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The College of Education & Graduate Studies recently named Brenda Shearer, associate professor of elementary education, its Outstanding Faculty Member award.

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Professor rebuilds life after fire destroys his home

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STAFF WRITER

As Steven Olsen turned onto the road leading to his St. Paul, Minn. home on Labor Day, he noticed a lot of cars around.

The neighbors must be having a party, he thought, as he altered his route to take the back road home and avoid the traffic.

It was then he saw the fire trucks. "I wonder whose house that is?" he thought.

As Olsen approached his home, terror struck as he realized it was his four bedroom home that was in flames.

That was the scene that greeted the new UW-River Falls marketing communications professor as he returned home that afternoon.

He jumped out of his car and raced around the house as concern for his wife and their 10-year-old golden retriever dominated his thoughts.

He found both wife and dog safely outside with the firemen.

The house, however, was not so lucky. It took firefighters an hour and a half to put the fire out.

Only a shell of a home remained; the stone walls were still standing but everything inside was destroyed. One-

third of the inside had been completely charred by the fire and the rest had so much smoke and water damage that it could not be salvaged.

"I can't think of anything worse than having your house destroyed by fire the day before starting a new job," said Michael Norman, journalism professor and mass communications chair.

But it hardly phased Olsen. He just took it in stride and continued on. "You have to get on with life," Olsen said.

He had a new job starting at UW-RF and his first class was at 5 p.m. the very next day. Even though the University had given him maximum flexibility in his schedule to do whatever he needed to do to get his life back in order, he was determined to start class on time.

Buying a new wardrobe was one of the first things on the "to do" list.

At 11 a.m. Sept. 3, Olsen walked into Dayton's wearing cargo shorts, a smoky polo shirt and a pair of Eddie Bauer shoes with no socks. He needed everything, right down to his underwear.

"I'm your dream come true," Olsen told the sales clerk.

Once he had some non-smoky clothes he headed to class, where his

students commented on how optimistic he was — considering he had just lost everything.

"My first class with him was exhilarating," marketing communications major Michelle Larson said. "He was very upbeat."

Olsen's colleagues also noticed this attitude.

"He's a very upbeat and positive person," Norman said. "If he had not told me about the fire before, I would have never known."

Olsen told his classes about his house burning down but said that it was ok. He even made jokes about it.

"I don't think I could have handled it half as well as he did," Larson said.

Olsen said there really is no other way to deal with it. He said he felt really lucky that neither his wife nor his dog was hurt.

"The fire really makes a person take stock of what is important," Olsen said. "Things can either be replaced or you did not need them. The lives that touch you are the things that cannot be replaced."

He also said that it doesn't pay to get down and frustrated over things you have no control over.

"I feel you have to take the rubble and build something out of it," Olsen said. "I am a builder."

It was this desire and satisfaction in building things that made Olsen interested in the job opening for a professor of the new marketing communications program at UW-RF.

The new program consists of taking classes from seven different majors and combining them to make one major. The seven majors are journalism, art, business administration, English, speech communication theatre arts, agricultural education and agricultural economics.

Olsen said he thought the idea was "kind of neat" after learning what the new program was all about. He sent in his resume to try to get an interview.

About two dozen people, including Olsen, had applied for the job and the nine-person marketing communication committee had to narrow the field down to three. The committee consisted of one person from each of the seven majors, and two other people.

Norman said the committee had a really good selection of applicants. It was Olsen's strong teaching background, exceptional professional experience at IBM, and his excellent references that got him an interview for the position.

During the interview, Olsen's positive attitude came shining through, Norman said. That attitude and his



Naomi Runge photo

Professor Steven Olsen teaches a class as part of the new marketing communications major. He started this new job the day after his home was ruined in a fire on Labor Day.

experience got him the job.

"He really was the one who stood out," Norman said.

Norman also said it was Olsen's can-do attitude that drove him to start

the new program on time even though his house was destroyed a day prior.

"He had to create this course from

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He...could...go...all...the...way!



Naomi Runge photo

Falcon football running back Eric Small, number 12, races for the end zone in Saturday's game against UW-Stout. The Falcons dominated the Blue Devils, trouncing them 45-2. For more details see Sports, page 6.

One soldier's tale:
Man fought for three WW II armiesSARA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

His life story reads like the screenplay lives of Forrest Gump, James Bond and Indiana Jones, but 72-year-old Frank Van Dan doesn't brag about it.

"I'm just a professional survivor," said Van Dan, who fought for three different armies — Hungarian, German and Russian — during World War II.

Van Dan recounted his experiences for an audience of 60 students and faculty at a lecture Oct. 1 in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

History department Chair Stephen Feinstein, who arranged Van Dan's lecture, was not shy about extolling the veteran's experiences, however.

"This could be the only man you ever meet who has served on three different armies and been inside a concentration camp," Feinstein told the audience.

The son of Hungarian millionaire aristocrats, Van Dan was an officer in the Royal Hungarian Army early in World War II. He worked as a combat engineer.

"I never built a railroad or a road or a bridge, but I was blowing up things and became an expert in plastic explosives," he said.

His expertise did not come without a price.

"I was bayoneted and shot and bandaged and patched up," he said.

Suffering from a fractured skull and a wounded leg, Van Dan went to a Jewish doctor to get medical attention and was caught by a Nazi dragnet. Severely wounded, he was nonetheless able to overcome the guard who had captured him.

"I finally got fed up, took his bayonet, and killed the guard," Van Dan said.

When most people's instincts would tell them to run and hide, Van Dan placed survival foremost in his mind. He put on the dead soldier's uniform and reported for duty with the Germans, saluting and goose stepping like a natural.

The ploy worked and Van Dan was enlisted in the Nazi SS, where he served as an interpreter.

Because he had Jewish ancestors (his grandfather died at Auschwitz), he was also interned briefly as a slave laborer. When he was able to escape the labor battalion, Van Dan joined the Resistance movement against the Nazis.

How could he change sides so many times? Because Van Dan was a fluent speaker of half a dozen languages and an expert at falsifying identification, he was able to pass for almost any nationality.

"The year 1943-44 I was five different people....I masqueraded as a Jew, an Aryan, a Resistor, a German and a Russian," Van Dan said.

Soldier•2

Calendar controversy causes conflict

SARA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and staff have one more day of Thanksgiving vacation this year.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, will be a vacation day, but to make up for that day, everyone will have to attend class and work at UW-River Falls on Dec. 16, the Monday of finals week.

Finals will start immediately on Tuesday, Dec. 17, eliminating the designated study day before finals week. Don Leake, chair of Faculty Senate, said he can understand the logic of not having a designated study day before finals.

"It was generally thought that that day was not being used wisely as a study day and some people said it was so loud in the residence halls you wouldn't be able to study even if you wanted to," Leake said.

But Leake, like many faculty and students, is bemused at having Monday class before finals start on Tuesday. The change pushes the end of finals week to Saturday, Dec. 21.

"It doesn't make a lot of sense," Leake said.

Sophomore Rebecca Pawlowski, who lives several hours away, thinks the schedule is more convenient.

"I like the extra day before Thanksgiving; it makes it

easier to get home and back, and you never know what the weather will be," Pawlowski said. "I didn't really use that study day anyway; you always find something else to do."

Phil George, animal science professor and Faculty Senate member, says that last day of class before finals won't be pivotal to the whole semester.

"Personally the class day doesn't affect me.... I'm not going to dump a ton of material on students Monday, at least no big hunk of test material," George said.

Students do have a voice in the calendar approval process as liaisons to the Faculty Senate Calendar Committee, but state mandates have the largest influence, George said.

"Our hands are really tied because the state mandates that we wait to start classes until after Labor Day," George said. "There is absolutely no give except to tweak a day here or there."

The biggest calendar change will come in 1998, when commencement is moved to after finals week. The planned shift already has many worried, including George.

"It creates concerns," George said. "Where are you going to be? Are you going to have to be packed up and ready to leave the residence halls when you go to put on your cap and gown? Will the faculty be around to march at commencement?"

George sums up the calendar controversy best by simply saying, "You won't make everyone happy."

Police offer people partnership, information

TODD SCHIERENBECK
STAFF COLUMNIST

Editor's note: This column will be featured each week, as Todd continues to detail his experiences with the Citizen's Police Academy.



Citizen's Police Academy for students and community members. The first session was Monday, Sept. 30 in 137 Rodli Commons, and subsequent ses-

sions will run for six weeks.

The reason for the Citizen's Police Academy, according to LeQue and Sgt. John Stapleton, is so ordinary citizens like myself could get a glimpse at the inner workings of the police department.

Like Christ's 12 disciples, we were there to go out and preach the gospel to all nations, or at least anyone who asks.

We were ambassadors to the public, said LeQue, and we could give people the straight skinny on what police officers will and won't do.

It is actually a noble mission, and a fairly interesting one. For the first session, we looked at how the police department selects and hires its officers.

It was surprising to me that the RFPD puts more emphasis on the candidate as a person, rather than gobs of educational training.

For people to be qualified for the job, they must be at least 18 years old,

have a high school education or the equivalent, and not have any felony convictions on record.

They must also have either a two-year associate degree in police science or 60 college credits in a related field. Candidates can also go through a rigorous 400-hour training course to become certified, something that is not required to be hired but is preferred.

"This is a small-town police force," LeQue said. "When we have an opening, we need someone who can start right away without having to wait 10 weeks for them to get certified."

Not that the department is desperate for applicants. The last time that they posted a job ad, the RFPD received around 250 applicants. The department has twenty full-time employees, and twenty-one reserve police.

The department also employs five civilians in various support roles, as

Police•2

BRIEFS

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES Influenza vaccines are available at the River Falls Medical Clinic beginning Oct. 2, 1996 for \$8.00 per dose. Payment is required at the time of service unless covered by health insurance. Please call ahead for an appointment to 425-6701. Influenza vaccines are also available beginning mid-October through Pierce County (273-6755, \$6.00 per dose) and Saint Croix County (246-8263, \$8.00 per dose) Public Health Departments. Please call for times and locations of immunizations clinics. For your information, both Pierce and Saint Croix County Health Departments cover the Hepatitis B vaccine series for persons who start the series before turning age 19. The Hepatitis B vaccine series is also available at the River Falls Medical Clinic. Hepatitis B and influenza vaccines are not covered by Student Health Services. For questions, call Student Health services at 425-3293/3292.

UW-RF ART DEPARTMENT Presents "Miscellaneous Parts" by Barb Gilhooly and Erica Rasmussen in Gallery 101, Oct. 7-29. Opening reception will be Tues., Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.

UW-RF MUSIC DEPARTMENT Presents Amy Weaver, senior flute recital, Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. in Abbot Concert Hall.

UW-RF OFFERS GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP For K-12 educators Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$59. Registration deadline is Oct. 16. For more information call 425-3256.

CAREER AND COUNSELING SERVICES Will hold a workshop on writing effective resumes and cover letters on Oct. 8 from 9-10 a.m. in the St. Croix Room, Student Center.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC), TRAVEL GRANTS AVAILABLE Travel grants for educational programs in developing countries available. The deadline to apply for ISIC Travel grants is Oct. 15, 1996. Applications are available at the International Programs office, 225 Hathorn Hall. For more information contact Yolanda Dewar at 425-4891.

STUDY ABROAD LIBRARY The office of International Programs has expanded to 221 East Hathorn to house the Study Abroad Library. Students, faculty and staff are welcome to stop by for information on available resources. Library hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Sign up sheets are available for those who are interested in an overseas experience.

