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Helping the homeless



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UW-River Falls participated in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. One of the most noticeable events on campus was the Sleepout outside the Student Center. During the week, participating students slept in cardboard boxes until they raised their goal of \$1000 for the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless. The events during the week were sponsored by the Campus and Community Cleanup Coalition, a campus group concerned with helping the hungry and homeless.

Econ professor receives award

Scott Wente
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Economics Professor Brian Schultz tries hard to memorize his students' names. By doing so, he's able to relate better to them, and in his words: "it's important that students know that you know who they are."

Apparently that is important to his students; they recently nominated Schultz as the Business Association Professor of the Year.

The UW-RF School of Business and Economics sent out some 200 ballots last spring to UW-RF graduates from two to four years ago. They were asked to select who they felt was the most outstanding teacher in the School of Business and Economics. Schultz was presented with this award at the fall faculty meeting and in a recent interview, he expressed his pleasure with the nomination.

"I'm very honored," Schultz said. "I appreciate the fact that students have remembered me and felt that I

Schultz is a perfect example of this type of person and his genuine concern for his students doesn't go unnoticed.

"I think he's real concerned with his students," said Lexie Fretland, a junior in Schultz's introduction to statistics class. "You can tell he cares about us and wants us to learn."

Adam Starkey, a senior majoring in business administration, agreed with Fretland.

"He's a very good instructor," Starkey said. "He's very involved with the students."

Not only do students see Schultz as an excellent instructor and caring person, other faculty members see him as an important entity to the school and the students.

Glenn Potts, associate director of the School of Business and Economics, thinks highly of Schultz and the way he is able to relate to his students.

"Brian is very popular among students, he genuinely likes his job, he means it when he asks you 'How are you?' in the morning, and stu-

Students find good Samaritan

Trip to Christian Fellowship conference nearly ends on the way, if not for actions of stranger

Matt Rayburn
Staff Writer

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, the traditional message is it's time to think about and be thankful for the things in life that are important and carry no price tags. On Oct. 27, five UW-River Falls students learned what is more valuable than money: a stranger's helping hand.

UW-RF students Tim Prince, Kari Ekenstedt, Alison Dork, Kelani O'Neil and Darren Gray were all excited for the weekend of Oct. 27. As members of the UW-RF InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, they had planned for weeks on attending the Cross Training 2000 Fall Conference in Kenosha County, which is in the southeastern corner of Wisconsin. The Fall Conference, which began on Oct. 27 and lasted through Oct. 29, was held at Wonderland Camp, and involved over 500 college students from around Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

During the weekend, participants learned the importance of God in students' lives through worship, Bible study, recreation and quiet time.

"I was expecting to get a lot out of it," said Dork, a freshman elementary education major. "God showed me the most on the ride down there."

On Oct. 27 at 12:45 p.m. with the other four InterVarsity Christian Fellowship members riding with him, sophomore agricultural business major Prince started his 1995 Ford Escort and began the six-hour journey to Kenosha County.

After two-and-a-half hours of driving down Interstate 94, Prince and the others decided to pull over in Tomah, Wis., for a breather.

After the break on mile marker post 146, it happened.

"The car just quit," Prince said. "It had had enough."

The reason for the breakdown was the result of a slipped timing belt.

Luckily, senior pre-veterinary animal science major Ekenstedt had a cellular phone.

"I called my parents, who were 45 minutes away," Prince said.

Unfortunately, Prince's parents could not come and rescue the five stranded travelers, but they did call for a tow truck to be sent to the scene.

After the tow truck arrived an hour later, one issue that came up was how they were all going to be transported to wherever the tow driver was going to take them, since there wasn't enough room in the truck. To solve the problem, the five piled into Prince's car and rode at a slant as the driver illegally transported them to the Tomah Ford dealership.

"It was quite the ride," Ekenstedt said.

Once they arrived at the dealership, they called around to rent a car. Since one must be 25-years-old in order to legally rent a vehicle, they thought they were out of luck. Then, with the help of a receptionist at the dealership, they obtained the phone number of Arnie Schroeder from Camp Douglas, Wis., who rents out cars from his own private business. Schroeder said he would let 24-year-old O'Neil, a senior secondary education mathematics major, rent a car. However, once Schroeder knew O'Neil didn't own a vehicle or have insurance, he couldn't let her rent one of his cars.

Although Schroeder didn't let O'Neil rent a car, he did offer to help, and said he would drive them to the Fall Conference.

"I have a son in college and would hate to have him stranded," Schroeder said.

At first, Prince had a hard time grasping Schroeder's offer.

"I didn't believe it," Prince said.

Riding in a Plymouth Town and Country van, Schroeder and his wife Ruth came to the aid of the thankful, stranded motorists at the Ford dealership.

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"His thoughtfulness was really over and above his role as a car rental agent. He was thinking of our needs first."

—Senior Kelani O'Neil

18 students attend Unity conference in Green Bay, leave with new views on diversity

Amy Moe
Staff Writer

Eighteen students represented UW-River Falls at the ninth annual Building Unity Conference last weekend in Green Bay, Wis.

Building Unity, hosted by United Council, is a conference that aims to educate and empower students with many different perspectives about multicultural issues.

The conference theme "Visualize Reality" asked students to re-analyze and critique their roles as students and to explore the different realities facing the many diverse groups within society.

There were some 500 people in attendance with more than 20 UW System schools represented.

UW-RF student Eric Dodge attended the conference for the first time and felt he walked away with a better understanding about different multicultural issues.

"I grew more as a person," said Dodge, the diversity issues director of Student Senate. "I went there with my views, but I left looking at things differently."

Dodge also noted even people that felt they were very informed about multicultural issues learned something.

"For someone who thinks they know a lot about issues, they'll definitely learn more," Dodge said. "No one knows it all."

Senior Jen Straub also attended the conference for the first time this year and felt the conference had a lot to offer.

"One of the important things that you learn at Building Unity is that you realize that you might share similar issues with someone, but not everyone," Straub said. "We all have different issues,

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—Senior Jen Straub

and this is a really, good way to be aware of the other issues."

Some of the issues addressed were students of color, women, lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender (LGBT) students, veterans, differently-abled students, non-traditional students and international students on campuses.

More than 30 workshops and general sessions touched on these issues.

"Racial profiling was one of the big issues," Dodge said. "A lot of people have a tendency to see why young people of color are being generalized by criminals."

This topic was covered in one of the general sessions everyone attended.

According to Dodge and Straub, workshops

addressing a movement to end the use of Indian mascots, and on the sexualization of women in media, especially women of color, were particularly popular at the conference.

The keynote speaker, Leroy Moore, brought personal, historical, political and cultural experiences to his presentations. He incorporated his research and experiences about people of color and disability rights into his poetry.

"The speaker was very moving," Dodge said. "His poems were based on his life and how he's been treated. They were amazing."

Even though more people could have attended, UW-RF was well represented.

"Our delegation was excellent," Straub said. "Everyone was excited about learning new things, meeting new people, and bringing these new experiences back to campus."

Almost all of the 18 UW-RF students that attended were part of an organization of some kind.

Straub and Dodge, both members of Student Senate, feel the experiences they had and the things they learned at the conference can be incorporated into campus activities they are involved in.

See "Unity" On A6



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Economics Professor Brian Schultz

may have had some impact on them. That's always good to hear."

Schultz took a job as assistant professor at UW-RF in 1979 after completing his master's and doctorate degrees in economics at Notre Dame. He was hired to teach quantitative classes such as statistics, forecasting and econometrics. In the past 20 years, Schultz has taught several other courses in economics and has since developed a teaching style that seeks more individual participation from his students.

