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Pumpkins business, pleasure for local farms

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As you drive down a River Falls area highway you notice a roadside sign with just one word on it: Pumpkins. Suddenly the car in front of you brakes, turns into a driveway and comes to a stop. The doors come flying open, and a couple of children jump out and go running for several wagon loads of pumpkins.

This is a common scene this time of year. Thousands of children and parents partake in the pumpkin-carving tradition as a part of Halloween festivities.

This tradition began in seventh century Europe with the Hallows Eve (night of the dead) festival.

Originally, scary faces were carved on gourds and turnips because it was

believed they would frighten away the evil spirits roaming the countryside on Hallows Eve night.

They were used as lanterns by people traveling the roads on this night, and they were also set on porches and in windows for protection from the evil spirits and fairies.

The pumpkin quickly replaced the European gourd and turnip because it was much larger and easier to carve. Demand for pumpkins increased; the need for pumpkin farms grew, and River Falls is no exception.

Several nice pumpkin farms exist around the River Falls area, including the Country Store on Hwy. 65 and the Happ-e-Hill Pumpkin Farm in Hager City.

Jill and Cal Joski, owners of the Country Store, are growing and selling pumpkins for the second straight year.

"My husband just decided he was going to do this," Jill Joski said. "He brought seven bags of pumpkin seeds home one day, and I thought he was crazy."

Cal Joski took these bags of pumpkin seeds and planted three acres of land by hand in May. It took Cal and his two sons three to four days to do this, but it paid off.

By fall the Joski family had about 2,000 full grown pumpkins, most of which they sold. The ones they do not sell they donate to shelters or homes for children.

Others go to farmers who use them as feed for their livestock. Also, some people buy the soft pumpkins for baking purposes.



The other pumpkin farm in the River Falls area is the Happ-e-Hill Pumpkin Farm owned by Bill and Judy Emery.

The Emerys started this pumpkin farm as a result of some black walnut trees. Five years ago their garden was being overshadowed by the nearby black walnut woods and was not producing very much.

"We decided to plow up a hayfield

and put a new garden in," Judy Emery said. "But we plowed up more than we needed."

The Emerys decided to plant pumpkin seeds on the extra land. When fall came around, the Emerys had about 100 pumpkins that they did not know what to do with.

So they put a sign out on the road advertising their pumpkins, and the patch has doubled in size every year since.

"We have almost always sold all of our pumpkins, except one year when everybody had an abundance of everything," Emery said.

They now have a five-acre patch of pumpkins, which took about a week to plant.

Along with planting, the pumpkin patch needs to be weeded, kept free of bugs and given enough moisture to grow.

The frost is the biggest problem for the pumpkin patch, Emery said.

"We have to pick them, put them all in a big pile and cover them for the night," Emery said. "It is a very labor-intensive job."

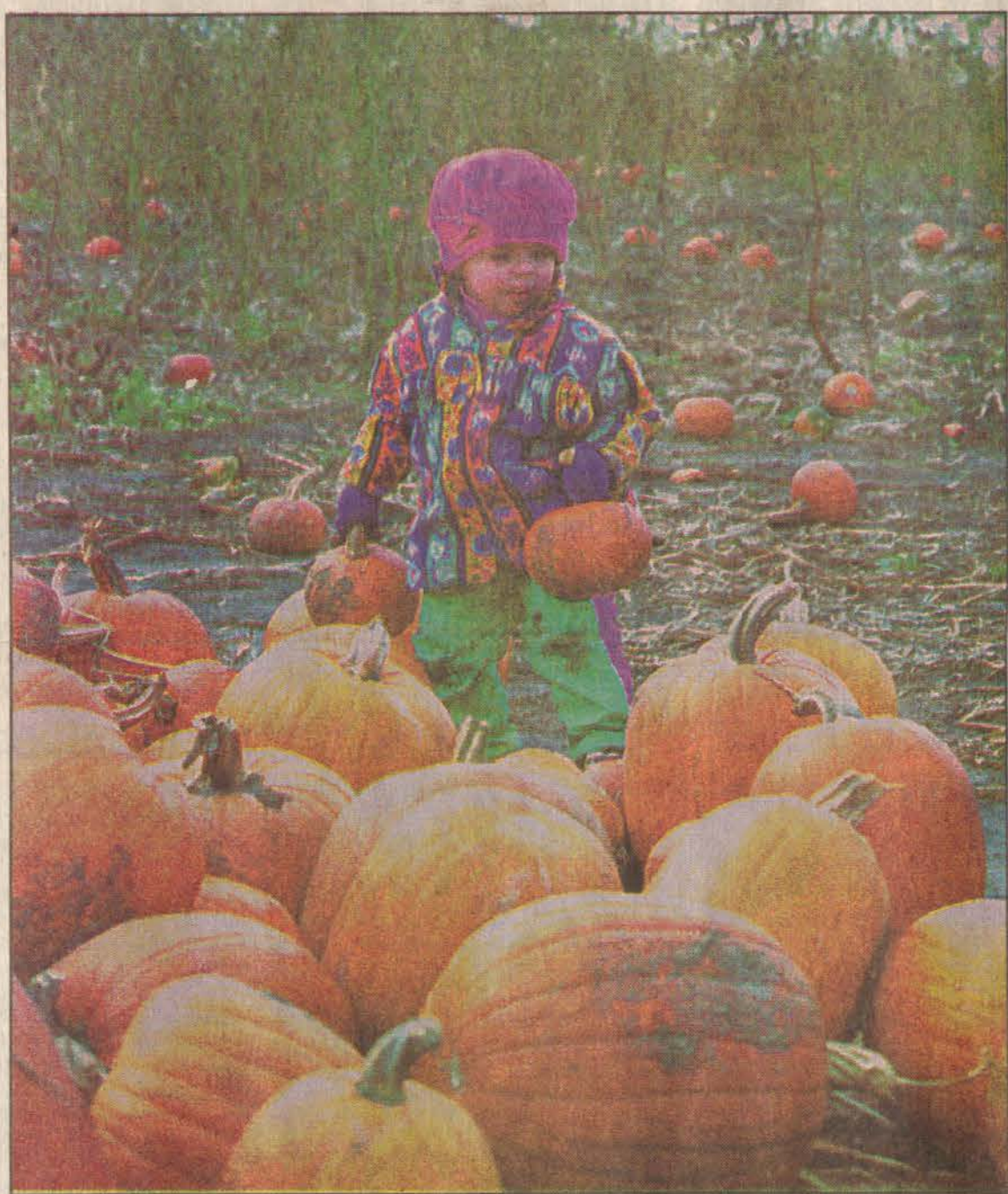
The number of customers coming to the farm is also growing. This year Judy Emery took the month of October off from her job at the Red Wing Interstate Rehabilitation Center to keep the farm open during the week.

The increase in customers may have something to do with the features the Emerys have added to their farm over the years to cater to the younger children. Those features include a petting zoo, hayrides, tunnels, mazes and a haystack for children to play in.

They added these features so that children from town could get a real

Pumpkins•6A

Can I have two?



Deciding which pumpkin to take home was a dilemma for 2-year-old Julie Schalow. She visited the Happ-e-Hill Pumpkin Farm Oct. 25 with the Kids 'N Company Day Care. Happ-e-Hill lets children pick their own pumpkin, and offers wagon rides, a petting zoo and free popcorn to visitors.

Michael McLoone photo

Slumber party raises money
Students brave rain, mud for good causeSARAH COLBURN
News Editor

The sun set behind the clouds as gusty winds whipped through the trees and chapped their hands.

The ground was muddy and slippery from the drizzling rain. They balanced on one leg, hoping their muscles would tense and warm their bodies.

It was only 35 degrees and they were there for the long haul. After all, they told themselves, it was all for a good cause.

Ten May Hall residents set up their tents and rolled out their sleeping bags on the front lawn of the Hagedsted Student Center Oct. 24. The group slept outside and collected donations from passers-by to support Turningpoint, a domestic abuse center in River Falls.

Turningpoint serves the Pierce and St. Croix county areas as well as overflow from the Twin Cities shelters. The River Falls center contains a shelter that houses both women and children who are fleeing from violence.

"This helps them get back on their feet," Turningpoint Director Paula Welch said. "(The shelter) offers counseling, housing and help from law enforcement."

The center has a 24-hour hotline that answers about 2,000-3,000 calls a year. In 1995 they were able to help 101 women and 166 children.

The shelter is supported by the state as well as the United Way, the Depart-

ment of Justice Sexual Assault Grant and donations from private organizations.

Students from May Hall got involved because they saw a need.

"May Hall has done an exceptional job with donations," Welch said. "They have also helped in other areas like volunteering (at Turningpoint)."

Other May Hall students became involved in the sleep-out for very similar reasons, they said.

"We need to get this out in the public," May Hall Council President Corey Mathison said. "This is benefiting a very good, local cause." Freshman resident Chris Peterson agreed.

"If you don't bring this to the attention of the community, Turningpoint may not receive many donations," he said.

Many students brought their own donations with them on the way to the sleep-out and contributed in any way they could. Passers-by who did not know about the event in advance left

pocket change in hopes that their donation could be used for more supplies.

"I brought my twelve rolls of toilet paper and some underwear," said Ali Miller, May Hall Council Social Chair.

"I brought my 12 rolls of toilet paper and some underwear. We did this in hopes that people would see the signs we hung up and stop by to make a donation."

-Ali Miller

May Hall Council Social Chair

Mathison said the group had planned on chalking the sidewalks to publicize the event, but then it rained.

"Mother nature just wasn't with us," he said.

By the end of the evening the group had raised more than \$20 and two boxes of household items.

Instead of keeping themselves dry in the tent the group members stored the boxes of donations there.

Although May Hall's donations are appreciated, Turningpoint is always looking for extra supplies and volunteers, Welch said.

The center needs school and office supplies including pens and pencils, glue sticks, calculators, kids' backpacks, tri-cut folders and office copy paper.

The shelter is also in search of food and living supplies to help the women get out on their own. The food list includes juice, kids' cereal, kids' snack items and sugar. Turningpoint also needs living supplies such as toilet paper, first aid materials, laundry de-

Sleep•2A

Strictly speaking: Forensics helps students communicate

TODD SCHIERENBECK
STAFF WRITER

Nearly every classroom in Fine Arts rang with the sound of fast and furious speech on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Although normally almost deserted on weekends, the building was crawling with the forensics teams from 18 colleges that day. The teams came from places as far away as Illinois and South Dakota to compete.

The variety of categories, topics and speaking styles was enormous.

In one room, Tina Ross, a member of the Winona State University forensics team, spoke passionately and forcefully about the need to preserve shield laws.

Two doors down, Amorette Hindraker, a journalism student from South Dakota State University, analyzed a quotation for two minutes and then argued from it that the government was necessary to assure citizens' freedom to own property.

Downstairs, UW-River Falls forensics team leader Justin Hancock quipped to his audience, "If insects make up three quarters of all species of animal life, then three out of every four of you must be bugs."

Forensics tournaments are normally two-day events, but this one took place in one day due to lack of funds. It takes careful planning on the part of the hosts, judges and competitors to pull it off.

The forensics season at UW-RF gen-

erally runs from September to March, Hancock said.

The team is scheduled for about seven competitions per semester; so far the team has competed in the Twin Cities, North Dakota, Whitewater, Winona, Minn., and River Falls.

Students might give a humorous after-dinner speech from memory and analyze a quotation for an impromptu speech 10 minutes later.

The sight of students rushing from speech to speech, frantically rereading note cards on the way, was a common one.

The tournament was fast-paced, but many seemed to prefer it that way.

"The competition is really pretty equal," said Thor Mattick, a student from Mankato State University. "I enjoy that because it makes everyone speak better. I get a rush out of being rewarded for being able to talk. I've always been told that I talk too much, so it's nice to be recognized for being able to speak."

