are a part of the rebuilding plan.

If Bowen can add another good freshman class next season to his current one, the Falcons could be a conference title contender in a year or two.

Defense key to hockey's fast start
Team has yielded just 1.67 goals in conference actionJAMIE MOLITOR
EDITOR

In the past several years, the UW-River Falls Falcon hockey team has been known for its stingy defense. Last year the squad gave up only 53 goals.

If the Falcons keep the pace up where they're at now, they will once again set an NCHA record. With last weekend's 3-1 and 4-0 wins over Lake Forest, the Falcons have only allowed 1.67 goals per game in the NCHA.

Last year they picked up five shutouts. They already have three this year, two thanks to hot rookie netminder Brady Alstead. He has seen the second night of play the past two weekends and walked away without giving up a goal. Alstead has only given up two goals in the three games he has played.

The Falcons also were able to sweep at home, something that has become difficult for UW-RF to do.

"In the past we've had some difficulty playing at home," head coach Dean Talafous said. "For some reason we would stay better focused on the road. We've addressed that problem this year, and we've been playing better at home so far this year."

The sweep of Lake Forest puts the Falcons at 6-2-0 overall and 5-1-0 in the NCHA. They are currently sitting in second place. It's one of the best starts for a Dean Talafous coached Falcon squad.



Brady Alstead

"We're playing better earlier in the season than some teams in the past," Talafous said. "I told the guys that this past weekend was some of the best six periods of hockey that I've seen in (Hunt) for quite some time."

Next up for River Falls is UW-Eau Claire. The Falcons struggled against Eau Claire last year, getting swept at home. But River Falls was able to win when it counted, taking the second game of the NCHA quarterfinals and winning the mini-game to advance.

The Falcons lead the series 44-21-2, but expect a close tight series in one of the best rivalries in the NCHA.

"Eau Claire expected to be better than they are right now and better than they were last year, and they will be by

the end of the season," Talafous said. "They are a very competitive team. This is a great rivalry, and it will be tough to win on the road."

"Every team we face at this point is a tough team and will be ready to play us, so we just need to take care of business, prepare and stay focused."

Falcons 3, Lake Forest 1

It took nearly a whole period for the Falcon offense to start, but once it did, they never looked back. Freshman forward Bill Matzke earned his third goal of the season when he knocked home a power-play goal at 18:59 in the first period.

Both teams picked up a number of penalties in the second period and neither team scored as the play was slow and often in neutral ice.

The third period saw the Falcons go right back to work, grinding away on defense and taking offensive opportunities when they arose. Winger Eddie MacDonald skated past a pair of Forster defensemen to score the Falcons second goal of the night. Scott Bachinski, often known as a defensive winger, earned his second goal of the season at the midway mark of the third period to put the Falcons up 3-0.

With less than two minutes left, Brian Byrne notched the only Lake Forest goal, somehow slipping the puck past Jeff Heil's glove side.

River Falls had 25 shots on goal and held Lake Forest to 20. Heil made 19 saves and Mark MacGillivray made

Hockey•7

Falcon gymnastics team
opens its season SaturdayADAM KNUTSON
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

With five newcomers joining the UW-River Falls Falcon women's gymnastics squad this season, head coach Jeanne DeLisle is excited about the prospects for the 1995-96 campaign.

"All five will make an impact in some form or another," DeLisle said. "We're a solid core team. I'm really confident in them. The only thing that could stop them is injuries."

Injuries hindered the Falcons' performance a year ago. Jennifer Goetze was injured during a meet at Oshkosh last season, losing her final year of eligibility.

"So many things happened last year, we never showed as well as we could have," DeLisle reflected on the 1994-95 season. For the first time in nearly a decade, the Falcons failed to qualify for the NCGA National Meet as a team. Merilee Healy from UW-RF competed at Nationals and won the NCGA all-around competition.

This season the team will have 11 gymnasts competing, with only six members returning from last season. The squad has fewer gymnasts than normal, but according to DeLisle, the small number will allow for more coaching opportunities.

"There will be more coaching time

for each individual," DeLisle said. "Of the 11 people, they are all going to have the opportunity to compete."

Randi Deal and Sonja Heyda will co-captain the team this season. Deal and Heyda will not limit their contributions to the team to just leadership skills, according to DeLisle.

"Randi and Sonja will be among the leaders in almost every event we compete in," DeLisle said.

The team began working out in mid-September. According to DeLisle, progress has already begun to show.

"I can already see some awesome things happening this year," DeLisle said. "This team looks a lot stronger than where we were last year at this time."

DeLisle is in her fifth season coaching at River Falls, fourth as head coach. This season will be different for DeLisle, though, because she is due to have a child in January. DeLisle, who normally spots for the gymnasts herself during practice, has had to take a hands-off approach to coaching, but it has had some benefits for the team.

"It's helping me a lot," DeLisle said. "When you are spotting, you don't get to see much. You don't see some of the technical errors. I'm seeing things people have probably been doing technically wrong for years."

Nancy LaCasse, an alumni gymnast

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Swim teams compete at Oshkosh Invitational

JESSICA ROJAS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

After a short break for Thanksgiving, the UW-River Falls Falcon swimming teams were back in the pool at the two-day Oshkosh Invitational Dec. 1-2. The Falcons faced some stiff competition. Among the schools at the meet was Div. I UW-Green Bay.

The Phoenix grabbed the first place spot in almost every event, sweeping first in both the men's and women's divisions.

In the women's division, UW-Eau Claire ran away with the second position. UW-Stevens Point and UW-Oshkosh landed just above the fifth place Falcons.

The Falcon men's team came in fourth place. Conference rival Eau Claire took a solid second and Stevens Point fell into third.

"Overall, it was a pretty good meet," Coach Doug Naylor said. "We had some really good swimmers."

The 500 free was the highlight for the Falcons, according to Naylor. "Everybody in the 500 free dropped in time, both men's and women's" he said. "It was our best event."

Kathy Baker, swimmer of the week for the women, dropped 10 seconds off her 500 free with a 5:52.26 swim that placed her 16th out of 24.

"She also had a really good 1650," Naylor said. Baker earned eighth in the mile with a 20:24.57 time.

"Lance Loverink swam a really good

500 free, he dropped eight seconds," Naylor said.

Loverink swam a 5:22.75 in the 500 free and earned 21st place.

Loverink also dropped time in the 200 free.

"He had a good meet," Naylor said. Loverink was named swimmer of the week for the men.

Finishing high for the Falcon men was J.T. Moon, who placed second in the 100 back with a 56.98 finishing time.

"Overall, it was a pretty good meet. We had some really good swimmers."

-Coach Doug Naylor

Moon also earned a season best time in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.46. The mark was good for a ninth place finish.

Backing up the Falcon women were the relay events.

"Women's relays were strong," Naylor said.

Relays came in third in the 400 medley, 200 medley and the 400 free relay.

Also doing well for the Falcons were Bekke Nash, who had a third place finish in the 400 IM with a time of 5:07.19, and Chrissy Quinlan, who

cons in another WSUC showdown. The Warhawks finished second in the conference last season.

Falcons 94, North Central 63

A strong defensive effort and a sharp-shooting performance translated into a 94-63 romp for the Falcons over North Central.

