

What does the *Student Voice* want for Christmas?
Offbeat B4

This is the last issue for the semester. Look for the next issue on Feb.1

Have a great winter break and good luck during finals week.

On Dasher, Dancer ...

Video camera reported in May Hall shower



Molly Montag / *The Student Voice*

Throughout the town homes are outlined with red, green, gold and endless colors of lights for the holiday season. The lights decorate images of reindeer, sleighs, trees and angels.

Report uses factors to grade states' education

Matthew Perenchio
Viewpoints Editor

The chances of getting a college education in America depends to a large extent on where you live, according to a first-of-its kind report card that grades the states on their performance in higher education.

The report card, released by the independent, nonpartisan National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, finds that the state you live in, along with family resources and ethnicity, plays a major role in determining your college opportunities.

Many states perform well in several areas, but no state receives straight "A"s in providing opportunities for education and training beyond high school, according to the report card, titled Measuring Up 2000.

"Despite the accomplishments of American higher education, its benefits are unevenly and often unfairly distributed and do not reflect the distribution of talent in America," said North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., chair of the National Center's Board of Directors, in a press release. "Geography, wealth, income, and ethnicity still play far too great a role in determining the educational life chances of Americans."

Measuring Up 2000 is based on quantitative measures of performance rather than the opinions and judgments of authors or sponsors. States are evaluated using "A" through "F" grades in five key areas:

Preparation: How well are students prepared to take advantage of

college?

Participation: Do state residents enroll in college-level programs? Affordability: How affordable is higher education in each state?

Completion: Do those who enroll complete their academic and vocational programs?

Benefits: What economic and civic benefits does each state receive from the education of its residents?

Student Learning was also evaluated; however, because sufficient data was not available, all states

states.

The state's weakest performance is in preparing students for college; only 38 percent of high school students take upper-level math compared to 59 percent in the best-performing states, and only 23 percent take upper-level science compared to 37 percent.

The study gave Minnesota a "C+" in preparation, a "B-" in participation, an "A" in affordability, a "B+" in completion, and an "A" in benefits.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker was pleased with the way Wisconsin colleges and universities compared to others around the nation.

"I think we can be real proud that we are in the top ten," she said. "Anytime you

are in a category like that, you know that you are doing well."

Although Wisconsin was ranked high nationally, Lydecker said there is still room for improvement, noting there is a need to keep graduates in the state and to offer better scheduling for students.

"I think it's important for students to graduate on time because every year beyond the traditional four...they are losing a year of earning power," she said. "It should be interesting to see how much we can improve."

Measuring Up 2000 also found other significant information about gaps between states in higher education in the U.S.

Students in many states don't have the opportunity to take challenging

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received an "Incomplete."

In the study, both Wisconsin and Minnesota received a "B" average on their report card; both states were above the national average in all categories.

The report showed Wisconsin's high school students are among the best prepared in the nation, and many residents in the state are enrolling in college-level programs.

Wisconsin is a top performer on the proportion of students taking and scoring well on college entrance exams. The study gave Wisconsin an "A-" in preparation, a "B" in participation, a "B+" in affordability, a "B" in completion, and a "B-" in benefits.

According to the report, many people in Minnesota go to college, and families in the state pay a lower share of their income to cover college costs than those in most other

Eleven students selected for prestigious scholarship

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Joining the ranks of only nine other UW-River Falls students, the 2000-01 school year ushered in eleven more under-represented or first-generation, low-income Dr. Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program scholars.

Selected out of a field of over 30 applicants, these 11 students will embark on a two-year venture in experiences leading to their preparation for graduate school: Christy Brewer, in Animal Science; Scott Bollman, Agronomy; Gregory Golomberski, Animal Science; Jacob Hovden, Health and Physical Education; Carolyn Lovmo, Psychology; Melissa Ludack, Chemistry; Anne Melchert,

Communicative Disorders; Aida Pinero, Broad Area Business; Gina Searls, Animal Science; Kara Stein, Psychology; and Joel Westfield in Sociology.

The main objective of the program is to prepare McNair scholars for their entrance to graduate programs. So far, George and Dunn-Albertie have very positive comments about the success of the program.

Despite a slow start last year, the McNair Scholars program has taken a solid step forward as it continues through its second year.

"The staff was hired late, (the scholars) were selected late, and there wasn't a whole lot of training for them at all," temporary McNair Scholars Program Coordinator Page Dunn-Albertie said.

A major part of the McNair program is a 10-week summer research

project that the scholars must perform between their junior and senior years. Last year, projects ranged from on-campus opportunities in Madison and Bar Harbor, Maine.

"I was very pleased with the breadth and variety of things they attempted," said Philip George, director of the McNair Scholars program.

In addition to research opportunities, scholars have access to workshops as well as mentors and research supervisors.

Biology major Michelle Theobald, who researched at Bar Harbor's world-famous Jackson Laboratory and worked with mice and genetics, thought her experiences and mentors in particular were very helpful and encouraging.

"He was pretty much everything you want a mentor to be," Theobald

said of her Jackson lab research supervisor.

Theobald also commented on how much of an asset the program was to establishing contacts with prospective graduate schools.

"It's really valuable to the students because a lot of them don't really know what to expect in graduate school," said Lisa Kroutil, mentor and UW-RF chemistry professor. "This gives them someone to talk one-on-one with about those expectations and how they stack up."

"The proof, of course, is going to be the graduate schools they get accepted by and get assistantships at, which we'll know sometime this spring," George said.

The future has much in store for additional generations of McNair scholars.

"(The future) looks extremely

bright," Dunn-Albertie said. "But we're in the infancy stages, obviously. We're just letting the campus know what the program is, what it's about, and who it serves."

The 2001-03 McNair scholars are just now beginning the selection process themselves. But even with 32 applicants last year, selection of the final 11 was tough. An initial cut eliminated all but 16. Only 20 scholars are allowed to be given grant funding.

"We tried to pick the best, but there were so many that were the best," Dunn-Albertie said.

Considered the 'gem of the TRIO grant,' the McNair scholars program was instituted at UW-RF by a stroke of wonderful grant-writing talent penned by William Campbell and Philip George, according to Dunn-Albertie.

UW-RF is one of only approxi-

mately 150 undergraduate institutions nationwide with McNair funding, alongside the UW System's Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee, Superior and Whitewater campuses.

According to the UW-RF McNair Scholars Program website at <http://www.uwrf.edu/academic-success/mcnair/>, "the purpose of the program is to prepare 20 low-income (income below 150 percent of the poverty level), first-generation (neither parent/guardian completed a Baccalaureate degree) undergraduates and/or college students from groups underrepresented in doctoral studies for successful completion of Ph.D.s. Potential students are creative, independent, scholastically-promising juniors and seniors who have completed their sophomore year with a GPA of 2.8 or higher."

Jessica Perry
Chief Copy Editor

A female student reported being videotaped while showering in the fourth floor bathroom of May Hall, according to a residence hall's incident report.

The student reported at around 7 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, she saw the lens of a video camera and a red light at thigh level between the shower stall and curtain.

After spotting the camera, she covered it up with the shower curtain, according to the report, and she is uncertain of who the video taper might be or how the camera was set up. The report said she checked for the camera throughout the rest of her shower, but the student did not see it and it was gone when she finished.

The student notified her RA about the incident, but she did not file a police report although she was encouraged to do so, according to Terry Willson, the associate director of the leadership center.

The hall manager and the student's RA met with her privately to discuss the incident. The student declined to comment.

At the time the student went to take her shower, she only observed one other female in the bathroom, according to the report.

Copies of the report were sent to Willson, Priscilla Stevens, Director of Public Safety and Roger Ballou, dean of students. Stevens was unavailable for comment.

A floor meeting was held Wednesday, Nov. 29 to inform the floor residents of the incident. They were not told who the student was.

"They told us what happened and to be aware," said Karan Heitschmidt, a fourth floor resident.

Feelings about safety after the incident have varied.

"For awhile I was a little paranoid," said Jana Erickson, another

TurningPoint representative was planned to address students' concerns about personal safety, Willson said the floor met and decided this wasn't necessary.

"My encouragement to students would be to be cautious, but not to live in fear," said Ballou.

Although this has been an isolated incident, Willson hopes this has created a greater awareness in thinking around campus and he encourages students to do things as simple as locking their doors at night to help ensure their safety.

Ballou emphasized that this has been an isolated incident. There were no previous reports of any video-taping and there have been no reports since the incident in May Hall.

"People like to believe the community of River Falls is completely safe," said Ballou, "but the days of the completely safe college disappeared 30 years ago. Students still need to

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fourth floor resident. "But I don't feel that I'm in danger."

Other floor residents have begun using the buddy system and are not going to the bathroom alone, according to Erickson.

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be cautious." If anyone has any information as to who the person with the camera was, they are encouraged to report it, as there are no suspects at this time, according to Willson.

End of a teaching career

Scott Wente
Staff Writer

Next week is not only the end of the fall semester, but it also marks the end of a teaching career for one of the most highly respected instructors in the UW-River Falls Department of Animal and Food Science.

After being in the profession for more than three decades, of which the last 18 years were spent at UW-RF, animal science professor Duane "Dewey" Wachholz will officially retire from teaching on Jan. 11, 2001.

What Wachholz has brought to the department and its students is unmatched and irreplaceable, said Dr. Tony Jilek, chair of the Animal and Food Science department.

"It's going to be big shoes to fill—to find someone that has his personality, his ease of working with students and has the knowledge that he does," Jilek said. "He's dedicated his life to working with the students in this area and he's been very dedicated."

In the past 18 years Wachholz has taught several classes within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science,



Duane Wachholz

including Introduction to Animal Science, Principles of Nutrition and Feeds and Feeding. However, Wachholz's real expertise and passion is with livestock judging and swine production. In addition to teaching classes at UW-RF, Wachholz is involved in an extension program where he serves as the 4-H Livestock Specialist for the state of Wisconsin.

The extension program, which takes up about one-third of his time, keeps him in contact with

the state livestock producers and, equally as important, it's a way to indirectly recruit students to the university.

"The biggest advantage to being out in the counties in the summer-time is largely to meet the possible students, even if it's in an indirect way," said Wachholz, who spends most of the summer judging livestock at various competitions and county fairs throughout the state. "Because the parents know me, they are much more confident in having their students coming to this university."

Wachholz was raised on a farm in central Wisconsin and received an undergraduate degree in agriculture education from UW-Platteville. He earned master's degrees from both UW-Platteville and Michigan State and taught for three years at the high school level in Michigan. Wachholz then received his PhD in animal science from South Dakota State University and taught there for two years before returning to UW-Platteville, where he spent the next 10 years.

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We, the editorial staff at *The Student Voice*, would like to wish students, staff and faculty a Merry Christmas and a safe, wonderful semester break. We look forward to serving the campus again in January!

Student graduation regalia is now available at the University Bookstore.

Volunteers are needed to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters in St. Croix Valley. We are partnering with Westside Elementary School and need people willing to donate one hour per week at Westside, before school, during lunch or after school to spend with a child who needs a mentor. For those interesting in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, call Pat Millfelt at 381-7289.

