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Mostly cloudy and cold with highs in the 30s and lows in the 20s

### WEEKEND

**Saturday:** Mixture of snow, ice and rain with temperatures in the 30s

**Sunday:** Cloudy and cold with temperatures in the 30s

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## From maniacs to "Brainiacs"



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

About 30 UW-River Falls students competed for prizes in a Jeopardy-like game show, held in North Hall Wednesday night. "Brainiacs" was sponsored by the campus entertainment committee and hosted by Eric St. John.

## North Hall robbed

Ben Schmitt  
Staff Writer

A lapse of security may have led to North Hall break-ins the last two weekends, said River Falls Police Sgt. Jeff Linehan.

Linehan said three local teens are suspected in break-ins across campus. So far police have recovered \$4,000 worth of stolen goods including two laptop computers, two cameras and software.

The teens are also suspected in burglaries at the Ames Education Center and the Karges Physical Education building, Linehan said.

A UW-River Falls employee said he was inside North Hall on October 25 when the thefts occurred. The employee said he saw one of the boys inside of the building but he ran away. The witness said the boys must have shuffled through a window to gain access to the building.

The case will now go to the Pierce County District Attorney.

## UW fee use declared unconstitutional

### Students may soon get to decide which on-campus programs their money supports

Jennifer Eberspacher  
News Editor

After a legal battle that lasted more than two years, the UW-System's fee structure was declared unconstitutional last week.

The Board of Regents now has two options—either appeal to the United States Supreme Court, or restructure the way student fees are allocated.

The decision is the result of a lawsuit Scott Southworth, Amy Schoepke and Keith Bannach filed in April 1996. Southworth was a law student at UW-Madison who didn't like the way his student fees were being allocated. He didn't think his fees

should fund organizations which were political or ideological in nature, especially with groups that hold views he didn't agree with. So Southworth took his concerns to court and won.

"He thinks students should have complete control over their money," said UW-Regent Grant Staszak, a UW-River Falls senior.

The case was first heard by the U.S. District Court in November 1996. Judge John Shabaz agreed that the fee system at the University violated their First Amendment rights by not allowing them to opt out of paying funds to certain clubs.

The plaintiffs named 18 clubs, including the UW Greens, an organization that promotes the Green Party, the AIDS Support Network and two homosexual awareness clubs as examples in

their lawsuit.

The UW-System and the Board of Regents appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Last week the Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's decision.

The plaintiffs argued that funding political and ideological groups violated the University's Financial Policy and Procedure Paper, which states that it is inappropriate

to use student fees to fund activities that are politically partisan or religious in nature.

The policy was established in 1987 and all UW campuses

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*"I think students should have complete control over their money."*

-UW Regent Grant Staszak

## Charity PJ party brings miracles

A campus event for a local domestic abuse shelter makes some students realize that people really are helpful and caring in times of need

Melinda Domzalski  
Staff Writer

A UW-River Falls freshman found out that miracles really do happen, especially when one is not looking for them.

Last Wednesday, May Hall held its annual campus sleepout for Turningpoint, an organization that helps domestic abuse victims.

May Hall chairperson Toni Fruth, who coordinated the event, almost canceled the charity early in the evening because no one donated money or canned goods to the cause.

"I was angry, frustrated and very cold," Fruth said. "I was so disappointed that I just wanted to give up."

The fundraiser started at about 4 p.m. with two people. Fruth May Hall Treasurer Shauna Bloom, a sophomore, sat in front of the Student Center and waited for people to join them.

"At first I coordinated the event because it was my job as social chair person," Fruth said. "Then when we started collecting money and supplies I realized that I was doing this because I wanted to help people."

The pair sat at a picnic table for hours. Signs that asked for donations cluttered the Student Center lawn. And they didn't get a can of beans or a dime from passersby.

"I was kind of angry because people were not getting involved by dropping off food or even spare change," Bloom said. "I have always wondered what would hap-

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## Decades of putting on the hits

WRFW founder and current DJs recant the windy road to the present 88.7 spot on the dial

Mary Sandelands  
Staff Writer

When WRFW first went on the air 30 years ago, listeners might have heard a flushing toilet or the DJ's chattering teeth.

Until 1980, the unheated college radio station was located in the basement of North Hall, directly below the girls' bathroom. Students broadcast sports, news and music from a small closet-sized room from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Listeners had difficulty tuning into WRFW during its early years. The antenna was located on the top of North Hall and ran on 350 watts.

Al Murray, the director of engineering for WRFW, said there were times when the antenna wouldn't work. But when it did, the range covered most of the campus.

Murray said the system had to be changed when people started complaining about their television channels not coming in while WRFW was on the air.

Now the WRFW antenna is located almost two miles northwest of River Falls and it runs on about 3,000 watts. This covers about a 40-mile radius.

That is not the only recent advancement for WRFW. This year, an addition of digital equipment will be made to the production studio.

"Remember going on trips to Madison to pick up surplus equipment with Al Murray," said Bob Timpson, an alumnus from 1973.

Murray also recalled the trips they'd take. He said they had no money so they would go pick up used and broken hardware,



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

WRFW Station Manager Matt McConico jives on the air while he switches tunes at the radio station, located on the third floor of North Hall, last week.

bring it back, and fix it. Then they would use it in the studio.

Murray talked about one time when a group of DJs picked up a 10-ton transmitter in a truck that had a flat tire and wouldn't have passed an emissions test. It is determination like that which has kept WRFW alive.

If the station needed equipment "we'd make it," Murray said.

Students and staff have said, "Nothing is dead until Al declares it dead."

Timpson, the News Director from 1970

to 1973, was appreciative of the skills he gained during his reign at WRFW. Currently a Social Studies teacher at Westslip High School in New York, Timpson says that the skills obtained from WRFW can be directly applied to his life now.

Bob Thompson worked as the co-program director from 1982 to 1986. He said working at the station was a "phenomenal" experience. Thompson said he is very thankful for the knowledge he gained.

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## BRIEFS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** will be here on Monday, Nov. 9 from noon to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. in the River Room at Rodli (formerly the Yellow Room). Appointments can be scheduled in advance until Friday, Nov. 6 in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Melissa Marius or Brenda Ratzloff at 425-4911.

**SHORT-TERM TRAININGS OPPORTUNITIES** in Scandinavia. The American Scandinavian Foundation offers training opportunities for students who wish to temporarily live and work in Scandinavia. Training is available in the fields of engineering, computer science, chemistry and business. Most positions are located in Finland and Sweden. Work assignments are generally for eight to 12 weeks. Summer agriculture and teaching English positions for the 1999-2000 academic year are also available in Finland. Knowledge of Scandinavian languages is not required. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1999 for agriculture and business/technical placements, and Feb. 1, 1999 for teaching positions. Contact the American-Scandinavian Foundation for further details at (212) 879-9779 or the office of International Programs at 104 North Hall.

**GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE PROGRAM** Students interested in participating in the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara Exchange in Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters 1999 should stop by the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall for applications. Deadline for Spring '99 application is Nov. 15.

**KNOW YOUR WORLD** display series sponsored by the UW-RF International Club and the Office of International Programs will highlight a specific country each month in Davee Library. November will feature Japan.

**13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIRE**, sale of fine crafts will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 from noon - 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with an art auction at 1 p.m. on stage at the Mabel Tainter Theater, Main Street, Menomonie. There is a \$2 admission, children 12 and under are free. For more information contact Nancy Blake at 715-962-3062.

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** for J Term 1999 are now available from the Office of Financial Assistance. If you are enrolling for J Term and want to be considered for financial assistance you must complete the application by Dec. 15, 1998.

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

**SPRING CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE** If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the Spring Textbook Sale, Sept. 28 thru Nov. 20, 1998 and you will receive a 20 - 40 percent discount.

**A VETERANS DAY CEREMONY** will be held at North Hall on Wed. Nov 11 at 11:00 a.m.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**FOREST HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP** deadline is Feb. 10, 1999. Qualifications: sole criterion for selection is a paper written by the student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wis. Application materials/additional information available at Financial Assistance.

**FORD FOUNDATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS** for Minorities. Deadline is Jan. 4, 1999. Application information available at Financial Assistance.

**WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE FOUNDATION** Deadline is Nov. 16. Qualifications: be the son or daughter of a customer with a voting residence in the retail territory of WPS or the son or daughter of an employee; attend a college or university accredited by a regional or state accrediting agency; complete their high school graduation requirements in the 98-99 academic year; enter college by Sept. 1999; be in the upper 10 percent of their graduation class. Application information available at Financial Assistance.

**MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP** offers a maximum of \$5000 to sophomores and juniors. Students must be intending to pursue careers in environmental public policy and be Native Americans and Alaskan Natives who intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy. Application deadline is March 15, 1999. For more information contact Donald Petzold in the Geography department for eligibility requirements at 425-3264.

**THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION** announces a fellowship program for young American researchers in professional, policy and public administration-related fields who want to develop a specialized knowledge of the Newly Independent States (NIS). The application deadline is Feb. 2, 1999. Information on this program is available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall.

## MEETINGS

**TUESDAY:**  
**STUDENT SENATE** meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

**GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE** meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room, Student Center.

**HEY YOU!** Are you looking for a place to release the tension of your classes? Come to Campus Crusade for Christ and find a place to relax and have fun. Anyone interested can go to Room 138 in Rodli Commons at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

**COLLEGE DEMOCRATS** will hold their first meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the Student Center. All majors and ideologies welcome. Call Jason Childress at 426-1943 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** meets every Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the International Room. For more information call Joe at 425-8950.

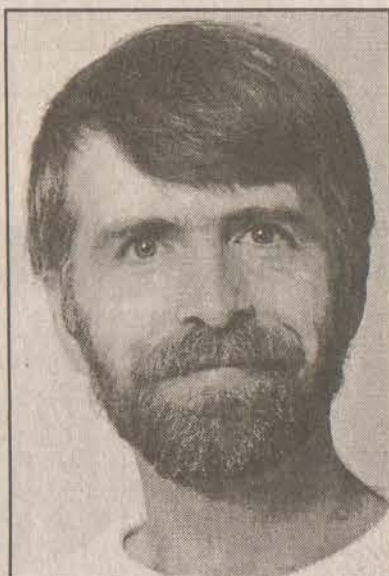
**BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION (BCO)** wants you to join us every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. for a fun, exciting, informal meeting. Good experience for all majors. Contact Chrissy Timm at (651) 451-3246, Jen Jorgensen at 426-5086 or Faculty Advisor Barbara Werner at 425-4895 (KFA Room 270) for more information.

**HORTICULTURE SOCIETY** will meet Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. in 331 A.G.S. building.

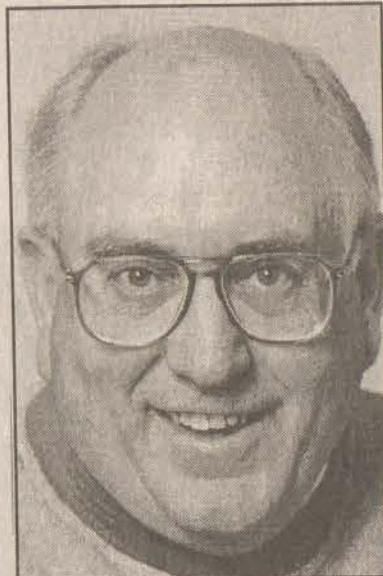
*Anyone who has a brief, meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.*

## The best of the best

According to Wynveen, the Outstanding Teacher award was created in 1985 and all of the University's colleges participate. The students polled are the graduating class from two and four years prior to the award year. The winner in each division is awarded \$250 and if there is a tie the award is shared. A professor can only receive this award once every 10 years. After those 10 years are up, their name will appear on the ballot again.