"The guys did what they were supposed to do, and that's the important thing," Bowen said.

The Falcons forced 34 North Central turnovers in the game.

Five Falcons scored in double figures. Matt Chitwood hit 10 of 12 shots and led all players with 21 points. Chad Meschke bounced back from a subpar game against Eau Claire to score 19. Kevin Cummings played his best game of the year and poured in 17 points. Luke Madsen had 14 and Tony Fisher added 10.

"We played a good ballgame defensively," Bowen said. "Obviously, we did some things offensively."

The Falcons led 47-33 at halftime.

Eau Claire 60, Falcons 47

Unable to overcome two long scoring droughts, the Falcons dropped a 60-47 decision to UW-Eau Claire.

The Falcons first shooting dry spell came at the beginning of the game. UW-RF missed shot after shot and watched the Bugolds race out to a 15-0 lead.

At the 13:48 mark, Madsen worked himself free and hit a three-pointer to give the Falcons their first points of the ballgame.

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Women's basketball team notches first win of season
Falcons travel to Oshkosh Saturday to face undefeated TitansBRETT LONGDIN
MANAGING EDITOR

It was only a matter of time.

After struggling in its first four games of the young season, the UW-River Falls women's basketball team notched win No. 1 Wednesday night, defeating Northland College 71-57. The win improved the Falcons' record to 1-4.

"I'm really happy for the kids," head coach Dave Schuchter said. "It was a good effort as a group. We played with some confidence and with the ability I know these kids have."

"It feels good to win and it's something we can build on."

River Falls got out of the gates early, capitalizing on eight Lumberjill turnovers and transferring those miscues into easy buckets.

"We came out, established the tempo and got some easy points off the fast break," Schuchter said.

River Falls had a 17-point lead with just over three minutes to go in the half, but Northland cut the deficit to 12 after three trips to the charity stripe. However, the Falcons picked-up right where they left off and found themselves up by 30 with nine minutes to go in the game.

At that point Schuchter called off the press, which had been effective all night long, and got some of his younger players some minutes.

One of the main offensive cogs Wednesday was center Stacy Rose. Coming off a career-high 22 boards against Eau Claire, the 6-2 Rose has her best shooting performance as a Falcon. Rose was 10-11 from the field, and finished with a game-high 22 points in just 20 minutes of action.

"Stacy played a real solid game for us," Schuchter said. "She ran the floor well and is playing with a lot more confidence."

A pleasant surprise for the Falcons was the play of Shannon Sabrowsky. The 5-9 freshman came off the bench and collected five points and five boards in the win.

"We got a nice spark from Shannon," Schuchter added. "She gave us some good points and was very aggressive on the boards."

Schuchter also noted the unselfish play of guard Dawn Loija, who dished-out a season-high seven assists and also contributed 11 points.

Falcons 60
UW-Eau Claire 79

To win in the WWIAC, it almost always requires a 40-minute effort. This especially holds true when your

opponent's starting line-up has four returners and a Kodak All-American on a team that went 24-5 a year ago. Unfortunately for River Falls, a 40-minute effort was not put together as the Falcons dropped their conference-opener Saturday to UW-Eau Claire,



79-60.

"We were right there for the first 10 minutes, but they have a good team," Schuchter said.

Loija jump-started the Falcon offense with her eighth three-pointer of the season to give the Falcon an early 3-0 lead. The Bugolds responded, tying the game at three, and finishing off a 7-0 run with 17:37 to go in the first half.

River Falls came back to take the lead after consecutive jumpers from Rose, Tracy Handrahan and Missy Johnson. Handrahan added a pair of free throws to boost the lead to four, but the remaining 10 minutes of the half belonged to Eau Claire.

After trailing 13-12 at the 11:07 mark, the Bugolds began to pound the ball inside to all-WWIAC center Erika Schmidt. The 6-0 junior was virtually unstoppable around the basket and ignited a 22-5 run over a seven-minute span that gave the Bugolds (7-0, 1-0) a lead they would never relinquish.

Schmidt contributed six points during the run and junior guard Nici Claymon added eight, including a pair from downtown.

"Offensively we're not sure with the ball," the first-year coach said. "We're not making good decisions."

The Falcons went to the lockerroom at intermission trailing 47-25.

A non-factor, however, for the Bugolds was former Falcon Rita

Hurtgen. She found herself riding the pines for much of the half after collecting her second foul with 15:28 to go in the half.

River Falls came out in the second half and played relatively even with the Bugolds. The one-time lead of 28 was whittled to 17 by game's end.

Despite the loss, Schuchter said he was pleased with his team's effort in the second half.

"(Stacy) Rose was very aggressive and I was pleased with her effort," Schuchter said of his senior center who scored 18 points and tied a school record with 22 rebounds.

Loija led the way for the Falcons with 24 points on 10-16 shooting. She leads the Falcons in scoring on the year, averaging 21.8 per game.

The Falcons travel to Oshkosh (6-0), on Saturday for their second WWIAC game of the season. The Titans defeated the Bugolds by 10 Wednesday night at Eau Claire in a clash between the two WWIAC favorites. This game is the second time this season the Falcons will face a former teammate. This time it will be all-WWIAC guard Holly Spoo. The Falcons then have a pair of non-conference contests next week, facing Hamline on Monday and Macalester on Wednesday.



FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
MEN'S BASKETBALL		Oshkosh 7:00 p.m.				Whitewater 7:00 p.m.	
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		at Oshkosh 7:00 p.m.		at Hamline 7:00 p.m.		at Macalester 7:00 p.m.	
HOCKEY	at Eau Claire 7:05 p.m.	at Eau Claire 7:05 p.m.			at Mankato 7:05 p.m.		
MEN'S, WOMEN'S SWIMMING	St. Mary's 6:00 p.m.	at Luther 1:00 p.m.					
WRESTLING		at Wartburg Invitational		Stout 7:00 p.m.			



FALCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball: Luke Madsen was the Falcons' leading scorer in their 80-62 win over UW-Parkside Nov. 29 at Karges Center and their 60-47 loss to UW-Eau Claire Dec. 2 at Zorn Arena. Madsen hit 7 of 14 three-pointers against the Rangers and finished with 23 points. He also had four assists. Against the Blugolds, Madsen scored 20 points and had three rebounds.

Women's basketball: Stacy Rose earned this week's honors after contributing 18 points and tying a school record with 22 rebounds in Saturday's 79-60 loss to UW-Eau Claire. Rose was 8 of 14 from the field, including 1-1 from three-point range.

Hockey: Bill Matzke led the Falcons to their fifth consecutive victory with a sweep of Lake Forest. Matzke collected a goal and two assists on Friday, and he registered his fourth goal of the season on Saturday.

Wrestling: Bill Sallander captured second place in the 190 pound division at the UW-River Falls Open, finishing with a 3-1 record on the day. This was Sallander's collegiate debut at 190. Last year he qualified for nationals as a heavyweight.

Swimming: Women-Kathleen Baker "dropped 10 seconds off her 500 free," Coach Doug Naylor said. Baker came in with a 5:52.26 time that placed her 16th out of 24. "She also had a really good 1650," Naylor said. Baker also competed in the 400IM for the first time. Men-Lance Loverink "swam a really good 500 free," Naylor said. "He dropped eight seconds." Loverink swam a 5:22.75 in the 500 free that earned him 21st place. Loverink also dropped time in the 200 free. "He had a good meet," Naylor said.