Prologue, the annual publication of poetry, short stories creative essays and artwork, will be accepting student works from Jan. 22 through Feb. 23. Submission forms will be available next semester, and guidelines for works can be found at www.uwrf.edu/english/Prologue.

The 12th Annual Hot Air Affair will take place Feb. 2 through 4, in Hudson. The family-oriented festival will include hot air balloon launches, a torchlight parade, marching kazoo bands and smoochboarding, to name just a few events. Keep an eye out for a complete brochure in the near future. For lodging and year-round event information, call the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau at (715) 386-8411 or 1-800-657-6775.

UW-River Falls Cycling Club is open to anyone of any ability level who enjoys biking. Road, BMX and mountain bikers are welcome. The club goes on rides together and has members who mountain bike and BMX race. If you always wanted to race or are just looking for people to ride with call Shannon at 426-9557 or Becky at 426-4868.

UW-River Falls Bushwackers is a student-run, outdoor-related organization. Some of the activities the club participates in are camping, rock climbing, biking, hiking, ultimate Frisbee, paddling and backpacking, to name a few. No experience is necessary to join and some equipment is available to members. Club dues are \$5 per semester. Bushwackers meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Presidents' Room of the Student Center. For further information or questions call 426-0902.

EVENTS

River Falls High School Holiday Band Concert will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m.in Abbott Concert Hall.

COMING SOON! UW-River Falls Sexiest Bachelor Contest sponsored by May Hall. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in North Hall.

Coming next semester to campus: "A Blast Back to the 80s" Tour, in North Hall Auditorium. Over 50 bands round out the long-awaited metal blowout, including Iron Maiden, Dokken, Metallica, Van Halen, Poison, Judas Priest and headlining the show....Men At Work!!! Details to follow.

Help Troy Mallat find a girlfriend. (Come, on now ladies, he's the sports guy) A beauty competition will be held in Brandy's on Dec. 26 for all interested women. Troy's only qualification is that all women must be over the age of 17. Maximum capacity for this event is 250, so get there early if you want a spot. Performance finale will include a striptease by none other than T-Roy, the Sports Guy.

Don't throw rocks, throw pie! In retaliation for Max's 'Girls are stupid throw rocks at them,' and to ring in the new year, all the ladies on campus are invited to a pie-throwing contest next to Theta Chi on Third St. Dec. 31 after the bars close. He will be duct-taped to a tree, so it should be easy to hit him. Cost per pie is \$5.

Auditions will be held for a newly-formed band, Hanging Chad. Instrumentation needed will include accordions, guitars, drums, trumpet and kazoo. For further information, contact Co-News Editor Ben Schmitt.

Help Co-News Editor Melissa Bregani's boyfriend get a Playstation 2!! He is currently accepting any and all donations, especially blank checks. All generous individuals may drop off payments in the *Voice* office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Westconsin Credit Union is sponsoring up to twelve \$1,000 scholarships for applicants who have been credit union members since April or earlier. Students can also have parents or legal guardians who are members to qualify. Other criteria include financial need, GPA and extracurricular activity involvement. Deadline for application is Feb. 23.

Morros K. Udall Scholarships are \$5,000 awards for sophomore and junior students in a broad range of fields related to the environment, and for Native American and Alaska Native students in fields related to health care or tribal public policy. For further information, contact Michael Albert, UW-River Falls faculty representative for the scholarship at 342 Kleinpell Fine Arts. Deadline for application is Feb. 5.

American Association of University Women will award a scholarship to a female student living in Racine County and beginning her first or second year at the University. Applications can be picked up at the Financial Assistance Office at 122 South Hall and the deadline for application is April 1.

Army Emergency Relief is sponsoring the M.G. James Ursano Scholarship Fund. This is open to dependent children of army soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on duty or after retirement. The applicants must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 Applications may be printed from www.aerhq.org.

Thomas B. Jones and Grace Stevenson Jones School will offer scholarships from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for the 2001-2002 school year. Students must be residing in the Wisconsin counties of Grant, Iowa and Lafayette. Applications can be picked up at the Financial Assistance Office, 122 South Hall, and the deadline for application is March 1.

Wisconsin County Clerk's Association Scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be offered to those UW-River Falls students majoring in journalism, communications or political science. Applicants must be residents of Wisconsin who will be juniors or seniors during the 2001-2002 school year. Students can pick up applications at the Financial Assistance Office, 122 South Hall, and they will be due April 2.

Anyone who has a brief meeting or event will have to sit tight and wait until spring semester, unless you want to break into the office over break.

Physics professor heads for South Pole

Project AMANDA takes Madsen away from 'tropical' Midwest

Rocky Hulne
Staff Writer

While most UW-River Falls students look to go to warm places over the winter break, one UW-RF physics professor will head to the South Pole.

Dr. Jim Madsen, who has taught at the University since 1989 will be heading to the pole on Christmas day. He will be back teaching by the third week of classes after break. Madsen, who will be part of a group of about 10 people going to the pole, is looking forward to his trip.

"I'm very excited, I was hoping to go last year, but I was too busy," he said.

Madsen is part of the project AMANDA (Antarctic Muon And Neutrino Detector Array), which has about 50 group members. The project was conceived at UW-Madison and studies small particles found in the ice. Madsen will mostly be checking that things are working correctly.

"We will be verifying that things are working the way they should be, Madsen said."

There are some things that Madsen will have to adjust to when down in the South Pole. The first is the obvious temperature change. It will be around minus 15 to minus 30 degrees on average.

"The cold doesn't really bother me," Madsen said. "Not much of the

work will be done outside."

Another factor that Madsen will have to deal with is that he will be living in a domed structure with barracks inside. The population of his residence will be about 150 people. This will limit the amount of space that Madsen will have to live in.

There will also be 24 hours of sunlight since this is the summer season in the southern hemisphere.

Madsen said since he is only staying in the complex for two weeks that he won't have too much trouble with it.

"I don't anticipate any real big problems, Madsen said."

Madsen is looking forward to the trip because he has always been interested in seeing some of the sites he has studied and read about.

"I've always been interested in the history of the exploration of the Antarctic region, he said."

The trip will also involve a stop in New Zealand on the way there and back.

The temperature in New Zealand will be very hot and summer like. So Madsen will go from cold Wisconsin to hot New Zealand to the freezing South Pole. On his way back he will meet with his family in New Zealand.

Madsen, who is the only person from the area going along in the trip from the River Falls area, will be able to use some of the information from the trip in his classes.

He said it will help to be able to show pictures and give first hand accounts of the areas that his students are studying.

Although the project AMANDA is very big, it is only a prototype. There are plans of building bigger microscopes that can see farther and more clearly.

Right now, AMANDA can only detect the brightest sources of neutrinos (the particles being researched).



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Dr. Jim Madsen will travel the South Pole over break to study particles in ice as part of a UW-Madison project.

Date rape drug leaves many uneasy

■ GHB, a new drug creeping into drinks in bars and parties across the country, has hypnotic effects

Paul Broz
Staff Writer

Rumors have been swirling about the presence of the date rape drug, GHB (Gamma hydroxybutyric acid). Although nothing has been substantiated there are still whispers throughout campus.

GHB is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, euphoria-inducing liquid that can ruin your night in more ways than one. It is found naturally in every cell in the human body and is

properly considered a nutrient. In the brain, the highest amounts of the drug are stored in the hypothalamus and basil ganglia, but are found in greater concentration in the kidney, heart and skeletal muscles.

Most users find that GHB induces a pleasant state of relaxation and tranquility. Frequent effects are passiveness, sexual arousal, mild euphoria and a tendency to talk more. The effects of GHB are generally felt within five to 20 minutes after ingestion. They usually last no more than three hours. The "morning after" effects of GHB lack the unpleasant or debilitating characteristics associated with alcohol or other relaxation-oriented drugs.

Last year during spring there was an alleged incident at UW-River Falls. It was reported, but since GHB leaves the system so fast, it was never officially detected, according to Priscilla Stevens, director of public safety.

To raise awareness, Steven's office sent out precautionary information

to the student body.

"We have not had any reports on campus this fall," Stevens said. "If we were made aware of it we would notify the student population for the possibility of the date rape drug."

Although many partygoers and barflies are familiar with GHB and what it does, there haven't been any cases reported to River Falls Police, according to Sgt. Jeff Linehan.

"We have never actually confiscated or come across the hypno drugs or GHB," Linehan said. "But I'd have my head in the sand if I were to tell you it was never here."

On campus, there are students who have known or heard about it back at their hometown or at the bars, but it is not as common at UW-RF.

"I've been here for three years and I've never seen anyone do that crap," said Alex Brust, a junior majoring in marketing communications. "But back home in Minneapolis it's pretty common to hear about someone slipping that in someone's drink at a party."

In the past three years, more than 250 people have died in Florida from overdoses related to club drugs GHB, Blue Nitro and Ecstasy, according to the Florida Office of Drug Control.

In March of this year the federal government declared GHB a Schedule 1 substance, making it illegal under federal law to possess the drug. This move clears the way for the Drug Enforcement Administration to become involved in busting traffickers of GHB.

"A junior majoring in marketing communications believes she was slipped GHB last year at a party."

"It was the most humiliating night of my life," she said. "There are so many things I wish I could take back because I was so fu**** up that I didn't have a clue as to what I was doing."

"My main regret is that I didn't go to the police. I urge everyone that gets victimized by this drug to tell someone that can do something about it."

Graduates prepare to enter the real world

Amy Moe
Staff Writer

Students at UW-River Falls are cramming for finals, scrambling to finish projects and last-minute makeup work, and looking forward one week to a time when the stress of school will be relieved until next semester.

Some students, however, have something else to anticipate-their graduation.

Close to 300 UW-RF students will graduate on Saturday, Dec. 16, with commencement starting at 2 p.m.

Most of those graduating are excited and looking forward to commencement.

Nettie Lee, a marketing communications and speech communication double major, has a hard time believing that she's almost done.

"It's weird to think that I'm almost done," Lee said. "I had a lot of fun while I was here, but I am ready and excited to go to the next stage of my life."

Lee plans to participate in the commencement ceremony.

"I'm the first in my family to graduate from a four-year college," Lee said. "My mom is making a pretty big deal out of it."

Kate Christensen of Mankato, Minn., is also the first one in her family to graduate from a university. She also plans to participate in the commencement ceremony because of this.

"My parents said they'd be very disappointed if I didn't walk," said Christensen, who is graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Some graduates choose not to participate in the ceremony for various reasons.

Chad Roberts, a broadfield social studies major from Webster, Wis.,

has decided not to participate in the commencement ceremony.

"I kind of feel like I'm not really done yet," said Roberts, who plans on going on to school. "It's also not really that personalized because there are so many people."

At the commencement ceremony on Saturday, biology professor Karen Klyczek will address the students.

Klyczek received the University's Distinguished Teacher award for April 2000. The recipient of the award is chosen by the chancellor and is traditionally invited to give the fall commencement address.

Klyczek works with a variety of students in her biology courses and through interdisciplinary capstone-science courses.