Forensics tournaments traditionally encompass a wide range of styles. There are categories ranging from persuasive, informative and im-

promptu speeches to communications analysis speeches, drama readings and oral interpretations of poetry and prose.

It can be intimidating to see the masses of impeccably-dressed students clogging the hallways, pacing back and forth as they murmur their speeches to themselves in preparation.

All of them maintain, though, that forensics is one of the most universal, open-minded and challenging activities that a college can offer, and one that everyone can participate in.

"It doesn't take much to be a good speaker," Hancock said between events. "A lot of people have what it takes instinctively, and they're just too shy to get up and do it in front of people."

-Justin Hancock
UW-RF forensics team leader

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UW-RF forensics adviser Mitchell 'Bucky' Fay said he agrees.

"If you have enough intelligence to get into college and a good work ethic, you can do it," he said. "(Forensics) is a very practical way of becoming a communicator. It's one of the activities that colleges traditionally are supposed to be all about."

Many students and faculty, even

administrators from other colleges, said they feel the same way Fay does. Many expressed varying degrees of surprise, displeasure and criticism when they were told about the Shared Governance 2000 plan, which eliminates funding for the UW-RF forensics team.

"It makes me feel sad, because it's a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved," said Amy Sue Gaede, a freshman who just joined the UW-RF forensics team. "I'm disappointed that the University is letting this happen."

Fay is even more outspoken in his criticism of the budget.

"I know the funding mechanisms of at least 200 colleges, and this is the most cumbersome (method) that I know of," he said. "Any group that wants to go to nationals (for their activity) has to go through the same difficulties. The only group that's guaranteed funding for going to national events is the Student Senate."

Joel Hefling, Director of Forensics at South Dakota State University, said the idea was incredulous when he heard about the plan to cut forensics' funding.

"If they're trying to use a business model, they're doing it wrong," he said. "Everything we hear from business tells us that they're looking for (graduates with) communication skills. Refusing to support an activity like this is counterproductive.... This is the only activity to provide students

Speech•4A

Team stats

UW-RF Forensics Team Roster*

Brad Booher
Christel DeJesus
Amy Sue GaedeSara Gauthier
Justin Hancock
Penny Wyleskie

*These are the team's current members. Adviser Mitchell Fay said a group of about the same size will be joining the team after "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is finished.

River Falls Forensics Tournament results

Justin Hancock - 4th place, After Dinner Speaking
6th place, Communication Analysis
8th place, Persuasive Speaking

Amy Sue Gaede - 8th place, After Dinner Speaking

Penny Wyleskie - 8th place, Communication Analysis

BRIEFS

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE Is now taking place at textbook services. The sale will continue until finals week. Textbooks in all subject areas are available at prices ranging from \$0.25 to several dollars per copy.

FALL CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE If you want to purchase any of the textbooks that you have checked out, bring them to Textbook Services during the fall textbook sale. This will take place Oct. 10 - Nov. 15, a 20-40 percent discount will be given.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES Influenza vaccines are available at the River Falls Medical Clinic beginning Oct. 2 for \$8 per dose. Payment is required at the time of service unless covered by health insurance. Please call ahead for an appointment at 425-6701. Influenza vaccines are also available beginning mid-October through Pierce County (273-6755, \$6 per dose) and St. Croix County (246-8263, \$8 per dose) Public Health Departments. Please call for times and locations of immunization clinics. Pierce and St. Croix County Health Departments cover the Hepatitis B vaccine series for persons who start the series before turning 19. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is also available at the River Falls Medical Clinic. Hepatitis B and influenza vaccines are not covered by Student Health Services. For more information, call Student Health Services at 425-3293/3292.

STUDENT READING SERIES Sign up now to read your essays, fiction, poetry, or even works in progress. The first reading of this continuing series will be Fri., Nov. 1 at Brandy's from 3:30-4:30. Sign up sheets will be posted by the English Department lounge, or call 273-6503 and leave your name, phone number, and genre (nonfiction, poetry, fiction).

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY Come and honor the sacrifices made by the veterans of our Armed Forces on Mon., Nov. 11 from 11:00-11:15 at the flagpole located at the west side of North Hall.

UW-RF JAZZ ENSEMBLE Directed by David Milne, will present a concert on Tues., Nov. 5 from 8-9 p.m. in Brandy's. Admission is free and open to the public. The concert will also be broadcast live on WRFW-FM.

COMMUNITY CONCERT Presented by Ezekiel Lutheran Church on Sun., Nov. 3 at 4 p.m. Featured will be soprano Linda Zelig; pianist Herbert Johnson; trumpeter Lance Paulson; harpist Min Kim; and baritone James Bohn. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CLAY INVITATIONAL The works of Martye Allen, Maren Kloppmann, Jan McKeachie-Johnston, Suzy Lindsay and Jane Shellenbarger will be on display in Gallery 101 located in KFA from Nov. 4 - 26.

BLOODMOBILE Will be in the Yellow Room of Rodli Commons, not the Student Center, on Nov. 4-5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC IN NATIVE CULTURE Will be presented by Georgia Weltin, Assinibione-Nakota musicologist and UW-RF alumna, in the Regents Room located in Student Center on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Linda Alvarez at 425-3842.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1997 PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward a MS or PH.D. in the biological sciences are eligible to apply. For more information contact the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington DC 20418 or phone (202) 334-2874. Applications are also available on the Internet at <http://fellowships.nas.edu>. Deadline for application is Nov. 15, 1996.

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FOREST HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP One annually, sole criteria is a paper written by the student on any aspect of forest or conservation history of WI. Manuscript should be no longer than 1,000 words. Double space on 8 1/2 x 11 white bond paper. Number all pages and use generous margins. Title page should list author's name, school, class and major. Submit papers to Mr. John Saemann H C L, Box 309, Florence, WI 54121-9723.

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JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION Candidates must be US citizens or US nationals, with a B.A. no later than Aug. 31 of the year of application, who qualify for an eligible degree at a university in the US, and agree to attend a 4-week summer institute on the Constitution in Washington D.C. For more information contact the James Madison Fellowship Program, PO Box 4030, 2201 North Dodge St., Iowa City, IA 52243-4030.

MEETINGS

Monday:
ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/FAMILY OF ORIGIN GROUP Meets Mondays from 3-4:30 p.m., Career and Counseling Services, 24 E. Hathorn, contact Gretchen Link at 425-3884 prior to attending.
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS Will meet at Lil' Booda's at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, pool and weekly meeting on Nov. 4. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday:
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION Next meeting is Nov. 5 in the President's Room at 4 p.m. Speaker is Judge Robert Rassmuson. All majors welcome! Contact Kirsten Cage at 425-4827 for more information.

Wednesday:
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Will hold meetings at 8:15 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. Everyone is welcome.
HORTICULTURE SOCIETY Will meet on Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. in 331 Ag Sci. All majors are welcome

Thursday:
ECO CLUB Meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room.
LATINO STUDENT ORGANIZATION Meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in 101 Hathorn. Everyone is welcome.

Friday:
NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL Meets Fridays at noon in 101 Hathorn. Everyone is welcome.

SARAH COLBURN
News Editor

The atmosphere of the Gray room in Rodli Commons may soon be changed. The Gray room has been remodeled

in steps over the years but it hasn't ever been completely renovated since its opening in the '60s, according to Gerda Benedict, director of Food Services.

The Joint Foods Committee looked at remodeling the room last year. At that time, they set aside \$75,000 for the plan. According to the committee, the proposed plan will allow for speedier service and a lighter atmosphere for diners.

"We as a committee have looked at all the food services on campus and decided that the Gray Room does not have the same zest as the rest of the rooms."

-Josh Kalk
Joint Food Committee Chair

If the plan is approved, renovations could take place over the four week semester break and be completed before the spring semester begins.

"We as a committee have looked at all the food services on campus and decided that the gray room does not have the same zest as the rest of the rooms," said Josh Kalk, chair of the Joint Foods Committee.

According to Kalk, the new plan will open up the service area and line. At the moment there is a partitioned wall between the serving area and the dining area.

The hope is that removing the wall will speed up the long and time-consuming lines.

The proposed plan will also move the beverage area out into the open so students will have greater accessibil-

ity to it. A seconds bar will be added so students who wish to get seconds will not slow things down by having to get back in line.

The renovation plans passed through the Facilities and Fees Committee unanimously and now must be passed through the student senate.

At the moment two plans are being looked at by the committee. They involve two different color schemes; the final proposed plan was decided on Thursday afternoon.

If the plan passes through student senate it will be given to both University Budget Officer Mary Halada and Dean of Students Roger Ballou. Together they will make a joint decision and the proposal will move on to Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance Virgil Nylander and Provost and Vice Chancellor Robert Milam. The final plan must be passed through the Chancellor.

Kalk expressed the importance of quick decisions on the plan. Renovations can't take place over the summer because the Kansas City Chiefs use the food service areas during that time. "We have to move quickly on this,"

Kalk said. "If there is a delay in the plans we will have to put this off for another year."

According to Benedict, the proposed plan will not place any additional financial burden on students. The money used to renovate the room is coming from the \$75,000 set aside out of last year's budget. The funding for the project will be increased because of the University Food Service program.

The University as a whole has 2,016 students on a meal plan. When the university exceeds 1,950 students on meal plans they receive profit from those students because the price per student decreases. The excess for the year from this is \$119,391, Benedict said.

At the moment no changes can be made to the room because the plumbing and electricity capabilities are not available. The proposed plan will increase the seating capacity by 30-40 people.

The proposal passed through the Facilities and Fees Board on Oct. 30 and it will be voted on by the full student senate at its Nov. 5 meeting.

Candidates rock-n-roll CamPane band shows candidates are people too

BRANDON EYCHESON
Staff Writer

Jay Griggs, Wisconsin state Senate hopeful, and his rock and roll band, The CamPane Band, played at Brandy's last Wednesday evening.

State Assembly candidate Sheila Harsdorf and 14th District State Senator Bob Welch also attended. The band played for a crowd of 25 people and was well received.

The UW-River Falls College Republicans sponsored and organized the concert.

Bob Burke, chair of UW-RF College Republicans and executive director of Wisconsin College Republicans, enjoyed the music and appreciated the message.

"The idea is to get people out (to political functions) and see that people in politics can be real people and to make a connection," Burke said. "This is a great way to market that connection."

The music they played was pure entertainment. The band played mostly classic rock and roll to connect with a diverse audience. "Most people can relate to classic rock," Griggs

said.

The band consists of eight members and many different instruments. They even own a big white van that Griggs bought just for touring. The band has been playing in area bars and parades since May.

The evening wasn't without its problems, though.

Griggs, Welch and Harsdorf were all held up at another function, so the band started without them. Then a couple songs into the set, the pedal for the bass drum broke and took about 15 minutes to fix.

To occupy time while fixing the drum pedal, the harmonica player serenaded the audience with sad ballads, and one of the singers joked on Griggs' whereabouts.

"Does he even know we have a gig tonight? He must be down at Mel's Tavern or dancing at Klub Kaos," the singer said.

Griggs, Harsdorf and Welch arrived shortly after the drum pedal was fixed. Griggs hopped up on stage, took off his suit coat, plugged in his guitar and went to it.

Welch, "Senator Bob," played keyboards and Harsdorf, shy and obviously embarrassed, sang backup vo-

cals for one song.

"We started the band at the beginning of the campaign," Griggs said. Most of his band members are friends he has made over the years, including his dentist. "Most of them haven't played in 15 years or so," Griggs said.

"I had played in bands throughout high school and college," Griggs said. They play under the slogan: Better A Senator Than A Singer.

"I can't sing; we didn't want anyone to take us seriously," Griggs said. "Our harmonica player even bought his own amplifier and a bullet microphone to play on stage."