Gymnastics

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from two seasons ago, is the assistant coach this season for the squad. The gymnastics team also has two student assistant coaches, Shawn Fox and Justin Clapper. Healy and Debbie Tradewell are also helping out the team.

The ratio of gymnasts to coaches is very small, which is a positive factor to the team's early progress.

"The girls are getting a lot of attention," DeLisle said. "I think that is why we are looking as strong as we are already."

DeLisle is uncertain where each girl

will compete during the season because there are so many new members to the team. Projections for the season are unclear to DeLisle because she does not know how the freshmen will handle the college level of competition.

The Falcon women's gymnastics team opens its season at UW-Oshkosh on Dec. 9. The season will consist of nine meets for the Falcons, including four at home. River Falls will host the WWIAC meet for the first time in six years. DeLisle said the team is looking forward to the opportunity of hosting the meet.

Harrell.

In the second period the Falcons lit up the scoreboard. Matzke earned his second goal of the weekend at 16:43. At 19:07, freshman Shane Bengston earned his first collegiate goal as he beat MacGillivray on the top shelf.

Brian Wilson capped off the scoring for the Falcons at 7:06 in the third on a power-play opportunity.

Talafous said that the victory was a little bit of a surprise because the second is always the hardest to win, especially after a victory the first night.

"The second night the other team is desperate," Talafous said. "They don't want to be swept. Coming back after a win, it's just natural to relax a bit. But we remained focused and maintained our intensity."

River Falls had 38 shots on goal and Lake Forest again had 20. Alstead made 20 saves and MacGillivray made 34 for the Foresters. River Falls was 1-3 on the power play, and Lake Forest was held to 0-2. Lake Forest had seven penalties for 14 minutes, and River Falls had six for 12 again Saturday night.

Lake Forest	0	0	0-0
Falcons	1	0	1-4

Wrestlers take to mats in UW-RF Open

STEVE PETERSON
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Almost 250 wrestlers from six states filled the Knowles Complex Dec. 2 as the UW-River Falls Falcons hosted the annual UW-RF Open.

The competition consisted of wrestlers from Div. I, II and III schools, including a handful of grapplers from the University of Minnesota and 10-15 All-Americans. Although the Falcons were unable to grab any of the championship spots, junior Bill Sallander's collegiate debut in the 190 pound weight class resulted in a second place finish. After competing in the national meet as a heavyweight last year, Sallander is learning to refine his skills at the lower weight class and should be a force for the Falcons this year.

Keith Johnson also turned in an impressive performance at the UW-RF Open, placing third in the 126 pound division with an overall record of 4-1. He is currently the No. 2 ranked wrestler in Div. III in the 126 pound division.



Keith Johnson

Johnson's effort was matched by freshman Ali Peterson, who captured third place at 142 pounds.

Head Coach Byron James said he was pleased not only by his team's performance but by how well the meet ran as a whole. Fifty-five volunteers, most of whom were students, helped

make the meet one of the smoothest ever, James said.

Other competitors for the Falcons included Chad Boyea, who grabbed the sixth spot at 150 pounds, and Joe Bisek, who did likewise at 167.

The Falcons will travel to Waverly, Iowa this weekend to compete in the Wartburg Invitational, facing 14 of the top 80 Div. III wrestlers in the nation. After a day of rest, the Falcons will then host UW-Stout Monday, against whom they own a 36 meet winning streak.

Falcon Results

126 pounds: Keith Johnson, 3rd place, 4-1 overall. Jared Bilke, 0-2 overall.
134 pounds: Chris Morel, 0-2 overall.
142 pounds: Ali Peterson, 3rd place, 4-1 overall. Scott Kloeck, 3-1 overall.
150 pounds: Chad Boyea, 6th place, 2-2 overall. Tony Kuepke, 1-2 overall.
158 pounds: Mike Ottenstoer, 0-2 overall.
167 pounds: Glen Butzin, 2-1 overall. Joe Bisek, 6th place, 2-2 overall.
190 pounds: Bill Sallander, 2nd place, 3-1 overall. Scott Boyea, 0-2 overall.

Falcon volleyball player named to All-American team

CHAD URDAHL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Cara Gustafson has done something that no other UW-River Falls Falcon volleyball player has.

The 5-9 junior from North Branch, Minn. was recently named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American squad. This is not an honor that Gustafson expected.

"It was a total surprise," Gustafson said. "I never dreamed anything in the world would happen like this."

Gustafson says she didn't even realize she was in consideration for the honor and was in shock when Coach Patti Ford came to tell her the news.

"I couldn't help but to start crying," Gustafson said.

Gustafson may have been proud of her achievements, but she says she doesn't feel like she has won this award by herself.

"I don't feel like I'm getting this, the team is," she said.

The success of the team, which advanced to nationals, did have a direct correlation to Gustafson being named All-American, according to Ford.

"This is a direct reflection of our



Cara Gustafson

success," Ford said.

The success of the team was something that Gustafson hadn't expected going into it.

"I didn't think the national playoffs was obtainable," the middle-hitter said.

The fact that a team's success to this level hasn't been an experience she's enjoyed makes this trip to the nation-

als all the sweeter, Gustafson says.

"The players here have been through the building years," she said. "Teams were a lot different and not as cohesive. Now we know what each other is going to do."

Gustafson led the team in kills with an astonishing 437. She also led in solo blocks with 43 and block assists with 126.

With one year of eligibility remaining, she is making her assault on the Falcon record books. Currently she is sixth in kills with 614, first in blocks with 271 and fifth in service aces. Not bad statistics for a player who claims to "not be a person that looks at stats."

These statistics didn't come by accident. Gustafson is a "tremendous athlete with a great work ethic," according to Ford.

Ford says Gustafson is the go-to player as far as hitting goes and calls her a "very complete package."

The thing that separates Gustafson from the pack is her knowledge of the position, according to Ford. She says Gustafson has spent her entire career with the Falcons in the middle and has been able to use that experience effectively.

Not too long ago a dislocated elbow

made Gustafson wonder if this career was over.

"After hurting my arm last season, I thought it was over," she said.

Ford also says she doesn't think this could have happened to a better person because she knows Gustafson will continue to work hard instead of becoming complacent.

"Whatever she sets out to do, she does it to the best of her ability," Ford said.

Gustafson, a physical education major, has been playing volleyball since her early years but still was shocked at the skill level at the collegiate level.

"It was an extremely big adjustment," she said. "The players do everything better than in high school. Switching positions made it even tougher."

Even though Gustafson says she had no idea coming to UW-RF how effective a player she would be, she has wound up with a nice trophy to show off.

That is if she ever gets it. Somehow it was sent to Cincinnati by mistake but should be safe in her hands soon.

Hockey team has one of the best defenseman in conference

JAMIE MOLITOR
EDITOR

First thing you'll notice about Falcon defenseman Kelly Melton isn't his size or his speed, but his hair, blonde.

"It's sort of a disguise," said Falcon head coach Dean Talafous about Melton's new golden locks. "Teams look at him and think he's wild and crazy. He's actually very calm, confident and very poised out there."