"I know a few of the graduating students very well, since they are biology majors whom I have had in class or who have worked in the biology department," Klyczek said.

"Although I don't get to know all the students, I will recognize many of the names and faces."

The largest number of graduating students, a little over one-third, are in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Colleges of Agriculture, Education and Business have a fairly equal number of graduates coming from their areas. The graduate school students are the least populous, with about nine percent of the total of students graduating.

One thing that many graduating students complain about is that they have to take their finals after they graduate.

"You feel like you are done, but then you have to go right back and take some more tests," Lee said. "It's kind of dumb."

CAMPUS SECURITY

Thefts on the rise

Jeff Starck
Staff Writer

More underage drinking tickets, more damage to vehicles in campus parking lots and more theft in the Student Center enabled students one last chance this semester to have the distinction of appearing in Campus Security.

* A cigarette urn was reported missing from Hunt Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The theft occurred sometime between Nov. 29 and Dec. 5. The urn is valued at \$357.

* Brett C. Sigurdson, 19, 436 McMillan, was cited for underage alcohol possession on Friday, Dec. 1. Sigurdson was fined \$212.

* Cyle N. Erie, 19, 439 McMillan Hall, was cited for underage alcohol possession/consumption on Friday, Dec. 1. Erie was fined \$212.

* Travis R. Smith, 20, 276 Hathorn Hall, was cited for misuse of a parking pass on Dec. 4. Smith was fined \$242.75

* A smoke detector was reported missing from Hathorn Hall on Dec. 4.

* Tracey M. Skalla, 18, 309 Johnson Hall, was cited for underage consumption on campus on Dec. 8 and was fined \$212.

* Doni J. Danielson, 18, 410 Parker Hall and Carlos A. Warren, 20, 332 McMillan Hall were cited for underage consumption on campus on Dec. 9. Each was fined \$212.

* A hit-and-run in the "K" lot left a vehicle with minor damage to its right side on Dec. 10. Tracks in the snow show that the vehicle belonging to Jennifer Conradt was backed into by an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

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Chancellor prepares to cook up a storm for stressed minds



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Freshmen Molly Witkowski, Susan Nedland, Jimmy Webb and Kari Dorr start preparing for final exams at the Math Center. This week, many students started highlighting, making note-cards, and reviewing notes to prepare for finals which begin on Monday.

Milker Skills Workshop to educate local dairy farmers

Paul J. Cruz
Staff Writer

It always helps when the milk used to wash down cookies or pancakes is clean and of high quality.

A workshop to be hosted by Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) Jan. 4, 2001, should help ensure that desire for some citizens.

Appleton's FVTC will host its second annual Milker Skills Workshop, a two-day hands-on event open to dairy producers and employees and is designed to help them achieve a better understanding of harvesting milk and the factors affecting milk quality, according to a recent UW-River Falls News Bureau press release.

During the morning sessions, the attendees will attend classroom seminars. In the afternoons, the cite will shift to a local dairy farm for the hands-on portion.

The only requirements of persons desiring to apply for the workshop are that they consider themselves to be dairy farmers/employees or potential dairy farmers/employees and that they understand the English language.

"Several aspects are really positive about the workshop," said Larry Baumann, professor of animal sci-

ence at UW-RF. "One is dairy farmers will learn the techniques of high quality milk production, and secondly, they will be able to do that in a time efficient manner."

The cost of the seminar is \$200 per person and only the first 25 applicants will be accepted to the workshop. Included in the cost are the workshop, two lunches, a manual and a production evaluation video.

Topics to be covered at the workshop will be as follows: raw milk quality, udder health, prevention and control of mastitis (the most common infection among dairy cattle, an inflammation of the mammary gland which decreases the nutrients and increases the water content in milk), milking machine function and milk room management.

"It would be a good thing for dairy farmers to go because they can learn how to use technology to further production and promote animal health," said Guy Bunnell, a sophomore dairy science major who grew up on a 65-cow dairy farm in Seymour, Wisc.

Conducting the two-day educational opportunity - which is sponsored by the UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science, UW-Extension, UW-RF Dairy Outreach Program, FVTC and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB) -

will be University of Wisconsin-Extension specialists Pam Ruegg and Baumann.

Two offers by the WMMB can help defray the cost for certain individuals.

The WMMB will give a \$75 scholarship to any student and \$75 to first-time participating farmers.

Last year, only one UW-RF student, who represented the graduate program, attended the workshop.

A mirror workshop is conducted in River Falls during the summer and is the workshop UW-RF students and employees tend to attend. Next summer's workshop will mark the inception of the program's third year.

To obtain an application for either workshop, call Professor Michelle Wiegart at 425-0641 or reach her by writing to: Dairy Outreach Program Coordinator - Dr. Michelle Wiegart, Agriculture Resource Center, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 410 3rd St., River Falls, WI 54022.

"If I went, I could learn what to feed my cows in order for them to produce more milk," said freshman John Peterlik, who grew up on a dairy farm in Cadott. "Also, I really care about my cows and want to learn how to best protect them from mastitis."

Chancellor's annual Midnight Breakfast gives students a break from the books, time to socialize

Jason Borman
Staff Writer

The Chancellor will be spending next Tuesday night singing and serving with students at Rodli Commons.

The annual Chancellor's Midnight Breakfast will take place from 10 p.m. to midnight on Tuesday Dec. 19. The menu, consisting of scrambled eggs, buttermilk pancakes, sausage links and assorted pastries along with juice, milk, coffee and hot chocolate, will be prepared and served by the Chancellor, University administrators and staff. Admission to the Chancellor's breakfast is free with University I.D. card to all students.

According to Chancellor Ann Lydecker, the purpose of this event is to relieve stress for both faculty and students during finals week.

"It's meant to provide a break for students, give sustenance and for faculty and students to interact in a merry way," Lydecker said.

This year's breakfast will have a few new twists. Caroling will be added to the festivities and faculty spouses will be invited to help serve.

Lydecker said she is looking forward to interact.

Senior Kari Goodman plans to attend this years Chancellor's breakfast. Goodman, who enjoyed the breakfast as a freshman, said it is a great way to relieve

stress caused by finals week.

"It's [the breakfast] a fun half-hour in the middle of finals week," Goodman said. "I went with friends and we didn't have to worry about quiet hours or tests."

Marketing Communication major Linda Porter has never attended the breakfast, but because of work and studying, she doesn't expect to go this year.

"I never really knew about it," Porter said. "I might have heard something once, and I had other things to do and besides that time is invaluable. Eating is not a priority during that [finals] week."

Goodman feels the University should do more activities during finals week, perhaps have something each day.

Lydecker said there are currently no plans for addition activities in the future, but she welcomes all suggestions or feedback from students.

The Academic Success Center has fliers available to help prepare UW-RF for exams and stress management. Some tips they recommend for stress management include associating with people they enjoy, exercising, handling multiple tasks, taking responsibility of their life, eating right and getting ample sleep.

Senior Marketing Communication student Katelyn Borgen chooses to use the flight option when dealing with end of the semester stress.

"I figure if my grade depends on one test, I didn't do enough earlier in the semester and it's too late to worry about it now," Borgen said.

Maile Ilac, a junior Ag Education major, deals with her stress by drinking a lot of coffee and eating pizza.

"I take it easy and play a lot," Ilac said. "I make a list of all my finals and start looking at my notes the night before."

Besides coffee and pizza, Ilac also finds comfort do arts and crafts and recording creative answering machine messages.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Senate passes proposal for diversity sensitivity training

Melissa Bregani
Co-News Editor

Diversity. It's an issue that has raised much debate on campus over the past few weeks. At their final meeting of the semester Tuesday night, Student Senate proposed a motion to work in conjunction with the staff at the Leadership Center to provide at least three hours per semester of diversity sensitivity training to all hall managers and resident assistants.

Diversity issues director Eric Dodge feels that this is an important issue which cannot be ignored.

"I believe this is a serious thing for this motion to go through," Dodge said. "Diversity sensitivity training was really short before; only a few hall managers and RAs could handle situations."

The motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 19-0, will allow the Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB) Lead program to initiate diversity sensitivity training to all hall managers and resident assistants during each semester of each academic year.

The Lead program, according to LDPB Chair Scott Garbow, focuses on recruitment and training.

"Four students were sent to Florida to become certified as student government leaders," Garbow said. "They brought back a greater knowledge of how to get students involved in activities they would not have been involved in."

Student Senate Vice President Adam Clausen felt this was a good idea, as it gives other students a chance to be leaders on campus, taking some pressure off the senators.

Clausen feels this program is necessary on campus to educate both students and staff.

"I think (this issue) really needs to be addressed," Clausen said. "I think this training is really needed for RAs. The dorm is my home, too, and I need to feel safe."

Clausen's fellow senator Jennifer Mundt agreed.

"This is a position they can do things with," Mundt said. "People should feel safe and comfortable where they live. People are there to assure a comfort level, which is a real good step."

Senator Matt Benedixen, who agreed with the motion, did have some concerns, however.

"If we're going to do a training program, I want to make sure (students

and faculty) are getting something out of it. I didn't know of any problems before," he said.

Another issue discussed by Senators was the role they play on this campus and how students view them.

Ethics Chair Sean Froelich explained to the Senate that he was approached by a student and told that most students are unsure of the Senate's purpose on campus.

"Most students don't know what we do," Froelich said. "We should be a primary source on campus (for information). We need to increase our visibility so they see us and know what we do."

Froelich went on to say that Senate needs to be a role model on campus, something most students do not see.

"They assume we're not here to help in a dynamic way," he said. "We're here because we want to make a difference and make changes, but they don't see that. It was really important to hear; it's something to work for, something to change."

Finally, in closing, the Senate said goodbye to one of their own last night. Senator Jennifer Mundt will be leaving Senate to begin student teaching next semester and was removed from her duties as finance director and Senator.

Mundt did offer some advice to the Senate upon her leave, however.

"This is my fourth year serving (on Student Senate) and I've learned so much and gained so much," Mundt said. "I encourage everyone to get involved in Senate. A lot of exciting things are happening in the future and I hope you take advantage of them."

The next meeting of Student Senate will be Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

FACULTY SENATE NEWS

'History of Jazz', philosophy classes added

Craig Severud
Staff Writer

Faculty Senate passed motions Wednesday for two new classes and a new name for a course in the Speech Communication and Theater Arts (SCTA) department.

The first motion to pass changed business communication to professional organizational communication.

"Business communication" didn't really encompass all that takes place in the course," said SCTA Professor Barb Werner. "Changing the name will better reflect the topics in the course."

The Senate also passed motions for the addition of a new music course which will qualify as a cultural diversity course.

Music 222, History of Jazz, will be offered as a humanity requirement. It will focus on the beginnings

of jazz to its present day form, and will cover the lives of jazz musicians such as Louis Armstrong.

Philosophy 245 is already offered, but will be offered as a cultural diversity course, and will feature Islam and Oriental religions in the U.S.

Mike Middleton of the Assessment Committee updated the Senate on his search to find better ways to assess university-wide testing.

"Right now, we are finding out which (assessment) instruments are out there and which we can use here," Middleton said. "We may use instruments from 1995, when the test assessments were last done."