During one song, Griggs carefully inserted a couple verses of "Elect Jay!" and "Elect Sheila!"

"You got to (try) and have fun. Politics is very demanding. I go all day and all night. It's nice to just kick back and play some rock and roll," Griggs

said.

"We even won two trophies for the most humorous float in parades this summer," Griggs said.

"I really wanted to be a rock star, but ended up becoming a senator."

-Bob Welch
14th District State Senator

"This shows that Jay is (trying) to get in touch, he is making an effort to get people involved around campus."

Burke was disappointed with the turnout at the event.

"We are working with the College Democrats to get people in contact with the candidates," Burke said. "People have become lazy trying to get information. They expect to get all their information from (television). Politics isn't a joke, it affects everyone."

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tergent, cleaning supplies and type 'C' vacuum bags.

The center also accepts clothing donations including both women's and children's new underwear and socks. Others interested in helping should contact the Turningpoint Domestic Abuse Center for more information.

And as for the May Hall residents who slept-out, they plan to be back in front of the Student Center in the future.

"We are happy with the turnout we got this year," Mathison said. "We are hoping that this becomes a May Hall tradition."



THIS SPACE FOR RENT



May Hall residents Nicole Peterson, Nicky Edwards and Nicole Sloan bundle up to raise donations for Turningpoint.

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Drugs, paraphenilia focus of police academy

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STAFF WRITER



The latest session of the Citizen's Police focused our attention on two areas of police work that often overlap: drug use and abuse and techniques used to gather evi-

dence.

Sgt. Jeffrey Linehan and Investigator Dennis Kreuziger paired off in an almost tag-team presentation, both of them vigorously demonstrating techniques when the class ended.

Sgt. Linehan set the stage by announcing that we were going to learn about what kinds of crimes require evidence gathering (nearly all of them) and how the River Falls Police Department gathers evidence for specific crimes. Burglaries, he told us, rarely go unsolved in River Falls, since most burglars tend to be "not exactly the brightest people."

Drugs, however, are a concern for the department. According to police information gathering, the most popular drug in River Falls (besides alcohol) is marijuana, with methamphetamine (speed) ranking second, and LSD coming up third.

The officers brought vials of the drugs that they have confiscated in River Falls. Marijuana, which grows wild in Wisconsin, looked like bright green tea leaves or clumps of them. The active ingredient, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol), has an alcohol-like effect on people, impairing judgement and altering perceptions. According to police, marijuana is usually smoked in pipes or joints, and one eighth of an ounce costs between \$20 and \$35.

Sgt. Linehan noted drily, "Dealers (from the Twin Cities) that we catch say that they love coming out here to sell marijuana because the kids are gullible. They can get higher prices for less out here and increase their profits."

The officers also passed around three vials that contained three different types of acid. Two of them, called blotter acid, were on paper; the third was encased in clear, green, soluble plastic. Acid, or LSD, is a hallucinogen whose effect varies from person to person. Most often, users describe it as a 'trip' of sorts; the LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) acts directly upon the user's brain, stimulating different areas. Users sometimes have panic attacks when they use it.

Methamphetamines, or speed, are a problem in River Falls, but the police did not have any that they had confiscated as evidence. They did, however, have samples of cocaine and crack they had seized, and they passed these around the room.

Both crack and cocaine are made from coca leaves (generally in South America), and crack is made from cocaine. Cocaine looks like a white powdery substance similar to flour, and crack looks a little like a dirty whitish-yellow rock. The officers said that these drugs are not as common in River Falls, but do surface occasionally.

It is also a crime to possess drug paraphenilia. Paraphenilia consists of the items that are utilized by drug abusers to smoke or snort their drugs. The definition of paraphenilia varies depending on what sort of drug is being used.

Marijuana is usually smoked in pipes, joints or bongs (a device used to filter the smoke through water). These de-

vices are not qualified as paraphenilia unless marijuana is also found close at hand.

If there is no marijuana at hand, it can still be classified and confiscated if a test of the resin in an apparatus shows the presence of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol).

For crack and cocaine, paraphenilia can include snorting tubes, razor blades (to break up chunks of the drug), mirrors and even pipes or needles.

After Sgt. Linehan wrapped up his presentation, Inspector Dennis Kreuziger took the stage, explaining what kinds of tools he used for gathering evidence and some of the finer points of fingerprinting.

It was interesting to note that most police departments today have separate evidence-gathering kits for specific crimes, from sexual assault kits to kits that gather evidence from handgun usage.

Most of the evidence that requires more sophisticated methods of testing is sent to a crime lab in Wausau, although full-scale crime labs also exist in Madison and Milwaukee. Kreuziger told us that up until about six or seven years ago, police officers didn't use plastic gloves when gathering evidence and rarely used masks in administering CPR.

"Nowadays," he said, "we can't touch anything unless we have them. Most of the material we take from sites ends up in 'Biohazard' containers."

Kreuziger also gave the class a crash course in fingerprinting, allowing us to try out several of the chemicals and powders that they use. Most of the powder is ordinary dust with different colors (black, white and gray) to en-

sure that fingerprints will be visible no matter what the background color.

The officers also have a dust that is hot pink, which they use in conditions where ordinary dust wouldn't be easily visible. A flashlight they fondly dubbed 'the blue light special' is then shown on the area where dust was spread, and the almost-neon dust glows like a mosquito zapper.

A pair of sunglasses with a special filter is also available to make the dust even easier to see.

Finally, the officers demonstrated the proper methods for lifting fingerprints from surfaces without disturbing them. Surprisingly, the police make use of ordinary tape for lifting many fingerprints; they also have pre-made laminated cards called hinge lifters which use the same principle.

A device called an electrostatic lifter is also used; this gadget is basically a piece of tin foil stretched over the fingerprints. An electric current is then sent through the foil, which makes the dust stick to the foil.

The officers admitted that they have no reservations about taking pieces of large objects that have fingerprints on them. Sections of mattresses, walls, dressers, even an entire doorframe has been taken to the lab to undergo analysis.

With the advent of "COPS," we have seen a lot of how police use their bodies to enforce the law physically. With this session of the Citizen's Police Academy, we were offered a glimpse into how police use their minds to enforce the law. It is hard to tell which method is more demanding - or more rewarding.

Use of University-owned equipment for campaign activities violates policy

JIM LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

As Election Day draws near, some faculty and students who have been actively campaigning for a candidate might see technologies such as e-mail as a quick and efficient way to reach voters.

However, in an e-mail message that all faculty and staff received, News Bureau Director Mark Kinders reminded University employees that this type of campaigning using University equipment is prohibited by state statute and Regent policy.

Kinders was quick to point out that these regulations apply only to University equipment and that faculty campaigning on their own time is completely within the rules.

"There is every right for people to communicate politically," Kinders said. "What we are talking about here is campaigning on taxpayer time, on taxpayer equipment and on taxpayer property. What's prohibited is campaigning, not the free exchange of information."

Examples of activities that would violate the regulations include composing political communication on a University computer, printing campaign-related information on University stationery or using a University-owned fax machine to distribute po-

litical information.

Likewise, fundraisers for a candidate cannot be sponsored by a University or be held at a University facility.

The same restrictions and guidelines apply to organizations such as the College Democrats and College Republicans.

"College Democrats and College Republicans can invite candidates on campus to address the issues as long as they cover any cost for a campaign activity," said Kinders.

College Republican President Bob Burke agrees with the rules but does admit they sometimes are limiting.

"It makes it difficult to get out candidates' names and issues when we can't freely post literature on campus," he said.

In terms of not being able to use University equipment, Burke does not see any major setbacks.

"We don't use the computers to design candidate literature," he said. "We only use the computers to create literature to promote our organization."

The State Elections Board has ruled that student residences, dormitories and dining halls or lounges are the residence of a student and are not subject to the same regulations. College Democrat Carrie Ratts says she only uses her residence hall phone for campaigning purposes, which is allowable.

Here comes old man winter! Weather no surprise; grounds crews in gear

PENNY HUNTINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Hibernation! With the arrival of cold Arctic air, it is the attitude of almost everyone on campus.

The weather we have been experiencing in that last few days is nothing but typical for this time of year, explains Don Petzold, professor of geography at UW-River Falls.

According to Petzold, the changes stem from the battle between warm air masses and cold air masses, and we can look forward to at least a couple more really cold days before it warms up slightly.

Extremely low pressure can be given credit for the extreme weather conditions that were experienced over last weekend, which saw at least six tornadoes in central Minnesota.

The tornadoes were somewhat of a rarity. According to history, the average for tornadoes in the month of October is 0.01.

A survey done by the Wisconsin Office of Climatology reports that tornadoes are seen all year long, they just seem unusual during this time of the year.

"Of course with the right air masses, and the right amount of moisture, we can find a tornado anywhere," says Lyle Anderson, Wisconsin Office of Climatology.

Waking up to almost record breaking cold is enough to make anyone crawl back under the electric blanket. Although this week we've seen some extremely cold weather, we haven't broken any of the records set by previous years.

According to River Falls weather history, October saw temperatures as low as nine degrees in 1952. In that same year, temperatures dropped to minus 19 degrees in November.

The cold weather could put a damper

on Halloween festivities and other outdoor events.

Be sure to dress yourself and children for the cold night of haunting activities. Temperatures are expected to remain cold and exposed skin can be at risk. Also, be sure to attend sporting events or other outdoor events dressed appropriately.

The UW-River Falls Facilities Management team knows how winter can sneak up on us, and therefore begins its preparation for winter earlier than most.

"We try to set Halloween as our goal for being ready for the winter," says

of us are even awake, in order to have them ready before classes start. When needed, they also receive additional help from city street maintenance in the removal of snow.

Over 100-180 tons of salt and sand are used each year to keep the sidewalks safe for students and staff.

"The biggest thing that we ask is that students and staff follow parking regulations," says Kenney.

With winter upon us, the department would like everyone to know of their snow/ice removal and sanding priorities. Their priorities include:

- Emergency vehicle access (roads).
- Main east/west walks for the Residence Halls to Rodli Commons and the Student Center.
- Main entries of academic buildings to main walks.
- Secondary walks.
- University farms.

Special efforts will be made to accommodate those persons with special needs.

Students and staff must also be aware that all bicycles must be removed from bicycle racks over Thanksgiving recess. The racks will be moved to accommodate snow removal, and will not be available for use during the winter.

It is important that students and staff report any particular problem area to Facilities Management at ext. 3827. If a person becomes aware of a problem after hours (after 3:30 p.m.), contact Campus Security at ext. 3133.

Preparing the campus for the cold months ahead is a tough job, and Facilities Management is on top of the game.

"Right now we are working hard to put the campus to bed before winter sets in," says Kenney.

As for everyone else, this is only the beginning. Old man winter is on his way and with him are harsher conditions.

"Right now we are working hard to put the campus to bed before winter sets in."

-Manny Kenney
Grounds supervisor,
Facilities Management

Manny Kenney, grounds supervisor of Facilities Management.

Conversions of sweepers and checking snow plows and trucks has already taken place.

"It is important that we are ready for anything, anything can happen," says Kenney in reference to the Halloween snowstorm of 1991.

With only four full-time grounds keepers working 12 hour shifts and weekends in the winter, Kenney asks students and staff for their cooperation.

"Safety is our number one interest," Kenney says.

The four grounds keepers work grueling hours to make sure the campus is safe. They plow paths and add salt and sand to the sidewalks, before most

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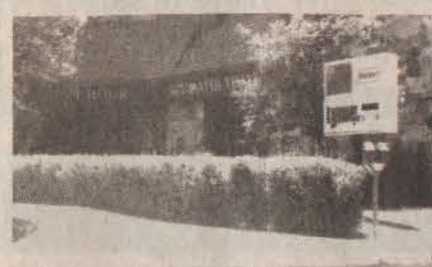
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Madonna and child



"I would imagine that Lourdes will go to school and hang out with other celebrity children."