STUDY ABROAD FAIR Will be held Oct. 16-17 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Students, faculty and staff are invited to talk to study abroad participants and directors and find out more about UW-RF's various study/work abroad opportunities.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND APPLICATIONS In a rut? Spend spring semester in a Scottish castle! There are some spaces still available in the Wisconsin in Scotland Program for the Spring of 1997. If interested stop by the Office of International Programs, 225 East Hathorn Hall, phone 425-4891, to pick up application materials and program information. The deadline for application is Oct. 15.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS The UW-RF Guadalajara Exchange Program. Some knowledge of Spanish is required to participate. General education classes are also available. Applications for Spring 1997 can be picked up at the Office of International Programs, 225 East Hathorn Hall, phone 425-4891. Deadline for application is Nov. 1.

ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE EXCHANGE Applications are available for the UW-RF St. Martin's College Exchange in Lancaster, England. Students interested in this program for Fall of 1997 should come to the Office of International Programs at 225 East Hathorn Hall, phone 425-4891 for information and application forms. The deadline for applications is April 1, 1997.

HOWARD ACKLEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Scholarship offered for non-traditional students. Awards are \$300/year. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information or Howard Ackley Foundation Inc. PO Box 17, Pigeon Falls, WI 54760.

ZONATA INT'L AMELIA EARHART FELLOWSHIP SCHOLARSHIP Offered for graduating women in Aerospace or related field. Contact the Office of Financial Aid or Zonata Int'l 557 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60661-2206. Phone (312) 930-5848 or fax at (312) 930-0951.

FORD FOUNDATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITIES Open to students who are engaged in a teaching and research career or planning such a career. Applications are available from the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington D.C. 20418 or phone (202) 334-2872. Application deadline is Jan. 3, 1997.

FORD FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL AND DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS FOR MINORITIES Open to students in research based doctoral programs in the behavioral and social sciences, humanities, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences and life sciences. For more information contact the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington D.C. 20418 or phone (202) 334-2872. Applications are also available on the Internet at <http://fellowships.nas.edu>. Deadline for application is Nov. 4, 1996.

1997 PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES Students who have completed less than one year of graduate study toward a MS or Ph.D. in the biological sciences are eligible to apply. For more information contact the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington DC 20418 or phone (202) 334-2872. Applications are also available on the Internet at <http://fellowships.nas.edu>. Deadline for application is Nov. 15, 1996.

INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS Must possess a Master's by the beginning of Fall 1997 and plan to study toward a PhD in an area related to integrated systems of manufacturing. For more information contact the National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington DC 20418 or phone (202) 334-2872. Deadline for application is Dec. 6, 1996.

SURFACE DESIGN ON SILK WORKSHOP WEEKEND Will be offered Oct. 18, 19 and 20 in the Klempell Fine Arts Studio. Workshop fee is \$109 which includes instruction and materials. For more information contact the Office of Continuing Education Extension located in Hathorn Hall.

JOINING THE CONVERSATION: A WRITERS' WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN Will be held Tuesday nights from 6-8 p.m. starting Oct. 8 in 360 KFA. Cost is \$54. For more information call 425-3256.

ST. CROIX VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE Presents "High Tide at Gettysburg? Bosh!" When did the South really lose the war? Social hour is at 6 p.m. with discussion to follow at 7 p.m. at the Sports Club, 601 2nd St., Hudson. For more information call Charlie Freeze at (715) 386-7040.

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA SORORITY Will have ice cream and games for any women interested in Greek life on Oct. 9. Meet by McDonalds at 7 p.m. Call Sharon Johnson at 426-1296.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES Provides certain health services to registered, paid students through agreements with the River Falls Medical Clinic (425-6701) and Pierce County Reproductive Health Service (425-8003). Please call ahead for appointments and bring your student ID. Also bring health insurance information to the River Falls Medical Clinic. Taxi rides by the River Falls Taxi (425-7878) are also provided to students at no cost to and from the River Falls Medical Clinic with presentation of a valid student ID. Low cost condoms (\$2.50/dozen) and other nonprescription safer sex and birth control supplies are available for students to purchase at Pierce County Reproductive Health Service.

AUDITION NOTICE for three new student written one acts will be held on Tues., Oct. 15 in the Sanford Syse Theatre, Room 108 KFA. One show will be a musical. Singing auditions begin at 3:30 p.m. and you will be asked to sing a song from "The Wizard of Oz." Acting auditions will begin at 4:15 p.m. You'll be provided with material to read at the auditions. No previous acting experience is necessary.

Instructor adds Outstanding Faculty award to honors

ERIC WIDHOLM
EDITOR

Brenda Shearer treats and respects every UW-River Falls student individually.

If time allows, the associate professor of Elementary Education will attend her students' senior recitals, sporting events or other personal activities — all on her own time.

She also hasn't missed a UW-RF graduation ceremony since she began teaching at UW-RF in 1992, even though attending the ceremony is not required of faculty.

She enjoys making her face known to students.

"I think it's important to look at my students for not just what they do in the class, but also recognize their time and talents outside the classroom," Shearer said. "I think it's important that students see faculty as interested."

And it's that dedication, extra time and good will that earned Shearer the College of Education & Graduate Studies' Outstanding Faculty Member award.

The award, given annually, reflects significant contributions in teaching,

professional activities and service to the department, the college and the University.

Shearer is a nationally recognized specialist in reading education.

Shearer's long-term involvement with



Brenda Shearer
several reading associations — including the St. Croix Valley Reading Council, Wisconsin State Reading

Association and International Reading Associations — has led to many council positions within these, and other regional, state and national organizations.

"Perhaps the greatest change in my teaching during the last few years is in the amount of choice I give students as to what is taught and how it is taught," she said. "I find that the more I allow students to choose their own questions and to find their own voices, the greater their growth."

An Osceola resident, Shearer spent 13 years in Osceola schools as a reading and learning disability and gifted children program coordinator before joining the UW-RF staff.

Shearer has published several journal articles on reading research, intervention, family literacy and whole language since joining the UW-RF staff and has presented her articles at state- and national-level conferences.

"My job is important to me," Shearer said. "The award reflects the amount of time I dedicate to my teaching, foremost, and then my scholarly activities."

Her most recent accomplishment included a multi-cultural education program between UW-RF and the Hillsborough Secondary School in

Carriacou in Grenada, West Indies last year.

Students and faculty installed Apple computers and assisted West Indian students and teachers with educational software.

"I value the mission of this institution to honor diversity," she said. "It is an experience which has truly transformed the lives of all who have been involved."

Shearer was awarded the International Reading Association Outstanding Service Award in 1993 and has served on dozens of University committees during her years at UW-RF.

Shearer said she treats every student that walks through her classroom door individually, and gives as much of her personal time available to each of them.

She said this is a very important part of education.

"I spend the first few minutes of every class reading aloud to my students," she said. "It is a very rewarding activity and imparts an important message to our future teachers."

"I am working hard to help my students become lifelong lovers of reading."

Soldier/Experiences tell tale of World War II

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Although he had fought on the Hungarian and German side against the Russians at the battle of Stalingrad, Van Dan joined the Russian Red Army. He was even able to commandeer himself transportation — a tank — by killing its crew.

Van Dan found a German tank and covered its periscope, leaving the crew inside disoriented. When the crew opened the hatch to see what was going on, he was ready for them.

"By the time they made it out of the tank they were dead — bayoneted," Van Dan said.

Van Dan and his tank, which he painted and outfitted with his family crest, fought several major battles. In 1945, he fought on the Russian side when Budapest, his home town, was captured.

Van Dan also helped downed Allied and American fighter pilots escape capture and flee Nazi territory safely.

In the mid-1980s, his rescue efforts earned him a nomination for the Medal of Honor, given by Congress for risk of life in combat beyond the call of duty. Van Dan did not receive the medal however. Ironically, having never served on an American force, he didn't wear the right uniform.

After the war, Van Dan served as secretary of foreign affairs in the cabinet of Hungarian Prime Minister Zoltan Tildy. He represented the Hungarian government at Harry Truman's inauguration in 1945. When the gov-

ernment was reorganized in late 1945, Van Dan went to work for the premier of the new cabinet, Ferenc Nagy.

In 1947, Premier Nagy was forced to resign after a plot to overthrow the Communist party was revealed. Van Dan, once again on a new side, had

conspired against the Communists. He went into hiding, fearing that he would be arrested as other high-ranking officials had been.

"By the time they made it out of the tank they were dead — bayoneted."

— Frank Van Dan, WW II veteran

Living in hiding until 1948, Van Dan came to the United States on a visitor's visa and stayed in the country illegally after the visa expired.

After coming to the United States Van Dan met and married his wife, Mary, with whom he has two children. He has worked as a professor of Greek, Latin, history and political science, in addition to being employed as an engineer.

Engineering brought Van Dan and his family to Minnesota, where he was employed at Honeywell. The couple now lives in Fridley, where Van Dan is currently working on compiling his memoirs in a book.

Van Dan, along with his American wife, returned to Hungary four years ago for his 50th college reunion. Van Dan said he was enraged to find out that his family's mansion had been seized by the Communist government, who has since sold it to American speculators.

"I'd like to get the villa back before I kick the bucket," said Van Dan in an interview before his speech. He said

Police/Citizens get involved

From 1

well as two crossing guards who are employed jointly by the school districts and the police department.

LeQue also spent a fair amount of time explaining the concept of community policing to the group. It is a philosophy, he explained, not a strategy. The idea behind community policing is that the police should actively seek ties with the community, thus increasing the familiarity that the citizens have with the police.

It is a departure from conventional police wisdom of the past. Prior to the rise of the community-policing philosophy, police officers were routinely assigned to a new beat every three months. This was done so that police officers wouldn't become too familiar with the residents of the area and possibly be corrupted by them, LeQue said.

Many police administrators, including LeQue, now regard this as a mistake.

"It just shows a basic lack of trust — in our citizens and in our officers," he said. "We can probably get more information and help from people if

they can talk to and befriend the police officer covering their beat."

What was most interesting to me was the tacit agreement that the traditional methods and philosophies of police interaction were, if not totally wrong, at least counterproductive. Nationwide, about 30 percent of police officers' time is spent dealing with crime. The remaining 70 percent is spent dealing with social problems and disorder, situations that would be easier to neutralize with the help and involvement of everyday citizens, LeQue said.

A year-old survey LeQue distributed to the group shows that most of the biggest problems facing River Falls are things like loud music, squealing tires, and rowdy people.

"There is very little fear of crime in River Falls, and that's something that we are proud of," LeQue said near the end of the first session. "There has to be a fundamental shift in the way that we look at our jobs. Law enforcement is a function of our jobs, and peacekeeping is a cause. One shouldn't be pursued at the expense of the other."

MEETINGS

THE HORTICULTURE SOCIETY Will meet Tues., Oct. 8 in 331 Ag Sci. All majors are welcome. Please bring dues.

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS/FAMILY OF ORIGIN GROUP Meets every Monday throughout the semester, 3-4:30 p.m., Career and Counseling Services, 24 E. Hathorn, Contact Gretchen Link at 425-3884 prior to attending.

AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW (ACT) Will hold their monthly meeting on Wed., Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in 114 Ag Sci. Officers will be elected so check the IMC for open nominations. For more information call Tamia Trulson at 425-3555. All majors are welcome.

TEN PERCENT SOCIETY will have their next meeting on Tues. Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic room of the Student Center.

ECO CLUB Meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room in the Student Center. Everyone is welcome.



Sara Johnson photo

Frank Van Dan recounts his war experiences Tuesday in the Regent's Room of the Student Center. Van Dan fought for three armies in WW II. that although the family was still quite rich after the war, they lost the bulk of their fortune.

Van Dan's wife, Mary, pointed out three large diamond rings she wears on her left hand to an audience member after her husband's lecture.

"These are all that are left of his mother's jewels," Mary Van Dan said.