"I've been teaching long enough that I'm more in the chalk and blackboard mode, but I'm doing more lately in terms of material on the network programs," Schultz said. "I think students appreciate it when you give them more opportunity to do the material on their own."

Schultz is the second recipient of this award. Professor John Walker of the economics department was the first recipient, since the School of Business and Economics separated itself from the College of Arts and Sciences. Schultz shows tremendous concern for the overall quality of the business and economics program and its faculty. Specifically, he feels there is more to a good instructor than just credentials.

"My overall evaluation is it's a good program and we're improving," Schultz said. "We've been pretty good at finding people that have a strong background in both teaching and practical business experience and have a 'concerned-for-students' attitude."

dents know that," Potts said. "He's one of the good guys, he really is."

Professor Janna Cowen, a colleague of Schultz's since 1979, sees him as a person she can count on and as someone who is always willing to help.

"He's one of these people that's always there for you," Cowen said. "He's solid."

Along with teaching economics and statistics classes and being involved with campus committees, Schultz is the director of the UW-RF Center for Economic Education, a program that offers K-12 teachers throughout Wisconsin the opportunity to learn how to teach economic concepts to their students.

"A lot of schools don't teach a specific economic course, certainly not at the elementary level," Schultz said. "The materials we have give the teachers ideas on how to incorporate different economic concepts into their existing curriculum."

The statewide influence of the Center for Economic Education is directly impacted by the extensive time and effort put in by educators like Schultz.

"It's a tremendous service to the state," Potts said.

Schultz has made contacts with other university educators throughout the Midwest by serving on the board of directors of The Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning.

See "Award" on A6

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To all UW-River Falls students, faculty and staff: Have a safe, happy Thanksgiving holiday. *The Student Voice* will not be published next week due to break, but will hit newsstands again on Nov. 30.

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

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

Student graduation regalia is now available at the University Bookstore.

The UW-River Falls Rodeo Team will be collecting used auto, marine and tractor batteries now through Nov. 30 to raise money for national rodeo competition travel expenses. Donations can be dropped off at the River Falls Tire Co., 410 N. Main St.

Get your Meningitis shot! There will be an Immunization Clinic on campus Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. The cost for the shots is \$65. Hepatitis B, Chickenpox, Tetanus and MMR will also be available free, or at a reduced rate. On Wednesday, Dec. 13, flu shots will be available at the same time, but in the Falcon Room.

EVENTS

Textbook Services will be holding a discontinued textbook sale now through Nov. 17. Textbooks are available in all subject areas, with prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars a copy. If students wish to purchase books they have checked out, they can bring them to the textbook sale and receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

Federal regulations require that all graduating seniors and transfer students who have had school loans at UW-River Falls attend an Exit Counseling Session. This session provides students with information they will need to repay student loans. They will be held in the Alumni Room of South Hall on the following dates:

- Monday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 10 a.m.

UW-River Falls Brass Ensemble, directed by Rick Gaynor, will give a concert Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall.

In order to promote an appreciation for world cultures through the international language of film, the College of Arts and Sciences is sponsoring an international film called "The Color of Paradise" on Friday, Dec. 1. The film will start at 4 p.m. in 271 Centennial Science Hall and a discussion will follow.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Police Corps Scholarships, sponsored by the Wisconsin Police Corps Program, are available to students willing to commit to four years serving as a community police officer after graduation. For further information regarding the scholarship or application, contact Stephen Grohmann at the Office of Justice Assistance at (608) 266-7185. Deadline for application is Jan. 12.

Mark A. Pursley Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce \$500 scholarships for the academic year 2000-01. Money will be awarded to college juniors and seniors majoring in psychology, sociology and social work. Students must be in good academic standing. Applications are available in the Financial Assistance Office and will be received until Wednesday.

National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance will award \$2 million in grants to student and faculty inventors. The Alliance provides grants to colleges and universities for the creation of student invention teams, courses, projects, networking opportunities and resources for faculty and student innovators. It funds teams whose work is likely to lead to the licensing of new products or technologies. For more detailed information, as well as an application packet, may be obtained from the NCIIA website or by e-mailing the Alliance at info@nciia.org. The deadline for applications is Dec. 15.

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

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

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

MEETINGS

Lutheran Student Fellowship will be meeting this year at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights in Luther Memorial Basement. The topic will be different Christian denominations and their beliefs. For other information, contact Carrie Hanson at (715) 247-5968.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

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

Student Health Services to call the shots

■ **Pierce County Public Health Department, campus health officials to sponsor vaccination clinics**

Jessica Perry
Chief Copy Editor

It's the time of year again when living in the dorms can condemn students to sickness. Living in a shoebox-sized room leaves residents with no choice but to accept the inevitable: when the roommate gets sick, you get sick.

In an attempt to make this problem occur less often, the UW-River Falls' Student Health Services and the Pierce County Public Health Department are sponsoring a series of immunization clinics. A benefit of being a UW-RF student is these services are offered for free or for a reduced rate, depending on the vaccine being administered.

The vaccine clinics will be held in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month. The dates of the clinics are Nov. 29, Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and April 25.

Although the clinics are only held for two hours, students can get through the clinics fairly quickly.

"If you come while classes are in session, you can be done in about 10 minutes on average," said sophomore

more Bethaney Tschida, who checks students in at the clinics.

However, depending on when students arrive for the vaccines can determine the length of time they will have to wait. The lines tend to be much longer in between classes, Tschida said.

The process is simple for students to receive the vaccines. When they arrive at the clinic, they need to provide their student id, pay, and fill out some paperwork.

"It's really simple," said sophomore Matt Benson, who has taken advantage of the clinics in the past. "I went in, got my shot and left. There were no hassles."

The American College Health Association recommends the meningococcal meningitis vaccine especially for students living in residence halls, according to the Student Health Services website (<http://www.uwrf.edu/student-health-service/>). The reason for this is because the meningococcal disease is transmitted by air through droplets of respiratory secretions and direct contact with an infected person. This includes shared items such as cigarettes and drinking glasses or intimate contact such as coughing or kissing.

The meningitis vaccine is available to students at the reduced rate of \$65 per dose, while supplies last. A booster is needed after three years.

Since the influenza vaccine will not be available at the November

clinic, a separate one will be held Dec. 13 in the Falcon Room. The cost is \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students.

Hepatitis B is a viral disease that attacks the liver and can cause jaundice, which is a yellow tint to the skin, permanent liver damage and death.

This vaccine comes in a series of three shots over a six-month period of time and is available to most students for \$15 per shot. If the series of shots is started before a student is

(Inactivated PolioVirus) vaccines. However, to receive these vaccines, students must call the Pierce County Public Health Department at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. The Pierce County Public Health Department can be reached at (715) 273-6755 and students need to identify themselves as UW-RF students.

The Lyme vaccine is \$55 per dose and is a three shot series over a 12-month period. The Hepatitis A vaccine is \$22 per dose and is a two shot series, and the IPV vaccine is \$26 per dose.

Health Insurance is not accepted at these clinics, but students can request a receipt to submit to their insurance companies. Students should check with their health insurance providers regarding coverage of vaccines.

Vaccines are also available at the River Falls Medical Clinic at any time by calling (715) 425-6701 for an appointment. The vaccines, excluding the MMR and TD, are not subsidized by the Student Health Services, and so students are responsible for the full cost of the vaccines, unless their health insurance provides coverage. Cost for the Hepatitis B vaccine is \$53.38 per shot. The chicken pox vaccine is \$76.43. The meningitis vaccine is \$99. Each shot administered also has an additional \$10 injection fee.