Ever since pop-star Madonna gave birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon on October 14, many friends of the obviously not-so-like-a-virgin gal have gone on record as saying she will make a wonderful mother. Well, they may be right, but I guarantee there will be several significant differences between Lourdes' childhood and, say, mine. For instance: there are certain obvious differences, like little Lourdes will grow up in a mansion. I did not. I did however grow up in a nice house that didn't have security guards posted at all entries. Good luck sneaking out your bedroom window, Lourdes.

Of course, one real interesting thing about Madonna's baby daughter that can be observed already is her unique name. Where did Madonna come up with Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon? Lourdes is a French town where a Virgin Mary once appeared in a grotto; Maria is the father's mother's name; Ciccone is Madonna's elusive last name and Leon is the father's last name. Then there is me, Christy Renee Nelson, which my mom got from a famous porn star of the seventies. Not really. My parents just liked Christy and Renee, and Nelson is my father's last name. Kind of lack luster in comparison, isn't it?

Another obvious difference between my childhood and that of Madonna's baby is that I had to fend off very few rumors about mom and Warren Beatty; mom and Dennis Rodman or mom and her several lesbian encounters. There was a rumor circulating about my mom and the mailman once—until everyone found out that my dad was the mailman. I'm happy to say the local paper was very prompt with its retraction.

I would imagine that Lourdes will go to school and hang out with other celebrity children. Well, I once had sixth grade Civics with a girl who said that her sister's boyfriend's brother once bought a beer from "Wally the Beerman." And I sat right next to her, can you believe it? There is one aspect of baby Lourdes' childhood that will differ tremendously from mine I'm sure. When it comes time for Lourdes to start asking Mommy the difficult facts of life questions, I bet she won't get the beat-around-the-bush response of "honey, when a man and a woman really love one another, they get married and..." No, Lourdes will be provided with ample books and video, starring Mommy herself, that will more than explain the birds, bees and probably several other species. Lucky girl.

Speech

From 1A
with opportunities to improve their communication skills."
UW-RF speech professor James Pratt said he agrees, crediting the Shared Governance 2000 budget plan with creating "a huge, expensive and, as yet, unmanageable bureaucracy."
"Forensics is the only competitive intellectual activity on campus, and the Student Senate ignores it," Pratt said. "For the last two decades, I've invited every member of the Senate to participate in forensics. I've yet to see any member of the Senate accept that invitation. They don't know what they're missing."

Do-Re-Mi!



The Jitro Czech Girls' Choir performed in Abbott Concert Hall on Wednesday evening for the River Falls community. The choir was brought to campus by the Wyman Series

Niaomi Runge photo

Student shares misperceptions of Midwest

JESSICA ROJAS
RHODE ISLAND CORRESPONDENT

Ever since I moved out to Rhode Island I have been sticking up for Minnesotans; that is something I never thought I'd do. I am not ashamed of where I grew up. According to most statistics, Minnesota is one of the best places to raise children. But after leaving, I never thought I'd be defending Minnesota.

People out here have a very weird sense about what is a Wisconsinite and what is a Minnesotan. My favorite is upon finding I am from Minnesota, a person will ask if I knew Brandon and Brenda from Beverly Hills 90210. Sure, I say, I went to grade school with them.

A few days ago, a lady found out I went to school in Wisconsin and asked me to compare the cheeses. I really didn't know what to say, so I told the story about the man that was saved in a plane crash because of the cheesehead hat he was wearing—only in Wisconsin!

Stories about how cold it gets in the winter, how much snow we get and

how much time we get off of school always amazes and intrigues them. Just today I was talking with another reporter, and he said he loved winter but couldn't imagine feeling 30-below-zero-weather. And he never wanted to.

Two winters ago it didn't snow in Rhode Island at all, just lots of rain. After spending my whole life with blizzards and below zero wind chill factors, I think I can handle a year out here.

Not to say that everything about this state is so great; my friend was very right about the mob being here. My partner in sailing class always points at the huge yachts parked on docks and proclaims them the mob's boats.

"Who else would have that much money just to throw around?" she reasons. The most conclusive evidence is when my media law professor tells us about cases concerning the mob. Then you know they are around. I shouldn't talk about this anymore; I don't want to be fitted with a pair of cement galoshes (know what I mean?).

Sailing class will come to an end this Thursday. On Tuesday the class is celebrating the end by going out on a

huge boat the instructor takes care of and touring Newport. I have to admit that half of me is relieved to end class (it was a huge time commitment, and then there was that flip), but the other hand will miss taking a break from life to sail for a few hours.

This past week was a prime example of what a crazed lunatic I am. I admit it, I am the type of person who loves running around campus with its head cut off. (I've actually seen a chicken run around with its head cut off, and its very gross. I have a little more dignity when I do it.)

I love journalism, and this past week I helped break a huge story at the paper here. I was assigned at the last minute to cover a student senate meeting, and without getting into specifics, I was at the newspaper office until 4 a.m. writing the story. It was also my night to work, and the paper was very late getting out. (The *Student Voice* staff's worst nightmare). All week I had other articles to write, classes, homework, registration for next semester—I hardly had time to eat. Everything I did had to be done right away. I thrive off of weeks like

New dance club changes night life

TODD SCHIERENBECK
STAFF WRITER

Somerset may be known for its tubing and its outdoor concerts, but it isn't exactly known as a haven for live music venues. Until recently, only one bar in the town offered live bands, and half of the nights were devoted to karaoke.

Bruce Zimmerman, the owner/manager of the Spartan Dance Club, hopes to change all that. The Spartan, which boasted an indoor sand volleyball court four months ago, has revamped the back of the bar to install a professional-quality live music stage, laser light show and sound system. Zimmerman, who contracted the room himself, says he has wanted to add a stage for awhile.

"The room was perfect for it," he said, gesturing at the 27-foot ceiling. "I had to wait for the bar to pay for the expansion. I didn't extend myself one iota."

The Spartan is not much to look at from the outside; it looks like any number of roadhouse joints on Wisconsin highways. Once inside, however, the rustic, down-home decor of the front bar gradually gives way as you move to the back. The style shift culminates at the music stage and its surrounding area, which has a tasteful atmosphere.

"I like everybody to come in and enjoy themselves," Zimmerman said. "I try to provide a good atmosphere for everyone. I don't like it when a place is too stodgy or antiseptic."

Right now, Zimmerman is experi-

menting to see what kind of music his customers most prefer. He has organized a diverse line-up of bands that will be playing in the next two months, offering everything from funk to country, folk to rock 'n' roll and blues to heavy metal. Some of the bands that will be playing in upcoming weeks include the Killer Hayseeds, the Sliders, Pork Chop, Mary Sue Englund, Third Degree, the Kindred, the Blues Dogs and Strawberry Jam. Zimmerman would also like to schedule some national acts and popular local acts, such as Foghat, Molly Hatchet and Lamont Cranston.

Even though he just finished adding the laser lights, sound system and music stage, Zimmerman isn't resting just yet. He plans to renovate the restrooms, re-open the kitchen with a basic short-order menu and his own homemade pizza and add a game room. As if that wasn't enough, he would also like to put on a weekend blues festival and find some decent help.

"This is the land that time forgot as far as employees go," he said. "No one has any motivation around here."

Despite working long shifts that would exhaust most people, Zimmerman enjoys seeing his dreams for his bar slowly become reality.

"I love it," he said. "It's like going to the casino everyday; it's a gamble. You just don't know what the day's going to bring."

For more information or directions to The Spartan, or for details regarding upcoming concerts, call (715) 247-3149.

last week; I love stress to keep me going. Call me crazy.

Rhode Islandism of the Week: Today I have to tell you about driving in Rhode Island. Yes, everyone is a bit of a crazy driver here. The speed limit says 25 on most residential roads, but most drivers go about 40, including the police cars. But more important is the fact that nobody likes to drive very far, especially if they're a native Rhode Islander. Let me give you an example, I am from Minneapolis, and I would drive up to Duluth on a moment's notice. Even though it's three hours, if I had the weekend to spare I'd go up and visit my sister who just graduated from UMD.

Now my roommate, Missy, lives about 4 hours out of New York City. She's been there a total of zero times. URI is an hour away from her parent's home. Her friends from high school always say they are coming to visit but complain the drive is too far. Her boyfriend lives in Providence but has only been down once, the 30 minutes is too far for him to drive.

There is a running joke in Rhode Island that if a family were to travel from Providence, the capital city in the northern part of the state, to the southern part of the state they would pack a lot of extra food "just in case something were to happen." The drive is about an hour long!

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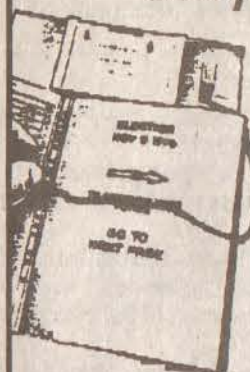
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“Young and the Restless” writer still strong after 40 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In the world of daytime soap operas, “The Young and the Restless” has the competition conquered, hands down.

The Emmy-winning CBS show has been the No. 1 ranked soap for eight straight years, quite a feat in television, daytime or otherwise.

For those of you who are soap-challenged “Y&R,” as it’s called, is the one that begins each hour-long episode with the sweeping “Nadia’s Theme” and once featured David Hasselhoff and Tom Selleck, before their big breaks in nighttime TV.

And while “Y&R” sports the usual cast of cheating, conniving titans, beefcake and vixens who live in Genoa City, there is a real-life dynasty behind the scenes: the Bell family.

At the throne is William J. Bell, a charming, soft-spoken 69-year-old who created “Y&R” back in 1973 and remains its head writer; his wife, Lee Phillip Bell, helped create the soap and is a story consultant.

For more than a dozen years, their daughter, Lauralee Bell, has played Christine Williams, a model-turned-lawyer. Their son, Bradley Bell, is the

executive producer of “Y&R’s” sister soap, “The Bold and the Beautiful.”

And finally there’s Bill Bell Jr., the financial whiz behind Bell-Phillip Productions, Inc. Anyone sensing a touch of nepotism here?

“They all started at the bottom,” Bell insists.

It blossomed into a family affair, Bell says, because “it’s an exciting field to be in. It’s challenging. It’s an experience that’s difficult to describe.”

At a celebration to mark the taping of “Y&R’s” 6,000th episode last week at CBS Television City, many of the actors credited Bell’s longevity for the show’s success.

“In other soaps you see new producers and writers every four years. Not with this one,” says Peter Bergman, who plays Jack Abbott.

“We have one decisive voice,” chimes in Jeanne Cooper, who has played the wealthy Katherine Chancellor since 1974.

Bell began writing daytime in 1956 when he began working with soap opera legend Irma Phillips, the aunt of Bell’s wife, on “Guiding Light,” then a 15-minute live production.

In 1964, Bell and Phillips created “Another World,” and the following year the pair created “A Private World,” prime-time television’s first continuing serial drama. In 1966, Bell became head writer for “Days of Our Lives,” remaining there until 1977. In the meantime, he and his wife created “The Young and the Restless” in 1973, and another soap, “The Bold and the Beautiful,” focusing on the fashion world, in 1987.

“It’s exciting to create something from nothing,” Bell says, “and then creating the characters and the relationships and casting it and seeing all these pieces come to life.”

When writing sudsy lines for his characters, Bell, who still uses an electric typewriter, says: “You have to get

inside the moment.

“I tell you, it’s fascinating. When you’re doing something long enough, strange things happen. I was in a crunch and had decided to have this new character Kurt (recently cast with Leigh McCloskey), but didn’t know what I wanted to do with him.

“I just sat down and I start writing and got deep inside. In 20 minutes, I had the whole thing worked out. When you’ve been doing it for 40 years you have a little head start.”