Chancellor Ann Lydecker spoke on several subjects. The first dealt with the regents meeting she attended last week, which focused on communication efficiency in all levels of the University. Lydecker went on to announce that the search has begun to find a new dean for the College of Business and Economics.

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The Philosophy Shop a 'meeting of minds'

■ Monthly event provides residents with opportunity for conversation, social interaction

Kristopher Jensen
Staff Writer

If you miss the days when chatting with someone had nothing to do with the Internet, your feelings of isolation are over. Thanks to Peter Donalds, solace can now be found on South Main Street. Once a month, The Bookpress, at 101 S. Main Street, is home to an event designed to inspire spirited discussion. The Philosophy Shop, a community discussion group, was Donalds' answer to the lack of intellectual interaction in his life. "Philosophy Shop is a chance for folks to get together and talk about things other than work and kids," Donalds said. "I started it because I missed having good conversations. I guess you could say I started it for selfish reasons."

Donalds is a graduate student at UW-River Falls seeking a Master of Education degree.

Donalds first started the Philosophy Shop just over a year ago. He hopes that more people will begin to attend the group, which he said is "for people who miss talking about philosophy."

Donalds said he thinks people will enjoy the unrestricted atmosphere.

"It's pretty simple," he said. "I think of a topic - something pretty

general. The last one was truth. Specifically, whether truth is a general principle or an absolute. Then, the group discusses the topic in depth."

At the monthly meetings, The Bookpress is turned into a cable access television studio, as people gather to take part in or listen to the conversation.

The Philosophy Shop is taped for RFCC-TV 16, as well as University Cable Access 19.

"It's kind of like talk radio," Donalds said.

During the meetings, Donalds' role is mostly to initiate conversation and keep it on track.

"As host I talk for about five minutes introducing the topic and then turn it over for discussion," he said. "That's all it takes. Then people really get going."

Donalds likes incorporating several of his interests into the meetings.

"Sometimes I play guitar and sing," he said.

"We might toss in a song or a poem."

Donalds said people attending the meetings are welcome to bring a guitar or a song or poem to share with the group.

Attendance varies at the hour-and-a-half long meetings. Donalds said the average is 10 people, but as many as 25 have attended.

"No matter how many are there, everyone gets a good chance to speak," Donalds said.

Donalds described the discussions as "lively, but very seldom heated." One exception to that was a discussion that focused on religion.

"I thought beforehand that it might

get heated, and it did," he said.

Philosophy Shop was originally held in the Holistic Healing Center on Second Street until it closed. The discussion group then moved to the Bookpress.

Donalds said the Philosophy Shop is the sort of thing Bookpress owner Kevin Caldwell intended to have in his store when he opened it six and a half years ago.

"The idea when Kevin opened it was that the Bookpress would be a place for things like that," Donalds said. "His store is kind of a community center."

Caldwell said the Philosophy Shop fits well with the Bookpress mission statement.

"It's part of the ongoing outreach mission of the store to try to host community types of events," Caldwell said. "Philosophy Shop

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- Peter Donalds, UW-River Falls graduate student, host of "The Philosophy Shop"

helps people to talk about hot-button topics that they generally try to avoid."

Aside from Philosophy Shop, the Bookpress is home to several other community groups.

"We're the home base for the River Falls Community Theatre," Caldwell said. "The Community Arts Base (CAB) was born out of this store. The Art House gallery is based out of this store as well."

The Bookpress also sponsors readings and other similar events.

"I want the store to be a place people can hang out, read and have coffee - other than a bar," Caldwell said. "Something of a community hub. The Philosophy Shop is another example of that."

Donalds said the most loyal Philosophy Shop attendees are retirees in the River Falls community.

One such retiree, Nancy Stearns,

said she enjoys the Philosophy Shop because it provides her with a chance to interact with others while talking about important issues.

"I'm just recently retired," Stearns said. "I've read philosophy off and on for my whole life, but haven't had that much time for it until retirement. The Philosophy Shop came along at just the right time to talk about the big issues, like 'what is truth.' It's wonderful."

Stearns, who has lived in River Falls for 18 years, said she thinks Donalds does a good job leading the group.

"Peter is well grounded in the philosophy," Stearns said. "He really gets people involved."

Stearns said she plans on continuing to go to every meeting possible. "I like the brain exercise," she said. "It helps me to keep on stretching my mind."

Donalds said he has been disappointed in the low turnout of college students.

"I'd like to see more come," he said. "And more frequently."

One thing that should appeal to students is the price.

"The discussion is free," Donalds said. "I do ask for donations to help pay for videotapes and photocopies of fliers, however."

The next Philosophy Shop will be Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Bookpress. The topic is yet to be decided, but students should keep their eyes open for fliers.

"Everyone is invited," Donalds said. "If they want to bring a song or a poem they're welcome to. Otherwise just come ready to talk or to listen."

Philosophy Shop

The Bookpress
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Topic: yet to be decided

Governor Thompson's aid speaks to students

Kristopher Jensen
Staff Writer

Some political science students at UW-River Falls recently learned what it is like to work closely with Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson. Guest speaker Mary Moser, the director of Thompson's Northern Wisconsin office, visited students in Erick Highum's State and Local Politics class (POLS 253) to explain what it's like to be the "eyes and ears" of the Governor.

"It can be a high burnout job," Moser said. "But I love it. The Northern Office is responsible for all of the counties north of state Highway 29 and Interstate Highway 94."

That means a lot of travel for Moser - both traveling around the district and driving back to Madison for meetings with the governor.

The Northern Office is basically a listening post for Governor Thompson to gather opinions and information from constituents he may not otherwise hear from. Only six percent of the population lives in the northern third of the state, making it difficult for citizens to form a loud, unified voice without the aid of the office.

Moser said Thompson created the Northern Office to get feedback on how pending legislation will impact the northern part of the state.

"Even if things are passed with good intentions, someone is always negatively impacted," she said. The office gives those people who would otherwise be unheard a chance to speak up.

Moser was appointed as the director of the Northern Office in 1997. She said that in her time as director she has learned that the people of northern Wisconsin counties are extremely vocal.

"In northern Wisconsin, if people feel strongly about something they're blasting it at you when you walk in the room," Moser said. "You don't have to ask them how they feel."

Moser said there are several issues that come up regularly.

"Every year we try to deal with changing the system for pricing milk," she said.

Currently, milk is priced nationally by how far the farm is away from Eau Claire. Under this system, dairy farmers in Florida or California get much more money for their milk than farmers in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

"Obviously the system is unfair and outdated," she said.

Other important issues in Northern Wisconsin include the construction of a power line from Duluth to Wausau, and the negotiation of casino compacts with Indian tribes.

"The casino issue is of some relevance to people here in western Wisconsin," she said, referring to the proposed casino addition in the St. Croix Meadows dog track in Hudson.

Moser said that feedback from northern constituents helped sway Thompson to vote against increasing the number of casinos allowed in the state.

"Currently," she said, "a casino must close somewhere in the state if a new casino is to open."

With the prominence of Thompson on the national political scene, there has been a lot of speculation about a potential presidential cabinet position in the governor's future.

Moser doesn't give much gravity to the idea of Thompson leaving Wisconsin politics.

"Governor Thompson campaigned very strongly for Governor Bush, not only in Wisconsin, but across the country," she said. "He might be overlooked, however, because Wisconsin plays a smaller role in politics nationally."

Moser thinks Thompson, who is already the longest serving governor in Wisconsin history, will likely run again.

"I wouldn't rule out him running for another term," she said. "He's already worn out three bodyguards since he's been governor."

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EDITORIAL

At least we survived the current semester

We at *The Student Voice* have endured many a story in the past 13 issues. And for once, anger towards this paper has been at a minimum. This has probably been one of the smoothest semesters since our Sports Editor Troy Mallat has been here.

There have been mistakes, notably the continual misquoting of Dave Chell, but the readers have shown great restraint in criticizing the work of this publication. Not that criticism is bad, but we at the paper get tired of everyone saying that we're doing a bad job at learning how to be journalists. It's a learning process, and there are going to be mistakes.

These last few weeks have been a challenge for everyone. Projects, papers, and finals have sucked the life out of everyone on campus. Now add a high-stress, low-paying job and that's what we at *The Student Voice* have dealt with for the past two weeks.

The semester is finally over, and a much needed break will be given to

all the students, but most of all, the staff here is ready for a month of sitting on our collective can and doing absolutely nothing.

When that break is over, we will come back again to bringing the readers of this paper a high-quality college publication. And maybe, just maybe, we can have two semesters where people won't hate us.

New surroundings will await us next year, as South Hall will be vacated for renovation. Unfortunately, this transition to 3rd floor North Hall will most likely cause some confusion and frustration during the first issues of fall 2001. Not only will the staff have a smaller area to work with, but the familiarity of our current offices will be lost. But, as with any change, apparent inconveniences usually give way to hidden opportunities for improvement. We ensure you that the dedication of this paper will move with us across Cascade Avenue.

Happy Holidays!!!!!!

McConico rants, raves, babbles for last time

For my last column, I'll be looking back, saying thank yous and giving advice. So after four and a half years of school here at UW-River Falls, this is what I've got for you (in abbreviated form) ...

Topic #1 — The most caring professor that I had: Dr. Sandy Ellis who started teaching here at the start of my sophomore year. Sandy started here when I began to take a very large involvement in WRFW. She did a great job in advising me in class work. Sandy also was a good sounding wall for me to bounce ideas and radio station problems off of. She was a great as helping as a view from outside WRFW's directors, but yet having a good view of the station. I think this is great of her, but the ACEJMC journalism accreditation board begs to differ. They think the journalism department should spend more time working on research and not caring about students. Well, this isn't a research institute; sure some research is good, but maybe there are some more important things like students (you know those pesky things that universities revolve around). Having professors like Sandy Ellis working for this university is great. I thank Sandy Ellis for all the help she has given me. And I hope that all professors in this institution take a lead from great and helping professors like Sandy Ellis.

Topic #2 — The smartest professor on this campus: While I think that Sandy Ellis is a great member of the UW-RF staff, I've got to give the smartest professor on campus award to Dr. John Buschen. If you have never taken a class with Dr. Buschen, do it. I don't care what your major is, and I don't care if the class will not fill a requirement for you — take a Buschen class. While I didn't get the best overall grade in Dr. Buschen's Origin of Western Civilization class, I learned more in that class than any other class. Dr. Buschen has hard classes, and I am not a student that is big on taking classes that are tough "to make me a better person." But Dr. Buschen's classes are worth it. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it. At the time of writing this column, Dr.

Buschen has a lot of room in the rest of his classes. I have never had another professor that has been able to grasp the attention and imagination of a class like Dr. Buschen. Dr. Buschen's massive knowledge and discussion about history is amazing to listen to. Not only is Dr. Buschen's frighteningly immense brain capacity enough to take his class, he is a great storyteller. I imagine sitting in his class, and I am taken back to the world before textbooks — the way history was told pre-printing press. Dr. Buschen is one of the only teachers or professors that make me wish a

of the three-time LDPB chair Scott Garbow. It became a great committee working for the UW-RF student interests. I was very proud to help out all campus media representing CMBC, while benefiting the campus as a whole on LDPB. When I first started on LDPB, I rued Wednesday and going to the LDPB meetings. Now I look forward to Wednesdays and the LDPB meetings. Both the focus and atmosphere of LDPB has changed to be fun and beneficial (for both campus and myself).