Students can also call the Pierce county Health Department at (715) 273-6755 for information about other clinics and to make arrangements for vaccines. As with the River Falls Medical Clinic, these vaccines are not covered or subsidized by Student Health Services.

19 years old and is completed by the age of 20, the vaccine is free.

Most students suffered from chickenpox (varicella) as children, but those who haven't should consider receiving the Chickenpox vaccine. The reason this is recommended is because adults who contract the chickenpox get a more severe case and the complications are more frequent than in children.

The chickenpox vaccine is a series of two shots given at least one month apart. The cost for students over 18 years old is \$15 per shot. Students under 18 can receive the vaccination for free.

The Tetanus (Td) and MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccines are available to all students for free.

In addition to these vaccines, students may also request to receive the Lyme, Hepatitis A and IPV

Alumni Association attends state conference

■ **Scavenger hunts, costume contests round out a weekend fun, fundraising, leadership planning, stress management**

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Recently, 12 UW-River Falls students from the Student Alumni Association (SAA) attended the state conference at UW-Platteville.

SAA is a campus organization dedicated to linking the past, present, and future alumni of River Falls. They assist with alumni events, go into area high schools to give presentations on college life, are active on campus and in the community, and attend conferences.

The University van left the South Hall parking lot at noon on Friday, Oct. 27. The delegates ventured out on the multiple hour drive and began a scavenger hunt. Their list included items such as a car part, an ugly lawn ornament, and an eight-track tape.

Upon arrival in Platteville, they checked into the Country Inn and began their preparations for the costume contest. Student Jason Jacobs, the male attending the conference, was Austin Powers, while the women of the group were his Femme-Bots. As the River Falls delegates walked down the stairs to join their fellow ambassadors, applause arose throughout Ullsvik Center on the Platteville campus.

The rest of the night consisted of pizza, pictures, games, music and bowling, all to be found in one building. To top it off, they won Best Group Costume.

Saturday began with an early start at 8:30 a.m. The day's activities involved "get to know you bingo," group cheers and roll call, and many sessions. Some of these sessions included team building, fundraising ideas, leadership etiquette, stress management through massage, volunteering, hug therapy, and retreat planning.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Sexual assault under investigation

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Staff Writer

On Nov. 11, a female came forward and reported an incident of date rape, which occurred several months ago, according to Sergeant Jeff Linnehan. No further information is available at this time due to the investigation of the incident.

Monday, Nov. 6 Helen Mary Spasojevich, a documents assistant for the library's Government Documents, reported the theft of a wall hanging from her office, according to police records. The hanging was of brown material and pictured books, a cat, a vase with flowers and a pea pod, Spasojevich said.

The police currently list no suspects and estimate the replacement of the hanging at \$200.

Also on Nov. 6, John O. Laird of the Reserve Desk reported a larceny/theft of \$20 from the cash register, which is primarily used for a change machine, according to police records. Laird said that the

money disappeared sometime between when he balanced the register on Nov. 1 and Nov. 6.

Police records show no suspects and say that charges will be filed.

Jennifer Hopfenseperger, loss prevention manager at Shopko, reported a retail theft on Nov. 7. Jeffery D. Crosby, 18, was arrested and given a \$158 citation in connection with the theft of a compact disc, "Poison-Greatest Hits" from Shopko, according to police records.

According to the report Hopfenseperger gave police, she confronted Crosby and he returned the disc, priced at \$10.99, before the arresting officer arrived. The court date is set for Dec. 13.

On Nov. 11, Robert D. Woltering, 18, was taken into custody in connection with underage consumption and damage to property, according to police records. On Tuesday the police were waiting for the campus report.

On Nov. 12, Peter A. Eloranta, 20, and Casey A. Stokesbury, 20, were cited for underage consumption.

UW-River Falls presented fundraising, retreat planning, and their student ambassador program. At lunchtime, the delegates had the opportunity to visit "the big M." This "M" stands for mining and was placed on a hillside back in the mining days of Platteville, Wisc. The "M" can be seen from the states of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. If you can make the hike up the hill, those states can also be seen from the top of the "M."

Saturday evening was finished off with a banquet, keynote speaker, slide show, awards, and a dance. The UW-River Falls Student Alumni Association proudly accepted their "Spirit Award."

The SAA meets every other Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room of South Hall. Any interested individual can attend. For more information please contact Dan McGinty or Kimberly Gould-Speckman at the Alumni Office (425-3505).



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Members of the River Falls National Guard, Echo Company, perform in the Veterans Day ceremony outside North Hall on Friday.

Veterans Day a time for remembrance

Janel Nellen
Staff Writer

Veterans Day...It is a day to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the armistice in 1918 that ended World War I, and a day to honor all those, living and dead, who served in the United States Armed Forces.

A Veterans Day ceremony was held last Friday at 11 a.m. outside North Hall to help students "remember the sacrifices that veterans have given and the sacrifices that current members of the armed forces give daily to make this the greatest nation in the world," said Scott A. Sarazin, a UW-River Falls student who is in the Army.

William Lamar, Jr., a student who is in the Marine Corp agrees with Sarazin and hopes the general public realizes how much the men and the women of the armed forces give for their country.

"The past and present veterans should be commended on the service that they have provided and will provide in the future to conserve freedom for the people of this great nation," Lamar said.

Veterans Day is a day to be thankful to those who have made

the "ultimate sacrifice of putting their life on the line" for their country, said Tory Sletton, a student who is in the Marine Corp.

Veterans Day is an important day to UW-RF alumni Shannon Edens, who is on active duty in the Army.

"We have a chance to honor those who have fought for the freedom that we have today," Edens said.

There are a number of reasons why students join the military, including a chance to see different parts of the world, a challenge, or additional financial benefits for school. Sarazin, Lamar and Sletton all stated reasons that involved their desire to serve their country.

"It was an opportunity for me to serve my country," Sarazin said. "And I don't ever regret doing it."

The ceremony included a keynote speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Kerr, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sarazin and a moment of silence to remember and honor those who have died. The ceremony was concluded with a 21-gun salute and taps.

"Veterans Day is a unique and special day in America," Kerr said. "We must pause to appreciate the men and women who served this country in uniform."

Turkey Trot A Success!

Despite a cold and windy day, the second annual Turkey Trot was a success, according to many people who participated. The Health and Human Performance Department organized the event to promote wellness in the community. With 153 participants, the atmosphere was electric. Here are top three finishers in each age category:

Female

- 12 and under: 1)Jackie Reimer 25:01/ River Falls
2)Kaylah Ness 27:05/ River Falls
3)Laura Schacker 33:03/ Roberts
- 13-18: 1)Paige Wheeler 20:20/ River Falls
2)Sara Rudesill 20:25/ River Falls
3)Aly Lineham 20:30/ River Falls
- 19-39: 1)Betsy Barrett 18:27/ River Falls**
2)Melanie Olean 20:30/ River Falls
3)Cathy Carrier 21:09/ River Falls
- 40-60: 1)Lisa Wheeler 22:49/ River Falls
2)Jean Wespel 24:52/ River Falls
3)Laurie Tarman 25:20/New Richmond

Male

- 12 and under: 1)Logan Ekstrom 20:10/ River Falls
2)Kevin Nolde 21:12/ River Falls
3)Mason Saari 22:36/ River Falls
- 13-18: 1)Sean Slaikou 18:26/ River Falls
2)Ryan Rudesill 19:37/ River Falls
3)Tony Riemer 22:31/ River Falls
- 19-39: 1)Rick Cleary 16:22/ River Falls**
2)Brian Bailey 17:17/ White Bear Lake
3)Chad Gensan 18:44/ Hudson
- 40-60: 1)Jim Baillargeon 17:39/ Somerset
2)Rick Wheeler 18:04/ River Falls
3)Gary Sumner 18:47/ River Falls

**Denotes top female and male finishers

The top finishers in each category received athletic wear from various UW-RF athletic teams. A number of students and volunteers helped make this year's Turkey Trot a success, but it couldn't have been done without the members of the community that came out to support wellness and physical education. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Deb Allyn from Health and Human Performance, as well as all the co-chairs of the event for their time and effort.