Bell often gives his characters contemporary, social story lines. His daughter’s character, for instance, has been date-raped, sexually harassed and married to a rock star. She also saw her mother die of AIDS.

“We have a duty to deal with social issues because it makes us part of the real world,” Bell says. “Our viewers can learn from them and benefit from them.”

The soap recently featured an incendiary tale about a married couple, in which the adulterous husband slept with an HIV-infected woman. The question remains whether the wife and child have been infected.

“AIDS had been portrayed as a gay and promiscuous disease and this took it to a different level,” says actress Tonya Lee Williams, who plays the wife, Olivia. “It opened eyes about what this disease is about. This let people know this could be them.”

Bell is so committed to reflecting as much of real life as possible that he has a psychiatrist read every script to make suggestions “in terms of accuracy or depth or something that we may have omitted.” And an attorney looks over any legal story lines.

While his shows may go on indefinitely, so may Bell, who is showing no signs of slowing down.

“I have another soap opera in the works,” he says slyly. As expected, he refuses to say more.

An Extragalactic Look

By: Celestial Sights

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Dress warm, it seems that you’re under the weather. Feel good about yourself for a good deed you did. Clean up a mess in a relationship you’ve left. Something new might surface. This Weekend: No gossamer parties for you—a friend won’t permit it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Keep your cool at work, blowing up would be to your disadvantage. Although your emotions are at an all time low have no fear, someone close will cheer you up. This Weekend: Take a break and relax with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Although forecasts predict a chilly week you are going to warm everyone up! A happy letter is coming your way with long-awaited news. This week will fly—you’re having so much fun! This Weekend: Start believing in something you’ve lost faith in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You’re swamped with stuff to do! Try to keep focused so you can stay on task. Something is going to erupt very soon—be watching. You have powers this week you never knew you had. Use them to your advantage. This Weekend: Love is blooming right under your nose.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Studying will suddenly become natural to you—so hit the books. You have an admirer but it’s annoying—let them down nicely. Old wounds may reopen; keep away from salt. This Weekend: Dreams become reality.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Expectations you have in others will only lead to disappointment. You seem to be vulnerable—take some personal time. People will try to

persuade you to do things you don’t want to—stand your ground. This Weekend: Fix what is broken.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Don’t let your “To Do List” drive you crazy. Stay organized. You will shine in something that has been difficult for you. Let someone in who has been persistent. This Weekend: Eat candy!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Things that haven’t been making sense suddenly fall into place. People’s true identities surface during hard times—decide if they are worth it. This Weekend: Drag out your costume and hit the party scene!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Lady Luck is headed your way. Walls of confinement are falling. Find a role model now—it will help you set your sights. Don’t run out of a situation just yet; you may want to stick around a little longer. This Weekend: You can find good in evil.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Something has shaken you. Step back and evaluate it—then confront it or run! Higher ups are starting to annoy you. Calm down and swallow your complaints. This Weekend: Stay away from those who drag you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Don’t hide behind your costume this week. The truth will come out—ready or not. Life is getting dull; get involved. This Weekend: Celebrate something you’re proud of.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

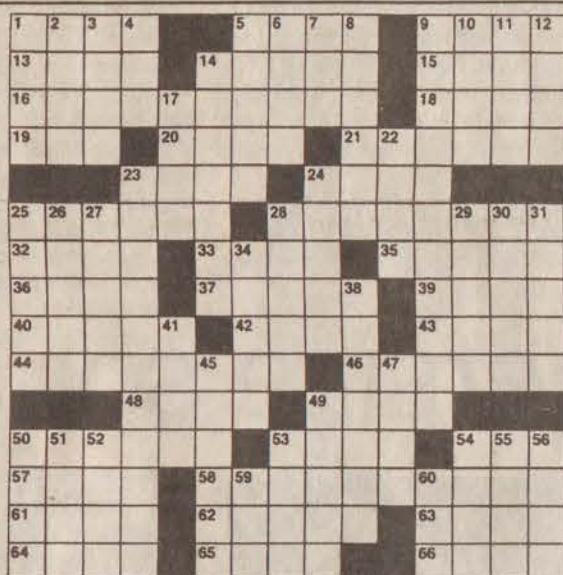
Feelings of doubt creep in. Deal with them fast! Although that special someone is miles away, they seem closer than ever. Listen to someone wiser than you—you might learn something. This Weekend: Grab your partner and dance!

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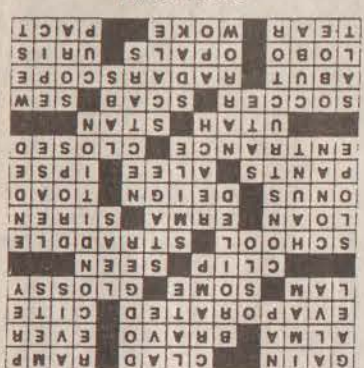
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Semester of fright

Viewpoints editor shares hauntingly true haunted house tale

TERRY ZWAHLIN
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR



It's Halloween time again. Kids will dress up in Casper costumes resembling spooks and spirits. For them, it is all merely fun and games (a boatload of candy too, if you are lucky).

I used to have fun with ghosts and goblins. It was fun to spook people by explaining every creak and strange noise was a ghost.

Until last spring.

I moved into a house with a bunch of friends last January. The house was fine. Its location behind North Hall made it a quick hike to both classes and the downtown area (particularly the bars).

I enjoyed the house until strange events started occurring.

One evening my friends and I were immersed in deep conversation about typical guy subjects when we stumbled onto the topic of ghosts. We commented how the house, being more than 100 years old, might have some spirits lingering inside. The topic changed after a few minutes. Suddenly, I noticed a piece of paper levitating about a foot off the floor. It was suspended in midair with no force or object holding it in place.

The paper stayed in mid-air for a

minute or so. My friend tipped over a couch backing away from it. We had no explanation for the occurrence. Hindsight told us that it was a spirit trying to make his presence known to the living occupants of the house.

The spirit laid low for a month or so after the paper incident. However, one Sunday night in May changed my perception of the supernatural forever.

It was about 10 p.m., and we were sitting in the same third-floor room. I started to smell a perfume scent of an unknown origin. I joked to my friend Bob that someone was getting ready to go downtown and hunt for a woman. But no one admitted to wearing the cologne.

My friend Bob then went downstairs, and I followed him. He looked into my room and became very startled. I peered into the room and a green glow was emanating from my closet.

Honestly, I thought it was a roommate playing a practical joke because we did kid around quite frequently. But all of my roommates were either present or had left the house.

All of the sudden something from the room started saying my name: "Terry, Terry, Terry." This, to say the least, scared the crap out of me. Whoever, or whatever, was in the room knew my name.

Then the door to the room slammed shut right in front of us. This completely rattled my nerves. I began to shake with convulsions like I was in the beginning stages of hypothermia. I could not communicate in any form.

My friends amassed the courage to open the door and turn on the light,

The room was filled with a smoky haze lingering near the ceiling. It did not smell like smoke, but almost like an ozone substance. The room otherwise looked untouched.

The green light appeared in another room several minutes later. It circled the room and then climbed up the stairs to the top floor. We started to hear some sort of moaning sound. The sound was as if someone was very ill and in terrible pain. It was a low-pitched moan that sent chills down my spine.

"All of a sudden something from the room started saying my name: 'Terry, Terry, Terry' Whoever, or whatever, was in the room knew my name."

The next night we gathered together in my friend's room. We made the mistake of using a Ouija board. The piece on the board began moving, and we made contact with the spirit. The board said that a spirit was living in the house. We then asked if the spirit meant any harm to us. A piece of paper floated like before above the floor. Then the lights shut off, leaving us in a candle-lit room. I will never use a Ouija board again. Never.

The last two weeks in the house passed without any other incidents until we started moving out. I was the first to move out; not because I am a big coward (which I am), but because

I needed to begin my summer job the following day.

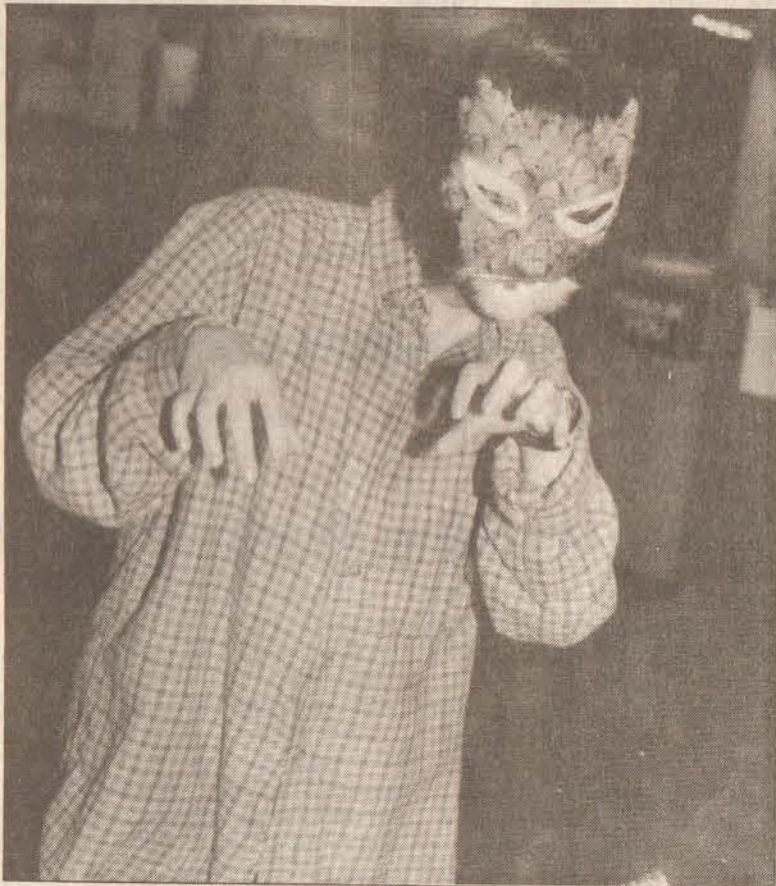
I had moved all my belongings out of the notorious room. I was outside on the curb putting my belongings in my car when I looked up at the window in my room. I saw a male figure staring out the window. I stood motionless looking up at the figure. He had blond hair and looked like a younger person. Then the window I was looking at slammed shut. That was the last time I was in the house.

Shortly before the semester ended, I talked to my academic adviser Michael Norman. Norman has published several compilations of ghost stories, and I thought he could have some insight into the situation at the house. I showed him the house, and he said that a theater professor had lived on the third floor while he was dying of cancer.

I then went down to the Archives in Davee Library and researched the professor. He had died of cancer on Nov. 28, 1973. The weird part, or maybe this is merely a coincidence, is that Nov. 28, 1973, is the day I was born. My roommates had mentioned that most of the activity in the house happened after I moved in. Perhaps the spirit had some connection to me.

The incidents at the house very much impacted my perceptions of afterlife and the supernatural. Let me assure you that a force does exist that cannot be explained by science or a math equation. I am very hesitant now about living in an older home; you never know how many unexpected roommates will be living with you. And the sons of bitches don't even chip in for rent.

Monster attack



Niaomi Runge photo
Freshman Amy Dillion tries on a mask Tuesday in the Student Center.

Pumpkins

From 1A
feel for what country living is all about. "Our children had a great time growing up on the farm and we wanted to show others what farm life was like," Emery said. "Children just cannot get a feel of country life living on Fourth Street."

The Kids 'N Company day care, located in Hathorn Hall, decided to plan a field trip to the Happ-e-Hill Pumpkin Farm.

"After reading the flyer we thought it sounded like fun," said Rachel Evju, an employee of Kids 'N Company. It is the reason they continue to grow their pumpkins.

"I love to watch the children come to pick out their pumpkins," Joski said. Emery agreed.

"I like to see all the smiles on those little faces."