Although up to even Liz Taylor's standards, the rings are only part of a collection of jewels that Van Dan had earlier told the audience contained

upwards of 15 karats in diamonds.

He does not appear bitter for the loss of a family fortune, however.

"I just hope I helped win the war," he said.

Despite having a life that screenwriters and novelists only dream of, Van Dan remains modest about the twists and turns his life has taken.

"I really didn't do much," he said. "I'm just living out of my memories."

Senate president promises to hear students' concerns

HEATHER PIEHL
STAFF WRITER

Next week students will have a chance to make their voices heard to Student Senate.

Student Senate president Grant Staszak announced at the Student Senate meeting on Tuesday that he will hold to his campaign promise to listen to students. He will be at a table by the front doors of the Hagestad Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 10. Staszak encourages anyone with questions or problems to come see him.

"If not many students come to talk to me, I probably will not do this again," Staszak said.

If students have concerns or questions that they want addressed, this is the prime time to do it.

The senate also had Mike Reich,

dean of international education, address them about preparing for the North Central Associations upcoming visit in 1998. The North Central Association is a body that visits colleges, reviews them and gives them their accreditation.

Colleges can be accredited for up to 10 years. The last time the North Central Association visited campus in 1988 UW-RF was re-accredited for 10 years.

However, the association did have some concerns about the graduate programs that they returned to check on in 1992. At that time they said the concerns had been taken care of.

"Last time we did not emerge totally unscathed," Reich said. "Hopefully

we will do better this year."

Reich is not overly concerned about being re-accredited.

"We have a fine UW that has been operating for 120 years," Reich said. Before the association makes it visit, UW-RF has to do a thorough self evaluation of the campus, print a report on their findings and submit it to the association.

The Northern Central Association has five main criteria that the self evaluation and their evaluation must cover. They include, is the college's purpose consistent with its mission, is there effective organization of resources (human, financial, physical),

the assessment, evidence of planning and continuous quality improvement, and demonstrated integrity in relationships and practices.

In other business:

• Theresa Zirbel, Student

Senate legislative issues chair, announced that committee members had visited three classes and registered 26 students to vote.

• It was also announced that Student Senate elections will be held Tuesday Oct. 8, and Wednesday Oct. 9. There will be voting tables set up at the front door of Hagestad Student Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at Rodli Commons from 4-6 p.m. on both days.

• Facilities and fees board chair Heidi Hulloper discussed plans to remodel the gray room in Rodli Commons. "The food court is being over utilized and they would like to make the gray room as desirable as the food court," Hulloper said. At present nothing has been finalized.

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—Grant Staszak
student senate president

"Bark Park" may bring new freedoms to dog owners

MELISSA ROUSSEAU
News Editor

Move over Hoffman, there's a new park in town, and it will give dog owners a freedom they have never had before.

The first "Bark Park" in western Wisconsin was approved by the River Falls Park Board by a 4-3 vote at its Sept. 18 meeting. The "Bark Park" would give dog owners a place to frolic with their pets without breaking the city's leash laws.

However the proposal has not yet been approved by the River Falls City Council. Ald. Wayne Beebe said that the Plan Commission will have to recommend the "Bark Park" to the city council for final consideration.

According to Jan Linehan at City Hall, the proposal should be discussed at the Nov. 5 meeting of the Plan Commission and would then be discussed at either the Nov. 12 or 26 meeting of the city council.

"I'm sure there will be concerns over liability and questions about who will monitor the park during the time frame for open hours and costs," Beebe said.

Sandy Kusilek, animal warden for the city of River Falls and promoter of the off-leash dog park, doesn't understand the council's hesitation.

"I think the town board is nervous over liability," she said. "But I don't see a big difference between going to a park with your kids and going to a park with your dog."

If approved by the city council, the off-leash dog park will be located to the east of Hoffman Park. A five-to six-foot high chain-link fence will

surround the 2 1/2 acre park. The area will also include an exercise area in the center, two sand and gravel relief areas for the dogs and several benches.

Dog owners will be responsible for policing their own dogs while visiting the park. Kusilek said that there will be plastic bags and designated areas for cleaning up after the animals. She believes that a group mentality will keep the park clean.

"If one person does it, everyone will do it," she said. "But we'd like to have a volunteer staff on sight to oversee the park."

Kusilek visited several off-leash dog parks in Seattle before proposing the idea to the Park Board.

"I visited the parks for about an hour, hour-and-a-half, and I didn't see one person who couldn't handle any situation," Kusilek said. "It was incredibly orderly and smooth."

According to Kusilek, a 2 1/2 acre fenced in park costs about \$18,000, but the Bark Park Committee hopes to raise at least \$20,000.

"We'd like to have our own insurance in case a disaster took the fence out, or if we wanted to fence off a smaller area of the park for puppies, geriatric dogs or for people who would like a smaller area to work their dogs," she said.

Kusilek added that she didn't know if \$18,000 included the labor to put up the fence, and she said that she will continue to look for cheaper fencing. However, the committee may have to ask for volunteers to help put up the fence.

To help raise funds for the park, Kusilek has asked Michael Padgett, art professor at UW-River Falls, to ask his students to donate their works of art for a fundraiser to be held sometime after the first of the year. Kusilek said that the committee has not yet decided what type of fundraiser they will have. A silent auction or raffle are just a couple of the ideas they have come up with, she said.

"The most requested works will be of animals, either domestic or wild, or pastoral scenes. (Mediums can be anything from) glass blowing to oils to sculpture, jewelry or fibers," she said.

It is hoped that the "Bark Park" will be free and open to the public by this spring. According to Kusilek, the Pierce County 4-H Club is just one of many groups that would love to have a new area to train their dogs.

"We are hoping that the Park and Recreation Department will let someone come in and offer some canine classes to the public," Kusilek said. "There's no reason why we couldn't have training sessions for people of all

ages."

Kusilek pointed out that the off-leash dog parks are quite a social spot for people of all ages. All the walls are dropped, she said, 20-year-olds talk to 65-year-olds who talk to 10-year-olds.

"Dogs are an incredible buffer," she said. "People open up and let their guard down because they have a common bond."

Kusilek said that the time has come for River Falls to open an off-leash dog park because there is no place in town for people to take their dogs.

River Falls has leash laws that require dog-owners to keep their animals on leashes no longer than six-feet. Kusilek said that this is to allow owners to have as much control over their dogs as possible.

"There is no where to run dogs (in River Falls)," Kusilek said. "They can't (take dogs off-leash) in the tree line area above Hoffman Park, and there used to be a problem of people sneaking into the cemetery to run their dogs, but now it's completely off-limits to dogs."

Kusilek and the "Bark Park" committee are still looking for anyone who would like to volunteer time and energy to see the off-leash dog park become a reality.

Those who wish to make contributions, may send them to: The River Falls Off-Leash Park, P.O. Box 353, River Falls, WI 54022-0353.

A fund has also been established at the River Falls State Bank. Cash donations can be made at the bank, located at 124 S. Second St.

For more information on the "Bark Park," call Kusilek at 425-7180.



Michael McLoone photo

Presently dog owners like Kathy Baker must keep their pets on a six-foot leash.

Winter break in Mexico

Earn 3 credits, see the world, get a tan

BRANDON EYCHESON
Staff Writer

This winter break, UW-River Falls students can travel to Mexico and catch a few rays while earning a few credits.

The trip is open to students of any major, and knowledge of Spanish is not a requirement. The trip also satisfies the University's three-credit diversity requirement.

The approximate cost of the trip is \$1,600, and since it is a class, financial aid can be applied for students who qualify.

Peter Johansson, a German professor at UW-River Falls, is one of the co-directors of the project.

"I believe in travel as a great way for (students) to learn outside the (typical) classroom," Johansson said. "The country of Mexico will be treated as a classroom or laboratory for three weeks."

Tony Jilek, a professor of animal and food science, is the other co-director.

"It is better than just learning in the classroom," Jilek said. "You get a broader experience and you get to experience everything first hand."

The students will start in Mexico City, the largest city in the world.

While in Mexico City, the students will visit the American Embassy, the National Palace (where the president of Mexico lives) and the National Art Museum where they will see murals by Diego Rivera and other works of art.

"Those that are sensitive to arts and culture will be able to see artifacts at their original sites in their original setting first hand," Johansson said.

The students will then travel to Teotihuacan in the Valley of Mexico to see the largest pyramids in the New World. The pyramids date back to A.D. 600.

Another stop in the trip is Quaujatlan, an early Spanish colony built around silver mines that are still in operation today.

The students will also visit Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city.

Guadalajara offers an abundance of cultural experience opportunities like museums, galleries, opera houses, music, art and many different types of markets.

"There are many different opportunities to interact with the people of Mexico — that is the greatest part," Jilek said.

The trip ends more than halfway across Mexico at the tropical rain for-

est and fishing village of Puerto Vallarta.

Students interested in going will have to apply and pay a \$150 deposit by Oct. 11 to hold a spot on the plane.

There will be six orientation meetings, the first of which will be Oct. 7 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Special arrangements can be made with the modern language department to have the course meet a requirement for the Spanish minor.

You must register for the trip during the registration period for spring semester because the trip is considered part of the spring semester course load.

The course is broken down into three parts: six classroom sessions during the fall semester to give background about the trip, three weeks in Mexico during winter break and a summarizing "fiesta" session at the beginning of the spring semester.

A 10-page paper is also required. It will deal with facts and opinions accumulated during the class and the issue of cultural diversity.

For general information and/or applications, contact Peter Johansson or Rob Thompson at 425-3121 or Tony Jilek at 425-3704.

Athletic conferences joined; logo search contest begins

CHAD URDAHL
Sports Editor

The conferences that govern athletic programs across the UW-System plan to undergo a facelift for the next academic year.

The Wisconsin State University Conference and the Wisconsin Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference are in the process of combining to make one body in order to streamline expenses.

According to UW-River Falls Men's Athletics Director Rick Bowen, this is the "only practical solution to the problem."

The problem, according to Bowen, is paying two commissioners' salaries. That will be alleviated by having one person head both men's and women's athletics in a body representing nine UW schools.

"The system had to cut 'x dollars' from the budget and this seemed best," Bowen said.

According to Bowen, the athletes participating in the new Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and fans watching them won't notice a difference.

"As far as John Q. Public or Jane Doe are concerned, they won't notice a thing," Bowen said.

UW-RF Chancellor Gary Thibodeau said the combination will put a positive spin on athletics in the UW-System.

"There is a sense of enthusiasm on the changes. It's a very upbeat type of thing," Thibodeau said. "I think it's win-win. The time is right, the national reputation, it's pure gold."

According to Thibodeau, Gary Carner will be the new commissioner of the W I A C. Carner has worked in the WSUC office as a graduate assistant and this should be a natural progression, Thibodeau said.

"Our intent from the beginning was to maintain the quality of competition and have our reputation remain as sterling as it is," Thibodeau said.

Along with the combination of the conferences, a contest is being held to come up with a new logo. The contest is open to students, faculty or staff from any of the nine schools in the conference and a \$250 award will be given to the winner.

The entries must be submitted by Oct. 28. Liz Oostendorp can be contacted at 425-3845 for further information.

"As far as John Q. Public or Jane Doe are concerned, they won't notice a thing."

-Rick Bowen
men's athletics director

Fire

From 1 scratch and he is trying to rebuild his life," Norman said. "Doing that takes a lot of time and energy."

Energy is not a problem for Olsen. He said teaching and interacting with students keeps his energy up.

"(Teaching) is a kick; a real adrenaline rush," Olsen said.

Even the chaos of having a fire destroy his home just before starting a new job can't bum Olsen out or slow him down, he said. "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."