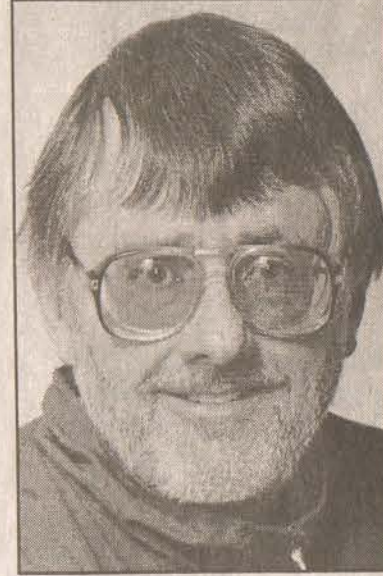
EARL BLODGETT



NEAL PROCHNOW



BARBARA REBHUHN



RICHARD MCNAMARA

**Jamie Jung**  
Staff Writer

Four faculty members have been named Outstanding Teachers in the College of Arts & Sciences at UW-River Falls.

The winners of this year's Outstanding Teacher awards are physics professors Earl Blodgett and Neal Prochnow, in the science and mathematics division; psychology associate Professor Barbara Rebhuhn in the social sciences division; and English and journalism associate Professor Richard McNamara in the humanities division.

"This year we sent out 1,875 letters to all of the students that graduated from UW-RF in 1994 and 1996," said Joyce Wynveen, program assistant in the College of Arts & Sciences. "We asked the former students to select two teachers in each division; science/mathematics, social sciences, and humanities. Three hundred of the letters we sent out were returned."

**EARL BLODGETT**

Blodgett joined the faculty of the physics department in 1986 and holds a doctorate in experimental physics from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He teaches general through advanced physics courses including general physics, quantum mechanics, advanced mechanics, and advanced electricity and magnetism. Blodgett was unavailable for comment.

An alumnus who nominated Blodgett said, "Blodgett served as my advisor over several long and difficult years in my undergraduate career, and was extremely supportive of my non-traditional student status. As an instructor, he excelled in explaining the unexplainable, and simply made learning a fun experience."

Another added, "He communicates well with students and makes physics fun! He really makes students try hard."

**NEAL PROCHNOW**

Prochnow is a faculty member of the physics department. He serves as interim director of the School of Business & Economics, a position he assumed after retiring as the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences last spring. He has been a member of the University faculty since 1964 and holds a doctorate in nuclear physics from Duke University.

"I was a little bit surprised when I found out I was chosen," Prochnow said. "I only teach in the capstone course and I don't carry a full teaching load."

Prochnow also received the award in 1986, and he credits his teaching style for these awards.

"My teaching style is learner-centered," he said. "I try to provide opportunities for students to acquire the knowledge they need by using techniques in class, instead of using the textbooks. It is also very important to have a sense of humor."

Prochnow said the two awards have reinforced the ways he has changed his teaching over the years.

"Thirty years ago, if you would have looked at me in a classroom, you would have seen a much different teacher," Prochnow said. "I am comfortable with what I am doing now and I think that students can directly or indirectly influence my teaching style. They let me know if I am doing well or not, many times without ever saying anything."

According to a University news release, an alumnus supporting Prochnow wrote, Prochnow is an "awesome project-learning type teacher. He is a good role model and a great person who actually is involved in the community and outside the classroom."

Another contributed, "He is an excellent role model and teacher. He has high expectations and is willing to help students meet those expectations. He answers questions and welcomes students in his office. And his eyes light up when he is teaching because he likes the subject and is

enthusiastic about sharing his knowledge."

**BARBARA REBHUHN**

Rebhuhn has been a member of the psychology department since 1991. She holds a doctorate in educational administration-special education from UW-Madison and has completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University Kennedy Krieger Institute, the Center for Learning & ITS Disorders.

At UW-RF, Rebhuhn coordinates the Learning Disabilities teacher certification program and supervises graduate practicums. She teaches courses in exceptional children, the gifted child, introduction to learning disabilities and mental retardation.

"I was shocked when I found out I received this award," Rebhuhn said. "I just come here and do my job. This is what I do. I didn't know that students felt this way about me. They stop in and visit, but I figured they did that with every teacher."

Along with teaching the exceptional child course to undergraduates, Rebhuhn also teaches graduate courses and works with many students as an advisor.

"I think I am informal, personable, and interested in students as people," she said. "If I am not excited about what I teach, how can I expect my students to be excited about it?"

The news release said that an alumnus who supported Rebhuhn's nomination wrote, "She was an excellent communicator, both on the professional and personal levels with her students. She was extremely dedicated to her profession and instilled in her students a great depth of understanding of her topic areas, particularly that of learning disabilities."

Another noted, "Rebhuhn has experienced in her career and research a vast array of exceptional experiences that, when presented in class, engage student interest and inspire dedication to make a difference in the special education population, as she has. She has motivated me to

pursue my master's in special education."

**RICHARD MCNAMARA**

McNamara has been a member of the University faculty since 1970 with an assignment in both the English and journalism departments. He teaches freshman English, children's literature, literary genres and freshman English composition. He has taught introduction to mass communication in the journalism department since 1976. He holds a master's degree from the University of Iowa and was a doctoral candidate at Drake University.

In addition to his teaching assignments, McNamara is a member of the Faculty Senate athletic committee that oversees athletic issues and gender equity compliance.

"I was very surprised and pleased when I found out I received this award," McNamara said. "I had absolutely no idea that my students felt this way about me, especially because I am not a real high grader."

McNamara is heavily involved in UW-RF athletics and also serves as an advisor.

"I work very hard at being a good advisor," he said. "I also have a very hands-on approach to teaching. I just like to get things done. I think this is very appealing to some students."

An alumnus who supported McNamara noted, according to the news release, "I had McNamara my freshman year for English. He takes a bit of getting used to, but he's a great professor and really changed my outlook in college."

Another added, "He brought literature to life!"

The College of Arts and Sciences is the only college that presents the awards in the fall. The rest of the colleges award the teachers in the spring, Wynveen said. This college gives the award out at the opening faculty meeting of the year, usually about a week before classes start. This year there were 140 eligible professors.

## Ventura, from the wrestling ring to the political arena

■ Reform candidate Jesse Ventura stuns the nation with his win over the Democratic and Republican candidates to become the next Governor of Minnesota

**Sarah Quaidoo**  
Staff Writer

A record number of people between the ages of 18-29 made their way to voting booths on Tuesday and elected a former pro-wrestler and Navy SEAL to fill the position as Minnesota's new governor.

One UW-River Falls student's reaction to the news was met with surprise.

"I was shocked," said Emily Felling, a Minnesota resident and Marketing Communication major. "This will make the Reform Party at an equal stance with the other two parties. It was a protest vote."

Ventura, 47, former mayor of Brooklyn Park, is the first person to be elected under the Reform Party in the United States. He won the attention of people described by newspapers as young Democratic, blue-collar people and inspired many of them to vote for the first time.

"It's the young people who are going to win this election for me," Ventura was quoted as saying in

the Star Tribune.

Ventura said he wasn't surprised by the support young people gave to his campaign. His celebrity status as a wrestler and movie actor made his name recognizable.

Attempts to reach his campaign office were unsuccessful.

In the 1994 gubernatorial race, voters said that taxes and government spending were their biggest issues. This year education ranked almost as high as taxes among issues Minnesota residents were most concerned about.

Ventura has not written a policy plan with specifics, but he has voiced some controversial ways of ridding certain metropolitan areas, such as Frogtown, of prostitution and drugs.

According to a report Wednesday from the Pioneer Press' web page, 37 percent of those who voted chose Ventura, 34 percent chose Norm Coleman and Hubert Humphrey III came in last with 28 percent.

His higher education views are unclear, but in an interview with Minnesota Public Radio he said he is satisfied with the programs that are currently in place and would continue to support them.

In an interview with Laura McCallum of MPR in July 1998, Ventura said he believed that property taxes shouldn't be used to fund education and then

added that he would dissolve the state's property tax system if elected.

During the interview he exerted strong opinions on how the public school system could be improved. He would like to see more parental involvement and a return to neighborhood schools.

Ventura said he was not in favor of a program that would pay for two years of tuition for needy Minnesota students.

"If I were to go along with that program, here's how I'd switch it-I'd make it the last two years of college, that way you get the pikers out! That way you're gonna get the people that are gonna graduate!" Ventura

told McCallum.

He believes that most of the state's responsibility is with the K-12 students and once people turn 18, they're on their

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-Emily Felling, UW-RF student

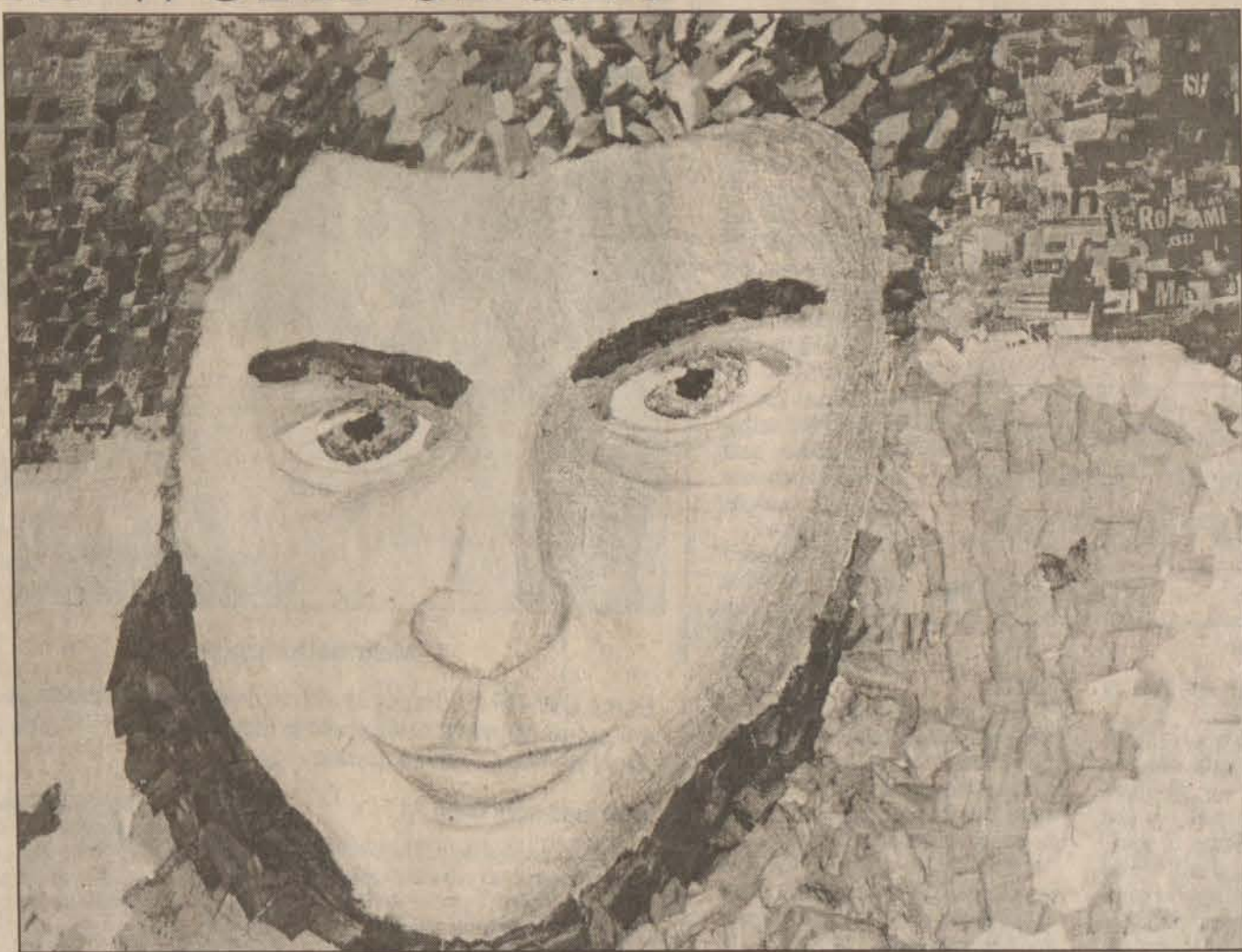
own, Ventura said.