Turkeys, football, families on minds of many

■ Thanksgiving also a time for students to gain much needed rest, finish up papers

Paul Broz
Staff Writer

Turkey Time.

It's that time of the year again when every college student is looking for a long-needed break for mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie, stuffing and our illustrious friend, the turkey. Or as Abe Simpson would put it, the "walking bird". Thanksgiving is almost here and it couldn't have come sooner.

Thanksgiving is infamous for two things: turkey and football. The two go hand in hand. Even at the football games, announcer John Madden awards six turkey legs from his notorious mutant turkey to the stars of the game.

Students at UW-River Falls are up to a variety of activities over the break.

"I'm going home to spend some time with my family. My sister is coming home from Chicago," said Summer McFaul, a junior majoring in marketing communications. "We'll probably watch the football games all weekend."

Thanksgiving is also the perfect time to catch up on homework and get some extra holiday work hours in.

"I'm going to spend some quality time with the family," said Tory Sletten, a senior majoring in marketing communications. "(The break) is also a good time to catch up on papers and other homework."

Splitting the time between family and job obligations is also part of sophomore Amanda Hirsch's holiday agenda.

"Thanksgiving Day I'm going to eat with my family," she said. "And the rest of the weekend I'm going to be working here in River Falls."

Other people are spending their break from school a little differently.

"I'm going to marry Brian Netto," said Kiesha Johnson, a senior majoring in speech communications. "We're going to make lots of

babies."

The extended weekend also offers an opportunity to accomplish long-awaited household projects.

"I'm going to be painting my kitchen," said Wade Warner, the coordinator at disability services.

We sometimes forget what Thanksgiving is for. It's not just a great free meal. Our colonial forefathers sowed the future oats of our nation at Plymouth Rock back in the 17th century. Thanksgiving has grown into a national phenomenon with such guilty pleasures as the Macy's Day parade and watching America's team, the Dallas Cowboys.

"I'm going home to eat Grandma's mashed potatoes," said Tawana Hanamann, a senior majoring in pre-vet animal science.

Many students across campus are sharing the same hungry sentiments. No Rodli or Freddy's for at least five days for the lucky people.

"I'm going back home to see what my family is up to," said Dave Shepherd, a junior majoring in computer information systems. "Ma's cooking dinner up this year."



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It's judgment day for this bird. Some students are returning home for the first time since August to have Thanksgiving turkey with family and friends.

Experience carries sheriff to new term

Kris Jensen
Staff Writer

Students at UW-River Falls may not know who the next president will be, but after the Nov. 7 elections they do know there's a new sheriff in town.

Ellsworth resident Everett Muhlhausen was elected Pierce County sheriff in his first attempt at the office. Uncontested on the ballot, Muhlhausen handily beat his closest opponent, Greg Place, who received over 3,000 write-in votes.

Muhlhausen got his start in law enforcement over 30 years ago, when he started working part-time for the Pierce County sheriff's department in 1969. He said he thinks his 30 years of experience will lend themselves well to serving the county.

"I started out bouncing in bars for the sheriff's department," Muhlhausen said. "I began working for Pierce County full-time in September of '71."

For the next 30 years, Muhlhausen worked his way through pretty much every job the sheriff's department had. He began to patrol part time. He was a fulltime radio dispatcher and jailor. He spent 15 years doing investigative work. He even worked as a fulltime water and snow patrolman.

His varied experience qualifies him for the job of sheriff, Muhlhausen said.

"I feel I have a good understanding of how all of the programs operate and how they've evolved over time," he said. "At the same time I try to keep in mind what's new out there, and avoid getting stuck in a rut with old techniques."

It was Muhlhausen's dedication to keeping an eye on the changing needs of the county that lead him to support the initiation of a Pierce County SWAT team.

Now, as sheriff, Muhlhausen's job will be to supervise others as they do many of the jobs he formerly had.

"Sheriff is a constitutional officer of the state of Wisconsin, responsible for the whole county of Pierce, including any municipalities," Muhlhausen said. "I am the head of administration in charge of the direction of the department."

He said the job of sheriff has changed a little in the last 30 years.

"When I first got interested in law enforcement, sheriffs were very active in crime solving," Muhlhausen said. "Now sheriffs

mostly supervise and direct. I'm responsible for maintenance of the jail, and all prisoners held within. I am also in charge of transportation of any and all prisoners."

Muhlhausen said one of the chief differences between a sheriff and a police officer is that, as elected officials, sheriffs are responsible to the entire public of a county, while the police are hired by a city.

Because sheriffs are elected, they run on a partisan ballot in Wisconsin. Muhlhausen said that he feels there is some validity in partisan elections for sheriff, despite the fact that many voters think it is unnecessary.

"I can understand the party aspect of grass roots politics. For party affiliates, having grass roots is very important," he said. "On the other hand, nonpartisan elections would make it less political. Then you don't have to align with a party for fear of being ousted."

Muhlhausen said partisanship should play no role in the enforcement of laws.

"If a person is so aligned with his party that it affects his job, he should not be in law enforcement,"

he said.

Because River Falls is split by Pierce and St. Croix counties, it is important for county sheriffs to work well together.

"There's a long history of cooperation between St. Croix and Pierce," Muhlhausen said.

"It's even more important to work well with the local police departments, however."

Muhlhausen said UW-RF campus security and the River Falls Police Department have jurisdiction over the University. However, the sheriff's department may be asked to help on some cases.

If students do run into Muhlhausen, they will be sure to notice his understanding attitude toward people.

"One of the basic things that I've always kept in mind is that I'm a human being, and the people I work with and am working for are also human beings," he said. "I treat people the way I'd like to be treated."

Muhlhausen said understanding of people helps guide his decisions in law enforcement.

"I uphold the law firmly but with compassion," he said. "Each person has a heart, a soul and a conscience. We, as law enforcement, need to understand that, and treat them as individuals. There is a time to be authoritative and a time to be compassionate."

"I uphold the law firmly but with compassion."

- Everett Muhlhausen,
Pierce Co. sheriff-elect

Intramural interest growing

■ Competition, social atmosphere appeals to students

Paul Broz
Staff Writer

Intramural sports have been around almost as long as the modern university. The appeal has never worn off because intramural sports are one of the best ways to immerse yourself in the social scene at college. Meeting people and enjoying competition are some of the many ways that intramural sports attract students.

Intramural sports are in their 25th year here at UW-River Falls. They have a new way of getting involved in intramurals and all you have to do is get on your computer. At www.uwrfintramurals.leaguelink.com you can register your team online for competition, you can check out your teams' statistics, check out game schedules for your specific team, find copies of rules and eligibility and find announcements and meeting times.