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CAMPUS SECURITY NEWS

SARAH COLBURN
News Editor

Michael Larson, resident assistant noticed the can missing in the early morning of Sept. 28.

graffiti that is being investigated by the River Falls Police Department.

Harassing Phone Calls

A female Parker Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls. According to police reports the calls began two weeks ago and were non-threatening. Since then, the resident has received two more calls threatening harm to both her and her roommate according to campus security.

Theft

Kevin Ballman, resident assistant in Johnson Hall, reported a 30-gallon garbage can stolen. According to the police report the can was reported stolen from the hall on Sept. 29.

Martin Wong, 305 Johnson Hall, reported four pairs of Levi 560 jeans stolen. According to a police report, Wong washed his clothes and when he was done there were no dryers open. Wong left his clothes in the laundry room in a basket around 4:30 p.m. At approximately 6:30 p.m. he returned to find four pairs of his jeans missing from the basket, no other items were missing.

Vandalism

Matt Schommer, parking attendant, reported vandalism to a sign in the Q-lot. Graffiti on the sign matched the

Accidents

Megan E. Henn, 20, 240 W. Johnson St., was fined for the hit-and-run of an unattended vehicle. The vehicle Henn allegedly hit was a River Falls squad car. She was fined \$148.

Alicia A. Klinger, 20, 123 Vine St. was fined \$61.90 for failure to yield while making a left turn on Spruce Street and E. Cascade Avenue last Wednesday. Klinger hit a car driven by Nancy J. Zwiefelhofer of Rochester, Minn.

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Editorial

Get off your butt

"When students don't use their right and privilege to vote, they automatically lose their right and privilege to complain."

College students have one of the largest voices in politics. Unfortunately, it's rarely heard.

One would think that an organized group of 5,000 or more adults should be able to, at the very least, let their government officials know that cutting financial aid or raising tuition is not in their best interest. But it doesn't happen.

Campaigns for both state and national elections are already in full-swing. The mud is slinging and college students everywhere are ducking—and tuning out.

If students can't take two minutes out of their busy day to vote for their own student body president and government, why do candidates think they will bother with the state Assembly, Congress or even the Presidential elections?

Whether students will take advantage of the opportunity to talk with Student Senate President Grant Stazak when he sits at a table in the Student Center next week to hear students' concerns remains to be seen. Odds are he won't be overwhelmed by students rushing up to talk with him.

When students don't use their right and privilege to vote, they automatically lose their right and privilege to complain. Students already say they have to work too many hours and therefore don't have enough time to study. What will they do when tuition increases another \$1,000 or more a semester because government officials think students don't care?

If students don't use their collective voice to tell the government what they need, they can't bitch about not getting it. Many students don't think that their vote counts, that it doesn't matter anyway. But everyone's vote says something, whether their candidate or issue wins or not.

The sad truth of it is that many students just don't care, or they think they just don't have the time. But if there's time to watch "ER" on Thursday night, there's time to get active and, at the very least, register to vote.

As students demands for more technology on campus and bigger, better libraries and class rooms increase, they have to be willing to take a stand and make sure their voices are heard.

It doesn't take a lot, just get off your butt and vote.



Cartoon by Renee Villers

Older vehicles can be dependable friends

Mark Danielson



"In all seriousness though, old cars do make sense for students."

It was only the third or fourth day of this semester when I found a note placed underneath the driver's side windshield-wiper of my car. I have to admit I instantly assumed there was an evil agenda hidden behind its simple and straightforward words: "I am interested in buying your car. My number is 555-5555." (The phone number was changed to protect the innocent).

As I had procrastinated some when applying for my parking permit, my car was located in the middle of Ramer lot at the time. There was no one around, so I allowed myself a few choice words. Loudly. You see, I had had this happen to me many times before, and I was getting rather sick of it.

My car is a 1975 Chevrolet Impala with over 150,000 miles on it, and the wear from every mile is obvious. There is rust and duct-tape everywhere. Aluminum tape lines the bottom of the doors. Shrink-wrap fills the gaping holes between the trunk and the ground. Gray primer is scattered over some of the larger rust spots.

Because of this dilapidated appearance, as well as the fact that the car is a 1975 Chevrolet Impala, my automobile has become a target for those looking for a "good" demolition-derby car.

Probably the best example of the numerous notes

asking me to sell appeared on my car's windshield two years ago: "I am interested in buying your car for a demolition derby. Keep this note in your glove box until your ready to sell. I buy them running or not." In nearly illegible handwriting, the note concluded with a name and phone number.

I never found such incidents amusing. Not only are the notes insulting, but I don't care for demolition derbies very much. Because of this I decided I wasn't going to go through the courtesy of calling the writer of the new note. A few days passed, though, and one evening I decided to give him a call. I was pleasantly surprised with what I heard. It turned out that he didn't want it for a demolition derby but for use as a winter car. Personally, I feel that's a perfectly fine way for a dying car to spend the last years of its life. (Yes, I am emotionally attached to my vehicle).

Of course, it had never been my intention to sell my Chevrolet, but the entire incident did get me to look at the car situation around campus. When I first entered college I didn't expect to see so many cars in such good condition and so few rolling oxidation tests. After all, I figured, students are generally financially strapped. Therefore it makes sense for us to consume Ramen noodles and not go through the expense of buying a relatively new (less than ten years old) car.

Over the years I've had many people ask me why I don't get a new car. What reasons, they wonder, could there be in support of driving such old automobiles?

Actually, there are a lot of them. As mentioned before, there's the financial factor: old cars are cheap, new cars are not. "What about the cost of gas?" I hear old-car opponents retort. That's not much of a problem. Since my car guzzles so much gas, I don't drive it much. Because of that I save money—and also help save the environment—by not visiting the pumps as often. (OK, so maybe the 20-gallon tank has something to do with my infrequent visits, but anyway...) In addition to

admirable economics and positive environmental effects, safety is another factor that supports big old cars. When a car weighs two and a half tons and has enough sheet-metal to put what's left of Gary, Ind. out of business, speeding drivers who forget to signal before changing lanes don't present much of a problem. So when your little Honda CRX with the blacked-out windows and the Minnesota license plate comes flying off an entrance ramp, careens across three lanes of traffic and slams into the side of my car, I will not be the one clinging to life in the middle of an emergency ward of some Twin Cities hospital. That should be reason all by itself.

OK, so my tone has changed to one that's admittedly satirical. In all seriousness, though, old cars do make sense for students. Insurance rates generally aren't nearly as high for older and larger cars as they are for newer, smaller ones. I know that I've severely cut my driving due to the cost of gas; it stands to reason that if I had my mom's Geo Metro I'd be spending more since I wouldn't notice the price when filling up; therefore, I would feel free to drive more frequently. Finally, there is the safety factor. All one has to do is look at the statistics to see that the death rates for full size cars are lower than those for economy cars. As an individual who's had the misfortune of being in eight motor vehicle accidents over the course of his lifetime (that previously mentioned Geo was totaled by a Chevy Cavalier), I can say that safety should be a definite factor in choosing a car.

In conclusion, the next time you need a "new" car, check the classifieds before you check the dealership lots. You may find something that will fit your needs just fine.

Well, that's all for now. I'll see you in two weeks. Don't forget to signal.

Editor's note: This is a follow-up on Mark's last column about bicycle hazards on campus.

The other day I got a call from Grounds Supervisor Manny Kenney after he read my piece on the perils of biking on campus. After checking out the sewer grate behind South Hall he agreed that it could be potentially dangerous to anyone on two wheels. He had a work order put out on it that day to make sure it was fixed.

(When I hobbled on crutches to the grate a few days later—the injury not related to biking, by the way—I found that the repair job had been done quite nicely. Its gaps are now too narrow for even the thinnest bike tires to slip into them). He also shared the concern I held about the hidden and torn culverts on campus and said Facilities Management would work to either dig them up or smooth them out. Finally, he wanted to point out that many of the things that have or could turn into

hazards, such as those culverts, have been around for so long that they've been forgotten about. In that sense, the people at Facilities Management are in a way depending on students letting them know about potential hazards. If you see (or have hit) something you think they should know about, please call them at X3827. And if you do, take a moment and thank Manny Kenney and those at Facilities Management for helping make this a safer campus for bicyclists.

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Candidates' records factor in Senate race

Reuben Herfindahl



"A voting record is a great way to pick up on how the candidate acts under pressure."

Political debate season is upon us again. For those of us from Minnesota, this means listening to Paul Wellstone and Rudy Boschwitz spar. For both Minnesota and Wisconsin this means watching Bob Dole and Bill Clinton duke it out. One of the first criticisms you're bound to hear (or will hear) about the debates is that they avoid the real issues and spend too much time nit-picking over voting records. This criticism is a very valid point. Not enough time is devoted to the issues by

either party. However, this should not be an excuse for us to overlook what is being said by the various candidates.

Since the Wellstone - Boschwitz debates have already begun, they make a good illustration. The Minnesota Senate race is an interesting one for several reasons. Rudy Boschwitz was Minnesota's senator from 1978-1990. Paul Wellstone ran against him in 1990 with very slim odds but succeeded in upsetting the incumbent Boschwitz. As a result, Wellstone has now had six years of experience as one of Minnesota's senators.

Both Wellstone's and Boschwitz's voting record, since they have held the same position, should be judged on the same level. It is important for voters to realize that this isn't a race where one candidate has a congressional voting record and the other one a city-council voting record.

A voting record is a great way to pick up on how the candidate acts under pressure. Does the candidate give in and bow to pressure of lobbying groups, or the party whip, or does he follow through with the goals that he proclaimed during the campaign? I doubt that you'll find a candidate that can resist 100 percent the pressure of lobbying groups and party leaders, but examine the

record of the candidates (it's on the net or available tons of places) and see how they voted on the issues most important to you.

Another great place to find out how candidates are accountable in issues that concern you is interest groups. O.K., I admit just the mention of interest groups does get most people up in arms, but think about the basic nature of an interest group. It is a group formed by a bunch of like-minded individuals with the common goal of getting legislation they favor passed. The interest groups fit the stereotypical big business, screw-the-public-and-environment, pay-off politician stereotype. If you are a teacher, the NEA has a newsletter dedicated to various opposing opinions on teaching strategies, and they do endorse candidates based on their voting records and stated goals.

Although this political season has come up short in some races issue-wise, there are some points being discussed that merit looking at. So do a little information digging, read the paper, surf the net and get informed. Then do yourself and the country a favor: Go register and vote November 5.