Ventura's victory has been partly due to his candor. According to the Pioneer Press on Tuesday evening, he told his supporters gathered at Canterbury Downs that this was how he would be elected.

"I tell the truth. I don't say things to get elected," Ventura said.

According to a broadcast from Minnesota Public Radio, he was outspent by almost 10-1 with Coleman and Humphrey combined.

## A work of art



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Viva allez, created by Kristen Berwald, is just one of the many artworks being displayed at the KFA building on UW-RF campus.

## Students benefit from lowered interest rates

■ Higher Education Amendment passed by Congress lowers interest rates on direct student loans

Sarah Doyle  
Staff Writer

Certain students, including some transfer students and graduates, may be eligible to save up to \$50 for every \$1,000 of student loans.

The savings are due to a Higher Education Amendment signed by President Clinton on Oct. 7. Through loan consolidations the amendment reduces the interest rate on direct loans obtained.

Through this amended loan consolidation, students can combine their direct loans in order to make one payment.

Consolidations have been available in the past, but this amendment lowers the interest rates on loan repayment in order to keep up with the low interest rates of the economy, said David Woodward, Director of Financial Assistance.

"The thrust of Congress is to make loans less expensive in repayment," Woodward said.

The interest rate is 7.46 percent for loan consolidation applications received by Jan. 30, 1999. This is about .75 percent lower than the previous interest rate of 8.25 percent. After Jan. 31, the rate increases to 8.25 percent again. Interest rates are recalculated annually on July 1.

Students have two options for consolidation: in-school and regular. In-school consolidation is for current students who have only direct loans.

Direct loans are different from Stafford or Perkins loans in that the government is the lender instead of a bank or another financial institution. The

government funds these loans through treasury bills. UW-River Falls does not have direct loans, but UW-Madison and UW-Eau Claire do.

Although interest must still be paid on the loan, with an in-school consolidation, students have a grace period of six months once the consolidation is complete before repayment begins.

Students who have direct loans can apply for a regular loan consolidation if they are going to be repaying their student loans this year or are already repaying their loans, Woodward said.

Loan deferments, or not paying the loan back while in school, are not available under loan consolidation. Therefore, students in their first few years of school would not want to apply because payments of the loan would be due once the grace period is over.

Students must have at least one direct loan and their school must participate in the direct loan program in order to qualify for this consolidation option.

The regular consolidation is for students who have graduated. With this second option, repayment begins as soon as the consolidation process is complete.

Students have four options of repayment once consolidation is complete. The first is income-contingent. It is based on family income and the total amount of educational loans and can have a repayment plan up to 25 years.

The second option is a standard fixed payment 10-year plan. With this option, the amount repaid each month remains the same for all 10 years.

The third option is the extended plan. This plan allows students to repay for up to 30 years with fixed payments every month.

The last option is graduated. A student can make payments for up to 30 years, with payments increasing in amount every two years. Students do have the option of changing plans.

Currently, Woodward is working on identifying students that could be affected by this consolida-

tion. He is concentrating on students who have graduated and may send a mailing to inform them of this opportunity.

There is no fee to apply for the consolidation. Applications are available by calling the Direct Loan origination center at (800) 557-7392, or one can be downloaded from [www.ed.gov/DirectLoan](http://www.ed.gov/DirectLoan). The application and approval process takes 60 to 90 days.

The amendment for the loan consolidation expires on Jan. 31, 1999. Beginning Feb. 1, students who have combination of direct and non-direct loans may qualify for consolidation. The interest rate will return to the original rate of 8.25 percent.

According to a representative from the Direct Loan origination center, the Department of Education repays students' non-direct loans to their banks, or respective lenders, and the student then makes payments to the federal government.

Although loan consolidation makes repayment easier by creating a single lender, Woodward cautions students who have Perkins loans.

"The convenience of one payment is unwise with the Perkins loan," Woodward said.

Students that have a Perkins loan do not want to include that loan in their consolidation because the interest rate on a Perkins loan is five percent. By including the Perkins loan in the consolidation the interest rate on it would increase, Woodward said.

Woodward does not recommend students consolidate if they have only one lender or source from where their loan is borrowed.

"If you have the same lender, you don't have to worry," Woodward said. "There's no double payment."

Students who have questions regarding loan consolidation or are wondering if their loan is direct or not, may contact the Student Loan Department of their lending institution or the financial assistance office.

## CAMPUS SECURITY

### A rash of thefts on UW-RF campus

Ben Schmitt  
Staff Writer

Karges Center and North Hall seem to be primary targets of theft lately.

On Oct. 26, money was stolen from several lockers at Karges and two males were caught going through the dance studio lockers, according to police reports.

A set of keys was reported stolen from a room in Karges on Oct. 22. In other news, a box of assorted coins was stolen from a desk in KFA on Oct. 21.

And on Oct. 25, a Motorola Radio was reported stolen from a vehicle outside KFA.

On Oct. 25, a purse and its contents were taken from a room in

Johnson Hall.

Two males were cited for possession of fireworks. According to a campus report, UW-River Falls students Joseph M. Jenkins and Caleb C. Swenson were both cited on Oct. 28.

On Oct. 22, according to police reports, a fire alarm and strobe light were damaged in Johnson Hall.

River Falls Police are still investigating a possible fourth-degree sexual assault case that occurred last Thursday.

According to Roger Leque, River Falls Chief of Police, an 18-year-old female was allegedly touched inappropriately by a male in her residence hall between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m.

No arrests have been made yet.

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## FACULTY SENATE

### Workload policy causes concern

Max Date  
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate met on Wednesday afternoon, with the main issue of concern being a 15 credit hour work load, which was adopted last August.

The policy is not meant to increase class loads, which means that faculty would be required to teach a 15 credit hours only if there was no other involvement such as advising or laboratory teaching.

Senator Bob Baker met with Chancellor Thibodeau, Probst/Vice Chancellor Milan, and Virgil Nylander on Tuesday to discuss the new policy. Baker said that the meeting was regarding instructional academic staff, as well as an explanation of the new policy.

Senator Jim Mulvey suggested an outside arbitrator, if need be, to challenge the chancellor.

"We're either gonna back down, or we're not gonna back down," Mulvey said. "So where are we?"

Also at issue at the meeting was the issue of faculty compensation, which will be decided by the UW-Board of Regents this Friday.

The Senate requested biennium raises of six and eight percent. This would leave a worst case scenario meaning a raise of approximately five and one-quarter percent, which

the senate described as a "modest rate."

The Senate is submitting a resolution to the Regents, saying that the pay rates do not coincide very well with the quality of education that the UW-System provides.

In other Senate news, the Governor's budget proposal is coming up soon, and the Senate encouraged faculty to write to the governor about the budget.

In the past, roughly 90 percent of the budget has been what he proposes, and Baker called this "a good time to write the governor," because the office does not pay attention to postcards or form letters.

The Senate also passed a resolution to officially change the name of the Cartography minor to "Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Cartography" to "better describe the rapid evolution of mapping technology."

There will be no changes in the structure of the department however.

The Senate also looked at making spring break as close to the middle of spring semester as possible, as well as a one-day "fall holiday" to bridge the gap between the beginning of school and Thanksgiving.

This year, spring break falls in the 11th week of spring semester.

## STUDENT SENATE

### Next fall may be smoke free

Troy Mallat  
Staff Writer

The Tuition Freeze campaign, the University's no smoking policy, committee appointments, and Plan 2008 were all hot topics at this week's Student Senate meeting.

The UW-River Falls Tuition Freeze campaign has set a timeline according to Legislative Issues Director Paige Steele.

Steele says the committee plans to distribute postcards for the next two weeks. These postcards are to be sent to Gov. Tommy Thompson voicing the University's backing of a tuition freeze. They have no effect upon the actual price of tuition.

The Legislative Issues Committee will set up a table concerning the campaign in the Student Center Nov. 17-19.

The no smoking policy has hit a little bit of a snag. Facilities and Fees Board Chair Dawn Schmidt says the proposal to have a 20-foot no smoking radius around all residence halls is unattainable because the committee has no authority over that area.

The no smoking policy has already

passed Schmidt's committee and could be in effect for the 1999 fall semester.

The following students were appointed on committees: Aaron Swartout, Sara Trauttmiller, Gabrielle Allen, and Amy Dokkenbakken, Recreation; Maile Ilac and Amy Jurgens, Textbook Services; Aaron May, University Centers; and Jay Fletch, Leadership and Training, Recruitment, Admissions and Retention Committees.

Plan 2008, the United Council's program to encourage diversity on UW-system campuses, has gained "active support" by the Student Senate.

"Active support" refers to the Senate's advertising of various diversity meetings, according to Steele.

"If people are talking in class about how diversity lacks, we are to promote attendance to the meetings," Steele said.

Also of note, Theresa Zirbel was reappointed to the Finance and Operations Committee as a student at-large instead of a Student Senator.

The Student Senate will meet again next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents' Room.

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Lecture speaks to Latino students

Speaker encourages students to review their position within the college structure

Saramha Quaidoo  
Staff Writer

Dr. Felix Padilla encouraged students to redefine their educational experience. "Understand that without a liberating education (a college diploma) is empty," said Padilla, a sociology and anthropology professor at Long Island's University in Brookville, N.Y. Padilla visited UW-River Falls last Wednesday to discuss the issues surrounding the educational objective of Latino and Latina students. He defines a liberating education as a student's pursuit of self-knowledge and the ability to view the world critically. A Latino student, he said, needs to unlearn the preconceived stereotypical images that are reinforced within the college educational experience. His message was one of hope. Padilla described the classroom as a space where his responsibility is to find different ways for Latino students to reclaim their humanity. He said he would like them to "envision deliverance of their humanity." He said many Latino students are unique because they are often the first college students in their families. One challenge they face is their family's high expectations. The students may also feel like foreigners on a campus that does not encourage

the remarkableness of their culture, Padilla said. "Everything is there to make the change," he said. "The models and ideas for change are all there to be defined right within River Falls." Padilla has lectured on the East Coast, Midwest and in Texas. He said that he is surprised that only a handful of colleges and universities have incorporated cultural studies classes into their curriculum. "Another struggle (for Latino students) is to find a way to integrate culture and identity into college in an honest and true way," Padilla said. He said the Latino experience is marginalized on college campuses and he believes they need to legitimize the Latino culture in curriculum. Padilla's teaching style may seem lax in comparison to other professors. He defies the normal procedures that most go through by rejecting the use of a syllabus in the classes he teaches. He said he finds it difficult to confine himself to the constraints of a strictly scheduled syllabus. This comment from Padilla brought out a couple of comments and questions from the audience. Bryan Mulrooney, a Spanish major, asked if he would teach at UW-RF. Mulrooney commented that professors and instructors at UW-RF should listen to Padilla's ideas about how college education should be. "I don't get the dialogue and interaction," Mulrooney said about his instructors.

Padilla said he believes that an important part of learning is through dialogue. By sharing life experience and knowledge, students and their instructors can learn about their humanity, he said. Padilla said he gets fired up about talking with students. He knows he has planted a seed when students still talk about issues after he leaves. There is a lot that needs to be changed yet, he said.

ized that this was something that had to be fought for. He and other Latino students made repeated demands for a Latino teacher. They were told that no Latino instructors existed, but if they could find one, then the instructor would be hired. Padilla and his comrades found someone and the Latino teacher became his mentor. He said Latino students need this mentoring for self-empowerment. Suzanne Vasquez, UW-RF student and Latino Student Organization member, said that her experience does lack various points of view. "(Padilla) opened my eyes to what may be going on in places other than River Falls," said

"Another struggle (for Latino students) is to find a way to integrate culture and identity into college in an honest and true way."