Horticulture professor grows supersize squash

ERIC WIDHOLM
EDITOR

When Halloween comes each year, passers-by won't see just your average-sized jack-o'-lanterns outside Brian Smith's River Falls home.

The orange giants just keep getting larger each year.

In fact, this year his family will display a 485-pound monster standing nearly three feet tall, plus a few other of his/her immense buddies.

The near 500-pound giant is the largest Smith, an associate professor of horticulture at UW-River Falls, has ever grown in his 20-plus year fetish with giant squash growing.

Although his larger creations may look like pumpkins and are usually perceived that way, they are actually hybrid forms of squash, Smith said.

Pumpkins have a hard, spined stem and have a deep orange color whereas squash have a soft, smooth stem and are more yellowish.

"Most of the jack-o'-lanterns you see (on doorsteps) are true pumpkins," he said. "These are a whole new beast here."

Pumpkins are also fruit, he added, rather than the well-accepted view that they are vegetables.

"They are used as vegetables and grown as vegetables, but botanically, they're fruit," he said.

Smith has been practicing his growing strategies since he was in high school, more than 22 years ago. In his early days, the horticulture expert grew the towering giants for display and contests at the Minnesota State Fair.

Throughout graduate school, he also sold the large squash for various amounts of money to fellow students to pay the bills. People paid anywhere from \$50-70 for the large gourds, he said.

Unfortunately Smith isn't selling these hogs to the public anymore. He said he hasn't entered a squash in contests for years.

Today his time is spent doing continuing research on genetic connections between different forms of squash



Eric Widholm photo
Horticulture professor Steve Smith perches between two giant hybrid squashes at his River Falls home. His largest squash is 485 pounds.

and pumpkins, and his research helps others learn, he said.

The trick to a large squash is apparently just great squash genes, Smith said. You pick a compatible male and female seed to fertilize and voila, there you have it.

"There's no real tricks involved like growth hormones or anything like that," he said. "Squashes are generally quite vigorous (in growth), but these are ultra-vigorous."

Actually, the task is not that easy, Smith said.

It takes months of research and dedi-

cation to grow one of these large and healthy yellowish-orange fruit. Growers use thousands of gallons of water, plenty of sun, fertilizer and personal strategies as the only tools to complete these masterpieces, Smith said.

"It's an art," he said. "My goal is to get the biggest squash I can and do it under average growing conditions."

Those average conditions he speaks of are the typical short growing season and temperature changes in the Midwest states. Competitive growers from other states and even globally grow these large squash year-round,

Smith said. These growers spend anywhere from three to five hours a day caring for one squash.

"I haven't put nearly the energy and time into (growing) that they have," he said, adding that he usually spends around 30 minutes each day tending to the six to 10 squash he grows each year.

And those who have taken a supreme interest towards the art of squash-growing can join the World Pumpkin Federation. The organization links large squash growers from the far depths of Australia to the back-

yards of American homes, Smith said, adding that he joined the club just a few years ago.

Some competitive squash growers even do this as a full-time job, Smith said. Each state holds several annual squash-growing festivals.

In New York, for example, a \$50,000 prize waits for the first grower to weigh in a chubby squash more than 1,000 pounds. The current world record for the largest squash sits at 1,067 pounds, Smith said. For comparison, he said the world's record in 1983 was 350 pounds.

Squash in Minnesota apparently have weighed in at more than 880 pounds, he added.

Smith begins growing the hybrid squash in early May in the UW-RF greenhouse. He plants the seeds in a four inch pot and within three weeks the maturing squash must be transplanted to a 10 gallon drum, he said.

"(The squash) put on most of their weight in five to six weeks," Smith said.

The fruit grow at such a fast rate the caretakers sometimes must replant them daily. During the peak growth months in late summer and early fall, a maturing squash can grow 35 pounds per day, Smith said.

"Everybody always asks me 'Are those real?'" he said.

After the pumpkins reach maturity and the temperatures are ripe, Smith transplants the squash to his garden. Once they're in his garden, he leaves one squash per vine and gives each squash a 900-square-foot area to grow.

While harvesting, Smith needs to lift the squash with a front-end loader tractor, set them on a flatbed trailer and lug them to his garage.

After Halloween, Smith cuts the squash into pieces and gives them to friends who feed the chunks to deer and other wild animals. He also extracts between 150 and 200 seeds to either barter with fellow growers or replant the next spring.

"It would be stupid just to throw them away in a dump somewhere," he said.

Years ago his grandmother, who has since died, made 15-20 pies from just a quarter section of a large squash, he said.

"You could probably make 300-400 pies out of each (whole squash)," he said.

He added that most of the canned pumpkin pie mix people find in stores today is actually crushed squash. In reality, the large squash taste no different than their tiny cousins, he said.

"Actually it's not too bad of quality," Smith said. "They taste pretty good."



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Preachers with trophies cause concern



"The entire Yankee organization spoke as if Jesus had hit them fungoes in spring training."

I'd just like to start by thanking the Lord for giving me the opportunity to write this column.

It just seems like the thing to do. All you have to do is watch just about any post-game show to see that an awful lot of people are using their moment in the sports limelight to share their views on subjects ranging from religion to politics.

Usually this isn't too much of a problem, but the New York Yankees took the art of preaching to new levels.

Following their dramatic World Series clinching Game 6 victory, we were taken into the victors' locker room for the traditional post-game interviews and awards presentations.

The ceremony began with acting-commissioner Bud Selig presenting the World Series trophy to the Yankees "on behalf of the commissioner's office." (I wasn't aware that Major League Baseball had a commissioner!)

The trophy was then handed over to Yankee general manager Bob Watson. Watson, who is black, turned to the camera and declared that the most amazing part of the entire evening was that there was a minority standing there holding that trophy. Is that a fact?

Pardon my apparent ignorance, but I kind of thought that the night was about a pretty good baseball team, run by a manager who had overcome amazing obstacles, who rallied from a seemingly insurmountable two-game deficit to the defending world champions.

The fact that a minority had been hired in a front office position, while it is a step forward, was probably well down the list of things relevant to that particular night. It wasn't as if it was decided on Saturday night that the league would allow a black man to hold the trophy.

The story of the lack of minorities in management positions would make a good sidebar story the Yankees' title, but it shouldn't be the first comment after the clinching game.

I have nothing against Watson, his accomplishments or his feelings about the racial problems in baseball's front offices. I just don't think he chose a really good time to share his beliefs with the rest of the world. And he wasn't alone.

The entire Yankee organization spoke as if Jesus had hit them fungoes in spring training.

Following Watson's short speech, the cameras panned to show us the man who received the World Series MVP award. Yankee closer John Wetteland saved all four New York victories and had an incredible series. He was deserving of the award, and took this opportunity to give out a few thanks. Guess who his first thanks went to?

"First off, I'd like to thank my point man Jesus Christ."

He went on to thank his wife and kids and the rest of the free world, as most athletes basking in their own glory tend to do. This type of gushing is expected and not very surprising. Everyone has a family and, during very emotional times, we like to think about them.

The problem is that while we all have our families, our level of religious involvement varies greatly from person to person. It's during these "thank the Lord" speeches that I get the feeling that this athlete is not just expressing his personal feelings (which would be fine), but that he's on a mission. It's as if they're using their moment to inspire a small religious crusade. "I'm religious, and I won the World Series. Just think what my religion can do for you!"

Maybe this practice wouldn't be so annoying if members of other faiths took advantage of the moment in the same way.

Somewhere in the wide world of sports there has to be a Hindu who would like to thank his reincarnated soul for allowing him to reach such greatness. Maybe there is an atheist who would like to credit his success to the absence of a supreme being.

I'm not trying to tell anyone what to think or believe. I just think that there is a time and place for everything. A major sporting event is not the place for a soapbox. If you want to spout off about how you personally feel, get a job as a columnist.

Hockey goes Rocky Mountain Heil

River Falls swoops past Air Force, comes out better bird in battle of Falcons

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

No matter how much changes, some things stay the same. The UW-RF hockey team proved this in last weekend's pair of road wins over Div. I Air Force.

The team has a new head coach in Steve Freeman and lost four of its top defenseman from last year. Also lost were some quality forwards, but the team chose to make "no excuses" and left Colorado with 3-0 and 6-4 wins.

Goalie Jeff Heil's shutout Friday, and a four-goal explosion in the final 6:16 of Saturday's game propelled the team to a 2-0 start.

Trailing 4-2 after two periods on Saturday, Freeman said his veterans turned it on to ignite the four-goal barrage.

"The veterans really took charge, the game was really on the line, especially that second night. They took charge and put the puck away," Freeman said. "They handled the pressure well, they showed their poise and some of their leadership. When everything was on the line they came through, and that rubs off on the young kids."

According to Freeman, the team tried to put aside its erratic play and concentrate on the third period, leading to the team's offensive success.

"In the third period the guys came out fired up, and we made a few adjustments," Freeman said. "We did a

little better job of taking the body in the neutral zone and got some turnovers, and therefore we got a lot more opportunities on net."

Sophomore Billy Matzke gave River Falls life when he scored at the 13:44 mark and cut the deficit to 4-3.

Mike Schauer gave Matzke a picture-perfect goalmouth pass and Matzke tapped in the power play goal. Senior Brian Wilson drew the two Falcon squads even when he scored at 14:33.

Following a scramble near the Air Force blue line, Wilson came in clean on Air Force goaltender Jason Kielb. He faked to his backhand and put a low wrist shot past Kielb.

Twenty seconds later, Matzke came up big again, with his second goal of the game and fourth of the weekend, giving River Falls a 5-4 lead. Using an Air Force defenseman as a screen, he fired a wrist shot that squeaked through the arm and body of Kielb and trickled into the net.

Joe Smaza followed with an empty-

netter to finish off Air Force by the score of 6-4.

Smaza's shot looked more like a punt as he lofted it over the Air Force defense and it slid into the net.

Eddie MacDonald scored in each of the first two periods for the other

River Falls goals.

His second came on a one-timer from the top of the right circle that clanked off each pipe before going in.

Sophomore goalie Brady Alstead made 28 saves on Saturday to earn his first win of the young

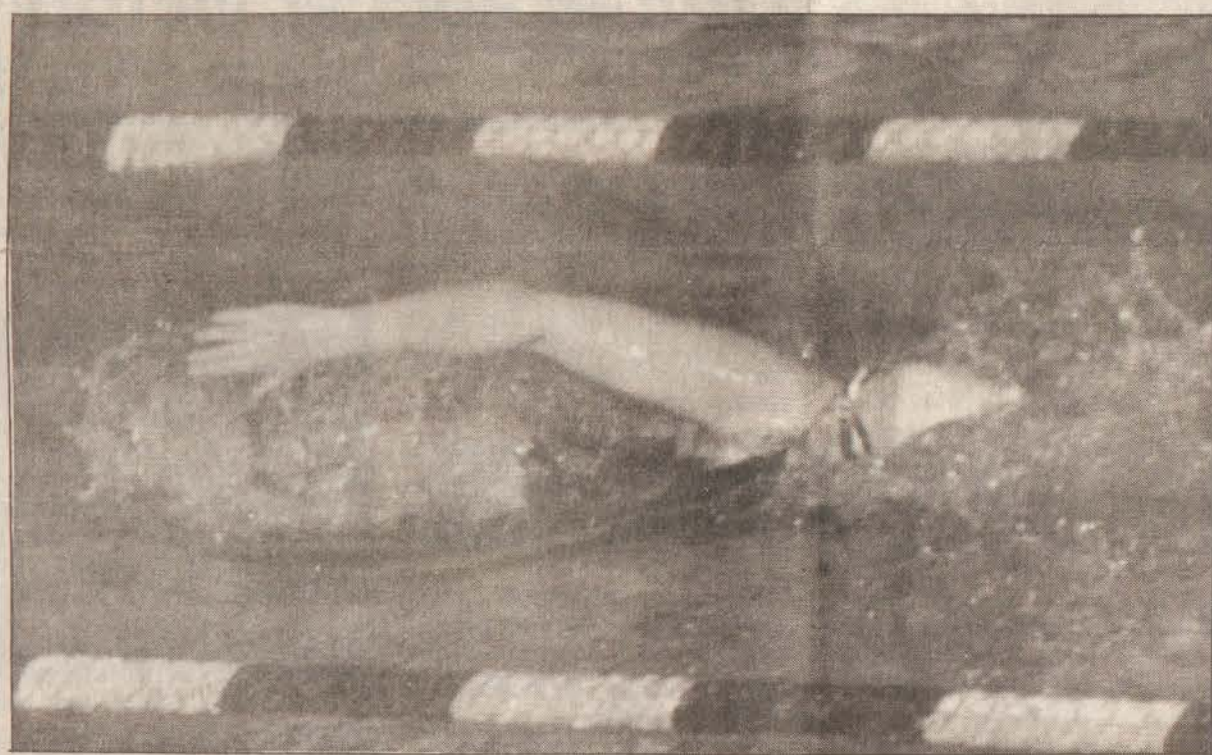
season.