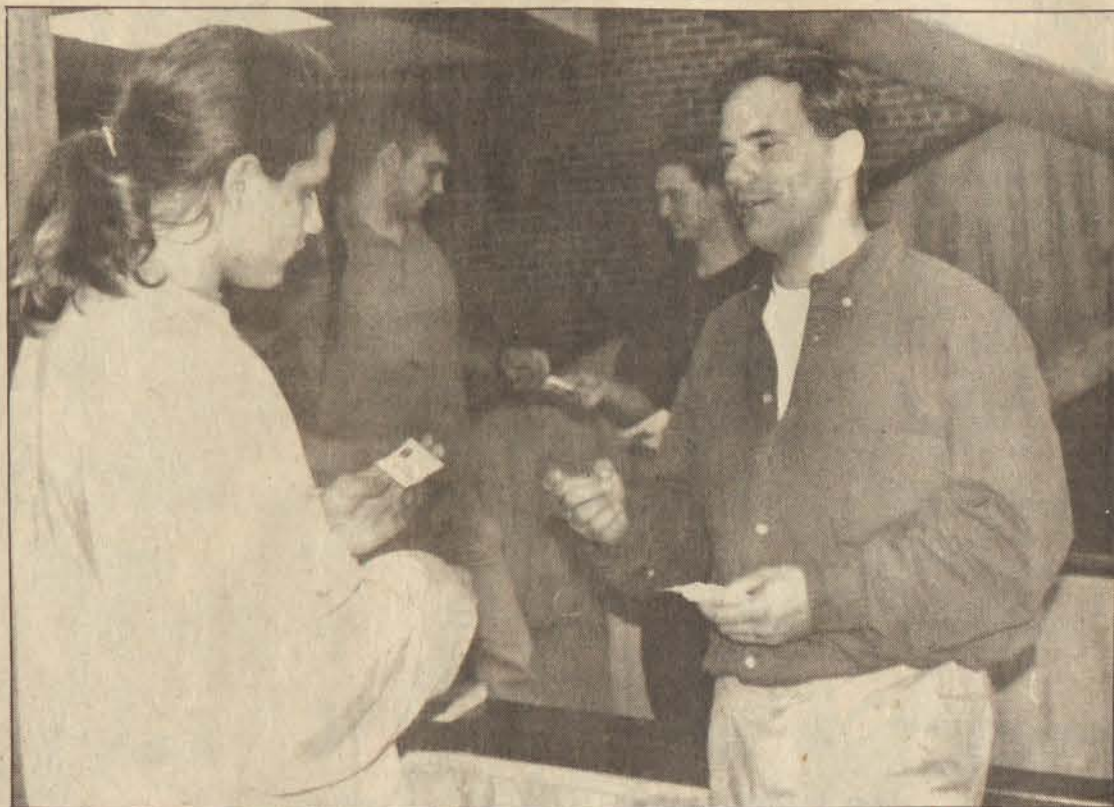
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Focus Campus Politics



Students working for local legislators encourage voting



Mark Danielson photo

Robert Burke (front), director of the Wisconsin College Republicans, and Ryan Braaten (back) help out with campaign work. College Democrats have likewise gotten involved in campaigns.

Students cite lack of heroes

TODD SCHIERENBECK
STAFF WRITER

During the summer, there was a great deal of surprise and dismay in the mainstream media over cynicism in America.

Most of the attention was shifted upon the fact that around only 20 percent of Americans thought that politicians were trustworthy. Almost double that number believed that politicians would say anything if it would be advantageous for them.

Politicians aren't the only famous figures to have their popularity diminished. Traditionally bankable stars such as Jim Carrey and Sylvester Stallone have experienced a cool reception from audiences lately, and athletes from all sports have been rocked with scandals ranging from drug abuse to spousal abuse. There is a widespread perception—right or wrong—that people with power or status in American society tend to abuse that power once they get it. The difference between the reality that most people live in every day and the reality of "Entertainment Tonight" has become more pronounced over the last decade and hasn't yet shown any signs of alleviation.

It would be easy to dismiss these rumblings as an isolated phenomena if they didn't resonate so much in everyday life. It could be explained away as a backlash against the astronomical salaries that athletes and movie stars command. The fact remains that people today, especially younger people, are disillusioned with almost everyone in public life.

Heroes still exist for many people, but an informal survey revealed that an astonishing number of UW-River Falls students have no heroes and don't even seem to need them.

Out of 28 people informally surveyed concerning public figures they admired, over half could not pick out even one. The reasons varied; some couldn't think of any, and others simply didn't care.

"I think as soon as they enter public life they become unadmirable," said Tucker Tasa, a 24-year-old art major. "There are no heroes left in the world. They're all dead for me."

Some students place the blame for the lack of idolization on the excessive media coverage and the cult of personality that celebrities tend to spawn. Rochelle Haugen, 32, studies social work and believes that people in public life think differently than non-celebrities.

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-Rochelle Haugen

you tend to be suspicious more than other people, because you're always looking for a motive of why someone's being nice—if they're trying to get something from you."

Nicole Manners, a 19-year-old biotechnology major, agreed with Haugen. "I really don't hear of any outstanding citizens—you always hear when they're doing something wrong. I think the media really tends to focus on the negative aspects of things."

If you only watched television shows like "Hard Copy," "Inside Edition," or "Real Life," you might think the only celebrities worth admiring are supermodels, movie stars, and John F. Kennedy Jr.

At UW-RF, students seem to be moving away from them and toward

celebrities who make them think or who they find interesting. Several people mentioned writers like Kurt Vonnegut Jr. and Henry Miller, a historical author. Other students admired sports figures like Reggie White and Kirby Puckett; interestingly enough, they were named not just for their athletic prowess but also for their good sportsmanship and generosity.

Some students named politicians that they admired; Hillary Rodham Clinton was the only public figure to be selected by more than one person.

Twenty-one-year-old elementary education major Nora Hagen said, "Because she's definitely become a very strong female role model for a lot of people, and she stands up for what she believes in no matter what other people say."

A surprising amount of students spoke of mentors and friends whom they admired rather than public figures. Laura Bregi, a 20-year-old art major, nominated her former horse-trainer. "She is who I want to be. She was my inspiration. She's the reason why I'm doing what I'm doing."

Other people admire members of their families. One student spoke glowingly of his father, citing his business insight and his view that money wasn't the most important thing in life.

Another student, English major Eric Small, said, "I admire my grandmother because she's a black lady that raised seven kids on a fixed income, so it was like double jeopardy, being black in this society and raising those kids right."

Communicative disorders major Brianna Helgeson, 19, summed up why many people are turning away from the traditional celebrities. "There's no specific person in public life that I admire because I'm not at the same level as they are, and they're not on the same level I am. When I admire people, I know them personally, and I admire the specific qualities they have."

JIM LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

It's election time.

Many UW-River Falls students will watch the debates, read the polls, and view the candidates from the sidelines.

However, some students are not content with this philosophy—instead they volunteer their time and energy assisting a candidate's campaign for office.

Junior political science major Carrie Ratts is aiding state Sen. Alice Clausing, D-Menomonie, in her reelection bid for the State Senate.

This latest effort encourages others for Ratts, who was active in student government in high school and also helped with local mayor races. Ratts said she spent much of the summer as an intern for democrat Lee Rasch, whose 3rd Congressional District campaign ended with a loss in the primaries.

After Rasch's loss in the primary, Ratts the Clausing campaign contacted Ratts and asked her to help arrange candidate campus activities. A major responsibility Ratts has taken on is an attempt to register voters, she said.

"I'm trying to get students to realize that they can vote," she said. "As long as you have been (in Wisconsin) for ten days you are a resident of this district."

Ratts is not paid for her work with Clausing, as was also the case with the Rasch campaign.

"You have to believe in the (candidate) and really like what you are doing or it wouldn't seem like it was worth it," Ratts said. "As a volunteer, my most important duty is to get the candidates name out."

3rd Congressional District republican candidate Jim Harsdorf has both former and present River Falls students working on his campaign.

Junior political science major Ryan Braaten is Harsdorf's volunteer coordinator. His duties include lining up volunteers, distributing Harsdorf's literature, and general office work, Braaten said.

Braaten, who spends about 10-15 hours a week on the campaign, sees the experience as a valuable one.

"It's a great way to see how a campaign runs," he said. "I can sit in class and listen to lectures, but it is a whole lot better actually being involved."

Braaten, like Ratts, points to his belief in Harsdorf as his biggest motivation for working on his campaign.

"I met Jim last spring and I think he is a great guy," Braaten said. "I'm not just working for him because he's the 3rd District republican candidate, I'm working for him because he is the guy I want to represent me in Congress."

River Falls alumni Jack Jablonski and Blaine Huppert also work for the Harsdorf campaign. Jablonski, a 1996

political science graduate, is the campaign's field director and, Huppert, a 1991 journalism graduate, is the campaign's press secretary.

Harsdorf, who developed his own venture in politics while a student at the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, is very grateful for the help of his student volunteers.

"They've been extremely important in my campaign," Harsdorf said. "I have a campus coordinator at each school so students know how important they are to me and my campaign."

Senior political science major Chris Patton has worked on a national presidential campaign as a volunteer for the Democratic Coordinate Campaign in 1992. The primary effort of the campaign was to get the Clinton/Gore ticket elected.

As a volunteer, Patton organized a farm breakfast in Green Bay, which Bill Clinton attended while on his campaign rounds. Patton had the opportunity to meet Clinton, his wife Hillary and Al Gore at the event.

"It was an incredible experience to go behind the scenes and see what goes into a presidential campaign and how much effort goes into a two hour event," Patton said.

Patton is currently campaign manager for District 30 State Assembly candidate James Johnson. Unlike the volunteers, Patton does receive a small salary for his 30-35 hours each week.

Patton holds many responsibilities as campaign manager.

"I'm involved in all aspects of the campaign," he said. "It's my job to make sure that everything that is supposed to happen is happening."

On a typical workday Patton arrives at Johnson's house in Hudson around 3 p.m.

The first part of the day is spent calling contributors and potential contributors. Around 5 p.m., volunteers begin to show up and Patton assigns them different campaign related tasks.

Patton then goes back to the phones until his nightly meeting with Johnson to discuss the day's events and to plan the next few days. His workday sometimes ends as late as 11 p.m.

"You have to love politics to do what you're doing," Patton said. "There are no days off at this time of the year."

Patton is gaining hands-on experience, which he plans to use to his advantage when because he plans to run for a political office himself someday.

"This gives me a first hand look at how to run a successful campaign," Patton said.

Johnson has nothing but good things to say about his campaign manager.

"Chris has been an excellent help for me, he maybe even does too much," Johnson said. "If I had three Chris Pattons, I'd have this campaign wrapped up by now."

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Source: League of Women Voter's Web Page

Voice survey: Student Senate candidates state views, intentions

Editor's note: Student Senate candidate questionnaires appear exactly as answered by candidates, including use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Jennifer Mundt
Year in school Freshman
Major Agriculture Education
What made you decide to run for Student Senate?

I decided to run for Student Senate because it is an excellent opportunity to help improve UWRF. It is a chance for students to impact how the university runs. Student Senate is a vital communication link in improving the university.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time?

Since every issue on campus affects students differently, the most important issue for students is to have the support they need for their individual issues. It is crucial that the university supports and maintains these programs.

What role can all students play in the decision making process

on campus?

Students impact every issue on campus, because without students there would be no university. Students can play an active role in the decision-making process by voicing their opinions, and becoming involved in the university.

Rodney P. Selzler
Year in school Freshman
Major Agricultural Education
What made you decide to run for Student Senate?

I would like to help the student body to voice their opinions about various issues which are dealt with by the Student Senate.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time?

I feel that the overcrowded conditions in the student parking areas is a major concern. The lack of availability of student parking permits is a problem. I would like to have the opportunity to address this issue.

What role can all students play in the decision making process

on campus?

Student Senate members names should be printed along with the Agenda in the Student Voice. This will enable every student to contact their representatives and thus voice their opinions about any and all concerns.

Kristopher Thompson
Year in school Freshman
Major Agricultural Education
What made you decide to run for Student Senate?

I decided to run for the Student Senate because I would like to represent not only the freshman class, but the student body as a whole.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time?

The biggest issue that is facing the students is the implementation of Shared Governance 2000. Which is another form of student-chancellor relations.

What role can all students play in the decision making process on campus?

Students have a big part of the decision making process on campus. During the open forum, students can bring up any issues, questions, or concerns they might have about campus. They also decide who represents them as student senators.

Donald D. Toews
Year in school Freshman
Major Pre-Med
What made you decide to run for Student Senate?

I figured since I had an extensive background in student council, the college level would be another good leadership experience. I also figure that I have skills and determination to make it a worthwhile experience.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time?

The most important issue today is something as simple as the acceptance of diversity. Even though our campus isn't main stream there is a lot of diversity to be examined.

What role can all students play

in the decision making process on campus?