-Dr. Felix Padilla

"There is still fear and bias in schools," Padilla said. This is evident in the way students are taught by feeding them information that does not include the application of personal experience and excludes issues of culture, he said. As an adolescent in school, he said he was encouraged and in some cases forced to assimilate generically into a system that wants to ignore the unique differences of one's culture. It wasn't until after he was drafted into war in the '60s and came back and entered college that this became clear to him. During the '70s many students demanded changes, but the struggle still exists today, he said. While he was in search of liberating education at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, he real-

Vasquez. Padilla also said he would like "to challenge students to develop an association between the union of critical knowledge and hope to unlearn and go beyond the dominant cultural messages and images." According to Padilla, critical knowledge can serve to provide hope. "Education should be about personal development," he said. He added that a student's ability to link personal experiences to theories and concepts is very important. His book the lecture was based on, "The Struggle of Latino Latina University Students in Search of a Liberating Education", was recently awarded, given by the American Psychological Association. The award has been awarded to few Latino books.

Miracle / fundraiser



MelindaDomzalski / The Student Voice

Some UW-RF students played cards during last Wednesday's campus sleepover that was held to raise money for Turningpoint, a local domestic abuse shelter.

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pen if I ever needed help. The whole situation became very discouraging. After hours went by with no donations, Bloom began to lose hope in the event. She went to her residence hall room to take a break from waiting for the sleepout to take off. As Fruth entered her room, she crumbled the sign she made for the charity. At the time, she said she thought there would not be a sleepout this year. However, Fruth's luck turned for the better when four friends helped her out. "Personally, I didn't know much about the fundraiser," said freshman Ann Keim. "But what I did know was that a friend needed my help." The group went to most of the rooms in May Hall and asked for donations. They collected about \$80

in students' pocket change and they filled a large cardboard box with donated non-perishable goods. "It felt very awkward asking for donations," Fruth said. "But the whole situation turned out to be quite amazing." The group of five students grabbed their sleeping bags and camped on the student center lawn. The group played cards by light of the campus lightpoles, on ground that is usually only covered by students scurrying to class. An hour passed until the second miracle of the night took place. "People started showing up with sleeping bags, tents, footballs and flashlights," Fruth said. "It was like having a party in the middle of campus. I kept expecting the campus security to tell us to go home because we were too loud."

Student fees / unconstitutional

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should have been following it when allocating student fees. "People understand where [Southworth] is coming from," Staszak said. "But how realistic is it for every student to decide where their segregated fees go?" The segregated university fee structure is separated into two categories: allocable and non-allocable. Non-allocable fees include services and facilities such as the Student Center and Hunt Arena. Allocable fees fund organizations and events such as the Wyman Series, concerts and lectures. The distribution of this fund is what Southworth challenged. The Board of Regents, which was named in the suit along with the UW-System, will decide Friday if they want to appeal their case to the Supreme Court or enact a policy to comply with the ruling. A policy must be implemented by spring semester if there is no appeal. A committee was established to come up

with possible plans to comply with the ruling. The committee came up with two proposals. Option one states that each campus must designate which groups on campus are political or ideological in nature, and then those groups will be put into an optional category. Students can object to groups on this list and either not pay that portion of their fee or more money will go to a different group. A selection process and definition of political and ideological groups will have to be established to determine which groups belong on the list. Groups can object to being placed on the list. The option to not fund these groups will have to be offered at least once a year. The second proposal states that students have to opt out of the entire allocable fee. But if they choose to do that they are not allowed to attend any event supported by the fees. Staszak said the question comes down to, "Do you want to define political and ideological, or do you want to say it can't be defined?" Either way, every UW campus will need to reevaluate their fee structure in the coming months.

Building WRFW

Mary Sandelands  
Staff Writer

In 1967 a 19-year-old student at UW-River Falls decided that the University needed a radio station. He came from the small town of Cameron and described himself, politely, as "not a jock." This innovative student was Al Murray. Murray thought the school needed the station to help train and educate students. "The more you know the better you are," Murray said. "Information is empowering." After petitioning with the school, Murray managed to get funding to start his project. Filling out applications and getting numerous rejections from the Federal Communications Commission, Murray persevered and succeeded. This was the beginning of WRFW. Murray then chose to enlist in the Navy and worked as a fleet radioman. When he returned in 1971 he helped to build upon and improve WRFW. Now, Murray, a Senior Electrical Technician level four, is a staff member here at UW-RF and the one person that everyone in North Hall knows. Murray, along with three teammates, laid 110 miles of Data wire and 70 miles of telephone wire in the library alone. He designs and builds the telecommunication systems for UW-RF. "I love broadcasting," Murray said. "I love radio, but most of all, I love people."

WRFW / fundraiser

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"It taught you what it takes to cooperate with others," Thompson said. Both Timpson and Thompson look back fondly on their memories from WRFW and are impressed with how the station has grown. That includes the move from the basement to the third floor of North Hall. Now with heat and an office further from the bathroom, WRFW has come a long way. The students still run the shows, but it is no longer just the Top 40. There are shows ranging from Ska to Country to the Thursday Night 'Make-Out' show, a program that plays only slow songs. The students now broadcast from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. When students are not on the air, listeners can tune into Wisconsin Public Radio, thanks to an affiliation made last spring. "We're pretty much free to do what we want," said Lindsay Bulman, a current WRFW DJ. "It is good for the school because we have better variety." However, this is not the opinion of

all students. Cate Dodson, a History Major, thinks that the WRFW facility is filthy and no one is ever there. Dodson expressed disappointment because the station does not have a web site and there is too much country music. Station Manager, Matt McConico, said students are free to play what they want as long as there are no Federal Communications Commission violations. The Music Director makes suggestions but "It's up to the students," McConico said. Laura Brinkoetter, a junior journalism major, said, "The radio would be a lot more valuable if more students were involved in its production." Currently there are 45-50 shows and about 2 DJ's per show. There are meetings at the beginning of both semesters where students can go to apply for shows. "We're lucky to have a station that has been established for this long," McConico said. He went on to say that St. Cloud State's radio station has been running for 31 years — ranking UW-RF's WRFW second in age.

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## Flight combines student personalities, alcohol

On a flight from San Francisco to Minneapolis, late October, 1998. Next to me is a depraved lunatic in pajamas trying to pass himself off as a yuppie.

No one is fooled. Only moments ago, he frightened the entire populace of this airplane by donning a Richard Nixon mask and shouting "I am the President of the United States" while I documented the whole fiasco with flash pictures. Grimacing looks from the puritan bastards behind us quickly put a stop to this behavior.

My companion's fear of flying, odd personality, and interesting mix of alcohol and Dramamine has thrown a twist of absurdity into the whole affair. From running around the airport like a crazed hyena looking for change, to asking the stewardess for a guided tour of the cockpit, this evening has been an exercise in deviance. He even announced to the man next to us that we were international dope smugglers and the San Francisco to Minneapolis run is our usual route.

I hope they don't search me. I must already be blacklisted because on both flights I got selected for a special security check. My bags were adorned with a special yellow tag (bearing my name and seat number) identifying them to be searched. Oh no. They're on to me. Time to turn in disguise. Hence the Nixon Mask. Too many people have

seen Point Break-through and they think I'm a terrorist. I should have chosen a different President. Maybe Clinton? Then I could get away with anything.

No, If I were dressed up like that pot-head womanizer, they would search me for sure. I'll stick with tricky Dick.

As for my companion, he just left for the rear of the plane, probably to steal alcohol from the

The next minute, he's complaining about his losses in the Asian markets when I know good and well that he couldn't point to Asia on a map and his entire life savings consists of whatever you could find in his couch.

Oh well, life is much more enjoyable when one is not constrained by the concepts of truth and reality. Now this poor soul can go home and tell his wife that he met a real life NASA engineer instead of a confused yuppie wanna-be drunk on cheap vodka. Isn't life grand?

In case your wondering what the point of this story is, there is none. I have come to San Francisco to be inspired. All I discovered is that rum tastes the same in California as it does at Emma's (trust me).

Extensive investigation on both ends told us that San Francisco isn't all that different from any other large city. It has too much traffic, (only the hippies don't drive VWs anymore. They go 'trucking' in Volvos and BMWs).

Haight Street is full of addicts, not the idealistic hippies I would imagined. The homeless are aggressive. I gave money for a while and then took to handing out McDonalds job applications whenever they asked for change. Inspired by the Republicans, I offered a hand up, not a hand out. Chinatown smells like fish (the food, not the band, which, to judge by their fans, smells much worse). Also, that same glass of rum costs \$2.50 more in California than it does in River Falls.

Short of these profound insights, I found little to offer you, the reader, who I value so. Instead I felt I would offer you the intoxicated observations of a twisted pair of college students at 37,000 feet. Aren't you lucky.

## JASON CHILDRESS

*"Instead, I thought I would offer you the intoxicated observations of a twisted pair of college students at 37,000 feet."*



stewardesses. Drinks are so damn expensive on airplanes. Four dollars for one beer. I'm not sure if this is because the airlines are greedy or if they want to use price as a way to keep people like us from terrorizing the skies in alcohol induced fits of lunacy. In the end, I find greed a better argument than paternalism. Either way we are in serious need of drink and I hope he comes through.

Six vodka orange juices later, my traveling partner is trying to convince the man next to us that he works for NASA. Never mind the tirade about dope smuggling earlier. Now he has this poor bastard thoroughly convinced that he is an engineer with the space program.

## Ventura kicks butt



"Who's laughing NOW boys?"

Brad Renner/The Student Voice

## EDITORIAL

## More students should vote

For those of you who missed it, last Tuesday was your opportunity to participate in the democratic process. And no, we weren't voting on which image of Frank Sinatra to immortalize on a postage stamp.

It was election day when concerned citizens used their vote to voice their opinions and decide who will represent them in the coming years.

Unfortunately, voting doesn't seem to rank very high on most college student's list of priorities. It tends to fall somewhere between "Must See TV" and forwarding the latest chain e-mail to eight of their least liked friends.

However, the trend proved different last Tuesday.

According to poll results, voter turnout among 18-30 year olds was higher than average this year. This is probably due to a governor's race in Minnesota starring a professional wrestler and a heated U.S. senator race in Wisconsin, rather than any real turn-around in voting habits.

Polls showed that Jesse Ventura was elected by a young people, but it is hard to know if they were voting for the best candidate or the best personality. It is questionable if Ventura could have pulled so many student votes if they knew he didn't believe college students should receive financial support from the government.

But then again, how informed are voters when it comes time to cast their ballots? How many people really know the difference between candidate A and candidate B, especially when they saw their name for the first time when they picked up the ballot card?

College students are in the best position to become educated voters. They have many resources at their fingertips and yet more often than not, their fingers can be found clenched around a remote control.

Both Minnesota and Wisconsin had election races in the national spotlight. Wisconsin Democrat senate candidate Russ Feingold was being out spent by his Republican rival Mark Neumann five to one. Feingold refused to take soft money, and in an age when political positions are bought and sold, his victory sent an undisputed message to professional politicians all over the country.

Ventura was in the same boat. He spent less than half-a-million on his bid for Governor. His candidacy was never seriously considered by either of the other candidates or the media. Dan Rather said Ventura's victory would be more surprising than Fidel Castro riding into the studio astride a hippopotamus.

When the other candidates were using ads to attack each other, Ventura's commercials featured himself as an action figure.

A vote for Ventura also served as a revolt against party politicians who owed too many favors to too many special interest groups.