At first glance, Melton's outward appearance to anyone - player, coach or fan - would make one think that he is a little crazy. Once he straps on the skates it's all business for the sophomore defenseman from Excelsior, Minn.

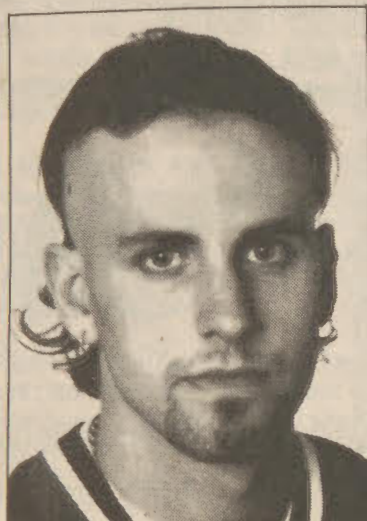
Melton is considered one of the finest defensive defensemen in the NCHA, and his 6-2, 190 frame has helped him be one of the best in the league.

"I consider Kelly to be one of the better defensive defensemen in the league," Talafous said. "That says a lot about Kelly considering our team defense last season."

Melton is one of the cogs in the defensive machine for the Falcons, who allowed a league low record of 53 goals last season and has already notched two shutouts on the young 1995-96 season.

Ask Melton where he fits into that machine, and he'll tell you.

"I'm out there to play consistent team defense," Melton said. "I'm a defensive defenseman. That's what I



Kelly Melton

pride my game on, playing solid defense."

Solid defense is exactly what the Falcons have been known for the past several seasons, and with the addition of Melton last season, the Falcons just bolstered that image.

"He was steady last season," Talafous said. "He does so much for the team."

Melton does do a lot for the team. The senior may not be known for his offensive firepower, but he can be dangerous from the blueline. He gives goaltenders nightmares with his thunderous slapshots, which often result in rebound shots for the rest of the team.

Last season Melton picked up 15 assists, second to Aaron Arf. This season Melton already has five points

in six games, including two goals and three assists.

"He really has picked up his offensive game for us so far this season," Talafous said. "Kelly never has contributed much on offense because that isn't his role. But he has provided some from the blue line."

Melton's first and foremost duty, though, is taking care of opponents' offense. While the team allowed only 53 goals last season, he said that they don't have any goals set as a defense except to go out and play their system.

"We're playing the same way as last year," Melton said. "I would like to think we will be right up there this year with fewest goals allowed."

"We're close, but we're not quite there yet. Sometimes some of the guys let down for a period. Every guy out there has to realize we need to play 120 minutes for two games, whether we're winning or losing. The defense comes first, and the offense will take care of itself."

Before joining the Falcons last season, Melton played two years at the University of Alaska-Anchorage of the WCHA. While playing for the Seawolves, Melton picked up two assists in his final season with the "Wolves."

While playing for the St. Paul Vulcans of the USHL, Melton was heavily recruited by River Falls. However, a last minute scholarship from the Seawolves lured Melton to Alaska for two seasons. Melton and the UAA head coach didn't see eye to eye, and he decided to give River Falls a shot. "We liked him as a junior player,"

Talafous said. "We knew he'd be a top defenseman in the league."

While there may be huge differences in some Div. I and Div. III sports, Melton feels that there isn't a whole lot of a difference in the two divisions in hockey.

"If you take the top two lines from both leagues, they are the same," Melton said. "The biggest difference is depth. There are more skill players in the third and fourth lines of Div. I hockey."

With the Vulcans, Melton helped the team to a national championship. At Minnetonka High School, Melton helped the team to a third place finish in the state tournament and was named to the all-conference team.

In the future, Melton said that he would like to continue his hockey career in one of the professional leagues such as the International Hockey League (IHL), the American Hockey League (AHL) or the East Coast League (ECL).

"If I get a few breaks, I wouldn't mind playing there at all," Melton said.

Outside of Hunt arena, Melton is a speech communication major with a coaching minor, and he said that someday he wouldn't mind coaching hockey. He also enjoys playing basketball, working out and watching movies. His favorite is *Menace To Society*.

Melton only looks like a menace to society, but he is a menace only to opposing offenses.

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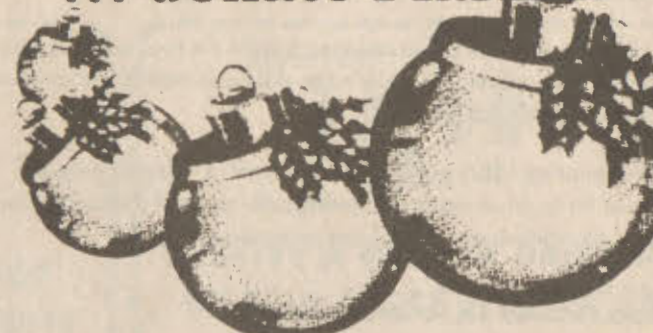
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STUDENT VOICE

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UW-RF student wins at national horse show Plans for a new dairy facility proposed

JAMIE LARSON
STAFF WRITER

Lynn Clement enjoyed riding horses and had competed in various shows, so she decided to participate in the 1995 All American Quarter Horse Congress.

Clement had watched the Congress in 1994, and she knew that many riders participate for years before placing.

"I just went down there to show and to do my best and have fun," Clement said. "Even to make it into the final round is accomplishing a lot."

However, Clement did more than make it to the final round. She and her horse Roanies Grand Julie "Julie" came home with a first place finish in one event and a seventh place finish in another.

Clement placed first in Novice Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation and seventh in Novice Amateur Showmanship at the 1995 All American Quarter Horse Congress this October in Columbus, Ohio.

The Congress lasts two weeks and has taken place annually for the past 29 years. The Congress is the world's largest horse show.

Besides the Hunt Seat Equitation and Showmanship contests, Clement competed in the Western Pleasure and Western Horsemanship events.

In the Hunt Seat Equitation event, contestants are assigned a certain pattern which they must make their horses follow throughout the course. The riders are judged on how well they can maneuver their horses through the pattern.

In this contest it's important for riders to make their horses follow straight lines and take good corners in addition to properly following the set pattern, Clement said.

Clement calls the Hunt Seat Equitation event, in which she placed first, a challenge.

"You never know what the horse is going to do because they're unpre-

pared," Clement said. "You can train them and train them and train them. It's a trust between you and the animal."

Clement placed seventh in the showmanship event. In this event, contestants lead their horses through a pattern that consists of skills such as back leg pivots, in which the contestant leads the horse in a circle while one of the horse's back legs remains planted. The contestants are judged on how well they can handle their horses through the pattern.

In this event, Clement said, a contestant must concentrate on presenting the horse well to the judges instead of dwelling on mistakes.



"Give the attitude that you're the best and you know it and that they (the judges) should pay attention to you," Clement said.

"Look concentrated; be pleasant—that's what my trainer always tells me," Clement said.

Clement didn't like the Showmanship event at first because the judges intimidated her; however, she now considers the event her favorite.

"I used to be more intimidated by judges I guess," Clement said. "Some judges when you look at them won't smile, I try to make them smile."

Clement started riding trails with a friend and got her first horse, Dolly, in seventh grade. She learned more about horses through a 4-H program, and got her second horse, Suzi, in 10th grade.