The "A#1" role a student can make is voting for someone like himself. By doing this, their views will be represented on the Senate level.

Jessica A. Ludwig
Year in school Freshman
Major Biology (Pre-Med)
What made you decide to run for Student Senate?

I have been told, that as an incoming freshman, there are many changes which seem to occur during one's first few months or years of school. As a new student at UWRF, I have begun to experience such changes as: a newly found independence and self-reliability. Although there are some barriers to face, as most schools, we do have the choice to express our opinions and thoughts. For this reason, I am running for Student Senate so that my voice will be heard.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time?

One important issue that students are facing at this time is the exploration of themselves. To be in a new place with new people is always scary for some people, but now that we have responsibilities to uphold, we are becoming more mature and disciplined adults. It's time to grow up and look for your future.

What role can all students play in the decision making process on campus?

Every student has the right and ability to decide on important issues facing their campus, as stated in the requirements of Chapter 36.09(5). There are agencies, committees, and organizations such as: Student Advisory Committees, Administrative Advisory Committees, and Student Agencies which are open to students who would like to be involved in decision-making through specific groups geared toward main concerns of the school.

Eric Brandel

Die-hard fans try to derail bandwagons



"A die-hard fan was there when the team sucked eggs and can now take a sense of pride when they climb up the standings."

The recent success of a certain pro football team from Wisconsin has reignited a long-standing debate in the sporting world....What is a fan?

There has been a lot of bellyaching from "die-hard Packer Backers" that there is a particular segment of Green Bay's current fan support that would fall under the title of "Bandwagon Fans."

These are fans who remain indifferent to a particular team until it experiences some success. These fans then loudly extol the virtues of this franchise and swear up and down of their undying allegiance.

While I can understand how somebody who suffered through losing seasons could be reluctant to share their joy with a "Reggie-come-lately," often times the label of "Bandwagon Fan" is attached to anybody who has ever mumbled a negative word about a team.

So the question is, What is a "fan"? It would seem to me that being a fan does not require blind allegiance. If I was born and raised in Minnesota, does that mean I have to defend every Viking who commits a felony? I don't think so. If the team I grew up watching does something stupid, I should have the right to be critical without losing my rights to celebrate their successes.

The fact that I was raised within miles of a team's stadium also doesn't require me to be a life-long fan. I didn't become a Vikings fan when I was born in St. Paul. I became a fan on a miserably cold day in 1980 when my Dad and I watched Ahmad Rashad leap off the frozen Met Stadium turf to steal a victory from the Cleveland Browns.

To say that your allegiance is determined by geography isn't accurate either. How many people on this campus consider themselves UW-RF Falcon football fans? The players sit in the same classrooms as us. We travel past the field on a daily basis. But simply paying our tuition does not make us loyal followers of the campus team. Does that mean that the entire school can't rejoice upon reading of the Falcons 45-2 pasting of Stout. I should hope not!

The true joy of being a fan is feeling a kind of connection to an entity that engages in competition on a regular basis and riding the emotional roller coaster that is sports. It gives us a chance to die a thousand deaths with every defeat and do the dance of joy with each victory. It gives us yet another reason to taunt and ridicule our friends.

The reality of sports is that they are an excellent diversion from that horrid thing called life. They are not a matter of life or death, except maybe auto racing. Sports are there for entertainment purposes. Looking down on a fan because he wasn't there through the hardship is a lot like flashing dirty looks at someone for only watching "Seinfeld" every once in a while.

We're just going to have to acknowledge that people enjoy sports for a variety of reasons.

A die-hard fan, by definition, was there when the team sucked eggs and now can feel a sense of pride when they climb up the standings. By virtue of their suffering, these successes create a "warm fuzzy" that bandwagon fans will never know.

On the other hand, maybe bandwagon fans just want a sense of being connected to a winner. If that's what they want out of sports, then who are we to deny them that?

As the Packers were thumping the 49ers in the playoffs last year, I imagine in bars across Wisconsin there were plenty of die-hards knocking down beers with guys who didn't even know who Brett Favre was the week before.

Let me remind you that everybody was a bandwagon fan at one time because nobody comes out of the womb cheering for a sports franchise.

So I'm going to propose that all fans celebrate the successes together and that the die-hards be left to deal with the failures. That way everybody gets to enjoy the splendor of sports exactly how they want. Don't worry about what everybody else is doing, and we'll all co-exist just fine. I believe Rodney King said it best when we wondered "Can't we all just get along?" Yes, Rodney, I believe we can.

Falcon football makes statement, pounds Stout

Defense comes to task, forces 4 fumbles against Blue Devils on way to victory

BRETT LONGDIN
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Defense wins championships. It's cliché.

But after Saturday's 45-2 shellacking of UW-Stout, the Falcons made a statement that they should not be forgotten as contenders for the WSUC crown.

Consider the following two statistics: River Falls recorded 483 yards of total offense while the Falcon defense held Stout to just 75 yards—that's total offense.

River Falls (3-0 overall, 1-0 WSUC) had almost equaled that after its first play from scrimmage.

"We've struggled offensively against Stout before, but this was the best offensive output we've had against them and I'm very pleased with that," head coach John O'Grady said.

However, the story of the day was the play of the Falcon defense. River Falls kept the Blue Devil offense on its heels all afternoon, limiting them to a mere five first downs while forcing four fumbles.

River Falls' defense is traditionally overshadowed by its offensive counterparts, but it doesn't go unnoticed by O'Grady and his staff. And Saturday, the defense was anything but a gracious host to Stout.

"Things are fitting in so well with the type of personnel we have," the eighth-year head coach said. "Everything we're doing defensively, we're doing well. We are so quick on defense. Our guys run to the ball—they're relentless."

Assistant head Coach Tom Journell echoed O'Grady's thoughts, and was quick to point out that the experience of the defense is one reason it has been successful.

"We have a lot of seniors who understand the scheme and know what to do," Journell said. "Right now, everybody's doing their job."

"Teams have to be able to run the

ball to win and so far they haven't been able to do that against us."

And the Blue Devils found that out in a hurry.

After its first four possessions, Stout (2-2 overall, 0-2 WSUC) had accumulated just one yard of offense. And as for the rest of their attempts on the afternoon, the drives either ended in a punt, turnover on downs or a fumble.

To make things even more humiliating, the Blue Devil offense was in River Falls territory just four times, coming up empty on each occasion. "There's a lot of playmakers on this team," Journell added. "We're getting good pressure up front and playing solid team defense."

The Falcons offense, on the other hand, had a much easier time Saturday afternoon as it took just 16 seconds to get on the board in the opening stanza.

After a successful air attack a week ago versus Southwest State, quarterback Pat Simones found a wide open Craig Boen on the first play from scrimmage for a 68-yard scoring strike.

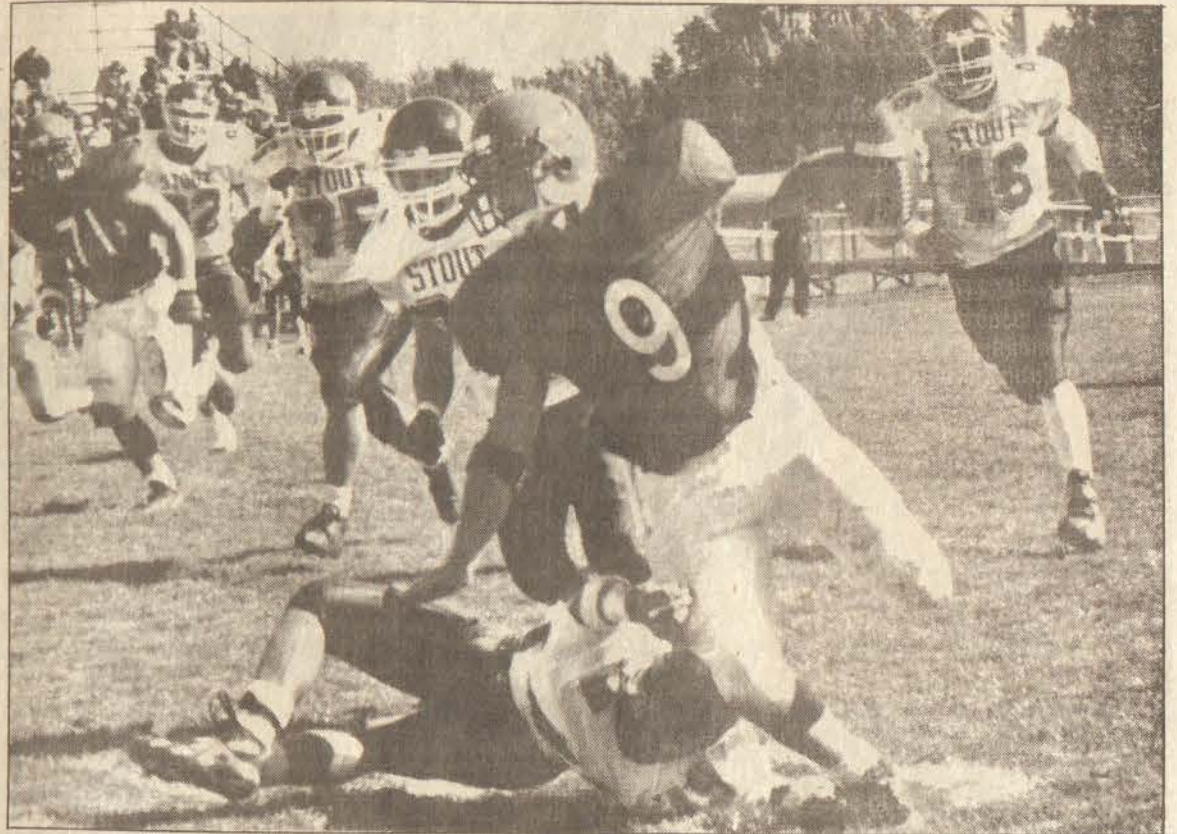
And the onslaught had begun. The defense then went to work and held Stout to a three-and-out on its first series and then took over at their own 42.

The offense put together a more typical Falcon drive and traveled 58 yards in 10 plays, capped by a Dave Letourneau five-yard scamper.

After the defense stopped Stout again, Simones again found Boen who made an acrobatic catch in the end zone to give River Falls a 21-0 lead.

One of the few problems the Falcons encountered was late in the first quarter when Stout had River Falls pinned deep in its own territory. The Falcons were unable to escape the shadows of its own goal line as Scott Murphy was dropped for a loss by Joe Versteegen which gave the Blue Devils their only points on the day.

The Falcon offense also had difficulty moving the ball for a five-minute span in the second quarter as they



Niaomi Runge photo

Falcon quarterback Pat Simones tries to elude Stout defender during his team's 45-2 win on Saturday

were forced to punt on back-to-back possessions.

"We really struggled there for a while," O'Grady said. "We knew what they were doing, but we just weren't executing very well."

That brief period was the only real glitch the Falcons had Saturday. With 7:33 remaining in the second quarter, River Falls struck again when Letourneau finished off an eight play, 82-yard drive with his second score of the game to give the Falcons a commanding 28-2 advantage.

Just in case there was any doubt as to who was in control of the game, the defense came up with its second turnover of the half which put the Falcons back in business with 3:08 to go in the

half.

With 11 seconds left in the half, Simones scored from four yards out to increase the lead to 35-2.

Going into halftime with a substantial lead, O'Grady admitted he was concerned about keeping his team focused on the task at hand.

"It's not easy," he said. "You try to make these guys think in terms of the score being reversed. It's important to go out there with the same intensity, and our guys did a great job of that."

In fact, O'Grady's team responded with a Travis Krauklis 35-yard field goal and a Randy Johnson one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to cap the scoring.