Topic #4 — I wished I didn't then, now I'm happy that I did (take 2): The second sports team that I started covering for WRFW was women's basketball. I was not too excited about it, but I thought I would grin and bear it. That way I could move to men's basketball ("real" basketball) next year. So I accepted that I would suffer through a season of women's basketball. I had seen many girl's basketball games in high school, and I was not impressed. There were three girls on the team that I thought were good players, and I liked to watch their game. In high school, the girl's basketball team was made up of mostly girls that played basketball. The women's basketball team here is made up wholly of basketball players that are women. The

basketball that the women's team here plays is fun basketball. The team is made up of only those few high school girls that were fun to watch. I very much enjoyed that last half of my first year covering the women's basketball team; all I needed was a non-negative attitude. Then I went on to cover the women's basketball team for the next two years and loved every second of it; they play good basketball. And I really wish that people would go out and support women's basketball team and they they whooped up on Superior 89-61 Wednesday.

Topic #5 — So, I'm done now: That's it for my last column. Any comments to me, shoot me and e-mail at: matthew_m@mail.com. See you later ... maybe.

MATT MCCONICO



"If you were going to start a religion over a living man, it would revolve around John Buschen because he's so smart."

class period was longer; they go by so quickly. I think this quote of a classmate tells of the respect for Dr. Buschen: "If you were going to start a religion over a living man, it would revolve around John Buschen because he's so smart."

Topic #3 — I wished I didn't then, now I'm happy that I did: At first when I took the Campus Media Budget Committee (CMBC) reigns and served on the Leadership Development and Programming Board (LDPB), I wasn't happy about it. But now that I have served on the LDPB as CMBC's chair for one full year and two half years, I am very happy that I did the job. I was able to much better understand my campus. When I stepped into my first LDPB meeting, I was under the mind-set that I was here versus the world; well, that was kind of true, but not really. But I got into the meeting and with the guidance

Political parties, election shouldn't split U.S.

I was not elected to serve one party, but to serve one nation,"

- President-elect George W. Bush

The role of our congress will be especially important in the coming years. A highly partisan congress will only further divide the nation.

the reigns of the unproven congress.

The voters were split remarkably evenly between candidates. That is because both candidates stirred the emotions and rallied to the support of their voters. Both candidates reached their people.

That means the country lies loosely dispersed on either side of the political centerline.

As Bush said in his acceptance speech, both Republicans and Democrats want what's best for the country.

"We must seize this moment and deliver," Bush said. "I was not elected to serve one party, but to serve one nation."

President-elect Bush will fulfill his promises to America. He ran on the premise of being a unifying governor, and he will carry that unifying charisma to the White House.

The courts have made their decisions and forever stamped their mark on history. But it is up to us, the American people, to reaffirm the Supreme Court's decision in the court of public opinion and to openly support the 43rd President of the United States: George W. Bush.

The nation took a collective deep breath last night, and let out a sigh of electoral relief as Vice President Al Gore conceded the election to George W. Bush, effectively ending the month-long election struggle.

Whether you supported Gore, Bush, or one of the slew of other candidates who made a go at the White House, we can all agree that America is ready to put this election behind us and focus on the future.

In his concession speech, Gore told his supporters that disappointment should give way to patriotism and that we need to rally behind President-elect George W. Bush.

With the support of Americans across the nation, Bush will restore unity to the United States. But that will only happen if those who supported the other candidates are willing to rally behind his leadership in the name of American citizenship and loyalty to the democratic process.

KRISTOPHER JENSEN



"If elected officials focus on politics rather than the stewardship of their states, we will have a deadlocked legislature."

If elected officials focus on politics rather than the stewardship of their states, we will have a deadlocked legislature. It would be easy for Americans to point the blame at the newly elected president, who will do his best to pull tightly on

Taxing Internet access takes away from the freedom of information

In September, California Gov. Gray Davis vetoed a bill that proposed a change to force many Internet retailers to charge a sales tax on products. The failed bill required companies that made Internet sales to conform to current laws that govern catalog sales. If passed, they would have to charge sales tax if they also had a "brick-and-mortar" store within the state.

The governor cited the newness of the Internet and relative instability of the companies that are online as reasons for vetoing the bill.

"Imposing sales taxes on Internet transactions at this point in its young life would send the wrong signal about California's international role as the incubator of the dot-com community," Davis said.

According to an article by the San Francisco Chronicle, companies are currently required to collect sales taxes "only in states where they have a physical presence or nexus."

This leaves a large loophole for companies that are either all online or that do a lot of business outside their state lines.

Bills proposing the taxing of e-commerce have not come up yet but are currently being studied by commit-

tees.

The problem that arises in taxing e-commerce is the fact that most taxation is based upon the idea of a business' location. Existing taxes; including customs and excise taxes, consumption taxes, and income taxes, are all built around services and physical goods. Now, many e-businesses are dealing with electronic goods and payments, which cannot be tracked to any certain location.

Once this is viewed at a global scale, the taxation of them becomes understandably difficult.

However, if the businesses weren't taxed at all, it would provide a disadvantage to local business that are required to pay a sales tax, and possibly take away businesses from them and give it to outside sources.

The California Commission on the Tax Policy in the New Economy is currently investigating how best to go about taxing business transactions and Internet access.

Although they haven't yet proposed e-commerce taxes, the national government and dozens of states — including Wisconsin — are considering taxes on the Internet.

Wisconsin residents actually do pay an Internet access tax, although not because of any law. The Department of Revenue has found a way to justify this through an administrative interpretation saying Internet access is essentially no different from telephone and telecommunications services, which are subject to sales tax under Section 77.51 (21m) and 77.52 (2)(a)5 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Thus, residents pay the 5 percent tax, and the Wisconsin

government collects \$3.5 million annually, according to an article from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.

There is an argument against this saying it is basically a double tax, as the resident pays a tax on the phone service (used to get online) and again for the Internet access.

In Congress, the House has chosen to not tax access on a national scale until at least 2006, when the bill will be proposed again.

This nation is built upon a belief that people should have free access to information, and the Internet is becoming an easy and relatively reliable way to get said information. In schools, papers requiring computer assisted research are becoming more common. When we start taxing it, it is like making someone pay to use the public library. This should not be a serious consideration. It should be left alone so everyone has the ability to use it.

Revenue from e-businesses, however, is a different story. Since this is still in its nascent stages, the government needs to look into the pros and cons more in-depth so that they can better understand the methods and implications of collecting the taxes before they actually rush into doing anything.

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Professor / retiring after 18 years at UW-RF

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When asked how it felt to have taught for 35 years, Wachholz replied, "You really don't know where all those years went, it seems like it just sort of flew by. But that's partly because I truly enjoy teaching and that makes the time go quicker."

Professor and former chair of the animal science department Dean Henderson had known Wachholz prior to 1982, the year he was hired to teach at UW-RF. Henderson pointed out Wachholz has a lot of knowledge about the swine industry, which has directly benefited his students.

"He knows the swine industry in the U.S.," said Henderson. "He's bringing a really practical, hands-on, industry-wide experience back to our students."

As if Wachholz didn't spend enough of his time teaching and acting as a state extension specialist, he also coaches the UW-RF Livestock Judging team, a job that gives him the chance to travel, twice a year, with the team to six events held throughout the Midwest.

Senior livestock judging team member Amber Winfield said "Dewey" was one of the reasons I came to this school," and added that

his concern for students has been evident in each of the four classes she took from him, but this concern reaches beyond the classroom.

"He relates to students well and he helps you learn," Winfield said, "and as judging team coach, he always puts in 110 percent."

While Wachholz has enjoyed his time at UW-RF, health problems have made the last few years difficult. He was diagnosed with Lyme Disease four years ago but according to Wachholz, they suspect he got the disease 15-20 years ago. The disease can be cured with antibiotics if treated shortly after diagnosis, something Wachholz has tried with minimal success.

"Once the bacterium is in your body, you can control it but you can't kill it unless it's caught early," Wachholz explained. "But they didn't catch mine in time."

The disease has caused Wachholz to miss class on multiple occasions this year and he said that's the only reason he's chosen to retire at this point in time.

"My biggest concern is that I don't think it's fair to the students; it's difficult to have other instructors come in and take over the class," Wachholz said. "It's also not fair to my colleagues because they usually have to take over for me."

Despite the fact that he's scheduled to retire next month, Wachholz hopes to get emeritus status to keep an office at UW-RF so he can maintain contact with students.

"It's the students that keep you young," said Wachholz.

When considering what he'll do in retirement it seemed he will be just as busy then as he is now. Wachholz mentioned along with continuing his work with the 4-H program, he will consult for some beef breeding associations but will spend most of his time with his hobby: woodworking.

Wachholz also mentioned he will continue to coach the livestock judging team, a commitment that will be appreciated by the team's members, including Winfield who, despite understanding why he was retiring, was sad to hear about it.

"There's a lot of people that are disappointed to see him go," Winfield said.

Henderson, who perhaps knows Wachholz as well as anybody on campus, expressed his thoughts on Wachholz's retirement.

"We'll miss him and I envy him."

A reception will be held in Wachholz's honor on Dec. 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Regents Room in the Student Center.

Report / Measuring up to national standards

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high school courses that could prepare them for college. In Massachusetts, 59 percent of high school students take upper-level math; in Alabama, less than one-third do.

Students in some states have to borrow a lot more to attend college. In Massachusetts, the average for all kinds of student loans is \$4,719 annually. In Minnesota, the average student loan is \$3,168 annually.

Nationwide, about half (52 percent) of full-time freshmen at four-year colleges and universities earn a bachelor's degree within five years.

States range from a high of 68 percent (Vermont) to a low of 28 percent (Louisiana) on this measure.

"Our hope is that Measuring Up 2000 will be an impetus for state leaders to address some of the higher education policy challenges they face," said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center. "Certainly there is no single blueprint that can ensure that a state will excel in higher education."

As Measuring Up 2000 was being completed, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) reported that for the first time, three countries-

Norway, Britain, and the Netherlands have surpassed the United States in the proportion of young people who graduate from college.

"As the world leader in higher education in the 20th century, the United States will have to work hard to maintain leadership in the 21st century," Hunt said. "Accessible, affordable, and quality higher education is critical to preparing Americans for the high-skilled jobs of the new economy."

Measuring Up 2000 will be updated in 2002 and 2004.

The Student Voice is still accepting applications for columnists for next semester. Pick up an application in 213 South Hall. Happy Holidays!