When Clement came to UW-River

Falls, she met a friend who showed horses. She stayed at her friend's house in Delavan, Wis. that summer and began showing quarter horses.

Since then, she has continued competing in events and earned many honors as well as accumulated American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) points.

During the Congress, Clement competed as a Novice Amateur. However, through participating in various shows, she has accumulated enough points to move into the Novice category.

Some of her accomplishments include Novice Amateur All Around, Grand Champion Showmanship,

Grand Champion Hunt Seat Equitation, Grand Champion Western Horsemanship, Reserve Champion Western Pleasure, and Reserve Champion Trail in the Badger Quarter Horse Association, among other accomplishments in the Wisconsin Quarter Horse and Land of Lincoln Quarter Horse Associations.

Some of Clement's more embarrassing moments include forgetting part of pattern in one of her events and sleeping through a class.

Though she has never been seriously hurt, Clement did get bucked off three times in the ring at a show four years ago.

"That's about the only mortifying experience I've had," Clement said. "I didn't get hurt or anything. Just really bruised."

Currently, Clement's horse Julie is out of training until March, though Clement goes home to ride whenever she can. Clement will start competing in shows again beginning in April.

Though she has done well in competition, Clement, a business communications major, plans to continue riding, but doesn't see it as a career possibility.

"It's more like a hobby to me," Clement said. "Something to do to get away from everything."

LEANNE TORGESSEN
STAFF WRITER

A plan to build a new dairy facility at UW-River Falls has been proposed by the UW-RF Department of Agriculture and is currently working its way up the chain of command, ultimately in search of approval and money from the State Building Commission.

The plan that began almost three years ago began as a department proposal and worked its way up to gain approval from the College of Agriculture, the Administration and Chancellor Gary A. Thibodeau, said Dr. Larry Baumann, a professor in the agriculture department who is overseeing the dairy facility project.

The new dairy facility, estimated at \$1.5 million, would be located at the Mann Valley Farm located 2.5 miles outside River Falls and will be more advanced than the current facility, said Gary Rohde, Dean of the College of Agriculture.

"The current facility is quite old and outdated. We need to look ahead to our teaching needs. We need to have updated facilities," said Baumann. "There will be quite extensive updates. We will start from scratch. There will be new housing facilities, feeding facilities, milking facilities, feed storage facilities and waste management facilities. Everything will be basically new."

According to Rohde, building the new facility is more economical than remodeling the current facility which

is located on the Campus Farm.

"Our current facility was built 35 years ago and is outdated," said Rohde. "It will take a tremendous amount of money to update it."

The cost of remodeling and reinsulating the current facility has been estimated at \$750,000, said Baumann.

One of the biggest differences between the proposed facility and the current one is the number of cows that will be available for training purposes. The current facility houses 65 cows,

The University will also expose students to the commercial farm atmosphere through field trips and internships, Rohde also said.

In addition to updating the facility, there are also environmental reasons for relocating it. The current location is not good for farming, Rohde said.

"The current lab farm is right next to the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River. There are concerns with manure management," said Baumann. "There is more access at the Mann Valley Farm area for waste manage-

ment, without a direct connection to the river. A lot of residential homes are in the area (of the current farm). Odor concerns are a problem," Baumann said. There is also more room for cattle grazing at the Mann Val-

"There will be new housing facilities, feeding facilities, milking facilities, feed storage facilities and waste management facilities."

-Dr. Larry Baumann, professor in college of Ag.

and the proposed facility will hold 80 cows.

There is some controversy that the 80-cow facility might not be large enough to teach students how a commercial farm is operated, as many commercial farms house about 200 to 500 cows, Baumann said.

However, University officials are settled on the proposed 80-cow operation.

"It is an issue of what our goals and objectives are. We here at the University are not proposing to set up a future model dairy farm, but instead a future model teaching facility," Baumann said.

The new dairy facility will meet all of the educational objectives of the department with 80 cows, Rohde said.

ley Farm, and the roads in the area are not as busy as around the campus farm, Baumann added.

If the proposal is approved, building may begin as early as the fall of 1997, Baumann said. However, there are still many channels that the proposal has left to pass through.

"The UW-System will decide in January if we should continue planning or not," Baumann said. "In April, a definitive budget and plans must be submitted to the Board of Regents to review and approve."

If approved, the proposal would then move to the State Building Commission, which would hopefully make its decision in early 1997, said Baumann, who expects the construction to take 12 to 18 months.

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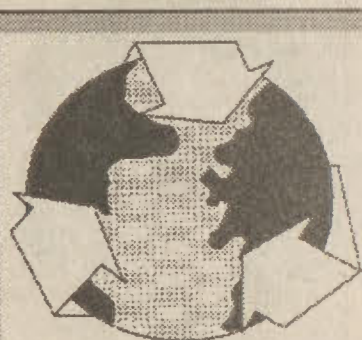
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No end to Travolta fever



"I think what is meant by 'comeback,' is Travolta's inadvertent stab at an old actors trick-re-inventing one's self."

America didn't even see it coming. Like a semi-truck, John Travolta crashed his way back onto the Hollywood A-list and back into our hearts once again.

With the release of "Pulp Fiction" last year, came a lot of hype about Travolta and his major "comeback." If the truth be told, he never really went anywhere. Sure, his 1990 and 1993 movies might have proved that no one cared who was talking anymore (I'm referring, of course, to the two mega-flop sequels to his hit 1989 movie "Look Who's Talking"), but he was still making movies. Granted, they involved Roseanne Arnold/Barr and talking dogs, two things that can only hurt a movie career, but he was still out there.

I think what the media meant by "comeback," was Travolta's inadvertent stab at an old actors trick-re-inventing one's self. Actors often do this to generate a new career by taking on image-changing roles to boost public approval and gain respect. Sometimes it works—Tom Hanks in "Philadelphia"—and sometimes it crashes and burns—Sylvester Stallone in "Stop! or My Mom Will Shoot." Travolta, however, had nothing to do with the makeover. That was compliments of new Hollywood hipster, Quentin Tarantino.

Tarantino had grown up watching Travolta play Vinny Barbarino on TV's "Welcome Back Kotter." So when the hyperactive product of the 70's signed on to direct "Pulp Fiction" he had the part of Vincent Vega, the somehow lovable hitman, set aside especially for his idol, Travolta. Actually, he told Travolta later on, he had written the character of Vincent with him in mind. Get it? Vinny. Vincent. Well apparently the country approved, by making "Pulp Fiction" somewhat of a cult hit. This was due in part to the "Travolta comeback" hyping movie trailers and talk show press.

Travolta fever was running as hot as it had back in the day of "Saturday Night Fever." And might I say that the cool black hitman suit was much better than the snow-white, wide lapel disco getup in "Fever." Travolta's image has now gone from an outdated disco king to modern pop-icon. And, there's no end in sight with Pulp follow-ups like "Get Shorty" and "White Man's Burden."

By now, having established himself as a versatile actor, John Travolta can take any roles he wants. In "Get Shorty," now playing, he plays a slimy loan shark—turned slimy movie executive. In "Burden," coming this winter, he becomes the blue collar, common man we saw in "Look Who's Talking."