Letourneau led the way for the Fal-

cons on the ground with 18 carries for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

River Falls will complete its three-game homestand when UW-Oshkosh comes to town on Saturday. The Titans are 2-2 after falling 30-15 to La Crosse last weekend.

Oshkosh is a much-improved team, and O'Grady knows his team cannot afford to look ahead to the Oct. 12 showdown with the defending national champion Eagles.

"We have to contain their quarterback," O'Grady said. "I think that kid is the best all-around quarterback that I have ever seen in this league. He is fast and has a great arm. They have a great tight end and good receivers that we need to watch out for."

1996 WSUC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	Conference	All Games
Stevens Point	2 0	4 0
Whitewater	1 0	4 0
River Falls	1 0	3 0
La Crosse	1 0	3 0
Oshkosh	0 1	2 1
Eau Claire	0 1	2 2
Platteville	0 1	1 3
Stout	0 2	2 2

WSUC SCHEDULE
Saturday October 5

Whitewater	@Eau Claire	1p.m.
Platteville	@LaCrosse	1p.m.
Oshkosh	@River Falls	1p.m.

BYE- Stevens Point, Stout

Go Falcons!

V'ball streak ends at 16 in Eau Claire

Team focuses on Whitewater, LaCrosse games ahead

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcon volleyball team did something it hadn't done in almost a month. It lost.

The team headed into the Eau Claire Tournament riding a 12-game winning streak and won four more before bowing to the Blugolds in the championship game.

Eau Claire beat the Falcons 15-9, 6-15, 15-9, 15-8.

"All in all, we played very well. When you win 16 in a row, a loss is bound to come," Falcon head coach Patti Ford said. "Eau Claire played really, really well."

According to Ford, the four previous games took a toll on her players, but she was not ready to offer that as an excuse.

"I was a little disappointed in our performance and ability to get up for a big game," Ford said.

In the match against Eau Claire, Cara

Gustafson led the team with 10 kills and Shantell Erbes had nine. Amy Holm led the way with 32 assists and Maggie Kukar finished with 17 digs. Erbes led the team in blocks with three.

According to Ford, the team played very well in the matches leading up to the championship. Conference matches against UW-Stevens Point and UW-Superior were each swept in three games by the Falcons.

"I thought we played very poised and very well overall," said Ford. "They were two competitive matches, but we prevailed."

In the first game of the Eau Claire tourney, the Falcons took on Stevens Point and Jen Frodl supplied the hot hand. The senior from Waterville, MN led the team with 12 kills.

"She's hitting extremely well," Ford

said. "The other teams focus on Cara (Gustafson) and sometimes forget we have a few other powers."

Gustafson added 10 digs and Tammy Thompson had 13 digs in the match.

"All in all, we played very well. When you win 16 in a row, a loss is bound to come. Eau Claire played really, really well."

-Falcon head coach Patti Ford

Once again Holm led the team in assists, this time with 32.

Against Superior, Frodl led the way again in kills, pounding out 15. Anna

Schmidt and Erbes contributed nine apiece. Holm finished the match with 44 assists. Schmidt led the team with 15 digs.

The next two opponents came in a pair of non-conference matches. Hamline and Concordia-St. Paul both proved to be no match for the Falcons who overpowered both teams.

According to Ford, these two games could have brought on a lack of intensity by her squad. That didn't happen.

Frodl finished the two matches with

a combined 20 kills while Holm had 46 assists combined.

In the match against Concordia, Erbes and Gustafson each nailed three aces.

After the 16-game winning streak, Ford is confident the team will look forward to games this weekend rather than focus on the past.

"Like with every loss, we're not going to dwell on it," she said. "We can't beat our heads against the wall and say 'why, why, why?'"

According to Ford, having a veteran team will help get back on track.

"I'd hope they don't need the coaching staff for motivation. When you hit midseason, those things hopefully take care of themselves."

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CC runs at Griak Invite

ERIC DAHLBERG
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The UW-River Falls took one step closer to the conference meet in Superior Saturday when they traveled to the University of Minnesota for the Roy Griak Invitational.

Helping the cause for the UW-RF men was junior Kevin Kueker, who was 131st out of 217 runners in the 28 team invitational.

Junior Mike Christenson was the No.2 Falcon man to cross the finish line and finished 137th with a 28:37.

The rest of the Falcon points came from juniors Randy Thull, Ryan Haack, and Steve Swartz. Thull, Haack, Swartz finished 138th, 144th and 155th respectively.

The top three team scores had South Dakota State capturing first with a team score of 64, UW-Lacrosse fin-

ishing with 78 and Mankato State 112.

The Falcon men finished 22nd. The Falcon women's barrier's finished just as well as the men, finishing 27th out of 34 teams.

The top runner for the Falcon women was senior Melissa King. King finished 105 out of 376 runners with a time of 20:00.

Top runners in the 34-team field for the Falcons include freshman Jenny Oscarson, 150th place; sophomore Margaret Minke, 153rd; freshman Trish Moore, 156th place; sophomore Mary Gietzel 173rd.

Top three women's team include North Dakota, Northwest Missouri and South Dakota State.

The next meet for the Falcon cross country team is Saturday, Oct. 12 when they travel to LaCrosse for the LaCrosse invitational.

Tennis team victorious over Hamline



Falcon Stephanie Angus returns a volley during the tennis team's win over Hamline. Angus fell to Carrie Burns in this match.

CHAD URDAHL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcon tennis team was able to notch its first mark in the win column after Saturday's match over non-conference Hamline.

The Falcons are trying to improve on a 1-7 record last season, and this win may push the team in that direction.

The team won 5-4, coming out on top for only the second time in the last two years, and giving the Falcons a 1-3 overall record.

Falcon Renee Schuetzle defeated Tiffany Waki 6-3, 6-2 in a match of number one singles.

Katie Schaaf gave the Falcons another point in her number three singles match with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Hamline's Dawn Lindblom.

In a three-set match, freshman Sarah Kastern pulled out a win over Shanna Torgerson 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

"(Kastern) came out with a lot of determination today," said Falcon head coach Cindy Hovet. "She came out with tough shots under pressure."

Julie Willkom also came out on top in singles action. She beat the Pipers' Mary Monroe 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles, the team of Schuetzle-

"This win (against Hamline) is a great one for the team. A real confidence and morale builder for our next matches."

-Cindy Hovet
head coach

Schaaf was the only one to come out on top for River Falls. They beat Waki Larrabee of Hamline 6-2, 6-3 and gave the Falcons its fifth win to take the match.

In exhibition play, River Falls' Rory Holmquist beat fellow Falcon Sadie Rasmussen 8-5.

"This win is a great one for the team," Hovet said. "A real confidence and morale builder for our next matches."

The Falcons have a light schedule coming up. They don't have a match scheduled until Oct. 10 when they host St. Mary's in another non-conference match. WWIAC action will resume Oct. 12 when UW-La Crosse comes to town. Both matches will be held at Crabtree courts.

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Soccer win streak stopped at 6

ERIC BRANDEL
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-River Falls soccer team saw their six-game unbeaten streak snapped on Sunday. The Falcons saw a 1-0 lead slip away in the second half as they fell to UM-Duluth 3-1 at Ramer Field.

The week started out well for the Falcons as they downed Stout 3-0 to run their conference record to 4-1-1. Kate Pelinka's team-leading sixth goal was the only goal the team needed as goalie Sarah Hachey made three saves to earn the shutout. Alayne DuCharme and Jessica Jankowski also scored for the Falcons, who outshot Stout 32-3. The game marked the third consecu-

tive road victory for the team.

The Falcons tried to continue their success with a pair of non-conference games over the weekend.

On Saturday, the Falcons took a two goal lead over Carleton into the second half. They stretched the margin further when Rachel Booth scored at 55:00. The Falcons saw their lead slip away when Carleton scored three times late in the second half and escaped with a tie. Although forced to settle for the tie, the Falcons did manage to run their unbeaten streak to six games.

The team returned to the turf at Ramer the next day for a game against UM-Duluth. Again the Falcons jumped out to an early lead when Leah Woulf scored in the first minute. That goal stood up until UMD responded with a

three-goal explosion in the second half. The Falcons were unable to regroup and went down in defeat 3-1. The Bulldogs outshot the Falcons 24-17.

The loss marked the first defeat for the Falcons since a Sept. 12 overtime loss to St. Olaf. During their six game run, the Falcons outscored their opponents 16-5 and ran their record from 0-5 to 4-5-2.

UW-RF will try to rebound on Saturday when they travel to Luther for another non-conference match-up. The Falcons then return to WWIAC play as they try to stretch their five-game conference unbeaten streak against Superior, a team they have never lost to.

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AND COME BACK
TO THE DUGOUT."

Brett Butler
L.A. Dodgers

FALCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL: Offense- Fullback David Letourneau had 18 carries 111 yards and two TDs in the Falcons' 45-2 thrashing of Stout. Defense-Free Safety Kevin Mitties had three solo tackles, assisted on another, and forced two fumbles. Special Teams-Kicker Travis Krauklis was 6-6 on PATs and nailed a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter.

VOLLEYBALL: Middle hitter Jen Frodl had 55 kills in five matches as the Falcons finished second in the Eau Claire tournament. She averaged 3.43 kills a game, had a .359 hitting percentage, and was named to the all-tournament team.

CROSS COUNTRY: Women-Jenny Oscarson ran her best race as a Falcon on Saturday. Her time of 20:31 was good enough to make her the second Falcon to finish. She finished 150th overall. Men-Kevin Kuecker ran another strong race at Minnesota. He led the Falcons with a time of 28:37 and finished 131st overall.

TENNIS: Sarah Kastern defeated her Hamline singles opponent 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 and with her doubles partner Christine Kraft lost a close match 7-5, 5-7, 7-5.



FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
FOOTBALL		Oshkosh 1:00 p.m.					
SOCCER		at Luther 1:00 p.m.	Superior 1:00 p.m.			at LaCrosse 4:00 p.m.	
VOLLEYBALL		LaCrosse White- water Noon					
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Christy Nelson

Former brat gets the girl



"The question isn't really will Nelson get the good girl, it's when will he get her."

Remember back in the mid-1980's when alternative music really was alternative, "Pong" was the video game of choice and actors like Anthony Michael Hall, Rob Lowe, Andrew McCarthy, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson and Ally Sheedy, better known as the "Brat Pack," dominated the big screen? Those were the days, huh? That was the age when movies about troubled teens and twenty-somethings were being released left and right, way before the now overused "Generation X" label was applied. Films like "The Breakfast Club," "Sixteen Candles" and "St. Elmo's Fire" served as career spring boards for many of these actors (Demi Moore, Emilio Estevez), and created career-stifling type casting for others (Anthony Michael Hall, Ally Sheedy). One actor who was nearly tragically stuck in the buddy picture rut as a result of these "coming of age" style movies was Judd Nelson-nor relation. Recently however, he has resurfaced, older and perhaps wiser, starring not in teen peril films but a TV sitcom.

The producers of "Suddenly Susan" admitted in an Entertainment Weekly interview that Judd Nelson didn't immediately spring to mind as a choice for their sitcom. As a matter of fact, Nelson didn't even get the role of Brooke Shields' frenzied boss until a second pilot script was written (the first pilot was scrapped, as was the actor originally cast as the boss). Nelson, the producers later agreed after his audition, has surprisingly good comedic instincts despite being relatively new to comedy and never having worked on a TV sitcom before.

From what I've seen of "Suddenly Susan" and Nelson's portrayal of a high-strung editor at a trendy San Francisco magazine, he looks pretty natural. He's always been a very intense, strangely attractive actor, even when his movie roles were less than stellar. For the most part, his films did less to support his talent than they did to support the "good girls go for bad boys" theory. Unfortunately, Nelson couldn't seem to shake his bad boy, Brat Pack image for many years, and is still clinging to it somewhat, like a childhood blanket, today.