"We can schedule all of our sports this way," said Lance Ross, the recreational leadership coordinator at the leadership center. "This way gives students easier access to the sports they want to play."

Many students look forward to their season of choice to play their favorite sport (or sports).

"I look forward to winter every year here at school because I can play volleyball with my friends," said Celena Apostoloff, a junior majoring in marketing. "I played it in high school and it is a great way to get out of the house during the winter."



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Players from Second Center Hathorn and the Boondocks battle for the ball during the second round of broomball playoffs in the Hunt Arena on Wednesday night.

There are 13 different kinds of intramural sports in which students can participate. Football, softball, women's broomball, 3-on-3 basketball, and tennis are about to wrap up. The next wave of sports to be offered are a golf tournament that hasn't been set up yet; badminton also hasn't been announced when it will start. Men's broomball starts when the women finish their season. Men and women's basketball sign-ups are on Dec. 7 and men and women's floor hockey and volleyball have sign ups on Feb 15 of 2001. Also on Feb 15 is a sign up for men and co-ed softball. There is a golf scramble for everybody in the spring but it hasn't been set up yet.

Freshmen are encouraged at orientation to sign up for intramural sports to meet people

"As a freshman here I really am looking forward to seeing what intramural sports are like," said Jude Harder, a freshman majoring in business. "I played a few sports in high school so I am looking to hoop it up a little here."

The recreational center is trying to add sports such as sand volleyball and kickball, but it all depends on how many students sign up.

The number of participants for intramurals has increased every year, according to Ross.

Many rivalries and friendships have formed through competition.

"We have a broomball team formed with a bunch of my friends," said Nick Hayon, a junior majoring in sociology. "It is going to be a challenge, but I'm up to it."

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STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Improving educational experiences a top priority for senators

Craig Severud
Staff Writer

Chancellor Ann Lydecker kicked off Tuesday's Student Senate meeting by speaking to senators about the new UW-RF Institutional Goals for 2000-2001.

The main goal for the 2000-2001 school year is to improve educational experiences through enhanced programs, internships, advising and research initiatives.

"I want to make sure your time here is meaningful, not just sitting in class and doing homework," Lydecker said. "The human element is what makes this place special for all of us."

Other goals presented were increased participation in graduate programs, diversification of university staff and student populations, regional economic development and implementation of PeopleSoft and Lawson computer systems for better human relations. Lydecker noted that the two new computer systems will make staff and student information searches much quicker.

Following Lydecker was Julia Beatty, vice president of the United States Student Association (USSA). Beatty spoke on the work being done by USSA to make higher education more rewarding for students.

"We're fighting for all students' rights to receive higher education," Beatty said. "We're working to improve all student aspects of higher education."

Beatty added that currently USSA has two main focuses. The first is to

make college more obtainable for students by improving financial aid and diversity on campus. The second focus dealt with the recent elections. USSA advised the United Council on the "Get Out the Vote" campaign.

Eric Dodge, diversity issues director, spoke next as he informed the senate that he had recently attended United Council workshops. Dodge said he "learned a lot" at the council workshops about minority treatment, student recruitment and homosexual rights.

The meeting was concluded with a motion passing to install UW-RF junior Matthew Bendixen as a member of the senate.

"I hope to impact the campus in a good way," Bendixen said.

"We welcome Matt's new thoughts and ideas," senator Dave Chell said. "We look forward to seeing him become an active member of the senate."

The motion to install the new member followed the approval of resignation by Joshua Pals and the removal of Celeste Keiser from the senate. Pals resigned for personal reasons, while Keiser was removed for lack of participation in senate functions. A senate chair remains open and senators will be accepting letters and resumes for a person to fill the empty seat.

The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Lydecker proposes reorganization of Graduate Studies and Outreach programs

Division would allow programs to grow, create new position for dean

Sara Masson
Staff Writer

Chancellor Ann Lydecker brought some new ideas for the organization of some UW-River Falls programs to the Faculty Senate meeting held on Nov. 15 in the Alumni Room of South Hall.

Lydecker is optimistic that the new organization and proposal introduced to the senate will be paid for by the upcoming capitol campaign.

"I am hoping that the capitol campaign will multiply our capitol in wonderful way," Lydecker said.

One action proposed by Lydecker to make the upcoming capitol campaign a more successful program for UW-River Falls is by replacing the old director of development position held by Charles Britson, who is retiring, with a more prestigious position.

This new position would be given the title Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement.

"We need to elevate the position to where I think we can get some good applicants," said Lydecker.

Other schools in the UW System have used this more prestigious title to attract better-qualified applicants to their capitol campaigns and have been successful in this attempt.

The other proposed action by Lydecker to increase the amount of money made by the campaign is to broaden the possible donation base.

Lydecker proposed that the cam-

paign should ask for money from more than just alumni of UW-RF. She believes that the university should ask others in the community to donate money as well.

One of the two high priorities that Lydecker proposed for the reorganization of programs for UW-RF was to pull the graduate studies and outreach out of the College of Education. She proposed that the two programs should be separated because the goals of the institution are not being met.

The fact that the graduate studies and outreach program is being "buried in business" and not getting enough personal attention is a big problem. Lydecker believes that the division from the College of Education would allow these programs to grow.

With that division would come a new dean of graduate studies and outreach. This person would be a department dean and would have no faculty directly underneath him.

It was also pointed out by Lydecker that a new name should be given to the College of Education. This renaming is necessary because there are more than just education classes in the college. "There are really exciting service coupons to offer," especially in the Social Work and Communicative Disorders department, Lydecker said.

Senator Teri Crotty, the chair of the teacher education program, was concerned that the previous agree-

ment that the education and graduate studies program had that a percentage of the money generated by the two departments would be given to the education program. The concern is that the new dean will be handling money that was previously handled by the education and graduate studies programs together.

"Having been involved at expanding graduate programs previously, it puts a stretch on members of the education department staff...what I want to know is what is in this for us," Crotty said.

Lydecker responded by telling the senate that the reason why the new dean of graduate studies would be a dean without faculty is so that it would not take away from the program UW-RF already has.

These comments prompted stand in Senator Richard Beckham. "Such a dean without faculty better be a dean with great diplomacy," he said.

The other major change that would take place under Lydecker's plan is to change the title of the School of Business and Economics to the College of Business and Economics. With this change, the position of the director of the school of business and economics would become a dean of the college.

With this modification, Lydecker believes UW-RF would have a more qualified person as head of the program. With this title comes a pay raise to the person that would be hired. The other objective that Lydecker hopes would come from

this change is for UW-RF to "take the lead" in various economic issues in this region.

There was a major objection to this plan brought up by Senator David Trechter. His concern was that all of these new programs and high status positions would grab money from other important academic programs and set up more administrative costs.

"No, the new program would generate far more money in the end and pump it back out," Lydecker said in response.

The debate continued with Trechter. "I'm skeptical until convinced otherwise," he said.

Ending the debate was comment from Lydecker. "I have thought about this day and night, and I'm comfortable we can make this work for us," she said.

In other news, Lydecker also proposed that instead of Glenda Morris, the assistant to the chancellor for equity and compliance, reporting everything to Lydecker directly, she should report only the issues of equity and compliance, and report everything else to John Spielman.

Also in Lydecker's proposal was to change the way the personnel office runs. Currently, the office handles some, but not all personnel files, which makes finding a file difficult at times. The proposed change is to rename the office, and call it the Human Resources office, and have them handle all personnel files.