I guess I never got into the John Travolta as "sex symbol" craze that took hold with Welcome Back Kotter and "Saturday Night Fever," possibly because I was only five years old. But mostly I remember not thinking he was good looking because of that signature chin cleft, which I always referred to as a "Butt Chin." I did however love him as Danny in "Grease" and as the cabby/labor coach in "Look Who's Talking," and I think he's tremendously talented now that he's being offered better roles than playing an "Urban Cowboy." I also think he slid right into his ultra-hip role in "Pulp Fiction," and that he deserved the Oscar nomination that the "Pulp" role won him. Unfortunately it was the same year that the Academy's newest buddy, Tom Hanks, superbly portrayed "Forrest Gump." Gold statuette or not, John Travolta's talent and newly funk-ified image has got him "Staying Alive."

TRIVIA QUESTION: John Travolta starred with Olivia Newton John in the 1978 musical "Grease." What 1983 film paired the two once again? (answer in next week's column)

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Al Pacino and Robert De Niro played father and son in "The Godfather, Part II."

Four ska bands set the groove at Brandy's

EMILY HOLLOWAY
STAFF WRITER

Sources on the World Wide Web define it as a form of dance music that was popular in Jamaica in the 1960's. It is "characterized by the use of saxophones and brass, a heavily accented offbeat, and the influence of New Orleans rhythm and blues, jazz, and calypso."

Dave Kampmeier, Assistant Music Director for WRFW defines it as "a mix of reggae and jazz, and depending on the band, it can have some punk influence to it."

However one defines it is not important. What is important is that what is known as ska music entertained a crowd of people at a free concert in Brandy's on Saturday night.

Co-sponsored by Hagedust Union Board (HUB) and WRFW, SkaFest was the first ska concert at UW-River Falls, according to HUB Music Director, Brenda Kulas. Four different ska bands from the Twin Cities and beyond joined forces and kept the place grooving until midnight and in the end, received a positive reaction from attending fans.

Ska music has been in existence for over forty years and first made its appearance in Jamaica. "It first came over to America in 1984," said Kampmeier, "but it was really underground then. It's still big today, but it has become a lot bigger in the nineties, especially within the past couple of years."

The concept of SkaFest on UW campuses, however, is still fairly new. According to Kulas, UW-Eau Claire has been having SkaFests for over three years. It was ska's success in Eau Claire that motivated Kampmeier over a year ago to look into bringing it to UW-RF.

"I had no real way of doing it," he said. "I didn't know any bands at that time, and I didn't know what the school policy was."

Over the summer, Kampmeier said that he spent time at various concerts in the Twin Cities area getting to know some of the local ska bands.

"I asked them if they would be interested in playing here," he said, "pretty much for the fun of it. Over the summer, I met the Jinkies and Suspect Bill, and they said they'd like to play."

Acquiring Agent Groundhog and Umbrella Bed, the other two bands that attended Saturday night's show, required a different approach. Kampmeier said that all he did was post a note on the Internet saying that he wanted to do a ska show at UW-RF, and asked if anyone was interested in entertaining. "They just responded on their own and said they would like to play," he said.

According to Kulas, planning for the event started in early October. "It seems so long ago," Kampmeier added. "It was hard to get a date because ska bands have seven to eight members usually," he said. "When you get that many people to get agreeable dates, especially with four bands, it's hard."

December 2 was the date that all bands and their members finally agreed upon. "This campus is really a suitcase college and everyone goes home on the weekends," said Kulas. "So we try to shy away from doing programming on the weekends."

Kampmeier said he supports the idea of playing on weekends. "It's a great way to get people to stay out here on the weekends," said Kampmeier.

Prior to the show, Kulas mentioned that her optimum goal was to see at

least 200 people in the audience. "That would be awesome," she said.

Several estimates from various concert-goers and band members brought the total to at least that. During every-half-hour reports aired directly from SkaFest from WRFW deejay Erik Moe, the enthusiastic crowd could be heard over his voice.

Jinkies' trumpeter Jesse Miner even commented on the energy of the crowd during a post-show interview. "The size of the crowd is not as important," he said, "It's the energy. We feed off the energy of the crowd. I like playing shows and seeing everyone getting into it."

Alex Braiden, saxist for the group said that "it helps if the crowd is as enthusiastic, if not more enthusiastic, than the band. It's more encouraging to us."

The Jinkies came into existence almost 2 years ago, but according to Miner, they didn't start playing publicly until March. Previously, Miner

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Jesse Miner, Trumpeter

said Miner.

Today, the group consists of two female lead vocalists, Leah Drury and Christy Riess, and seven other members ranging in age between 17 and 35. The oldest member is Elmar Romain, who plays bass and is a self-proclaimed "geezer of the group."

Braiden, who is the youngest, is also the newest member of the Jinkies. In regards to how he got hooked up with the group, Braiden said, "I saw them play in May at First Avenue, Seventh Street entry," added that he knew the band's drummer Brian Katz personally. "I like the experience of doing something I really love and sharing it with other people," he said.

Several students from UW-RF, several non-students from town, and even people from the Twin Cities enjoyed the show. Dave Young, a River Falls resident said with a smile that the concert was "a lot of fun. The music instilled in you a desire to 'cut a rug.' The only drawback," he added, "was that a lot of the music sounded alike."

Following the concert, several members of the bands, along with Twin Cities fans joined Kampmeier in the WRFW studios for live interviews and entertainment. One member of Agent Groundhog, a Duluth band, and three members from Twin Cities' own Suspect Bill talked, joked and played music with Kampmeier until late that night.

Overall, Kampmeier said positive things about the concert. "I think it went really well. I think everyone had fun -- the bands and the fans," he said.

Whether or not there will be a SkaFest II has yet to be decided. "The school told me it was a big success," he said, "so it's probably hopeful."

"I would for sure like to bring back the Jinkies and Suspect Bill," he added, "because I think they're really good bands." As of late Sunday night, Miner of the Jinkies had already e-mailed Kampmeier back saying they'd love to do it again.

Casino opens with High-rolling stars

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It sounds too good to be true: Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci and Sharon Stone, all put through their paces by director Martin Scorsese. Yet, there it is, "Casino," a three-hour epic about mobsters, hustlers, Las Vegas circa the early 1970s, friendship, honor, sex, violence and, of course, money, starring that high-octane acting trio.

The film's story, which is based on reality (with the names changed to protect the guilty), concerns the talented bookie Ace Rothstein (DeNiro) selected by mob bosses, among them the powerful Any Stone (Alan King), to run the crown jewel of Vegas high-rolling, the Tangiers casino. Caught up along with Ace in the glitzy excitement are his wife Ginger (Stone), a former chip hustler, and Nicky (Pesci), Ace's boyhood best friend and a remarkably psychotic and vicious hitman. As quickly as Ace, Ginger and Nicky ascend to the top of the heap, they descend in an ego-battered, blood-spattered freefall that's not for the squeamish or the impatient or for connoisseurs of happy endings.

On this day at a Manhattan hotel, positioned at a dais and facing a 100-person-plus contingent of domestic and international media, sit DeNiro, Pesci, Stone, Scorsese, King, screenwriter Nicholas Pileggi, and producer Barbara DeFina. The ensuing 40 minutes are filled with alternately strange and incisive queries; jokey, reflective and non-answer answers; laughs and frustration.