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--Hubert Humphrey



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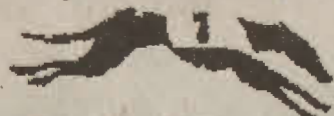
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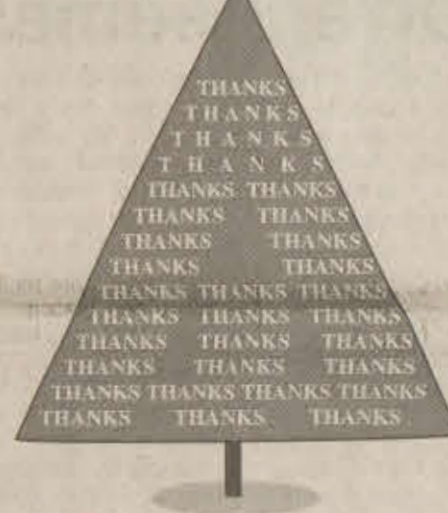
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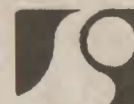
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Only a few shopping days left

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire only can mean one thing this time of year ... columnist Max Date needs to put some pants on. But while he's looking for something to cover his nether regions, I've been playing Santa Claus, giving gifts to all the needy sports figures out there. This is what's on my shopping list so far:

Washington Redskins: I was thinking the Wizard of Oz combo of heart, courage and brains or a

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needle to pop what's left of Dan Snyder's deflated ego. However, upon further review I'm going to get the Redskins a cryogenic chamber to keep kicker Eddie Murray alive until next season. And if Murray doesn't make it until next season, let Snyder kick the field goals.

Alex Rodriguez: A quarter of a billion dollars is a pretty hard gift to follow, but he's going to need something to carry all that green around. Sure wallets are nice, but a gold-plated wheelbarrow would do the trick with a little bit of style. He can also use it to dig his own grave, which is what he did by signing a contract that guarantees a player lockout after this season.

Bud Selig: Speaking of baseball, the commish with a Shaquille O'Neal-sized problem on his hands is going to need a titanium lock to keep out the baseball players, so a salary cap can be put in place.

Green Bay Packers: Brett Favre and the Pack just don't scare anyone anymore. I'd give them a picture of George W. Bush in the Oval Office to scare the opposition, but a high draft pick to obtain Santana Moss will help out an offense with little speed.

Minnesota Timberwolves: The T-pups are the worst franchise in history of the NBA when it comes to under the table dealings. How hard can it be to get rid of incriminating papers concerning Joe Smith's contract? Glen Taylor obviously needs to invest in a paper shredder, but I guess I could get it for him.

Darryl Strawberry: You'd think getting a present for the only crack addict on your list would be easy. But after much deliberation I've decided on a new pair of shoe-strings.

Anna Kournikova: What to get the glamorous tennis star was harder (get your mind out of the gutter) than I thought. I was going to get her a first-ever singles title, but I had to settle for a Victoria's Secret gift certificate because they were all out. On the bright side, this gift will keep on giving to the rest of the world.

And it wouldn't be Christmas if I didn't give something to Viking fans: When the Vikings get done choking in the playoffs, Viking fans everywhere will need a crowbar to pry the fingers from the Vikings' cold, dead bodies.

Troy Mallat is a senior majoring in journalism

Lady skaters continue winning ways

■ Women's hockey remains tied for the top of the WCHA with a pair of wins over UW-Eau Claire

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Matching up against two totally different caliber squads this past week, the Falcon women skaters unloaded their guns in 8-0 and 5-1 wins over a struggling 3-9 first-year Eau Claire squad last weekend after they battled a tough three periods in their losing 3-2 effort to St. Thomas the previous Wednesday at home.

The Blugolds' Hobbs Ice Center played host to the first of two conference series between the two teams.

"We wanted to keep (Eau Claire's) shots below 15 a game and make sure we moved the puck and played a possession style of hockey," head coach Joe Cranston said. "And I think we did that for the most part."

As has been the case for much of this season so far, the Falcons came out rather low-key, at least according to scoring. Controlling the puck and game pace from the very start, the Falcons jumped to a quick 1-0 lead three minutes in when Elisha Best took a rebounded Jodi Hensch shot about 10 feet straight out and beat the Blugold goalie, but then the UW-RF women toyed with UW-EC until midway through the second period, unable to score at will like they would in the second and third.

"We're a third period team," co-captain Mandy Stokes said. "We get the scoring chances, we just don't get the puck in the net."

Stokes revitalized the Falcons with 11:57 left when she skated from the corner out in front and sent UW-RF to a 2-0 lead.

Two minutes later Stokes set up Katie Schwenke to finish on a beautiful exchange where all five skaters touched the puck on its trip from one end to the other. "Our passing was phenomenal," Stokes said.

Nicole Marcella also picked up a goal in the second period off a rebound, making it 4-0 Falcons.

In the third, offensive efficiency continued to climb as the second-period scorers all repeated. In a scramble at the net around mid-period, Stokes flipped in her second of the night.

A couple minutes later on power play, Keri Deschene backhanded another rebound for the team's sixth point, and then Marcella and Schwenke pelted the Blugolds with almost identical-looking goals in the final minute of the contest.

Through it all, Falcon goalie Julie Lutz held her debut scoreless as the Falcons' 31-10 shot advantage skunked the Blugolds. Each squad shared equally in the game's 10 penalties.

Saturday's rematch rang a little different tune with Anna Permann manning the crease, but it was mostly to do with the Blugolds taking twice as many shots.

Mustering a better first period effort, the Falcons leapt to 2-0 with a rebound Susie Misheski goal and a long Deschene slapshot.

Then UW-EC's Connie Cameron answered during one of five Blugold power plays, cutting the game back to a difference of one. That comeback would be quite short-lived, however, as the Falcons held out in a one-score (your picture-perfect Deschene breakaway) second period and then finished strong with another two in the third.

Stokes picked up her third goal of the weekend on a backhanded goal from a Lindsay Carlson pass. Jody LaMotte then put the game to bed with 18 seconds to go when she rebounded a Deschene shot from well off to the side. Her shot, right at the goalie, glanced off her skates and went in.

That goal also completed an all-returned scoring column for the Falcons, who won the shot margin 35-19. "When the game slows down," Cranston said, "the returners play smart, heads-up college hockey with better decisions and a little more poise. If you think too much offense, that can hurt you. You have to stick to your guns, and the veterans are more apt to do that."

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Falcon freshman Elisha Best handles the puck at the red line during the team's sweep of UW-EC. Best added a goal and an assist.

THIS WEEKEND

 VS.

What: River Falls (8-3-0) vs. St. Catherine (6-1-0) in a home-and-home series Dec. 16 and 17. Falcons host Sunday at 3:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena

National Rankings: St. Catherine is ninth, the Falcons are tenth.

Who to watch: Mahrya Honer and Courtney Adney lead the Wildcats in points and are both in the MIAC top fifteen.

What to watch: The Falcons have been playing solid defense all year. Both games should be low-scoring, and it'll be up to the offense to take the game. The Falcons need at least a split in the series to hang on to a national ranking.



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Falcon guard Abby Nelson goes up for a layup during the team's 89-61 clobbering of UW-Superior Wednesday night at the Karges Center. Nelson scored five points and collected eight steals in the contest. Melissa McKernon led the Falcons with 29 points and nine rebounds. The Falcons are now 8-2, 2-1 in the WIAC.

Falcons end 2-game skid with superior preformance

By Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

Melissa McKernon entered the highlight zone Wednesday evening during the UW-River Falls women's basketball team's 89-61 win over UW-Superior at the Karges Center.

McKernon poured in 29 points, pulled down nine rebounds, dished off three assists and collected two steals in the Falcons' victory, which ended a two-game skid.

Scoring 18.2 points above her season average, the junior hit 12-of-15 field goal attempts, including 4-of-5 from beyond the arc.

"When we play team basketball like we did, any player can step up," said UW-RF skipper Cindy Hovet. "(Wednesday) it was Mel."

The Falcons (8-2, 2-1) seized an 11-0 lead, nine points courtesy of junior Sarah Pollock, before the Yellowjackets (2-6, 0-4) got on the board, then opened up a 42-18 advantage by intermission.

From there, UW-RF coasted to victory.

Complementing McKernon's scoring barrage were Pollock (who shot 3-of-3 from 3-point territory), junior Andrea Long and junior Tara Wakefield, who netted 16, 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Senior Mara Reif-Wenner (6 points), junior Abby Nelson (5), freshman Pam Bonczyk (2), senior JoLynn Sieburg (2) and freshman Concetta Smith (2) also broke into the scoring column.

Senior Sheri Domitrovich and freshman Kelly Krieg paced Superior's offensive attack with 13 points each. Domitrovich also collected seven boards and five assists.

Nelson dished off a team-high nine assists for the Falcons, while Reif-Wenner, who snagged seven caroms, added six, assists. UW-RF compiled 27 total assists to the Yellowjackets' 14.

Nelson picked up eight of the Falcons' 16 steals, as Superior committed 20 turnovers.

UW-RF outshot Superior .565 (39-of-69) to .367 (22-of-60). Both clubs attempted 14 treys, with the Falcons canning eight and the Jackets six.

"We played a good basketball game," Hovet said. "We've been working on playing smart basketball and we had some players step up and hit some big shots. We're really playing to our strengths right now."

The Falcons will return to action Dec. 30, when they host Luther College in a non-conference tilt scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Titan giants too much for UW-RF

■ UW-Oshkosh's massive front-line defeat women's hoopsters

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

A pair of runs helped UW-Oshkosh run a 60-47 loss past the UW-River Falls women's hoops contingent Saturday in a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tilt held at Albee Hall in Oshkosh.

The loss was UW-RF's second in as many outings after a 7-0 start.

Pam Ruder's Titans (7-1, 3-0) owned a 9-0 advantage after the game's first 5-minutes, 24-seconds, and led 26-23 at intermission despite an 11-3 UW-RF run to cap the first half.

Cindy Hovet's Falcons (7-2, 1-1) carried that momentum into the second stanza, as they poured in the first six points after the break to seize a 29-26 lead.

With the score tied 36-36, however, Oshkosh found its running legs.

The Titans' defense held UW-RF scoreless for 7:58; meanwhile, their offense lit up the nets for 20 points and a 56-36 cushion for the home team.

"That run killed us," Hovet said. "Defensively we were not getting in the passing lanes. They picked up their defense and we weren't getting good looks."

"Any time you play a team like (Oshkosh) and they go on long runs it's going to kill you."

UW-RF responded with an 11-4 run of its own, which included the final eight points of the contest, but it was too-little-too-late.

Amanda Dickerson paced the Titans in victory with 16 points, while Jamie Turtenwald pitched in 13 points.

Mara Reif-Wenner led the Falcons' offensive attack with 14 points, Andrea Long added 13 and Tara Wakefield came off the bench to contribute 11 points.

Kristin Steckmesser pulled down a game-high seven rebounds, while Long led the Falcons with five collected caroms.

Steckmesser and UW-RF's Abby Nelson dished off a game-high five assists each.

The Falcons went 21-of-51 (.412) from the floor to outshoot the Titans, who hit 24-of-59 (.407) of their field goal attempts; however, Oshkosh held a 39-29 edge on the boards and committed five fewer turnovers.