In Friday's game, River Falls made some mistakes allowing several breakaways, but Heil stood tall in his cage to snuff out the Air Force attack. He made 28 stops in recording his fifth career shutout. With the shutout, Heil eclipsed Paul Mitchell's school record of four, set back in '73-'74.

"What a way to start the season, he (Heil) was fabulous in the nets Friday night," Freeman said. "The team

"The veterans really took charge, the game was really on the line, especially that second night. They took charge and put the puck away. They handled the pressure well, they showed their poise and some of their leadership."

-Falcon coach Steve Freeman



Naomi Rungephoto

Falcon Bekke Nash torpedoes through the water in the 1,000 meter freestyle at the Oshkosh meet Oct. 25.

Falcons swim into action

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday, the Falcon swim teams took on UW-Oshkosh in the first scored meet of the year.

Bekke Nash scored lifetime bests in several events to help the women, but it wasn't enough as the Falcons came up short in a 58-37 loss.

She had a time of 11:52.62 in the 1,000 meter free, a 5:46.42 in the 500 meter free and took first place in the 100 meter fly with a time of 1:07.06.

"She had a really good meet," coach Doug Naylor said of the senior from Minocqua, Wis..

On the men's side, J.T. Moon, a sophomore from Montevideo, Minn., has eclipsed his pace of a year ago. According to Naylor, Moon had "some outstanding times" after joining the team late and having a limited number of practices.

"He is way ahead of where he was last year," Naylor said. Moon came in at 51.21 in the 100 meter free and swam in both the 200 meter medley

and the 200 meter free relay events. Moon's effort helped the men swim to a 66-29 win over Oshkosh.

The Falcon swimmers also took to the pool Saturday at the Midwest Relays in Eau Claire.

In the Co-ed meet, UW-RF finished in last place with 24 points.

UW-Eau Claire won the meet with 62 points, Oshkosh came in second with 38, and Mankato State finished in third with 31.

The Falcons swim at St. Cloud Saturday at 1 p.m..

V'ball proves Superior
Final weekend before WWIACCHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

Superior came to River Falls for a volleyball match Wednesday night, but now might consider changing its name.

The Falcons thumped the Yellowjackets in three games to move to 26-4 overall, and more importantly, 7-1 in the WWIAC.

More importantly, because they remained in a tie with Whitewater and Oshkosh atop the conference's final standings.

"I feel great," head coach Patti Ford said after her team's 15-9, 15-8, 15-8 win Wednesday. "Superior was a big match for us. It had a lot of ramifications, if we were to win or lose, it could have done some juggling in the regional rankings."

The Falcons once again used a balanced attack in posting another win. Amy Holm spread the ball around and collected 52 assists.

Cara Gustafson used feeds from Holm to pound out 19 kills. Jen Frodl followed with 15, inching closer to 1,000 for her career, and Anna Schmidt had 14.

Ford is encouraged by Frodl's play. "Jen Frodl has been playing extremely well," Ford said. "She's on the verge (to 1,000), she should hit it, maybe this weekend."

According to Ford, she would be the fifth Falcon to hit that milestone. Shantell Erbes had nine kills for the

Falcons.

On the defensive side of the match, Erbes led the way with 17 digs. Maggie Kukar also came up big and counted 15 digs. Schmidt had 11 while Holm and Gustafson had 10 each.

Prior to the win over Superior, River Falls went to Whitewater for a tournament.

Friday, the Falcons notched wins over Illinois Wesleyan and Augustana.

Wesleyan won the first game 15-13, before the Falcons got on track and won three straight games 15-10, 15-6, 15-11.

Schmidt led River Falls with 17 kills and also had 12 digs.

Frodl added 16 kills, two blocks and five block assists.

Alicia Klinger nailed 13 kills, six aces and 16 digs to lead the team.

Gustafson had 10 kills, seven digs, one block and two block assists in the win over Wesleyan.

Holm had 56 assists.

Next, the Falcons swept Augustana in three games, 15-8, 15-2, 15-5.

Frodl led the way with 13 kills and two blocks, while Schmidt added 11 kills and nine digs.

Gustafson had three blocks and eight kills. She is a key to the Falcons and Ford sees her coming into her own.

"She got back in rhythm, she's been out of sync for a little bit," Ford said. "She found her rhythm again in all aspects of her game."

River Falls ran the weekend streak to three matches by beating Wheaton

Volleyball-2B

Falcon football keeps rolling

Playoff dream kept alive in 41-21 Platteville win

BRETT LONGDIN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't supposed to be this difficult. When River Falls and Platteville are examined on paper, the outcome is painfully obvious.

However, the Falcons needed all 60 minutes Saturday before they were able to completely dispose the Pioneers 41-21.

The win improves River Falls' record to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the WSUC, good enough for second in the conference.

"When we turn the ball over, it keeps (Platteville) close and emotionally in the game," head Coach John O'Grady said. "This is pretty much what I expected, but I thought we'd struggle more."

Leading 28-21 with 5:47 remaining, the Falcon defense came up with the gem of the game, halting a Platteville

drive on fourth and four. Ten plays later Dave Letourneau dashed any hopes the Pioneers had of an upset with his second touchdown of the afternoon.

And if things couldn't possibly get any worse for Platteville, Eric Newton fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Kevin Mitties returned it 12 yards for a touchdown.

Although the final score was not indicative of River Falls' performance, O'Grady was still pleased with his team's effort.

"It was a strange game," said O'Grady who collected his 50th win Saturday. "We were moving the ball at will, and they were having a tough time moving the ball against us."

Those are a pair of huge understatement.

For the fourth time this season, the Falcon defense held its opponent to under 100 yards rushing, while the offense was able to generate some

unheard of statistics as well.

The Falcons converted an incredible 19 of 21 third downs and dominated time of possession by almost a 2:1 margin.

As if scoring against River Falls isn't tough enough, try doing it when the opposition doesn't have the ball.

"I've never heard of anything like that," O'Grady said of the remarkable third down conversion rate.

When Platteville did have the ball, the Falcon defense made it difficult to move the ball. River Falls yielded just 92 yards on the ground and 128 through the air. The Pioneers had to resort to trickery to move the ball at all.

"Our defense is playing very stingy right now," O'Grady said. "If we don't miss a couple tackles, Platteville gains even less against us."

The Falcons were forced to utilize the ground attack because the passing attack—at least the receiving end of it—took a beating.

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Falcons	0	21	7	13	41
Platteville	7	7	0	7	21

KEY PLAY: With 5:47 remaining in the game, and the Falcons nursing a 28-21 lead, the defense stuffed Platteville on a fourth and 4. Ten plays later Dave Letourneau scored an insurance touchdown.

KEY STAT: River Falls converted 19 of 21 third downs, which enabled the Falcons to control the ball nearly twice as long as Platteville.

Literally.

River Falls was without the services of stand-out wide receiver Craig Boen. The all-WSUC receiver suffered a severe groin pull and did not return.

On the same play Boen was injured, Aric Knutson broke his thumb and had surgery on it Monday. Both are listed as questionable for Saturday's game against Stevens Point.

Having to rely on the running game, the Falcons had little problem with the

slight adjustment. Quarterback Pat Simones had a field day with the Pioneer defense as he racked up 160 yards and one touchdown on 28 carries.

"We were never in a state of panic," O'Grady said. "We're starting to run the ball really well, and we won't really change anything for the Point game."

O'Grady added that Tyrone Evans and Shane Roberts will see more

Football-2B

Editorial

Time for a change

"Does America need a reminder? This country is a representative democracy in case we have forgotten. We need to vote."

Question: What's the big event happening Nov. 5?

No, it's not the World Series (already done), not the Super Bowl (still to come) and not the Olympics (gone 'til 2000), but in the grand scheme of things, it's a hundred times more important.

Of course most citizens already memorized the dates of the previously listed events, as they are typically similar year in and year out. But do you have this on your calendar?

Stumped? Still sorting through your brain cells for the answer? Let's hope not, but recent studies show that is the case.

Election day 1996 will be the most significant symbol of what will become of United States politics — national, state and local — in the 21st Century. Believe it or not, it may be even more important than who wins the Stanley Cup or the Super Bowl. Dumbfounded? That's not surprising.

The election's importance has sadly lagged behind sporting events in years past, something that American citizens themselves are responsible for in a big way.

Yes, sports are more entertaining than politics and dirty politics have played a part for the dismal public opinion of legislative decisions. But how did football drafts, basketball salaries and injuries to Michael Jordan and Michael Irvin become more important than the votes granting individuals autonomy to rule the 250 million people who make up this place called the United States?

Does America need a reminder? This country is a representative democracy, in case we have forgotten. We need to vote. Everyone has their excuses for their own voter apathy — it was too cold, my vote doesn't count, I wasn't informed enough, or I was out of town — but it's time to set those excuses aside and race to the polls in 1996.

People do not realize just how important this election is. The elected officials will be in a major position to make longstanding changes that will affect every citizen from Grandpas and Grandmas to their grandchildren.

If one second out of the typical television-oriented fast-paced citizen lifestyle could be sacrificed to pick up a local newspaper, citizens and students in River Falls would know that the local and state political races for 1996 are the most heated and radical they have been in years.

Nationally, the public is asking for closure on major decisions such as public assistance, education, crime and several other large issues, so this may be your last chance to be a part.

Believe it or not, these changes will affect you, so get off the couch Nov. 5. Drop that remote and walk, crawl, run or drive to the local polls, and become a part of what this country was intended to be — participatory. No excuses!

Genetics negate groups' torrid pride, hate

Mark Danielson



"We should only be proud of the things we've done...and have control over and nothing else."

This column is not about the upcoming elections. I've already taken care of my absentee ballot, so I personally don't care any more.

While walking through my dorm the other day I paused for a moment to read the hall council minutes posted on the bathroom door. Apparently there had been some problems with posters put up by the 10% Society: people had been ripping them down. "Leave them on the walls," the minutes stated. Someone must have disagreed, though, as the last part of the sentence had been crossed out and a new ending had been scrawled underneath.

It read, "Leave them in the garbage."

I frowned, but the minor example of vandalism didn't surprise me all that much. After all, there is a lot of animosity between groups of different sexual orientation, race, sex and ethnic heritage these days. And although most of us seem to think of a university as being more of an enlightened environment, there is no

reason to think the problems do not exist here. The question is: why do the divisions exist in the first place? Regardless of the case, many of the problems probably begin with the pride of those involved.

Don't worry, this isn't going to be another one of those essays preaching humility; in many cases, I think pride is a good thing. It is just that I don't understand why people continue to be proud about things they have no control over.