For both Wisconsin and Minnesota residents, this was perhaps the most interesting election to come along in decades. And yet, college students still took little notice of the events.

Even after the results were in, the only discussions heard around campus derived from those directed by a professor or the random, "I can't believe the new Minnesota governor is a professional wrestler."

*"No, we weren't voting on which image of Frank Sinatra to immortalize on a postage stamp."*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Columnist apologizes for Native American comment

As many of you know, two weeks ago I wrote a column on technology that included the word "raghead" and a reference to a "drunken Indian". The next week, Adam Benedetto wrote a column in which he labeled me a bigot and racist. I had no idea the term "raghead" carried the negative connotations that it apparently does. Someone has since told me that this term is on par with the word "nigger." I sincerely apologize for my err. I had heard the term and used it without considering its meaning or connotations.

The drunken Indian comment was unfortunate as well. However, I feel that Mr. Benedetto thinks I generalized it. I do live next to a drunk who happens to be Native American. Having said that, I concede that including the race of the person in question was wrong. If it had been a Caucasian, I would not have written "drunken white guy." It was wrong (and probably subconsciously stereotypical) of me to include the term "Indian." I sincerely apologize for this.

It was wrong of Mr. Benedetto, to label me a bigot and to damn me publicly for my errors. He knows me and I have always considered him a friend. He should have pointed out the connotations of my words to me in person. Taking the route he took was an act of cowardice. His implication that my words were filled with intentional malice is blatantly false. Adam knows me and knows I am not a bigot.

To Mr. Benedetto, and to anyone who was offended by my errant words, I offer my sincere apology. While I certainly set out to shock and offend people with my column, I attempt to do so as harmlessly as possible. Using racially derogatory words, no matter how harmless the intention, is not part of that plan. Once again, I offer my apologies. To Mr. Benedetto, I issue a challenge to deal with problems such as this in person (and not to jump to such hasty and damning conclusions) instead of hiding behind the medium we both employ.

Jason Childress

## Childress column disrespectful

We, the Diversity Awareness Committee, are writing in response to Jason Childress's column on October 22, 1998. The Diversity Awareness Committee is dedicated to increasing the awareness of diversity issues on campus. Our scope of concern is to support the worth and dignity of every individual; honor, understand and appreciate our diverse society, acquire skills to effectively function in a multicultural world, respect others and treat them with civility and explore other cultures as a rich source of learning.

We are concerned about certain comments made in Childress's column that we and other students find offensive and degrading. We do not understand where "turbine wearing Persian Gulfers" . . . and a drunken Indian

neighbor. . . who beats his wife. . . and smokes a joint. . ." has anything to do with the danger of advancement of technology. If those comments were meant to provide some humorous context in his article, he failed miserably.

Keeping in mind that The Student Voice is dependent upon fees collected from every student, and is run by our fellow students, we feel that it should be respectful to every person's heritage and should be mindful of potentially damaging comments.

While we recognize any reporter's freedom of speech, we hope that in the future articles will be used to inform rather than insult.

The Diversity Awareness Committee

## Childress column offensive to Native Americans

We, as the Native American Council, would like to respond to an article written by Jason Childress in the October 22, 1998 issue of the student voice, titled "World playing with fire dealing with technology."

As people who know and understand the principle of freedom of speech, we appreciate Jason's tongue-in-cheek to the problem. However, we take exception to the insulting way our people were characterized in this article. Unfortunately, there are many Indian people who suffer from the disease of alcoholism. This does not give us or anyone else a license to make fun of them or perpetuate negative stereotypes about them. We don't make fun of your relatives who may have Alzheimer's or epilepsy or who display negative images because of their diseases.

Most of us agree with the young man's thoughts about using computers to control every aspect of our lives. Unfortunately, many things George Orwell wrote about in 1984 are or have yet to become a reality. What we disagree with are the stereotypical statements he made about Indian people.

If Jason had an Indian neighbor who routinely beat his wife and was in a drunken stupor most of the time, I would like to invite him to a meeting of our council. Here he could make the acquaintance of rational Native Americans, who, like him, are trying to get an education and make this a better place in which to live for all people.

Native American Council

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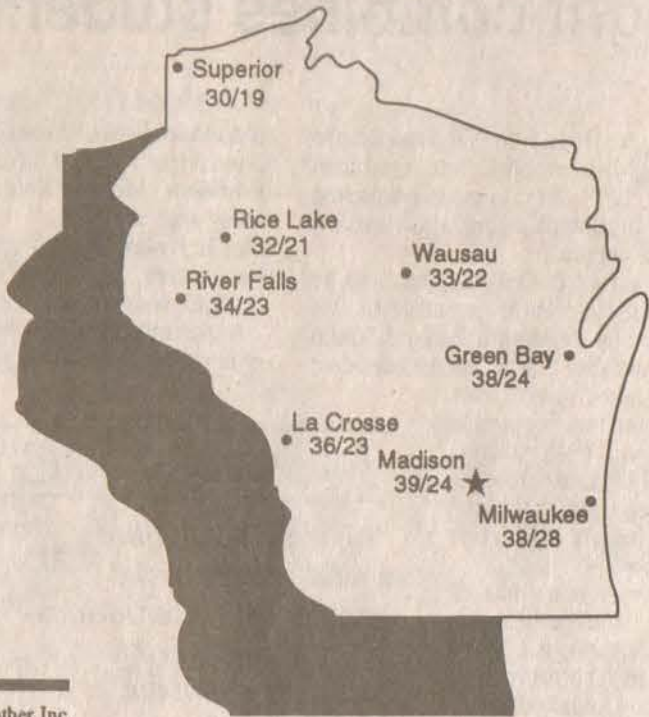
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WISCONSIN WEATHER  
Friday, November 6, 1998



Monthly Forecast

November will begin with cooler temperatures with rain, ice and snow showers moving through River Falls. Temperatures will warm up as the slush passes by and the sun will peek later in the week.

Temperatures

|           | High   | Low    |
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| Average   | 48     | 30     |
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|           | (1975) | (1951) |
| Yesterday | 45     | 28     |

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| Length of day: | 10 hours, 00 min. |
| Sunrise        | 6:54 a.m.         |
| Sunset         | 4:54 p.m.         |
| Moonrise       | 7:23 p.m.         |
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## FINAL SCORES

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LaCrosse 29, River Falls 28

## VOLLEYBALL

UW-River Falls Tournament  
 River Falls 3, Marian 1  
 River Falls 3, Stout 1  
 River Falls 3, UM-Crookston 0  
 River Falls 3, Conc.-Moorhead 0  
 WIAC Quarterfinal  
 River Falls 3, Platteville 1

## SOCCER

WIAC Tournament  
 River Falls 3, LaCrosse 1  
 Eau Claire 1, River Falls 0



TROY MALLAT

**There's a new sheriff in town**

As the sun sets and former assistant sports editor Dan Hilsen rides off into the Off-Beat page, a new hombre arrives on his white horse to save the UW-River Falls student body from the wrath that is Minnesota sports. That man is Troy Mallat, a citizen of the great state of Wisconsin.

He stands up for everything that is good in the world. The green and gold and red and white of the Packers and Badgers. In the past, those words were only brought up when they lost to a Minnesota team.

It only seems fitting that the same week the Vikings start their annual swandive from the top of the NFC Central and the Packers get a big win against an elite team is the same week a Wisconsinite writes a sports column for *The Student Voice*. Most of you are probably thinking there is a better chance that Minnesota would vote an ex-pro wrestler into political office or the U.S. would launch a 77-year-old man into space to see if his heart could take it before letting a Cheddarhead write for the school paper. Well, those odds have just evened out.

But seriously, most, if not all, students have never read a sports column that wasn't written by a Mud duck. A writer from the Badger State hasn't written a column since the 1996 spring semester.

No more, no more I tell you. The last time I checked the River Falls campus is still in Wisconsin, not in the middle of the Twin Cities. It's about time Wisconsin got the recognition it deserves for having the best teams (Well, the Brewers and Bucks are pathetic.) and definitely some of the best fans (God knows most Viking fans are bandwagon jumpers at the slightest sign of a losing streak).

Nobody is at fault for the lack of coverage; if I was from Minnesota, I'd write about the Vikings, Twins, and T-Wolves too. The lack of Wisconsin sportswriters is what's really disturbing.

I am the lone gunman on the grassy knoll, picking off unsuspecting Gophers. I may shoot from the hip, but I still shoot straight. No team is safe from my shot.

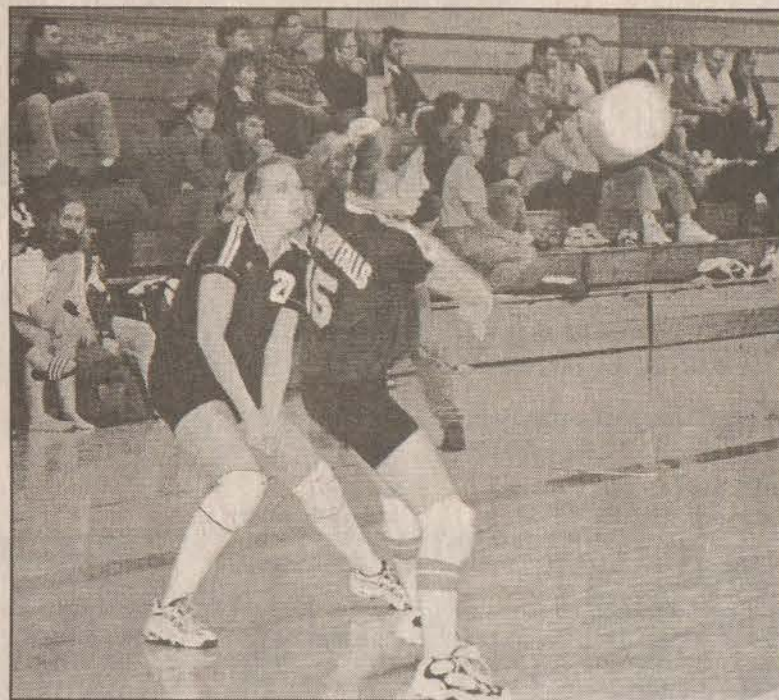
Anyway, rivalry is what makes sports great, and let's face it; the Minnesota-Wisconsin border war is one of the most heated in the Midwest. I'm still catching hell for the Vikings' win at Lambeau Field (By the way, Round 2 is this weekend when the Gophers travel to Camp Randall. I don't hear too many Mud ducks talking about that one.).

Because we are smack dab in the middle of verbal warfare, it would only do justice to cover both sides. What's good for the goose is definitely good for the Mud duck.

That is why I am so excited to be a part of the sports staff. Sports editor Jason Egerstrom and myself will be able to offer new features to the readers of *The Student Voice*. For instance, in a couple weeks, you will see an in-depth preview of the Packer-Viking game in this very space compiled by both the good and the evil (just kidding Jason).

Troy Mallat is a sophomore majoring in journalism

## Championship drive

*V'ball hopes to capitalize on 30-4 record in WIAC tourney*Brandon Eytcheson / *The Student Voice*

Falcon Sarah Carlson makes a pass as teammate Sara Tibesar looks on in the Falcons 15-5, 15-8, 15-6 victory over UM-Crookston Friday at Karges Center.

Dan Hilsen  
Off-Beat Editor

The UW-River Falls women's volleyball team took one more step closer to the WIAC Conference Championship with a 15-10, 11-15, 15-11, 15-10 four-game WIAC quarterfinal match win over the visiting UW-Platteville Pioneers at home, in the process eliminating the Pioneers from the WIAC Tourney all together.

The win over Platteville extended the Falcons' season record to 30-4. Also, prior to the UW-River Falls Trick or Treat Classic, the team was ranked No. 11 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Top 20 on Oct. 28 and

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were ranked number two, second to WIAC rival UW-Whitewater, in the NCAA Division III Midwest Region Rankings on Oct. 27.