DeNiro, famously uncomfortable at such gatherings, hardly utters a word. Pesci, chomping on a stogie, quips his way through the session. Stone, bright, talkative and radiating genuine star power, seems thrilled to be in the

Scorsese-DeNiro-Pesci boys' club. Pileggi fields questions about the book, upon which he based the "Casino" script, in a thoughtful and informative manner. Scorsese, ever the talker, anchors the proceedings, though the journalists keep him on the defensive by finding various ways to ask if "Casino" is too much like "Goodfellas" for its own good. DeFina wears her best game face, but is called upon to speak but once. And King, while eliciting the biggest chuckles, also puts the film, as well as the real-life people on which the characters were based, in the proper perspective.

"One of the reasons I was interested in making the film was that, for me, it's like the end of the Old West," says Scorsese. "Vegas was the last bastion of a place that was constructed for people who were interested in gambling, who had certain lifestyles - hustlers, gangsters, hitmen, whatever. It was a place where they all thrived. Whether or not, morally, that was a bad thing... yes, it was. But the reality was it was a closed-off society and if you went there you knew what you were getting into. There was nothing fake about it in that way. Now, it's gone, and it's as simple as that. It's a very different place now, more for the people of the country."

DeNiro, who has acted for Scorsese in everything from "Taxi Driver" to "Raging Bull" to "Goodfellas," couldn't resist the opportunity to work with his friend yet again, he says.

"We just have a very special working relationship. Sometimes I can't even explain it myself," he says. "I consider myself very lucky that we have the relationship we do. I always feel comfortable with Marty. If we have a problem in front of us, I always know we'll have a way to resolve it that will be interesting."

Stone has played a succession of bad

girls, most notably in "Basic Instinct" and "Total Recall." She considers her "Casino" character the most realistic and challenging of her career to date. And in one powerful scene in which Ginger snaps completely, Stone goes toe-to-toe with DeNiro and should convince even her most ardent detractors that she can indeed act.

"I think before this movie I was cast in a more typical and superficial fashion," she says. "In 'Casino', I get to play a character that had a greater kind of range, life experience and truth to it. Ginger was great because she wasn't a cliché."

"She wasn't stereotypically written because she was based on somebody's life," she notes. "The time span of the character also made her very interesting to navigate. Then, to have a partner like Bob was a whole different ballgame. You can go to a different place in your work and know you'll have a partner there. It was wonderful."

King worked the Strip performing his stand-up act back in the days when the characters represented in "Casino" ruled the Vegas roost. He, more than anyone on the dais, can vouch for the film's veracity and its depiction of the various characters.

"I knew every one of them. I may be the only one who's still alive," he says with a nervous laugh. "I worked in Vegas all my adult life. I didn't see the violence, I only heard about it. But the behavior, the shoulder rolls, the mannerisms, anything about the people being played, was right there. It was a weird experience to watch these men play characters I knew. Between Nick's writing, Marty, Joe, DeNiro and Stone, it was like reliving that period."

"It was an incredible thing to see."

YOUR LIFE AS YOU MAY NOT WANT TO ADMIT...

By: Celeste

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't let life pass you by; take advantage of a new opportunity. You may be surprised by the results. Romance is definitely in your future. This weekend: Go see "Hamlet."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) The semester is almost over; be brave and ask your secret crush out for a movie. The money situation should be looking up soon. This weekend: Get together with an old friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Don't quit your good study habits now, the final payoff is in sight. Your financial situation is not as bad as it could be. Take it slow with a new relationship. This weekend: Go shopping.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Calm down! As soon as you realize you don't have to be SuperPerson, you will be able to get back in the swing of things. Now is not the time to start a new relationship. This weekend: Enjoy the great outdoors.

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Corny but true: This is the first day of the rest of your life—so why are you wasting it watching the home shopping network? Go find your fate. This weekend: Try something new.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21) You may be going through a hard time right now, but remember your friends are willing to support you. Don't forget the good things in your life. This weekend: Check out an athletic event on campus.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21) An old flame may be interested once again, but remember why you broke up in the first place. Classes are certainly keeping you busy, but don't forget to have some fun. This weekend: Visit with your family.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You've been having a good time lately; don't forget about studying altogether. Your new love interest may be the one you've been waiting for. This weekend: Study!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) Share your good luck by secretly doing something nice for someone. Your financial woes are soon coming to an end. This weekend: Spend time with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Lose your grumpy attitude; life could be a lot worse. Don't let your just-to-get-through-school job give you too much stress. This weekend: Anything can happen.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-Oct. 23) Get ready to hit those books. You are running out of study time. Listen closely to what your significant other is telling you. This weekend: Get together with a Sag and go see "Hamlet."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A friend may have let you down recently, but don't hold a grudge. Be ready to meet a new love. This weekend: Go on a field trip with your roommate.

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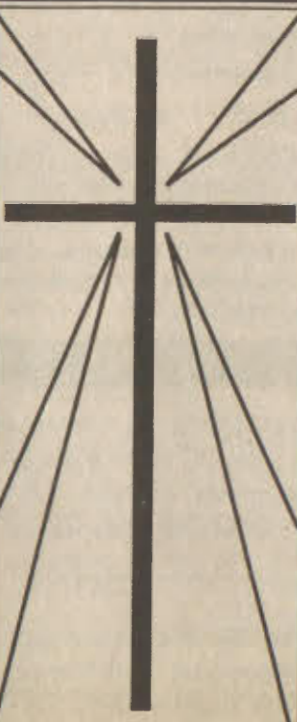
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Men's hoops

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"In the first half, they were maybe somewhat intimidated," Bowen said of his team.

UW-RF's second scoreless stretch came at the end of the game and right after the team had made a valiant comeback attempt against a more experienced Blugold squad.

Madsen had just hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 47-47. The basket completed a 27-8 run for the Falcons.

But just like at the beginning of the game, UW-RF's shots would not fall at the end. The Falcons did not score a point in the final 7:51 of the contest.

Considering they shot just 26 percent from the field, the Falcons losing by only 13 points to Eau Claire is rather impressive.

Even more remarkable is the way the Falcons fought back from a 39-20 halftime deficit to make the second half interesting.

"I thought they showed heart and good character," Bowen said of his team's comeback. "It was a positive learning experience for them. They learned that they can play with anybody."

Madsen led all Falcon scorers with 20 points. He scored 14 of those during the Falcons big second half run.

No other UW-RF player scored in double figures. This is a trend Bowen does not want to have happen this season.

"We have to get our inside people more involved," Bowen said. "We're

not going to live or die this year with Madsen."

One of those inside players Bowen needs is Chitwood. The 6-8 sophomore had eight points and grabbed 12 rebounds against the Blugolds.

Eau Claire used their size advantage to establish their early 15-0 lead over the Falcons. Center Brian Schwechel scored six points during the run, and forward Cory Kulig added four.

The Falcons chipped away at Eau Claire's large lead, and at one point they had it cut to eight.

The small deficit did not last long, however. The Blugolds quickly pushed their advantage back into double figures. They led by as many as 24 points in the first half.