Student organizations seek to educate at Communications Fair

■ WRFW, Society of Professional Journalists among groups recruiting new members

Jeff Starck
Staff Writer

To the tunes of Limp Bizkit's "Rollin'" and other songs on WRFW's play list, students interested in communication, print or broadcast media received information regarding those this past Tuesday during the Communication Fair held in the carpeted area of the Student Center.

The journalism department for the second straight year organized the Communication Fair. Tables were set-up so students who ventured through the Student Center on their lunch hour could peruse the tables in search of information on majors, clubs and free giveaways.

Getting the word out was the main concern of most of the fair participants.

"We are always recruiting," Christopher Graham, a senior jockey at WRFW said. "Ultimately our goal is to gain more awareness for the station and to listen to the shows."

The Student Voice, 88.7 FM WRFW, Society of Professional Journalists, Agricultural Communications of Tomorrow, Television Services, Focus on U, UW-RF Sports Information, UW-

RF Public Affairs, UW-RF Photography Services and Association for Women in Communications were all represented at the fair.

"We are the promotional organization of the college (CAFES)," Shannon Farrell, a freshman Ag Education major said in reference to Ag Communicators. Ag Communicators were also the only ones at the fair not in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Recruitment of student workers for on campus jobs and awareness of possible internships such as those with the Kansas City Chiefs were also available at the tables. According to Dan Ritchey of television services, "the studio and editing facilities are used for videotaping many of the universities events for TV and the Archives as well as for many class assignments."

"Students play a big role in various broadcasts, checking out equipment and making sure that the equipment is working correctly at television services," Ritchey said.

On a more professional level, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Association for Women in Communications both pushed for increasing contacts and pursuing real world experience. Fundraisers such as making freshman care-packages have provided the Professional Journalists with money to take fieldtrips and attend conventions. One fieldtrip was to WCCO where they were able to visit different departments and ask questions regarding their jobs and career paths.

Similar to the Professional Journalists, The Association for Women in Communications meet every Wednesday and has regular

speakers that give insight on their careers.

"We aim to bring awareness to our club as well as help build networks for the students," Anna Linker, a senior mass communication major said. "Men can join two despite the name. We are trying to get more guys involved."

Though technology may not have allowed them to have the booth in the Student Center, WRFW did a live broadcast that blasted through the speakers overhead. Students were able to get a feel for what the campus radio station is. A raffle for a CD along with other free promotional items accompanied the broadcast as the station's recruitment tool.

"People are tired of commercial radio stations that play the same stuff," Graham said. "If a new CD comes out, we don't wait for it to go through marketing and testing like other stations. When it comes out, we get and play it."

That kind of take-charge attitude is a common theme among the fair's participants. The push to improve oneself through experience and education was their goal. To learn more about any of the participants in the fair, look for their work in the Voice, campus newsletters or on TV and contact them to see how you can be involved.

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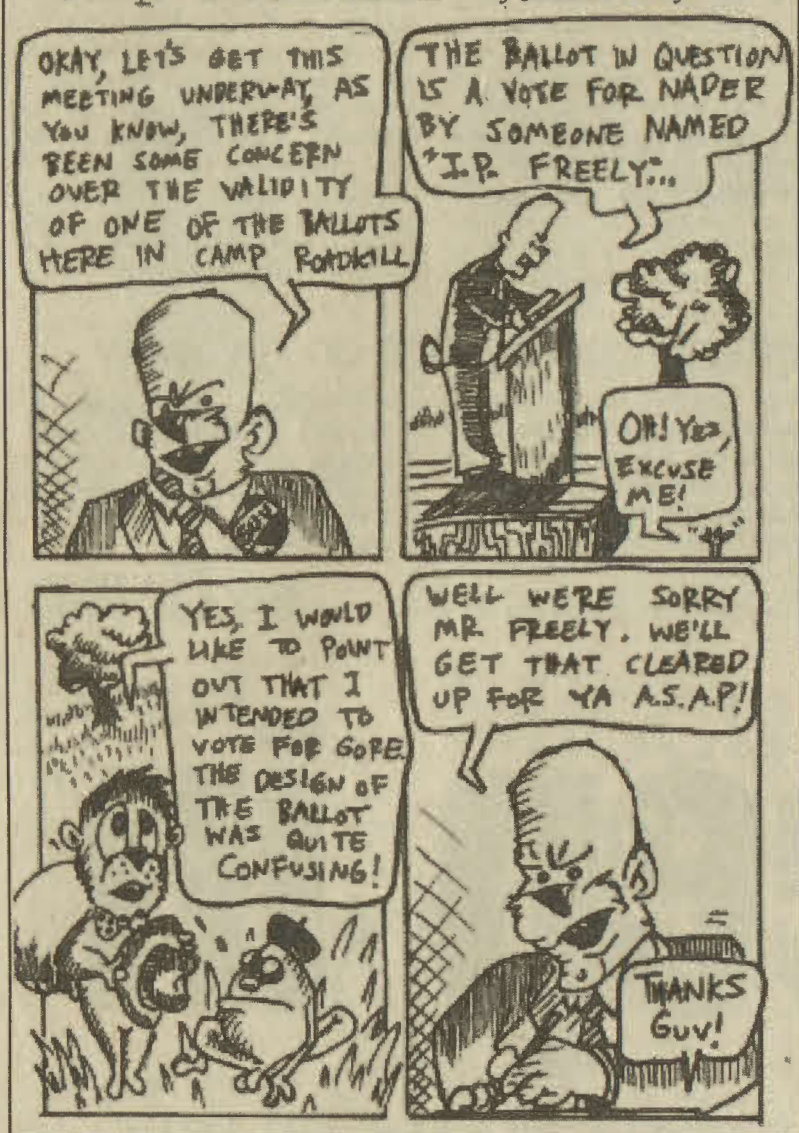
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Baseball card story gives solution to election crises

KRISTOPHER JENSEN



"It reminds me of a similar situation of equal importance that occurred in 1987. I was nine years old, and collecting baseball cards was my life."

Every time I turn on a television or radio, I am bombarded with "the latest in the Florida election totals." And thus far, "the latest news" isn't that newsworthy at all.

After a total count and recount of all the counties in Florida, the results show Texas Gov. George W. Bush has won the state of Florida — by a margin of 300 votes. Not giving up, some counties have completed a third "manual" recount while others prepare to dig in for a fourth go at it.

Vice President Al Gore emphasizes that he only seeks the will of the people of the great state of Florida and that a full and accurate count is the only way to achieve such a goal.

Bush accuses Gore of stalling and avoiding the inevitable concession. One newscaster went so far as to say both candidates are acting like children.

It reminds me of a similar situation of equal importance that occurred in 1987. I was nine years old, and collecting baseball cards was my life.

My best friend Adam had come over to my house to trade cards with me. As usual, we both couldn't help but bring out our entire collection of cards. I guess, even at that young age, we demanded a total and accurate showing of our collections.

Adam and I spent hours just staring at each other's cards with envy. There were stacks on the floor, stacks on the bed, and stacks on my desk. Vinyl photo album sleeves full of "rookie cards" and "error cards" and our favorite players were scattered about the room.

My dad made just one rule. There

was an imaginary line drawn across the room, and we were not to allow any of our cards to cross the line.

Instead, we would spread the cards out so they were easily visible, and switch seats, so we would have the best view of the other's merchandise without confusing which cards were our own.

This system worked well for most visits, until one afternoon when a tragedy happened. Four stacks of cards nearest the line tipped over, spilling into a tangled pile. There was no way to tell by looking which cards were his and which were mine.