"I mean a 30-win season is significant right now," said Falcon volleyball coach Patti Ford. "Very rarely do you come across that in volleyball. . . . And three of those losses are to nationally ranked schools."

There was no one individual that solely led the Falcon offense. Rather, it was a group of players who posted double figure kills and produced an united and balanced offensive front that led to sending the Pioneers away with a loss.

The Sara Tibesar, senior, and Joy Nicholson, freshman, combination shined once again for the Falcons as both players tallied 15 kills a piece. Also posting double figures in the kills department in the Falcon attack was senior Caroline Schwane and sophomore Melissa Mattson with 13 each. Junior Meggan Klassen also played a major role in the win by coming up with 12 kills.

The main Falcon setter, sophomore Holly Olson, once again had a solid performance by setting up the

balanced attack with 64 assists.

Two Falcon players led the team on defense. Tibesar and Nicholson were all over the court, and in addition to their offensive domination, they tied for the Falcon lead in digs in the match with 20. Also posting double figures in digs was Schwane with 16 and junior Sarah Carlson with 13.

"I think it's a sign of a strong team that we're able to not necessarily play 100 percent on our game and still come out on top," Ford

kins at the Trick or Treat Classic held in Karges Center on Friday and Saturday. The Falcons finished the weekend with nine wins and increased the team's season record to 29-4.

The Falcons kicked off the Classic by defeating UM-Crookston 15-5, 15-8, 15-6.

"Probably one of our easier matches for the weekend," Ford said. Falcon Melissa Mattson led the team in kills with nine while Olson served up a team leading 24 assists.

Tibesar led the team defensively with nine digs.

The Falcon Friday evening match was against Concordia-Moorhead. The Falcons won the match 15-7, 15-10, 16-14 in three games.

"They play similar style volleyball," Ford said. "They just don't have as much balance as we do, I think is what it comes down to."

Leading the Falcon attack was Schwane with 15 kills and Nicholson with 13. Olson was the set-up person and came up with 36 assists while Tibesar was able to once again shore up the defense

-Patti Ford, Falcons head volleyball coach

*"... We have a shot at winning the conference championship. I think we have all the tools to do that."*

## Football's lack of kicking game gives team the boot

■ The Falcons remain winless at La Crosse since 1985 after suffering a 29-28 loss on Saturday

Jason Egerstrom  
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls football team came within one foot of playing for an outright WIAC Championship this weekend due to a heartbreaking 29-28 loss at UW-La Crosse on Saturday.

Falcon fullback Ryan Lins scored on a 1-yard plunge with 8:19 remaining in the contest to cut the Eagles' lead to 29-28. Then, because of an inconsistent kicking game which has haunted the Falcons all season long, the team decided to go for the two-point conversion and the lead. However, when speedy halfback Michael Grant extended the ball for the front pylon on an option play on the conversion attempt, he was stopped just a foot short of the goal line and the score remained 29-28 in favor of the Eagles.

The Falcons had two more possessions, but failed to generate any points as the 29-28 loss pushed the Falcons out of first place in the WIAC for the first time all season with only one WIAC contest left on the schedule. "I thought the team played well," Falcons head coach John O'Grady said of the team's performance in the loss.

Except for the final score, the Falcons (5-3, 4-2) dominated the Eagles (4-3, 4-1). UW-RF out-gained UW-L with 382 total yards to the Eagles' 252. The Falcons had more first downs (20) than UW-L (13) and maintained possession of the ball for over 40 minutes, more than twice the amount of the time the Eagles controlled the ball. In addition, the Fal-

cons were successful in converting 7 of 16 third down conversions, while the Eagles' offense managed to convert only 1 of 8 on third down situations.

Despite the disappointing loss, the Falcons have not been mathematically eliminated from the race for the WIAC crown. However, the team will now have to beat UW-Whitewater (6-1, 4-1) at home this weekend and get some help from WIAC rivals over the final two weeks of the season just to share the title.

The Falcons built a 22-14 half-time lead, but quickly watched it disintegrate in the third quarter courtesy of some big offensive plays by the Eagles and a crucial Falcons fumble.

After the Falcons were forced to punt on its first possession of the second half, Eagles' shifty and speedy running back Jared Arm scored on a 58-yard sweep to the left side on the Eagles' first play from scrimmage. Arm gave the Falcons headaches all afternoon, gaining 123 yards on 14 carries and setting up the Eagles' first score of the contest with a 57-yard kickoff return.

"There were four plays on defense we'd like to have back," O'Grady said of Arm's long touchdown run.

Falcon cornerback Tim Sukalski was unable to force the play to the inside, and once Arm got to the outside he used his speed to go untouched down the sideline and into the end zone.

On the Falcons' ensuing possession, a misexchange between Falcon quarterback Randy Johnson and Lins was recovered by the Eagles at the UW-L 49-yard line. Six plays later, Eagles fullback Joe Rivard scored on a 1-yard run, and after the extra point, the Falcons saw its eight-point halftime lead turn into a 29-22 deficit.

Then, Lins had the ball stripped

See "Football" page B2

Brandon Eytcheson / *The Student Voice*

Falcon Kate Pelinka advances the ball to a teammate in the Falcons 3-1 WIAC quarterfinal victory over UW-La Crosse Friday at Ramer Field. The Falcons' season ended Saturday with a 1-0 WIAC semifinal loss to UW-Eau Claire at Ramer Field.

## Pelinka's 3 goals boosts soccer

■ As she has all season, Kate Pelinka provided for the Falcons' offense in Friday's WIAC quarterfinal win

Jason Egerstrom  
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls soccer team's season ended Saturday with a 1-0 WIAC semifinal loss to UW-Eau Claire at Ramer Field.

The Falcons managed to be outshot 23-3 in the contest with the Blugolds. However, as she has all season, Fal-

con goalie Sarah Hachey kept the Falcons in the contest making 15 saves.

But a Blugold goal in the 19th minute of the first half was all UW-EC needed to advance to the WIAC Championship game.

Falcons Diane Rodman, Rachael Booth and Molly Kreyer accounted for the Falcons' shots.

## Falcons 3, La Crosse 1

Quite fittingly, the Falcons' season would've ended a day earlier had it not been for a remarkable performance by Kate Pelinka.

Pelinka scored three goals to boost the Falcons past UW-La Crosse in the team's 3-1 rout of the Eagles in Friday's WIAC quarterfinal contest.

The Falcons' offense came through with a consistent effort in Friday's upset victory. The No. 6

seed Falcons fired 17 shots, including seven by Pelinka.

Booth recorded the only assist for the Falcons on Pelinka's first goal of the contest which gave the Falcons a 1-0 lead in the 7-minute mark of the first half.

With the early lead and the momentum, the Falcons continued to apply pressure on the Eagles' defense when Pelinka scored her second goal of the first half on a free kick at the 23-minute mark.

Holding a comfortable 2-0 lead in the second half, Pelinka put the dagger into the hearts of the Eagles with her third goal of the contest on a breakaway at the 62-minute mark.

The Eagles added a late goal of their own, but it was too little, too late as Hachey continued to shine in goal making 13 saves in the contest.

However, the Falcons playoff run ended the next day with the loss.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

| WIAC FOOTBALL (As of Nov. 2) |   |   |   |      |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|------|
|                              | W | L | T | Pct  |
| Whitewater (6-1)             | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 |
| La Crosse (4-3)              | 4 | 1 | 0 | .800 |
| River Falls (5-3)            | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 |
| Stevens Point (5-2)          | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 |
| Eau Claire (6-2)             | 3 | 2 | 0 | .600 |
| Stout (4-4)                  | 2 | 3 | 0 | .400 |
| Oshkosh (3-5)                | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |
| Platteville (1-7)            | 0 | 5 | 0 | .000 |

| WIAC VOLLEYBALL (Final standings) |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
|                                   | W | L |
| Whitewater (27-5)                 | 8 | 0 |
| River Falls (30-4)                | 6 | 2 |
| Stevens Point (21-11)             | 5 | 3 |
| Stout (20-11)                     | 5 | 3 |
| La Crosse (20-12)                 | 5 | 3 |
| Platteville (21-12)               | 3 | 5 |
| Eau Claire (14-17)                | 3 | 5 |
| Oshkosh (7-28)                    | 1 | 7 |
| Superior (10-19)                  | 0 | 8 |

| WIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER (Final Standings) |   |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                       | W | L |
| *Stevens Point(17-3-2)                | 8 | 0 |
| Eau Claire (16-5-1)                   | 6 | 1 |
| La Crosse (7-8-2)                     | 5 | 2 |
| Whitewater (8-9-4)                    | 4 | 2 |
| Stout (7-10-1)                        | 3 | 4 |
| River Falls (7-10-1)                  | 2 | 3 |
| Oshkosh (3-14-0)                      | 2 | 6 |
| Platteville (6-13-3)                  | 1 | 5 |
| Superior (7-13-1)                     | 0 | 8 |

\* Stevens Point won conference tournament

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

| Nov. 6-12 1998 | Friday                     | Saturday                   | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Football       |                            | Whitewater 1 p.m.          |        |        |         |           |          |
| Volleyball     | WIAC Tourney at Whitewater | WIAC Tourney at Whitewater |        |        |         |           |          |
| Hockey         | at Eau Claire 7 p.m.       | at Eau Claire 7 p.m.       |        |        |         |           |          |
| Swimming       | St. Cloud 6 p.m.           | at Mankato 1 p.m.          |        |        |         |           |          |

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

**FOOTBALL—** Offense: Quarterback Randy Johnson (Sr., Burnsville, Minn.) had a strong rushing game for the Falcons at LaCrosse. He carried the ball 20 times for 94 yards and scored one touchdown of nine yards. The 5-11, 200-pounder also rushed for a two-point conversion. Defense: Linebacker Seth Allen (So., Fountain, Minn.) had three assisted tackles including one for a two-yard loss. The 6-0, 185-pounder also broke up a pass against LaCrosse. **Special Teams:** Punter Richard Timm (Fr., Amery, Wis.) punted three times and averaged 32 yards per kick. The 6-1, 190-pounder's longest punt was 36 yards.

**VOLLEYBALL—** Falcon Melissa Mattson, a sophomore from Alden, Minn., tallied 49 kills this week (3.5 per game) in the UW-River Falls Trick or Treat Classic for a .383 kill percentage. "Melissa is one of the most humble players on the court," said coach Patti Ford. "She just does her job and plugs forward as far as attacking the ball and blocking. She gives us a big advantage at the net."