If you look at Nelson's first three movies, you won't see much variation in his characters. "Making the Grade" (1984) Nelson is a smugly arrogant, troubled young man who pays someone to go to prep-school for him; "The Breakfast Club" (1985) Nelson is a smugly arrogant loner who hooks up with the good girl; "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985) Nelson is a smugly arrogant, troubled congressional aid who hooks up with the good girl. Jumping ahead to 1996 and "Suddenly Susan," Nelson is, what else, a smugly arrogant man who, judging from the immense sexual tension thus far, will hook up with good girl Shields.

His portrayal of the sarcastic, cynical magazine editor seems to be a good counter-weight for Shields' whiny portrayal of the naive, scatter-brained columnist. Whether the show's writers will milk the "will they or won't they" plotline remains to be seen. It depends on whether they went to the "Boston Common" or "Who's the Boss" school of writing (i.e. Boyd and Joy-together after one season; Angela and Tony-years and years). The question isn't really will Nelson get the good girl, it's when will he get her. He seems to have that power over the opposite sex. Hey, maybe we are related after all.

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Past student begins music career at Grand Cafe

LEANNE TORGESEN
A & E EDITOR

Music has always been a part of David Allen's life.

"When I was two my parents would sit me in front of the reel-to-reel and record me as I sang along to Glenn Campbell," said Allen.

A local musician and former UW-River Falls student, Allen has been concentrating on his music as a profession for just a few months, but has always enjoyed it as a hobby. "There hasn't been a day where I haven't been touched by some music," said Allen.

While a student at UW-RF, Allen changed his major several times. Starting out as a journalism student, he quickly realized in his first class that he lacked the typewriter skills it would take to continue. He moved on to study political science and history and then changed again to music and art.

He quit school, only to return once again as a journalism major. This time he realized that technology has moved beyond typewriters to computers and he was lost again. Allen left school and went to work for 3M Corporation.

"To really make it in music you need to write your own songs," said Allen and he did just that when he began writing his own music seven years

ago.

Allen left 3M and what was once a hobby became more than that. He began to concentrate on his music, primarily an Adult Contemporary format, following music greats like Billy Joel and Elton John. He performed professionally for the first time this past July.

Allen's first CD, "Believe" is in local businesses like Dick's IGA and The Grand Cafe. "I've heard he's very good. I'm always willing to help out local people in promoting their work," said Doug Rinehart, store manager at Dick's IGA. Allen's CD is also selling in the Twin Cities at Best Buy and Musicland/Sam Goody.

Through his own persistence he has also had his music played on major market radio stations like the Cities 97 and WLTE.

Allen is looking to expand and involve other serious musicians in performing his music. Allen is scheduled to play every Saturday at the Grand Cafe at 9 p.m.

Allen has set his goals high and hopes one day to be very successful, but understands that is several steps away. "I always think someday I'd like to play (the Target Center)," said Allen. "I'd love for a major record label to sign me. I'd love to tour the country. I'd love to be huge. I have the dream."



Niaomi Runge photo

David Allen, a former UW-RF student and local musician, performs Saturdays at 9 p.m. at Grand Cafe.

Student traveler spends weekends wandering East Coast

JESSICA ROJAS
RHODE ISLAND CORRESPONDENT

Hello from Rhode Island! Last time I went on and on about the crazy trip getting out here, classes and the ocean-like I always do (I love the ocean!). I have abandoned the thought of school work on weekends and have become an expert tourist. Weekends are going to be used to travel the eastern seaboard-yahoo!

On Saturday two weekends ago I went to the beach. The temperature was a breezy 70 degrees and Courtney and I sat on the sand, soaked up some sun and collected sea glass. Thanks to Courtney's previous glass-collecting experience I was very successful.

I also saw surfers for the first time. I had always seen them on TV and movies (I loved the movie "Point Break" with Keanu Reeves-need I say more?) but this time I saw them in person. I was a little disappointed. The waves weren't very big this afternoon so most of the surfers were preteens in little black wet suits and weren't very good. Practicing, I guess, for the big ones at another beach. I enjoyed watching them anyway.

Courtney is a neighbor from down the hall. She's a sophomore originally from New Jersey. This year she brought her car because she wants to travel a lot on weekends. I decided it was fate to meet up with her; we have all sorts of travel plans.

The next day, after the beach we went to Newport, a famous island/city nearby, really nearby. About a 20 minute drive, two huge bridges and a toll booth later we were there. It was really the neatest city I have seen.

Old, old buildings up every skinny road around the crowded section near the harbor.

As we shopped, it was amazing for me to realize that I was standing in the same street the colonials stood on in puffy dresses and knickers and talked about independence from Britain. Some of the houses they lived in are still standing. The harbor was very crowded. Fishing boats and pleasure yachts were in abundance.

Then Courtney said we had to drive to the mansions. Rich New Yorkers built summer homes on Newport Island the size of the White House in D.C. Today most of them are set up as tourist traps but they are still as grand and beautiful as they ever were. We drove by dozens of them, me with my face pressed against the window of her blue Saab gasping at the palatial estates. I've seen big houses before

but these were bigger!

I was glad I had decided to bring my camera along and play "the annoying tourist." Courtney who took my picture by every neat tourist thing, made me promise that next time we came I would be low-key, cool and local-not some frantic tourist "ohhhing" loudly at every historic monument that we passed. I promised as she took my picture in front of Town Hall.

-Jessica Rojas

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Before I knew it, it was Monday and I faced another week of classes, exams and cafeteria meals-the normal, mild-mannered college life. I got a job writing news articles for the daily paper here called, oddly enough, *The Good 5 Cent Cigar*. I still haven't figured out the significance of the name. Comparing *The Cigar* and the *Student Voice* is like comparing night and day, with a daily on one hand and a weekly on the other. The top editors here are frantic every night of the week, even though there

are three of them. As opposed to Eric Widholm and Jaime Larson, *Student Voice* co-editors who are frantic one night a week and the following morning. Go and visit them sometime on Wednesday nights, it's a sight to see.

This weekend was another get-away weekend. I went with Courtney to Providence. Our destination was Thayer Street. It's kind of a thoroughfare of Providence's college section. Since the city is so small the four colleges there are all overlapped in one section. There is Providence College (PC), Brown University (nice but expensive), Rhode Island School of Design (well-known) and Johnson and Wales (cooking school). We looked around in the shops and checked out the small art fair. Courtney was delighted that I forgot my camera.

President Clinton was in town too. Some of the roads were closed or heavily guarded around the city. The park he was speaking at was on the other side of the city. I would have loved to hear him speak, but not because I support him or am really into politics-it just would have been fun to soak up the political atmosphere.

Courtney had to work in the afternoon, so we did our shopping and went back to campus. I never got to see Billy C. Instead I sat on the quad, read a little and slept under the cloudy sky. I was also included in a few campus tours as I slept on the big white pillow I lugged around campus that day.

That night Missy, Courtney and Keith (neighbor) and I drove to Norton, Mass. to visit Keith's sister Val at Wheaton College. Val and Missy are old friends from high school. We went to watch Val perform with her a cappella group. They were very good. Wheaton College was amazing. It is a very wealthy college 45 minutes from Boston. Val's dorm looked like a mansion-white and huge. Her suite resembled a hotel room and an elevator was available to climb the three flights of stairs.

Val enjoyed making fun of the Minnesota accent that is barely noticeable. She said it was similar to that of the mother on "Bobby's World" (a cartoon). I argued that at least we pronounced our R's-something very few Rhode Islanders do. The next morning we had breakfast at Dunkin' Donuts (which is on every corner here).

After another grueling week of classes the four of us are going to Missy's house in Cumberland, RI for one more day of sailing on her father's boat before he puts it away for the winter. A trip to Boston is still in the works, as well as a trip to see David Letterman. URI gives away tickets every fall for \$3. New York City here I come!

Rhode Island-ism: In every column I will share with you a little Rhode Island idiosyncrasy that I learned. This week it's "wicked" since I may start

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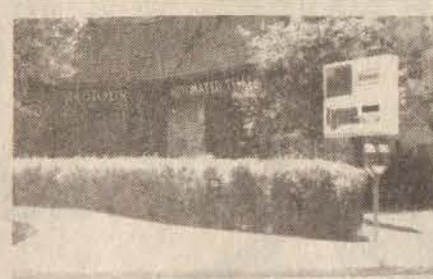
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Guitarist, Leo Kottke performed on Wednesday, Oct. 2 in Abbott Concert Hall. Kottke, who has worked with artists like the Violent Femmes and Lyle Lovett was brought to UW-River Falls by the Wyman Series.

Rojas

From 8

using it. Basically it comparable to "cool" or sometimes "very."

Example: "The car was going wicked fast." Or, "It was a wicked cool movie." Rhode Islanders always use "wicked" to accent something.

All right, next week Coffee Milk-it's wicked hard to understand.

Note from the Editor: Jessica is attending the University of Rhode Island for her junior year on the National Student Exchange program. She attended UW-River Falls for her first two years, during which she worked for the Student Voice. She welcomes comments and questions through e-mail (jroj1453@uriacc.uri.edu) or snail-mail at University of Rhode Island, Union Express, 50 Lower College Road, Unit #3396 Kingston, RI 02881-1959.

An Extragalactic Look

By: Celestial Sights

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) People are trying your patience, don't put up with it! Financial situations look grim-get a job. Keeping up with homework and going to classes are the key to success! This Weekend: The law is on your side, but don't test it too much.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This week is hectic with tests, papers and homework. Listen to soothing music, it will help relieve stress. Quit eating out-you're wasting money you'll need later on. This Weekend: Take some personal time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fights with parents are tedious but necessary to get your point across. Good news will come from a distant friend. Don't take on too much responsibility-deadlines come on really fast. This Weekend: Take that special someone out on the town-they deserve it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Listening to your elders will be beneficial. Get on a health kick-eating right and exercise will make mind, body and soul feel better. Someone is lying to you, seek out the truth yourself. This Weekend: Experimentation will be fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Get out and be social this week, it will be to your advantage. Take time for that special someone. Family matters that are in turmoil will be resolved soon. This Weekend: Don't pay attention to details, focus on the big picture and have fun.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Try not to let school work get the best of you-it will lighten up eventually. Don't get close to something hot-you might get burned. Someone is trying to tell you something-keep your ears open. This Weekend: Take it easy and veg out.

Aries (March 21-April 20) Feelings of confusion might settle in-don't worry things will soon become clear. Patience is a virtue, and it will come in handy. Organize something you've been meaning to get to. This Weekend: Stand up for yourself-someone will try to push you down.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) Try to get to bed early, you need sleep. You will make some mistakes; learn from them. You've been using those defense mechanisms against someone who wants to get close-let your guard down. This Weekend: The prices are right-splurge!

Gemini (May 22-June 21) An unexpected friend will contact you-read between the lines; they have something important to say. Enjoy the good times; studying is right around the corner. This Weekend: Go out and have fun-someone new may walk into your life and leave a lasting impression.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) A long-awaited someone will return to you safely and happier than before. Listen to them-you might learn something. Keep a fresh perspective on things-you'll be glad you did. This Weekend: Keep to yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) Fear about a certain situation will cease shortly and leave you on top. A person of authority is difficult to be around-suck it up and smile. An old flame may be watching you, and it could mean disaster. This Weekend: Find a new hobby and go all out.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Forget about all your worries-something good is coming your way, and it's way overdue. A feeling of belonging will come over you. Expectations from others are high, so you might want to tell them to lay off a bit. This Weekend: Bond with nature-the fresh air can work wonders.



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