One of my favorite cards lay teetering over the edge. When I went to grab it, I was socked in the eye with a stiff, right jab.

"That's mine!"

"No way! It's mine!"

By the time the fight was over, my dad was standing over the two of us. A sea of baseball cards had amassed in the room.

"Adam has the most cards," said my brother, with a grin.

Adam claimed that I had tried to screw up four of his most promising piles, and I bickered that he should just accept whatever cards were on our respective sides of the line.

As we assessed the situation, it was obvious some were closer to my side than his. He claimed, however, that there was no way to tell for sure which side they belonged to without examining them on a card-by-card basis.

By this point, my brother changed his mind, and it was I who had the lead.

See "Election" on page A6

Java Coast needs to vacate Student Center

I never thought that this could be written anywhere, but I wish there were another Starbucks in this country. Where do I wish this Starbucks would go? Right where that sham of a coffeehouse Java Coast is. Student Center representatives are constantly looking to create more of a warm atmosphere in the entire Student Center. Brent Greene and other people in the Student Center have done a great job with bringing in soft and cozy chairs, loveseats, and couches. This makes the Student Center quite a bit warmer for students. But no matter how you add it up, there needs to be a draw to keep the students in the Student Center. McDonald's left and Char's Grill have been in as a replacement. There have been mixed feelings about Char's Grill. Some people very much like Char's, others wish McDonald's would be back there. And many also are apathetic to the change; they couldn't care less which one was there. So when it comes down to it, the loss of McDonald's and addition of Char's pretty much cancels each other out.

But the big void is the coffeehouse. Java Coast is a terrible waste of space in the Student Center. I don't know who set-up Java Coast, but I hope that the person that did set it up doesn't think that they did a good job. The only coast Java Coast is close to is the Mosquito Coast (located in Central America off in Belize) because it is annoying, like Mosquito's.

The two reasons I would rather have a Starbucks in the Student Center versus Java Coast are pretty simple: taste and price. Let's start with the latter, the famously overpriced cup of coffee at Starbucks is near bargain basement price compared to Java Coast. One dollar and fifty cents for the smallest double espresso in the world is insane. Sure I got it in a cup that holds 8 or 10 ounces, but the contents failed to reach the

City Three-Card Monte dealer. A bottle of pop, soda, sodie-pop — whatever you want to call it — at Java Coast costs well over one dollar. In any vending machine, that bottle costs one dollar even — which one would you pick? Yep, not Java Coast.

So let's look at taste, obviously a secondary thought for Java Coast, which is why I'm writing about it second. When McDonald's was next door, which would I pick? The answer: McDonald's coffee. The taste of McDonald's coffee was the same and the price was better too. On the cups from Java Coast it says "fine coffees." The only fine involved with Java Coast should be the one that the Federal Trade Commission should level on them for the false claim that their coffee is good. The taste of anything I have ever got from Java Coast has been average (I'm being nice). If there is actually anybody that likes the taste of Java Coast coffee, please tell me because I'm obviously missing something. Also, if there is anything good from there, can I have a sip of yours? Because I won't buy anything from Java Coast anymore.

One more thing that Java Coast lacks from your typical Starbucks: the employees. The Starbucks people in general are one of two types of people. The first Starbucks has tried their own product (something any drug dealer will tell you is a bad idea, and caffeine really is a drug).

See "Coffee" on page A6

MATT MCCONICO



"Be it Starbucks, Caribou Coffee or a local coffeehouse opening a franchise in the Student Center, I don't care. I just want my coffee."

top of the glass. In fact, the contents weren't much more than a shot from Emma's. I feel robbed after going to Java Coast. Starbucks at least would give us the options for sizes that humans drink. Unless you "shill out" and buy a Java Coast coffee mug and then pay 79 cents for the regular coffee there is nothing that could be called a near value (in coffeehouse terms). Coffee isn't the only place that Java Coast decides to rip you off worse than a New York

EDITORIAL

Letter writers need to expand their issue horizons

A page editor from the *Student Voice* a couple of years ago said "nobody reads the news section; the only sections students read are Sports and Viewpoints." This is true to a great extent.

The Letters to the Editor section reflects this notion because the only letters that we get have to do with columns and other letters that readers submit. Granted, many students might not care about an award a professor won or the changes that are being proposed to modify the current professor evaluations at the end of each semester. It seems like each column or opinion expressed by a student or faculty member in a letter generates a huge volume of backlash from readers. This is good because it shows that our readers have diverse opinions and care about social and economic issues of our time. However, many letters imply that our staff should be controlling how the writers should feel about a certain issue. And, again, they are free to express their concern about these issues.

But it seems like the Viewpoints sections has become a battleground of sorts, on which there is a constant fight each week to put forth the "stronger" view and the last word. As far as we know, our columnists are not trying to

start a campus war with their opinions. Each columnist is entitled to his or her own opinion, and THEY ARE ONLY OPINIONS. They have every right to express their opinions through their writing.

The *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, like every other newspaper, has a Letters to the Editor section. It is noticeable that its readers write in with concerns about society, not just what the columnists write. This section contains letters ranging from a local proposed amendment to news tips. Readers seem to care about things going on around them, not just what is happening in Joe Southerers or Laura Billings' columns.

So, rather than trying to be column watchdogs, why not take into account other issues that are happening on campus? The Student Senate and Faculty Senate generate new proposals and issues each and every week, for instance. We are not trying to force readers to censor their opinions, just provide other pertinent information upon which a solid argument could be formed.

Letters to the Editor

One voice does not speak for all of Christianity; the Bible stresses conscience

To Mr. Patrick Coughlin: I am writing to make a simple request — please stop trying to speak for all of Christianity in your arguments against homosexuality. I do not want people to think that all Christians feel as you do.

We live in a society in which individuals may choose what religious beliefs to follow. You may believe the Bible, and you may believe your interpretations of the Bible. You even have the right to compel society to follow your version of Biblical morality; however, society will not be compelled to listen.

I am thankful for this freedom, as you should be too; it means that nobody can tell you and me what we have to believe. We have the freedom to believe in Christ; others have the freedom to not. To take away that freedom is to deny the "inalienable rights" (words written by Thomas Jefferson, a deist not a Christian) which you refer to. That doesn't convince anybody; it makes them angry and makes them tune you out. You would do better to choose your battles more wisely because condemning homosexuality will bring nobody to Christ. And doing so in your man-

ner perpetuates a stereotype of Christians as narrow-minded and intolerant.

To the general reader: PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT MR. COUGHLIN SPEAKS FOR ALL CHRISTIANS. The older traditions in Christianity speak exceedingly about CONSCIENCE. Conscience is the right of all men and women to follow what their hearts tell them is right. St. Paul refers to conscience often; in 1 Corinthians 10:29, he asks "For why should my liberty be determined by another man's scruples?" I have formed my conscience for living my life before God. So has Mr. Coughlin. And as a Christian, I hope each and every one of you follows your conscience, which Cardinal John Henry Newman referred to as the final arbiter in moral decisions.

Mr. Coughlin does not represent all of us. I leave you to form your conscience on the issue of homosexuality. As a Christian, I believe your conscience is between you and God, and as a human being, I accept your right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Joseph K. Fischer, student

Weekly column nothing new

People are suffering.

Suffering from people trying to force gay tolerance down your throat (so to speak)? Well, tune in each and every week to these pages as Kristopher Jensen one, penetrates the queer conspiracy and two, explains how he doesn't hate the queers.