Homosexuality, for example. Although many people today seem to be able to remain level-headed about the subject, the two fringes present an excellent example of pride running amuck where it should not be in the first place. On one side there is the gay pride movement, which as the term states, is all about people being proud about being gay. On the other side of the spectrum there are the gay-bashers, who are proud of their "normal" heterosexuality. Both are loud, both are pompous and both are proud about something they had no control over. The gay-bashers did not choose to be heterosexual nor did the gay-pride people choose to be homosexual. It is not an issue of choice, but just a case of genetics. (I'm assuming most homosexuals didn't choose to be the way they are. I cannot see why anyone would willingly change his/her sexual orientation to join a group that is so consistently and viciously despised by so many). So why should people be proud of their sexual orientation? It is nothing they had control over.

The same goes for ethnic heritage. Apparently many are proud of their heritage, as should be evidenced by the barrage of ethnic festivals that seem to descend upon us every summer. But why should we be proud of it? We

had absolutely no control over who our parents were going to be or where our ancestors were going to come from. It is nothing we did. So why should we be proud?

"Because it's who we are!" both conservatives and liberals alike reply in the old effort to argue that genealogy should have an influence on how one lives his or her life. The problem is this "are" refers to our physical make-up and nothing else. Why should we assume that a way of life should be passed down the same way that eye, skin or hair color is? Ways of life should be continued because they are right by themselves, not because those who came before happened to live that way. And yet people are proud of their heritage, and communities and countries continue to be torn and shattered as a result. (Former Yugoslavia, anyone?)

Whether we like it or not, we are all individuals and should act accordingly. We should only be proud of the things we have done personally and have had control over and nothing else. If we do well on a mid-term, take some time to help a friend in need, or work hard to build a successful company, we should be proud. If we happen to be white males with German or Norwegian heritage, we should not care at all. There's simply no good reason to.

One final thought. I think the UW-RF community does fairly well at accepting people just as plain individuals; but I have to wonder if that's because we are not all that diverse of a campus. Would things be different if our student body was more mixed? I would hope not, but there's no way to know for sure.

Whatever the case, it is something to think about.

See you in two weeks.

Local elections deserve greater voter attention

Reuben Herfindahl



"If you haven't already done a little research on the local races in your area, now would be a good time."

November 5th. For some of us this is a day of great anxiety; for others it poses no worry. Either way, most of the coverage in the media and our awareness seems to be focused on the Presidential race, which seems fairly well-decided. Overlooked until recently are the Senate races, and almost totally overlooked are the

House races and local state races. These may be the races which will have the most immediate effect on our lives. A reader need only look at the impassioned pleas in both the *Student Voice* and *River Falls Journal* "Letters to the Editor" sections to see what races worry many people the most. Not many of the letters are yelling about Dole or Clinton.

Being from Minnesota, and voting there, is where my personal primary concern lies; however, some of the most interesting and worrisome races are here in River Falls. If you are a resident of Minnesota you can vote in the River Falls elections. All that is required is a five day residency requirement.

On the Minnesota end of things there are several races to be concerned about. Of primary concern is the Wellstone/Boschwitz race. President Clinton even made a trip to the Twin Cities Monday to lend support for Wellstone. This is a race where it really matters to vote. Wellstone is leading, but not by much and a few votes could easily make the difference between continuing

the progress made by Wellstone or falling back into the Boschowitz years.

In that particular race, the media has not been lax in covering the race and taking sides. The *Pioneer Press* in recent days, after endorsing Boschowitz, has been taking every chance they get to slap Boschowitz's picture all over its paper. Obviously the race matters to them, as it should to most of us.

If you haven't already done a little research on the local races in your area, now would be a good time. Try to get both sides of the issues on both candidates. Do not just take one person's, one teacher's, one party's, or one family's opinion. Make the decision based on what issues matter most to you, not what issues matter the most for someone else.

Hopefully as many of you as possible will vote. Make sure that when you do go that the ballot is not the first time you realize that there are other issues and candidates to vote for on November 5th than just the presidential race.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters endorse Jim Harsdorf as firm education supporter

I am writing to encourage students and others with a strong interest in higher education to support James Harsdorf for the 3rd Congressional District seat being vacated by Rep. Steve Gunderson.

Mr. Harsdorf has a long outstanding record of public service to Western Wisconsin. His record of support for higher education has been outstanding. For example, during service in the Wisconsin Legislature, he frequently sponsored educational legislation, including measures to extend collective bargaining for University Academic Staff; to limit tuition charges and to limit cuts in financial aid to students; to study ways to promote better cooperation between the University of Wisconsin System and vocational/technical schools. He also provided for new and better representation of students from universities, university centers and technical colleges on policy-making bodies for higher education, including the UW-System Board of Regents and the Higher Education Aids board.

With the rapid changes that are going to occur in education and in the educational environment in the next few years, and with the importance of higher education to the people of this congressional district, it is imperative that we be represented in Congress by a person who we know will provide educational leadership and support at the national level.

James Harsdorf will provide that leadership. I plan to vote for him and I urge you to do so too.

Brigit E. Brown
UW-LaCrosse

Talk is cheap Ron; it takes more than just a name to be "Kind!"

We are both students attending Winona State University; however, we both live in LaCrosse and plan to vote on Nov. 5 for a Wisconsin Congressman. For our Intro to Social Work class we need to write a paper about a candidate running for a political office. We both chose Ron Kind since

he is in LaCrosse. We thought that this way we could do a lot of research on him and help him with his campaign. It really didn't matter to us who we interviewed, but in return we were willing to help them in their campaign.

According to Mr. Kind's actions, we as students were treated like we were less than human. We called many times to see if he would have time to meet with us, but our calls were never returned. After weeks of hearing nothing, we started to get uptight. We called one last time and the man in charge of Kind's appointments "penciled us in." Finally we had an appointment to meet with Ron Kind.

We were told on the telephone that we would be speaking with Kind personally. When we arrived it was his campaign manager that we met with, not Kind himself. We understood that maybe Kind was very busy, but to this day we do not even know if Kind knew we even wanted to speak with him. The response his campaign manager had to all of our question was,

"Yes, Ron agrees with everything." However, when attending a forum between Ron Kind and Jim Harsdorf, Ron Kind's answers were not consistent with his campaign manager.

We followed the interview with a letter to Kind personally, but have not received a response. Because of Kind's actions we decided to call Jim Harsdorf and asked to meet with him. Harsdorf has made time for us and cares how we feel and think. Harsdorf is the person who will take time to listen and meet with the people, but Kind will not. Harsdorf shakes our hand personally while Kind has his people shake our hand. Harsdorf talks about the facts. Kind talks about his son! We want someone in Washington who will hear our voice. Jim Harsdorf is this man.

Brenda Williams
Leah Goede
Winona State University

Student criticizes columnist, faults in Title IX

In response to Patti Warrington's article on gender equity:

I see no reason for Patti Warrington to correlate Title IX with "They (men and women) have the same right to education," with "equal pay for equal work." And finally the quote "In this era, the equal pay for equal work is especially important because so many women have become sole providers for their children."

Fine, those are valid points, but I don't see how they have anything to do with Title IX (legislation requiring the number of athletic participants to reflect the ratio of men to women enrolled).

It could easily be argued that the number of men who want to participate in sports is higher than women. Men, or boys are molded in the ideas

of playing sports and expressing our masculine side through competition.

Even Warrington was quoted as saying "we went to college to get ourselves a college man."

Maybe that college man went to college to get an education and participate in collegiate athletics. Because of Title IX and the fact that women make up a significant percentage of students, some of those "college men" are getting robbed of the chance to participate in athletics due to the fact that some attitudes like "we went to college to get ourselves a college man."

When Warrington said "it (Title IX) happened here (at UW-RF) two years ago. I see no reason for this stubborn resistance to a rule that clearly had to be enacted to protect the rights of women," I didn't agree.

How can you say you can't see any

reason for stubborn resistance? Maybe you should sit down and talk to some of the would-be men's track and tennis participants, or maybe you should speak with the 14 men who no longer have a chance to participate on the football team.

I'm sure you'll find some reasons to their so-called "stubborn resistance."

Gender equity is a topic for much debate and will continue to be so long as it takes participation opportunities away from people.

In no way do I agree with Warrington that eventually Title IX (or gender equity) will benefit everyone involved with the process.

Joe Smaza
UW-RF student

Professor praises dances at Brandy's

Thanks to the student organizations for sponsoring the dances at Brandy's this fall. They've been fun! (But please guys—you know who you are—will you clean up some of that music a bit???)

Jackie Brux
Economics professor

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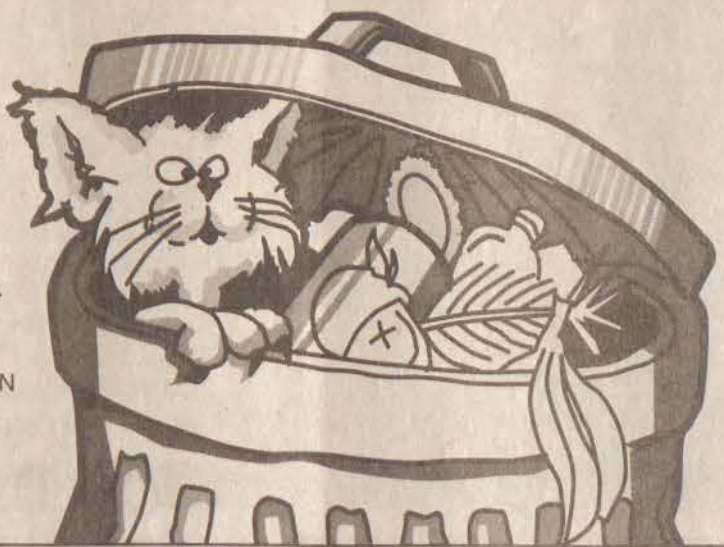
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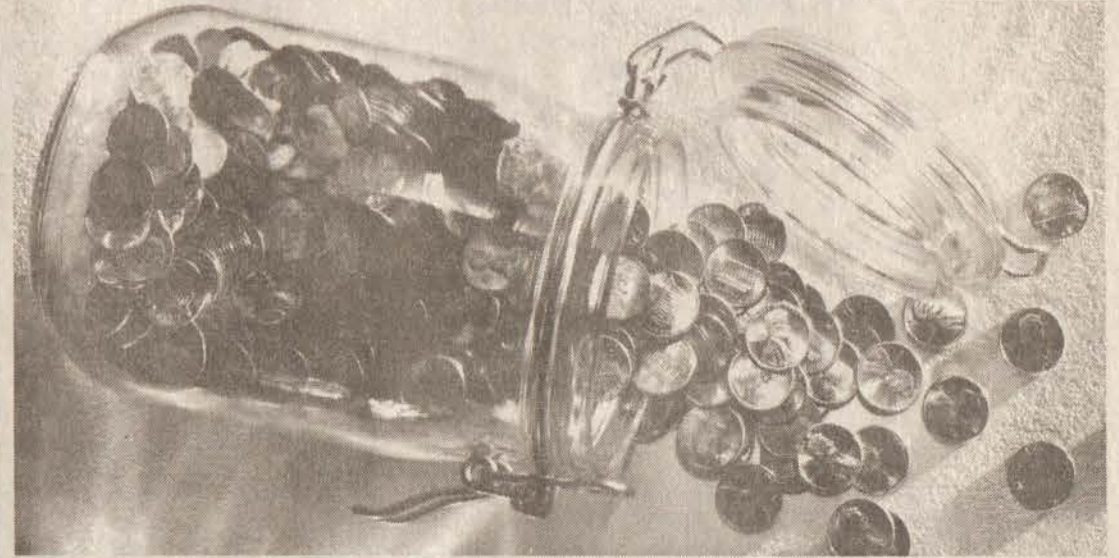
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