See "Women's b-ball" on page B3

SCOREBOARD									
MEN'S HOCKEY									
NCHA STANDINGS									
	W	L	T	GF	GA				
River Falls (10-2-1)	5	1	0	38	15				
Stout (10-3-0)	4	2	0	22	20				
St. Norbert (8-4-1)	3	1	0	21	12				
Lake Forest (6-4-2)	2	3	0	16	18				
Stevens Point (6-4-0)	2	1	0	9	9				
Eau Claire (6-6-0)	2	4	0	15	22				
Superior (9-3-0)	1	3	0	10	15				
St. Scholastica (4-7-0)	0	4	0	9	29				
Dec. 9 results									
River Falls				0	2				
Concordia-Moorhead				1	0				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: C-M - Burgess (Kennedy, Marsh) 06:53 (pp)									
2nd Period: RF - Fukushima (Miller, Johnson) 13:29 RF - Anderson 06:44 (pp)									
Power plays: RF 1 of 3; C-M 1 of 3									
Penalties: RF 5 (10 min) C-M 6 (20 min)									
Goals: RF - Vezina (60:00, 22:21)									
C-M - Howard (60:00, 32:30)									
Dec. 10 results									
River Falls				0	1				
St. John's Univ.				0	2				
Scoring Summary:									
2nd Period: SJU - Knorr (Smoloff, Stark) 16:30 SJU - Willey (Kerfeld) 07:00									
3rd Period: RF - Elsen (Kragthorpe, Novak) 01:38 SJU - Konrad 01:16 (empty net)									
Power plays: RF 0 of 7; SJU 0 of 5									
Penalties: RF 7 (15 min) SJU 9 (18 min)									
Goals: RF - Vezina (60:00, 28:26)									
SJU - Gregory (60:00, 18:17)									
WOMEN'S HOCKEY									
NCHA STANDINGS									
	W	L	T	GF	GA				
Superior (9-1-0)	7	1	0	43	15				
River Falls (8-3-0)	5	1	0	26	7				
Lake Forest (2-5-1)	2	5	1	13	27				
Stevens Point (3-4-1)	1	2	1	8	12				
Eau Claire (3-11-0)	0	6	0	9	38				
Dec. 8 results									
River Falls				1	3				
Eau Claire				0	0				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: RF - Best (Hensch, Deschene) 17:10									
2nd Period: RF - Stokes (Carlson) 11:57 RF - Schwenne (Stokes) 10:07 RF - Marcella (LaMotte, Schultzenberg) 03:29									
3rd Period: RF - Stokes (Schwenke, Carlson) 11:20 RF - Deschene (Hensch) 07:28 (pp) RF - Marcella (Mishkeski, Goodwin) 00:36 RF - Schwenne (Betker) 00:16									
Power plays: RF 1 of 5; EC 0 of 5									
Penalties: RF 5 (10 min) EC 5 (10 min)									
Goals: RF - Lutz 1-0 (60:00, 10-10) EC - Bray (60:00, 31-23)									
Dec. 9 results									
River Falls				2	1				
Eau Claire				1	0				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: RF - Mishkeski (Marcella, Hoff) 16:08 RF - Deschene (Best) 07:35 (pp) EC - Cameron (Zollars) 02:03 (pp)									
2nd Period: RF - Deschene (Goodwin) 11:52									
3rd Period: RF - Stokes (Carlson, Schwenne) 11:10 RF - LaMotte									
MEN'S BASKETBALL									
WAC STANDINGS									
	W	L							
Superior (6-1)	2	1							
Platteville (5-2)	2	1							
Stevens Point (8-1)	1	1							
La Crosse (6-2)	1	1							
River Falls (5-3)	1	1							
Stout (7-2)	1	2							
Oshkosh (6-2)	1	2							
Eau Claire (4-4)	1	2							
Dec. 9 results									
Oshkosh				40	50				
River Falls				33	52				
Becker				6	5				
Johnson				7	0				
Timm				1	0				
Meizer				6	1				
Mathison				4	3				
Dec. 13 results									
River Falls				35	41				
Superior				34	30				
Timm				1	1				
Becker				6	8				
Meizer				1	1				
Johnson				4	2				
Mathison				5	3				
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL									
WAC STANDINGS									
	W	L							
Superior (7-1)	3	0							
Oshkosh (7-1)	3	0							
Stout (8-1)	3	0							
Stevens Point (7-1)	1	1							
River Falls (7-2)	1	1							
Platteville (3-3)	1	2							
La Crosse (3-4)	0	2							
Whitewater (3-4)	0	3							
Superior (2-5)	0	3							
Dec. 9 results									
River Falls				23	24				
Oshkosh				26	34				
Reif-Wenner				R	A				
Long				3	3				
Wakefield				5	0				
Nelson				3	1				
Dec. 13 results									
Superior				18	43				
River Falls				42	47				
McKernon				R	A				
Pollock				9	3				
Long				4	1				
Wakefield				6	0				
Reif-Wenner				7	6				
Nelson				1	9				
SWIMMING									
Dec. 9 results at Luther									
Women									
River Falls 54, Luther 40									
Men									
Luther 69, River Falls 24									
Individual Results (Only Top 3)									
200 Medley Relay									
Flanscha, Hart, Erickson, LaMott									
2:02.15 2nd									
1000 Free									
Amber Wuollet 11:30.43 1st									
Bryant Hardy 11:31.37 1st									
200 Free									
Katey Schneider 2:05.26 1st									
Brandon VanVleet 1:53.89 2nd									
Amy LaMott 2:12.02 3rd									
50 Free									
Jessie Plumley 25.99 1st									
Jon Jarvis 23.54 3rd									
200 IM									
Mia Erickson 2:25.77 2nd									
Kim Hart 2:30.07 3rd									
Edwin Delgado 2:26.37 3rd									
100 Fly									
Katey Schneider 1:03.31 1st									
Brandon VanVleet 59.15 2nd									
100 Free									
Jessie Plumley 57.07 1st									
Jon Jarvis 52.60 3rd									
100 Back									
Mia Erickson 1:06.10 1st									
Bryant Hardy 1:05.61 1st									
Kenzie Flanscha 1:07.69 3rd									
500 Free									
Amber Wuollet 5:39.40 1st									
100 Breast									
Kim Hart 1:13.13 1st									
Bryant Hardy 1:08.80 1st									
Amy Ohmndt 1:22.48 3rd									
200 Free Relay									
Plumley 26.44, Flanscha 26.64, LaMott 26.64, Schneider 25.61									
1:45.37 1st									
VanVleet 22.88, Jarvis 23.05, Delgado 24.83, Salminen 27.22									
1:37.76 3rd									
GYMNASTICS									
Dec. 9 results at Whitewater									
River Falls 166.55, Whitewater 163.875									

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Dec. 15-21, 2000	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Men's Hockey	Augsburg 7:05 p.m.	at Eau Claire 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Hockey		at St. Catherine 7:05 p.m.	St. Catherine 3:05 p.m.				
Men's Basketball							
Women's Basketball							
Swimming						Eau Claire 1 p.m.	
Wrestling							
Gymnastics	at Hamline 7 p.m.						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Senior Eliot Komar (4) and the Falcons have a record of 10-2-1 after a split last weekend.

Women's hockey sweeps UW-EC

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In Wednesday's non-conference bout with St. Thomas, defense was the difference between win and lose. The game started out scoreless through the first and then took a sour twist at 6:37 in the second when the Tommies' Sina Zimmerman, faking a mid-ice dump down the boards, lured Falcon goalie Stephanie Seiler out of the crease and then shot it in for a short-handed goal that gave St. Thomas a 1-0 lead and plenty of momentum over a shocked UW-RF squad.

Reeling backwards, the Falcons were out-shot 11-8 as the Tommies put in another.

"A few players got out-worked, and that cost us a lot," Cranston said.

Early in the third period, however, back-to-back strikes from Hensch and Elisha Best notched the game at a deadlock. But the Tommies would answer, and their goal at 10:59 on power play would set them up to play it safe and claim the victory.

"We played well enough that we could have won," Cranston said. "We just gave up too much defensively. We needed to work harder."

Overall, the Falcons managed to take the edge in shots at 24-21 after a three-shot third by the Tommies. Seiler saved 18 as her teammates took a 5-4 lead in penalties, which were dominated by checking calls.

The week's progress brings the Falcons to 8-3-0 as they embark toward another highly-competitive clash against a nationally-ranked St. Catherine this Saturday and Sunday. Hunt Arena will host the second of the series at 3:05 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Garin leads gymnasts to dual meet victory

Sports Information

The Falcon gymnastics team opened its season in style winning a dual meet at UW-Whitewater Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday the Falcons are at UW-Oshkosh for a meet against the always strong Titans. Action starts at 7 p.m.

"The meet offers some great insight as to what may be ahead for us," Falcon Coach Jeanne DeLisle said. "Whitewater is a strong team and we won without a full squad. Freshman Katie Mitchell is out injured and a couple of others are not quite ready to go yet. Our season is off to a great start." The Falcons won by 166.55-163.875.

Angie Garin took the first place on the bars with an 8.4 score. Tiffany Reber was fourth with an 8.1 and Erin Holly was fifth with 8.05.

"We performed well on the bars," DeLisle said. "We had a couple of glitches with a grip coming undone and a couple of missed skills.

Overall it was a successful start."

In the vault Reber took the top spot with a 9.025. Stephanie Rosengren and Garin tied for third place with 8.45.

"Kim Furan (7.5) vaulted for the first time in a year. She fell but is looking forward to getting back on track. Tiff did a great job in placing first," DeLisle said.

Garin also won the beam competition with a 8.725. Holly was second with 8.675 and Kelly Settle was third with 8.4. The Falcons showed some great depth with Furan placing fifth with 8.175 and Rosengren sixth with an 8.025. "Garin, Settle and Holly all stuck their routines," DeLisle said.

The team's weakest event was floor. Holly finished with an 8.9 and placed fifth while Rosengren was sixth with an 8.775.

Garin won the all-around competition with a 34.275 total. Rosengren was third with 33.05 and Reber fourth with 32.075.

Men's hockey splits with MIAC

Two games in 17 hours taked its toll on the Falcon men's hockey team as they fall to St. John's after defeating Concordia-Moorhead

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

Before the weekend started, UW-River Falls men's hockey coach Steve Freeman said it would be a difficult one. The Falcons were playing two of the more dangerous teams in the MIAC without their leading scorer Jeff Bernard with both games being played 17 hours apart.

After defeating Concordia-Moorhead, 2-1, on Saturday night, the Falcons (10-2-1) could not

Too little, too late

Bob Burrows
Sports Correspondent

UW-River Falls head coach Rick Bowen knows that to stay competitive in the WIAC, you have to win your games at home and steal them on the road.

Too bad it was UW-Oshkosh that lived up to that theory last Saturday night at Karges Center.

Actually, the Titans didn't so much as steal a 90-85 win as much as they knocked the Falcons over the head and blatantly walked away with it in front of 615 spectators.

There was no secret to the Titans' win. They just played better than River Falls.

"I just don't have too many good things to say right now except we've got an awful lot of things we have to work on in practice before going up to Superior," Bowen said, referring to Wednesday night's showdown with the Yellowjackets. "You look on paper and see 90-85 and think that was a nice ballgame. But that was like a 15-point loss."