River Falls (47)
Madsen 7-21 0-0 20, Ward 1-4 0-0 2, Chitwood 3-8 2-2 8, Fisher 2-9 3-3 9, Meschke 0-5 1-2 1, Cattarozzle 1-4 1-2 3, Cummings 0-4 0-0 0, Zielski 2-3 0-0 4, Cooper 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 16-61 7-9 47.

Eau Claire (60)
Graber 3-6 0-0 8, Kulig 3-6 2-3 8, Schwechel 2-4 4-6 8, Buckley 3-10 8-9 15, Fisher 5-9 1-4 14, Bauschelt 0-0-0 0, Knowles 0-0 0-0 0, LeClaire 2-5 0-0 5, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Schmiesing 0-0 0-0 0, Eckmann 1-4 0-2 5. Totals 19-46 15-24 60.

Halftime-Eau Claire 39, River Falls 20. Fouled out-Meschke. Rebounds-River Falls (Chitwood 12) 32, Eau Claire (Kulig 10) 44. Assists-River Falls (Meschke 3) 8, Eau Claire (Buckley 7) 12. Total fouls-River Falls 19, Eau Claire 12. A-1,400

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Speech/Some students happy; others upset with decision

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before being mandated through the courts.

Possibly in anticipation of a student backlash, the Board further ruled that any student objecting to the way their fees are being used can apply for a refund of that percentage used for freedom of speech activities, or roughly \$7.

Without this policy, the university could have opened itself to legal challenges from students who objected to paying fees to support religious or political causes with which they disagree, predicted some legal experts. Even Justice O'Connor acknowledged this when she wrote: "Although the question is not presented here, I note the possibility that the student fee is susceptible to a Free Speech Clause challenge by an objecting student that she should not be compelled to pay for speech with which she disagrees."

Such is the case in California, where a California Supreme Court ruling specifically prohibits state universities from compelling students to pay fees for political or ideological activities. In 1993, the court found in the Smith v. Regents case that the University of California-Berkeley could not require students to pay fees if some of that money went to groups with political agendas.

"We are still working under the Smith versus Regents case," explains Bob Naples, assistant dean of students at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA). "What we are looking for is what the group's predominant purpose is or the effect of principle activities. If they are political or ideological then they are not generally eligible."

Last month, UCLA agreed to fund \$8000 to the Hindu Students Council for their Diwali festival, a celebration which includes devotional song, folk dances and offerings of fruit. Last year, this same group had been turned down. According to Michael Troy, a lawyer from the center of Individual Rights, the group which represented "Wide Awake," the about-face is the result of a letter they sent threatening

a lawsuit if UCLA didn't comply with the Rosenberger decision.

Many universities are looking at their guidelines and either changing their minds or being threatened with a suit as UCLA was," says Troy. "I've been working with the Hindu student group at UCLA who has been denied funding for some time. The administration was reluctant until we got involved. Now they will be funding the group."

But both Naples and Hindu student organizer Dheeraj Singahl deny the letter influenced the decision. Naples, who is new to the UCLA dean's office, says he had been meeting with the group before the letter arrived to make certain the festival would comply with guidelines.

"This was one of these real close borderline calls," says Naples. "There was one portion of the program I had questions about, and if it was determined to be religious rites, then we could not support that."

Singahl reassured the dean's office that they would host a lecture describing what the rituals are but not actually perform them. Singahl says, in the end, the issue boiled down to trying to distinguish between religion versus culture.

The Hindu culture was developed with religion. The two go together, and you cannot understand the one without the other," Naples said for now, the Rosenberger case has not had a big impact on funding decisions at UCLA.

"Clearly there needs to be more interpretation of exactly what Rosenberger means," says Naples. "We are going to reserve judgment and continue to follow the law of the California Supreme Court until we get a sense of how we need to interpret that. We are waiting to see what the University of California system office does, how they will interpret the difference among these two."

The University of Wisconsin in Madison is in a similar dilemma. They, too, are waiting for the university system's legal council to decipher the ruling, but in the meantime, the campus debate over what groups are OK

to fund has heated up.

"When two or three religious groups made requests for funds this fall, things got a little complicated," admits Roger Howard, UW's associate dean of students.

He says students in charge of the allocation process spent a great deal of time trying to tease out whether to fund the religious groups and how to apply the Rosenberger case.

"It was not a universally applauded position when it came to a vote," Howard says. "The first vote ended up being deferred. The disagreement was so intense that when they re-voted at the next session, it only passed by a bare majority 5-4 and a substantial part of discussion had to do with whether it was proper to use student funds to fund these religious groups. It will come up again and won't be quite as easy."

One student leading the charge against the student government decision to fund the religious groups is Vance Gathing, junior prelaw major. Gathing says that the student judiciary should not allow this funding to go through.

"I think it's clear that student fees, if they go to publications, have to also go to religious publications," he says. "There are also some other limited peer forums of speech, perhaps like a debate. But to fund office supplies, membership development, salaries and other aspects of a group that's purpose is converting someone to Christianity or another religion... I think it's clear that that's not what was intended in the Rosenberger ruling."

But a Government funds not only free speech, but an entire organization - which is trying to convert people - then the student government is paying people to tell people what to believe. That if they don't believe in Jesus they're going to hell, if they are gay, they are going to hell, if they are Muslim... and I think that's completely unconstitutional."

But Christian students, like Erick Sierra at U.Va. says that in the past they were the ones battling discrimination. "With this ruling, students with

religious beliefs have been rising from the woodwork," Sierra says. "I've been getting e-mail messages from students around the country, Princeton, Baylor, Carleton who have grown up with Christian beliefs but felt it hasn't been safe to express them. Students have been coming out of the closet, so to speak, and starting publications that provide safe havens for their beliefs."

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, self-proclaimed conservatives have accused campus liberals to trying to silence them by having a stronghold on student activities funds. Last year, this led Charlton Allen, editor of "Carolina Revies," a conservative campus publication, to file a case with the U.N.C. Student Supreme Court.

U.N.C. became the first campus to change its student-activities fee policy after the Rosenberger ruling. Two weeks after the Supreme Court decision was announced, the outgoing chancellor, Paul Hardin, changed U.N.C. policy to allow funding for both religious and political groups.

However, in Oregon, colleges with mandatory student fees are facing lawsuits similar to those feared by the University of Virginia. In November, two former students and a student at Lane Community College filed a suit in federal district court, charging that their First Amendment Rights had been violated by being forced to pay \$2 annual fees to the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group. A similar suit was filed earlier this year against the University of Oregon.

For now, there appears to be no consensus as to how the Rosenberger ruling should be interpreted, not among students, the universities, lawyers, even the justices themselves.

"Since I cannot see the future, I cannot tell whether today's decision portends much more than making a shambles out of student activity fees in public colleges," wrote Justice Souter.

That prediction is probably the only thing that everyone might agree on.

Minority

From 5

American like UW-RF, it is important that minority students have a place to go to discuss issues and feel comfortable.

"It's really important for people," she said. "There's a real pride in having your ethnicity as well as being American."

Alvarez said that in our nation today, because it's predominantly European American, it's automatically a comfort for a European American person at UW-RF. For a person that is bicultural, however, that sense of comfort becomes very important. Many students speak five different languages, and it's important for them to attend meetings and speak their native language to others that understand.

"Part of who you are is very tied up in the language," Alvarez said. "I think that people achieve more when they are comfortable in their own environment and their own university."

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