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SPORTS SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL

**Saturday's results**  
**La Crosse 29, River Falls 28**

| Score by Quarters |   |    |    |      |
|-------------------|---|----|----|------|
| River Falls       | 8 | 14 | 0  | 6—28 |
| Eau Claire        | 6 | 8  | 15 | 0—29 |

**Scoring Summary:**  
**1st quarter**  
8:13 RF-Grant 8-yd run (Johnson rush), RF 8-0  
7:05 LC-Rivard 14-yd run (rush failed), RF 8-6  
**2nd quarter**  
6:50 RF-Johnson 9-yd run (rush failed), RF 14-6  
5:49 LC-Coulter 3-yd run (DeCook pass), tied 14-14  
1:06 RF-Lins 5-yd run (Grant rush) , RF 22-14

**3rd quarter**  
13:14 LC-Am 58-yd run (Coulter rush), tied 22-22  
7:32 LC-Rivard 1-yd run (Morris kick), LC 29-22  
**4th quarter**  
8:19 RF-Lins 1-yd run (rush failed), LC 29-28

VOLLEYBALL

**Friday's results (River Falls Tourn.)**

|              |    |    |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|
| River Falls  | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| UM-Crookston | 5  | 8  | 6  |

**River Falls kill leaders:** Mattson 9, Schwane 8,  
**River Falls assist leader:** Olson 24.

|                    |    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|----|
| River Falls        | 15 | 15 | 16 |
| Concordia-Moorhead | 7  | 10 | 14 |

**River Falls kill leaders:** Schwane 15, Nicholson 13.  
**River Falls assist leader:** Olson 36.

**Saturday's results**

|             |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| River Falls | 11 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Marion      | 15 | 9  | 11 | 10 |

**River Falls kill leaders:** Mattson 19, Tibesar 18.  
**River Falls assist leader:** Olson 57.

|             |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| River Falls | 15 | 8  | 15 | 15 |
| Stout       | 2  | 15 | 11 | 5  |

**River Falls kill leaders:** Mattson, Schwane, Nicholson 14.  
**River Falls assist leader:** Olson 57.

**Tuesday's results (WIAC Play-In)**

|             |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| River Falls | 15 | 11 | 15 | 15 |
| Platteville | 10 | 15 | 11 | 10 |

**River Falls kill leaders:** Nicholson, Tibesar 15.  
**River Falls assist leader:** Olson 64.

SOCCER

**Friday's results (WIAC Tourn.)**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| River Falls 3, LaCrosse 1 |        |
| Score by halves           |        |
| River Falls               | 2 1 —3 |
| LaCrosse                  | 0 1 —1 |

**Scoring Summary:**  
**1st half**  
7:00 - RF Pelinka (Booth)

CROSS COUNTRY

**WIAC Meet results (Oct. 31)**

| Men's team results |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| LaCrosse           | 48  |
| Stevens Point      | 50  |
| Whitewater         | 83  |
| Eau Claire         | 103 |
| Oshkosh            | 107 |
| Stout              | 148 |
| Platteville        | 183 |
| Superior           | 260 |
| River Falls        | 264 |

| Women's team results |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Oshkosh              | 41  |
| LaCrosse             | 76  |
| Stevens Point        | 101 |
| Stout                | 108 |
| Eau Claire           | 139 |
| Superior             | 167 |
| Whitewater           | 171 |
| River Falls          | 191 |
| Platteville          | 217 |

Volleyball

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with 15 digs.

After a night's rest, the Falcons showed up at Karges Center to take on Marian at 9:30 in the morning on Saturday. In the first game the Falcons were outplayed by Marian and were defeated 11-15. This opening-game loss appeared to wake up the Falcon attack and the team won the next three games to win the match 11-15, 15-9, 15-11, 15-10.

"(The team was) a little sluggish at first," Ford said. "It's always that morning attitude. And you're playing a team that's unfamiliar and Marian's a solid team."

Ford went on to say "but when they focus and they play, they take care of the game. So, it just took them a little bit to kind of wake up and play."

Tibesar woke up in a hurry and collected kills and digs much like a child collecting Snickers and M&M's on Halloween night. At the end of the match she had put 18 kills in her Halloween bag and a team-leading 20 digs. Melissa Mattson also enjoyed collecting a team-leading 19 kills while Olson left the court with a team-leading 57 assists.

The Falcons closed out the classic with a match against UW-Stout. The Stout Blue Devils had defeated the Falcons ten days earlier at Stout and a large slice of revenge was the special of the day at Karges Center. The Falcons took away Stout's pitchforks and pelted them with kills

from all over the court as the team flew to a 15-2, 8-15, 15-11, 15-5 victory.

The Falcons spread out the team's offense and four Falcons came away with double-figure kills. Leading the team in kills was a trio, much like the Three Musketeers. That trio consisted of Melissa Mattson, Schwane and Nicholson. All three contributed 14 kills each to the winning cause. Tibesar ended the match close behind with 12 kills. Olson mirrored her performance earlier in the day with a team leading 57 assists. Nicholson and teammate junior Sarah Carlson kept the Falcons in the match defensively with Carlson scraping up 16 digs and Nicholson digging up 14.

"We played solid, steady ball and that was helpful," Ford said. "We struggled a little bit, but we were able to just shake it off and do what we needed to do to complete the match."

When a team loses a match to a conference rival, the team is always going to be out looking for a little revenge the next time around.

Meanwhile, one of the things Ford liked best about the classic was that the team was playing at home.

"It's nice to play at home," Ford said. "We know the home-court advantage is very critical. So it could be advantageous down the road should we get to playoffs."

The regular season has run its course and directly in the Falcons' WIAC Conference Tournament flight pattern is the UW-La Crosse Eagles. The Eagles were able to defeat UW-Eau Claire in their quarterfinal match-up on Tuesday and are slated to take on the Falcons

in one of the two semifinal matches to be held in Williams Center at UW-Whitewater at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Depending on the result of the Falcon's match and the other match between Whitewater and UW-Stout on Friday night, the Falcons could face Whitewater or Stout in the third-place match at noon on Saturday or the championship match at 2:30 p.m. later that day.

The WIAC Conference Tournament originally was going to be held in Menomonie, Wis., but recently was moved to the home court of the WIAC top seed.

"The remaining teams now go to the highest seed, which is Whitewater," Ford said. "Everyone of us, (seeds) 1-4, hosted a game (Tuesday night)."

That also is part of the new format for the WIAC Volleyball Conference playoffs. The teams used to go to one place to play all playoff matches. With this new format the top four teams in the conference host their first round matches at home.

Now that the Falcons have won its quarterfinal game, the team is looking ahead to the La Crosse semifinal. The Eagles finished its season with a 21-12 record and lost to the Falcons earlier in the season in a 15-12, 10-15, 15-5, 15-11 four-game match.

"Well, I think, you know, we have a shot at winning a conference championship," Ford said. "I think we have all the tools to do that. It's just going to be a matter of the endurance that we can hold out through the rest of the weekend basically."

kickoff," O'Grady said of his team's lack of execution in that department all season long.

Quarterback Randy Johnson was even asked to punt twice on Saturday. Johnson and the offense were used to punt in order to keep Arn, the Eagles dangerous return man, off of the field.

On one occasion, the Falcons punted from the La Crosse 22-yard line. The inconsistency in the entire field goal kicking unit this season made a field goal attempt impossible.

"I think it will get better yet," O'Grady said of the kicking game. "We're going to practice it for 25 minutes at the beginning of practice this week. We normally go 15 minutes and we have been going 20 minutes lately."

But the Falcons will need more than just a kicking game if they intend to knock off the reigning champion UW-Whitewater Warhawks this Saturday at Ramer Field.

Last season, the Falcons were embarrassed by Whitewater, allowing 54 points to the Warhawks in Whitewater. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Ramer Field.

Runners end near bottom of WIAC

■ The team's 8th and 9th place finishes are misleading considering the team competes in the talent-rich WIAC

Matt O'Brien  
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams wrapped up their season this past weekend at the WIAC meet in Oshkosh. The men placed ninth out of nine teams, and the women took eighth place out of nine.

While those final results were fairly consistent with those throughout the season, don't jump to any final conclusions just yet. The teams ran one of its strongest meets of the season.

All twelve of the men's runners raced to their lifetime best times—on the same day. Sophomore Jim Felling led the way for the Falcon men, as he has many times this season. Felling finished 64th overall, with a time of 26-minutes, 54 seconds. Seven other Falcon men ran times under 30 minutes. Tony Ptacek and senior Randy Thull rounded out the top three individual finishers for UW-RF. Both Felling and Thull beat their lifetime best times by a minute, with Thull com-

ing in at 27:30. Fellow senior Scott Sekelsky finished ninth for the Falcons with a time of 30:25.

"The men ran out of their heads," Falcon coach Kristi Wagner exclaimed. She called this year's men's squad the best she has coached in her four seasons at UW-RF. While Wagner was thrilled with their performance, she said improvement must come for the men.

"We can't settle for ninth," she said. "We have much more to accomplish."

Wagner added a year-long commitment to training is necessary for both the men and the women to reach their accomplishments. Ten of the twelve Falcon men will be returning next year.

The women, on the other hand, ran just as well. Seven of the eleven Falcon women finished their race under twenty minutes. Wagner was dumbfounded by that stat, additionally calling the women's performance "phenomenal."

Freshman Felice Birmingham was the top Falcon finisher, reaching the finish line at nineteen minutes, thirty-three seconds. Seniors Wendy Papendieck and Hope Onken ran their final races for UW-RF on Saturday. Papendieck finished second, at 19:47 and Onken a second later in fourth place.

So if both teams ran so well, why did they finish near the bottom of

the conference? The WIAC is considered one of the toughest cross country conferences in the nation. Not that that's a cop-out; if you compared the Falcon's average finish times to those of teams around the

country, they'd be near the middle. One of Wagner's biggest goals is to "keep up with the Joneses." She believes if other teams in the conference can perform well, the Falcons can too. And with so many runners on each team returning next season, the Falcons have a chance to reach that goal.

*"We can't settle for ninth. We have much more to accomplish."*

-Kristi Wagner, Falcons head cross country coach

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## MATT KONDRAKSEK

### Election Day as entertainment

For most people, election time is not an exciting time of the year. However, for people like myself, it is the most entertaining and exhilarating time. This year was no exception, especially in the Senate races across the country and the Minnesota Governor's race.

This is comparable to the Super Bowl and the World Series, only instead of playing a game for a championship, you're playing for your livelihood. What could be more entertaining than two people attacking each other's personal lives and

political views for months, and when it comes to a climax the loser is unemployed. How much bigger can the stakes get?

There were three races in particular that I found very entertaining to watch.

The first was the Wisconsin Senate race where Russ Feingold was clearly the more qualified candidate of the two. What made it interesting was how the number of attack ads Mark Neumann ran helped him gain voters as the campaign went on. People always say that they want honesty in politics, but the majority of people also get their information about candidates from untrue attack ads. This shows the stupidity and laziness of the American voting public. In this case, it made a race that put Feingold up 20 points in the polls before the attack ads dropped him down to a two-or three-point lead by election night. Feingold won in a race where only he was honest with the voters. This campaign proved that good versus evil makes for an entertaining race, especially when good wins.

Another Senate race that was particularly entertaining and good vs. evil was in New York. In New York, the evil Alphonse D'Amato was taking on the good Chuck Schumer in one of the dirtiest campaigns of all time. Chuck Schumer, like Feingold, played defense to the attack ads and won a close race. What was especially significant in the New York race was that D'Amato was a three-term incumbent and a political enemy of the President. All of these factors made this a very exciting race, not to mention that it went down to the wire.

The final race that made Tuesday one of the most exciting races of my lifetime was the Minnesota Governor's race. Who would have ever given a loudmouthed former professional wrestler a chance to win the governorship of a state? This election gave an honest but opinionated, loudmouthed and ugly man hope, to maybe one day have a chance in politics. I'm not talking about Jesse Ventura. I'm talking about myself. What Jesse Ventura accomplished in the Minnesota governor's race should give us all hope that you really can grow up to one day be President, that you can go out and accomplish what you set out to do, that this country isn't just run by a bunch of liars and cheaters and that we all have a chance to do what he did... if we are professional wrestlers.

Matt Kondracsek is a senior majoring in political science.



## MEDDLING MELINDA

can I show her what a creep he is?

-Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend,  
It sounds like your friend is having a bad case of blind love or is too stupid to tell the difference between make believe and reality. Your friend needs to open her eyes and see this guy as he truly is; a pig-headed, conceited, little boy.

Throughout the history of mankind and womankind, people have been trying to tell other people what to do. This approach will almost never work. The bottom line is that some people are too stubborn and egotistical to

listen to others.

Don't be offended when your friend ignores you. Her pride and vanity is just getting in the way of her seeing the truth.

The best advice I can give you is to wait.

Either this guy will get tired of her being naive and dump her or she will get smart and dump him.

But there is something you can do while you are waiting: show her what she is missing from her current relationship. Take her dancing, out to parties, anything to help her meet new male friends.