That's the number the Falcons trailed by for most of the contest before turning things up a notch at the end to make it close. Bowen said if the team had played the entire game like it did the last five minutes, it would have been an easy win for the Falcons. "But I thought our total effort, when we had to have it, was not good enough."

Oshkosh led by as many as 13 in the first half before the Falcons closed the gap to seven, 40-33, at halftime. The Titan lead ballooned to 18 in the second half before the Falcons made a too-little-too-late run at the end.

The Titans did everything the Falcons couldn't in the game – namely make shots, grab loose balls and pull down rebounds. Bowen, while disappointed in the play of his own team, gave credit to the Titans for playing with a sense of urgency.

"They had just lost two games at home," he noted. "Give credit where credit is due. They played very

Men's hoops defeats 'Jackets

The Falcon men's basketball team pulled away with a late run to defeat UW-Superior 76-64.

Shawn Timm paced the Falcons with 20 points. Kent Becker added 18.

well. They made their shots, beat us up inside and beat us to loose balls. They had their backs against the wall."

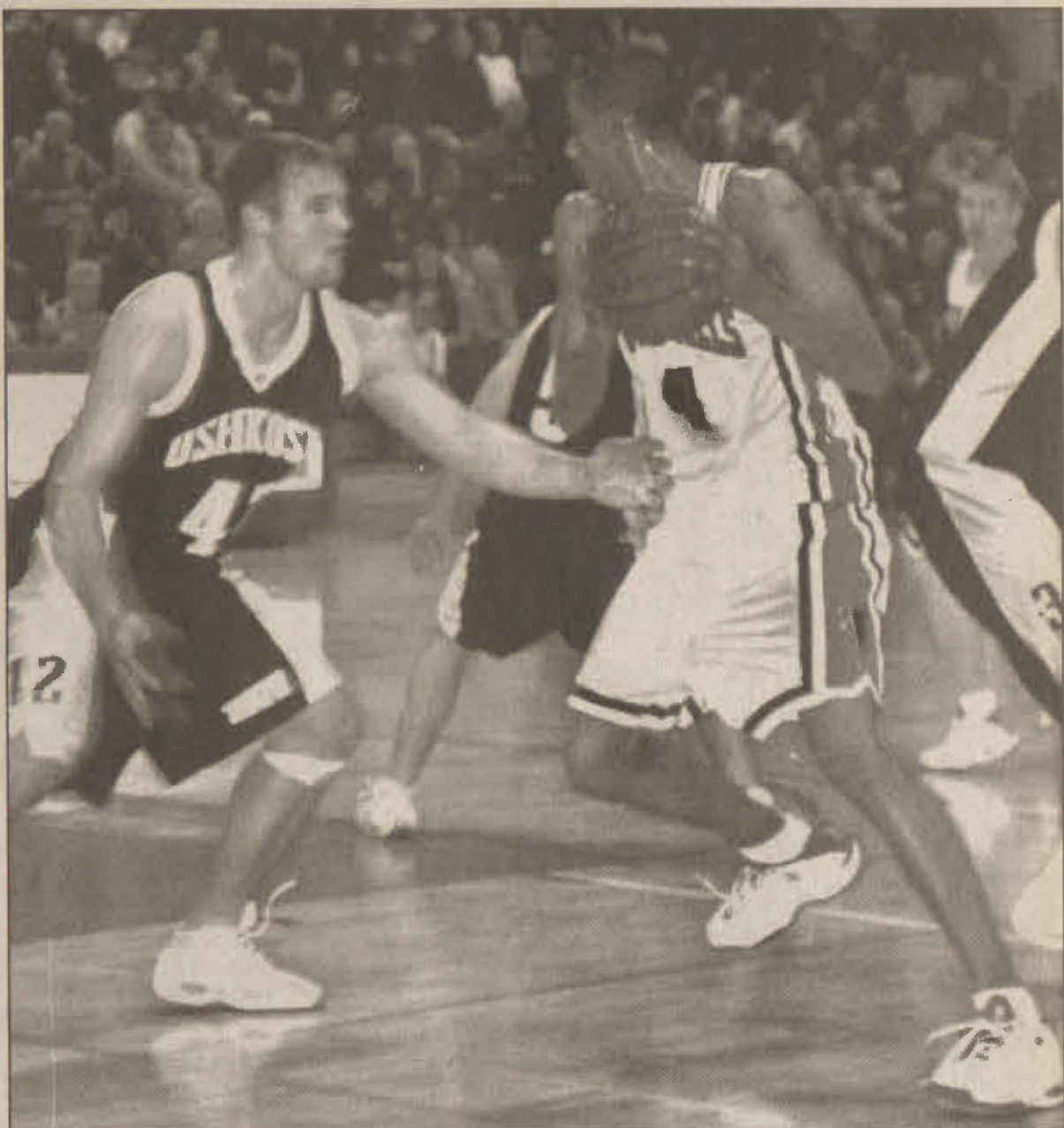
Junior Kent Becker was the only Falcon who played with a sense of urgency, scoring 24 of his game-high 30 points in the second half. Edmund Johnson added 14 points and six rebounds while Shawn Timm contributed 13 points. Rich Melzer added 11 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots.

Against Northwestern College in St. Paul last Tuesday night, the Falcons took a 36-35 lead at the break but the Eagles connected on 57 percent of their shots in the second half on their way to handing UW-RF a 78-73 setback.

Northwestern hit 17 of 30 shots from the field in the second half compared to 13 of 27 for the Falcons. Each team shot 54 percent from the field in the game but the Falcons committed five more turnovers, 15, than the Eagles.

Five Falcons scored in double figures led by Becker with 14. Becker missed just one shot all night, connecting on five of six shots from the field and two of two from the free throw line. Melzer added 12 points while Brian Mathison scored 11, including three 3-pointers, and Pat Ptacek and Johnson added 10 each. Dan Westin scored 27 points with five 3-pointers to lead the Eagles.

Becker and Mathison each pulled down six rebounds from their guard positions while Johnson grabbed five.



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Rich Melzer drives to the hoop against the Titans Saturday night at the Karges Center. The Falcons dropped the game to UW-Oshkosh 90-85. Melzer scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Women's basketball loses to UW-Oshkosh and Viterbo

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UW-RF converted on only 2-of-6 charity shots.

"Oshkosh is a very good basketball team," Hovet said. "Against teams like that we have to play our best game and we played very, very average."

JoLynn Sieburg saw her first action this season after sitting out the Falcons' first eight games with an injury.

The senior co-captain did not net any points in six minutes of playing

time, but collected four rebounds, three on the offensive end of the court.

"I think having her back is really going to help us in our upcoming games," Hovet said. "So, I'm really pleased about that."

Viterbo puts blemish on Falcons' mark

Heidi Behnke wasn't very kind to the Falcons in the V-Hawks' 61-55 win Dec. 5.

The senior complemented her 22-point showing with 11 rebounds and

five assists.

Kara Brandau and Lisa Saluzzi pitched in 13 points each for the V-Hawks, while Ellie Junker added 10.

Wakefield paced the Falcons with 13 points, while Nelson pitched in 11 and Long added 10.

Reif-Wenner tied Behnke for game-high rebounding honors with 11, nine on the defensive end of the court.

The Falcons held a 37-34 edge in the rebounding department, but turned the ball over four more times than Viterbo.

Men's hockey

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against ranked teams as they have also defeated Augsburg, St. Thomas and St. Norbert.

The Falcons tried to come back in the third period, but could only manage a Matt Elsen goal with 1:38 remaining in the game before the Johnnies added an empty net goal for the final tally.

"We made an inspired run in the third period when we

had our backs against the wall," Freeman said of the final 20 minutes. "If we would've played hard the whole game, we would've won."

Instead, the Falcons had to endure their second loss of the season.

Vezina stopped 26 shots in the contest. Johnny goaltender Rick Gregory made 17 saves.

The Falcons will continue with their interlocking schedule with the MIAC when they face Augsburg on Dec. 15 at Hunt Arena. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m. Saturday the Falcons are at UW-Eau Claire for a non-conference game that also starts at 7:05 p.m.

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"A real job for me and a never-ending box of Cheez-its for my staff."

Sarah Doyle, Editor-in-Chief

"Personalized pencil set." Matt Rayburn, lackey #1
 "To not be know as the number one puker." Jess Perry, lackey #2
 "I wish to be as cool as Doyle." Nichole Moudry, lackey #3
 "Some whores." Tracy Passehl (not pictured), lackey #4



"A place to throw my pizza boxes in peace."

Kevin O'Brien,
assistant Editor



Some money to do the laundry, Tylenol, a good column idea, piece on Earth (like gettin' a), more fleece-lined cargo pants from the Gap, good grades (keep wishin'), the satisfaction of kicking the crap out of Troy (I do want a shot at the title, despite the fact that we're in different weight classes), PlayStation 2, free Internet pornography, cheesy Gorditas from the Bell and some free time over break to fall in love with *GoldenEye* once again. E-mail me if you think I should still write a column this week. Peace.

max, jerk.

"For Doyle to become a successful journalist without forgetting about the little people, for Special K to finally find a soul and a stocking full of sour cream and onion Munch 'Ems."

Rachel Weddig, front page editor



"Nothing less than Troy's insurmountable mastery of Jeopardy."

'Wonder Boy' Ryan Brinks-LaMotte

THE STUDENT VOICE'S SEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

"cuz we were pretty good this year."



"I wish for whirled peas and a vegetable to be named later."

Troy "Old Balls" Mallat,
sports guru

- My boyfriend, Matt, wrapped in a big, red bow under my tree on Christmas
- Jess to get a higher alcohol tolerance
- A safe flight home (thanks Jess, for making me watch that stupid movie, *Final Destination*)



Melissa Bregani,
News Editor



"First off, for all NFL stadiums to stop playing 'Who let the Dogs Out.' No more Taco Bell food poisoning either. And for more good deals on Home Shopping Channel."

Erik Astin,
Max's assistant editor

All of us at the Student Voice would like to wish you all a happy holiday season. Hopefully, our 'urge to kill' will diminish somewhat over break. =) Good luck to all the graduates, especially soon-to-be former Editor Sarah Doyle and folk hero Matt McConico. Go somewhere warm. Or go get trashed. And don't read into the hook 'em horns too much.

"A first-class trip to Mexico and a BIG bottle of booze. It doesn't matter what kind."

Molly Montag, photo ed



"End to plate tectonics and for T-Roy to like me."

Jason Borman, business guy



"A jug of whiskey and a nice, quiet place to pass out and be left alone."

Matt Perenchio, viewpoints editor



"A bit of Troy's curmudgeonry and a stockin' full of uncouth, impregnated chads."

Scott Wentz, guy who takes all dem purty pictures



"To watch Leo DiCaprio sink into the Atlantic again, along with ALL boy bands, and that God-forsaken 'Andy' character on Domino's ads. If these aren't allowed, a sardine loaf and a bottle of Windsor will suffice."

BENJAMIN L. SCHMITT, CO-NEWS EDITOR