-Meddling Melinda

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## Variety flourishes in KFA art show



This untitled sculpture by Ben Gavin is displayed along with other various artwork in Gallery 101 of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building. The artwork will be on display through Nov. 7.

Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Molly Montag  
Staff Writer

Gallery 101 in the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building is filled to the brim with every kind of artwork imaginable. Sculpture, painting, glassware, textile and photography are just a few examples of what is on display now through

Nov. 7.

All projects are student-made, and one work has college life written all over it. It is a 12-foot-tall sculpture made entirely of pizza boxes.

The artwork is part of the Art Society Impromptu Exhibition. The focus of the show is to highlight student work. Students who have never displayed art before are

strongly urged to participate. In order to submit a work of art for the show, a student must be a member of the Art Society or an art student. Any student may be a member of the Art Society.

While every student who submitted work is represented in the show, not everything submitted is part of the show. Each student had at least one piece of art displayed, but some have as many as three or four. The Art Society chose the pieces that are displayed.

Exhibitor Molly Jo Brenna strongly encourages students to take advantage of the chance to get their artwork displayed. Brenna has a pencil drawing in the show.

"It's a good opportunity because a lot of shows are juried," she said.

A juried show is one in which an artist chooses what is exhibited. There is no guarantee that any person's artwork will get in, unlike the Impromptu Exhibition.

The show has drawn a very positive response. Many spectators, like English Department professor Michael Toman, like the diversity of the show.

"It's very varied and interesting," Toman said. "Collective student (shows) are more unusual and I think there are some really nice pieces here."

The variety of the artwork is something the artists take pride in. Jill Lawley's soda-fired clay piece, *Lid-*

See "Art" page B4

## Horoscope Forecasts

Melinda Domzalski  
Assistant Off-Beat Editor and  
your forecaster of the future



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Whatever you're doing at this very moment, stop, take a

step back and start planning for the future. It's time for you to get yourself together and on the right track.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get some sleep! You are really getting worn out. It's time for you to slow down and get rid of the those bags underneath your eyes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You have been too good lately. I think it's time for you to let loose and treat yourself to a night on the town. Beware of deceiving friends.

CANCER (June-July 22): Let's be honest for a moment. It's time for you to make a new start and find a new mate. A new love is just around the corner, and this time it just might be the real thing.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Cupid has shot his arrow, and it has hit a friend of yours. Be on the lookout, a close friend is falling in love with you.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22): Life is short, so start living it. Go out, meet new people, and make new friends. Stop being so submissive, open up and take a chance for once.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): You have major attitude problems. Open your ears and start listening to the ones who love you. Their advice is the solution you've been looking for.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 21): You are such a procrastinator. You need to sit down and get yourself into a work mode. If you start a project, finish it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Your creative side is peaking. Take out a pen or a paint brush and start a new project.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19): You have been going through quite a run of bad luck lately. Cheer up! Luck is on its way. Push family problems aside and start taking better care of yourself.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18): You have a brain, so start using it! Think before you act. Tonight would be a good time to sit back, relax and watch some television or read a book.

PIECES (February 19-March 20): Your financial situation is taking a turn for the worse this week. Stop spending your money like it's growing on trees. Stay home tonight and read a book.

"Meddling Melinda" asks if anyone needs advice on topics besides love?

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### Correction

In the Oct. 29 issue of the *Student Voice* senior Kristin Wilson and sophomore Jenny Swanson were misidentified. Due to a printing error, their photos were switched in the "Points of View" section of the Off-Beat page.

## "POINTS OF VIEW"

"Today, Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, is national election day. Did you or do you plan to vote today? What issues do you feel are most important in these current elections?"



Mike Schley, senior

"No I haven't and I don't plan on it. I don't even know where to go. Taxes are one issue probably. I haven't really thought about it. I just go with the flow, I guess."



Greta Wendorff, freshman

"I don't plan on voting. I don't know much about the candidates."



Kara Albrecht, senior

"Maybe if I get down to Rodli I'll vote. I think a lot of the candidates are talking about tax relief and education issues."



Casey Gannett, sophomore

"No. I don't know what they vote for, like governor and stuff. I've been thinking more about voting. I know that it is important. I have other stuff on my mind. I don't even know where to go, or how to register."



David Schultz,  
Political Science  
Department

"The outcome of both elections may have a significant impact on both Minnesota and Wisconsin aid to higher education and tuition. It may force Governor Thompson to rethink the

tuition hike and funding to the Wisconsin system, because he now has to negotiate with a democratic senate that actually supports higher education. Conversely, governor-elect Ventura's commitment to cutting taxes and his opposition to increase student financial aid may lead to higher tuition costs for Minnesota students. It may affect issues like reciprocity agreements between the states and could very well affect which of the two systems may be the better deal for the students to go to. I think that it is a major election for students and I don't think they realize what importance this support for Ventura or Thompson will have on their pocketbooks and where they will go to school."

Brandon Eytcheson & Jen Murphy/The Student Voice

## Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English

Tuesday, 1:23 p.m.

Five days without Booze, no nicotine, no caffeine. You tell me if I'm standing or going -- whatever the hell that means.

I'm feeling miserable. Wretched. Maybe a bit nostalgic.

Today I voted. There was some question about whether people should have guns or not. At the time I was grumpy, probably because of my caffeine headache, and I thought owning a gun sounded pretty good. Go figure.

A lot of people ask me, "Adam, if you had to be a pirate, a spy, or a whale: What would you be?" Usually I mutter something about being a, "Good God-Fearing American" and leave it at that. Whale? Go figure.

There are too many things in this world I'll never understand. My friend Ryan uses four toothbrushes and rotates them daily. He claims that it's bad to use damp toothbrushes and by rotating them they have time to dry. Go figure.

Have I mentioned that Rush Limbaugh was a dead-beat dad? How come nobody ever writes in about my column? It seems no matter what I do I can't get mail. Meddling Melinda gets mail, other editorialists get mail, Santa gets mail, why can't I get mail? O.K.. Here it is, if you send me mail asking for something I'll come to your house in a big red outfit and give it to you. Whatever it is. Maybe all you need is a reason.

My friend, Matt, is reading a book about a shaman and he's been wondering how shamans



learned so much about smoking plants. He theorized that they must tell their students to go out in the morning and smoke the first 10 things they see. I'm pretty sure some of my friends do that too! What manly men!

Last week I accidentally went to a job fair. The lady there said, "Here's a book on jobs for interesting people."

"No interesting person has ever held a job," I said.

Her smile didn't falter. "Then," she said, "here is a book on careers for English majors."

"You don't understand," I said. "Careers are for people who have

realized the dogs weren't coming for him. What he really had to worry about was his igloo shrinking. The moisture of his breath was freezing to the walls and thus, with every breath he took, he was crushing himself.

That's how I feel this morning. Now for breakfast.

Last week Joe and I decided to become strict meat-atarians until we get scurvy. But today as I fry up some brats for breakfast I think that most dedicated religious people fast at some point or another. Seeing as how I'm dropping all other vices, I might as well drop food too. No more food.

Is this what it's like to be sober? It reminds me of a Brit. Lit. class I had last semester. It was so torturous I wanted to cut my nose off in the middle of class and throw it at the professor.

There's some rational thinking. Cheers to sobriety!

But where is all of this talk of addiction coming from? And why am I trying to control my own relatively minor addictions?

(What a thing to think about on an empty stomach). I ran across this quote about the book *Naked Lunch*. ".... For Burroughs sees addiction as a general condition not limited to drugs. Politics, religion, the family, love, are

all forms of addiction. In the post-Bomb society, all the mainstays of the social order have lost their meaning, and bankrupt nation-states are run by "control addicts" (*Beat Reader* pg.104).

When I was growing up, I thought most people go to college, get married, and develop careers. It seemed that everyone who wanted to do those things could. I'm a curious person. I decided that it's pretty easy to see what all of that domesticated stuff is all about. Rather than go to school immediately, and partake in the social mainstays Burroughs talks about, I decided to see what would happen if I didn't. I consider this my first break with the addiction

known as "social order" and my first steps towards free thinking.

Often I see couples marry very young, and I think that they are succumbing to social pressures that are infectious in our culture. People's ideas of "love" and "family" are inter-connected to communal beliefs in politics and social organization, not simply emotions felt by one person for another person. Love is, in essence, what culture demands and promotes.

Is that cynical or scientific? Certainly not poetic. My point is that people do things that are conforming without ever questioning if their intent is their own; they simply assume they feel a certain way because they can't feel differently. Emotions are powerful, usually considered part of our physical experience, and the idea that society governs them is strange.... Especially in America, where the focus is always on individual thought.

None of this is to say that love doesn't exist, or exists under specified terms. In *Cien sonetos de amor* (A Hundred Love Sonnets), Neruda rejoices in the beauty of our physical communications. For him, love is the extension of our bodies into the spirit world. Here's an example of the delicate sensuousness people are capable of:

Naked, you are simple as a hand, minimal, supple, earthy, transparent, round.

The lunar markings, the pathways through the apple, are yours; naked you are slender as the wheat.

The Cuban blue of midnight is your color, naked, I trace stars and tendrils in your skin; naked, you stand tawny and tremendous, a summer's wholeness in cathedral gold.

Wednesday, 4:15 p.m.

Still haven't eaten today. No cigarettes, no coffee, no beer. Day six - I own you. For those of you reading this in Emma's, I hope you toast to my sobriety and buy me a beer when next we meet!

## Art

Continued from page B3

*ded Jar*, is unusual because soda ash was inserted, which reacted with the Silica in the clay body, resulting in a smooth, glass-like texture.

"I think it is good to have a variety of studios represented," Lawley said.

The show has had a strong turnout in attendance, especially among the students themselves. In the first two days of the exhibit more than 300 people attended.

"More students come in to see their friends' work," said Shanelle Zeien, a gallery guard.

Others feel that it was the sheer amount of work that drew people into the gallery.

"People seem to be attracted by the amount of art in the show," said Paul Rammer, a gallery guard for the Impromptu. "The art (in the previous show) was really good, but it was on the wall and (there) was more vacant room."

The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Rammer looks forward to the art

sale, where he hopes to purchase some of the art currently on display. The art sale features both student and staff work. It is held in Gallery 101 and runs from December 2 to December 15.

Ben Gavin, who has multiple pieces on display, says that it is *Pizza Man Installation* that has earned him the most feedback. Gavin thought up the idea for his 12-foot-pizza box spiral while at Pizza Man.

The Impromptu Exhibition is not the first show Gavin has displayed his work. He participated in last year's juried show.

Though some, like Gavin, have previously displayed work in a gallery setting, this is the first gallery exhibition for many, such as Kristin Berwald.

She said she is excited about having her work exhibited.

"It is so good to have your artwork out in the community," said Berwald, whose mixed media work, *Viva Allez* is on display.

There will not be another Impromptu Exhibition this year, but students can look forward to next year's show. If interested in participating, students should contact a member of the Art Society.

**"People's ideas of 'love' and 'family' are inter-connected to communal beliefs in politics and social organization, not simply emotions felt by one person for another person."**

## Off-Beat illustrations

All illustrations for Off-Beat are done by Brad Renner.

## The UW-RF Poets Society

The UW-RF's Poets Society will be premiering on the Off-Beat page in upcoming weeks and will be a semi-regular part of the page. Please submit your previously unpublished poetry. Each week the poetry topic we are featuring for an upcoming issue will be listed in this section. Next week's topic will be Autumn. Please submit your typewritten poetry with a hand-

written signature and telephone number by noon on Mondays. We reserve the right to write poetry and edit for length, content, good taste and libel or to withhold poetry. For further information on submitted material, please refer to Staff & Information in the "Viewpoints" section of the *Student Voice*. Please address all submitted material to the Off-Beat section of the *Student Voice* at 213 South Hall.



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