Please join me in the requesting of Kribs to collect and publish his serial diatribe. I am sure diverse members of the student body will be dying to read Mr. Jensen's final solution. People are suffering.

Robert Bertram, student

Voting students show voice

All I can say is DAMN!

With America having a tradition of low voter turnout — especially from the ages of 18 to 24 — I'd have to say this year's election was incredible. For most of us, this was our first time voting, or at least the first time voting in a presidential election. As the co-coordinator of the Student Vote 2000 campaign, I'd like to share with you how impressed I was about the voter turnout on our campus.

As you can probably remember (and still have nightmares about), Election Day did not have the most inviting weather for voting; however, an incredible amount of students hiked over to the polls to place their vote and not let their voice be ignored. I want to THANK YOU for showing how much of an influence students can make on the polls — especially in a state like Wisconsin, where the results were neck-and-neck throughout most of the night

and into the morning! I can't imagine how someone of voting age who didn't vote in this history-in-the-making election would feel at this very moment — when it is clear how absolutely every vote makes such a tremendous difference!

I'd like to acknowledge all of the volunteers and Student Senators who have helped out with this campaign. I can't begin to tell you how much of an impact that you've made on our campus and to the first-time voters!

As the volunteers drove students to the polls last Tuesday, we noticed that many of you stood in line for a VERY long time. I know that some of you towards the end of the night were standing in line for almost three hours to receive your ballot! I give a lot of credit to you! Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for making a difference!

Paige Steele, Co-coordinator of the Student Vote 2000 Campaign

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Samaritan

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"I was thankful God provided for us a way down there," Ekenstedt said.

As all five hopped into the large, leather interior van, the InterVaristy Christian Fellowship members knew they were in good hands as they rode for four hours to Kenosha County.

"He stopped at Subway for us; he played our music," Prince said.

Dork agreed Schroeder was thoughtful.

"We could see he was a very giving guy," Dork said.

O'Neil said his kindness was well expressed.

"His thoughtfulness was really over and above his role as a car rental agent," O'Neil said. "He was thinking of our needs first."

At 10:15 p.m. they arrived at their destination. Prince then asked Schroeder how much they owed him for the rental of the van.

"Why don't we not worry about it," Schroeder said. "It's for a good cause."

Prince then insisted to pay for gas.

Schroeder refused.

All five riders were touched by Schroeder's and his wife's helping hands.

"They were just so awesome, almost like parents," Ekenstedt said. "God bless Arnie."

Dork said Schroeder's concern showed there are still people around who will go out of their way to help others.

"There's still people in the world that are kind enough to do that," Dork said.

O'Neil said Schroeder's generosity was greatly appreciated.

"Arnie's generosity really amazed me," O'Neil said. "We were complete strangers; five college students, and he gave up a whole evening and into a night to help us out."

Ekenstedt said the good deed was an act of God.

"They were just wonderful people with good hearts," Ekenstedt said. "I think it was a gift from God for whatever reason that we got hooked up with Arnie."

Prince said the experience made him examine his own life more closely.

"It made me think about what I profess and what I believe," Prince said.

Ekenstedt said the experience made her look at herself and how she reaches out to others.

"It made me assess how willing I'm able to give of myself like Arnie did," Ekenstedt said.

For the record, Prince's Ford Escort has been repaired and is waiting for him at his home in Hancock, Wis.

"It's fully functional," said Prince.

Award / teaching excellence

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He is finishing his sixth year on the board and sees many benefits to being a part of the organization.

"It's given me some opportunities to meet people I wouldn't have otherwise...and just really promote the areas of teaching and learning," said Schultz.

Potts sees this as another example of Schultz's dedication.

"What he does off campus is similar to here, he's very active in the community," Potts said. "It's just representative of his personality."

Winning an outstanding educator award is nothing new to Schultz. In 1984, only five years after beginning his career, Schultz received the UW-RF Distinguished Teacher of the Year award. He was again recognized in 1985, this time given the Outstanding Teacher in the Social Sciences award.

At the time, Schultz was "real pleased" to win the two awards so early in his career. This award, given two decades after he started educating, also pleases him, but for a slightly different reason.

"This one hits home the most because I've been here a long time and it's nice to know that you still kind of have it after 20 years," Schultz said smiling.

Election / mediator needed

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Equally confused and exhausted from the squabbling, Adam and I watched as my dad stepped in. He began counting and redistributing the cards.

Some cards he sorted by team. Some by year, some by color, and some by no particular measure that we were aware of. With no one to oversee the sorting, he used any means he felt necessary.

Finally, my dad gathered all of the cards that were balanced equally on the line. Some looked as though they belonged to no one. Others clearly belonged to both of us.

"These are just too close to call," he said as he threw them into the fire-place.

Furious and frustrated, Adam went home. As he peddled down my driveway I heard him scream, "I demand a recount!" Days later I found another box of cards he had left behind.

It's been years since I last looked at my baseball cards. What once seemed so important now seems like a trivial fight. The most important thing is that Adam and I were friends again the next week.

Whether we're counting baseball cards, or dimpled and pregnant chads, all of America is in that bedroom today. And like Adam and me, we all must wait for someone to put an end to the squabbling.

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Coffee / McConico feels Java Coast has to go

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These Starbucksians are way too happy to take your order and way too happy to see your bright and shinny face (even at 8 a.m.). You just kind of toss your order up to these people hoping that their entire glow of happiness doesn't burn you, and then you step back real quick-like to avoid the radiation burn from the person. The second Starbucksian is the exact opposite; they are not happy to be there. The second Starbucksian was probably the first Starbucksian, but the caffeine tolerance in these people must be so

high they need a 10-hour IV bag of caffeine on a five-hour drip to get to how they used to be. For these people, you walk up to them all business-like, because coffee is a serious thing for these people (they might even worship a bean). When you tell them your order, you say to them "I would like a Gold Coast Blend please." Then you step back from this person too, not so you don't get caught in their glow. You step back from these people and you hope they don't smirk at you and say "No you don't, you want an Arabian Mocha Java. It will be up in 107 seconds at the counter to

your left, and that will be three-fifty."

At Java Coast there are no people like that. They are just nice, kind people that take your order in a happy manner, give you your change and hand the coffee to you. What kind of an adventure is that?

Java Coast needs to go. Somebody else needs to come into that coffee-house spot and take over. Be it Starbucks, Caribou Coffee or a local coffeehouse opening a franchise in the Student Center, I don't care. I just want my coffee. Got anything for me? E-mail me at: matthew_m@mail.com.

Unity / students attend conference on diversity

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Meeting other students that go to the same school is another benefit of the Building Unity conference.

"It is a very unifying experience,"

Dodge said. "All the people that went didn't know each other, but they share something now that they've experienced this together."

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Leave it on the court

When athletes step onto their field of play, they engage in activities that force their minds and bodies to rise to a level of competitiveness that changes how they act and react in a lot of situations. Call it adrenaline or mere competitiveness. It doesn't matter. What does matter is whether or not they leave

RYAN BRINKS

it on the field. For the vast majority of athletes, amateur and professional, it does stay on the field. But there are exceptions.

In light of the recent skirmish between Timberwolves star Kevin Garnett and teammate Wally Szczerbiak, where a post-practice confrontation took high billing in WCCO News Wednesday night, that heat-of-battle aggressiveness made its way to the public forefront.

According to Szczerbiak in an Associated Press (AP) story Wednesday, Garnett's lack of communication on a screen on Szczerbiak spawned a brief confrontation between the two and an additional confrontation after practice. Szczerbiak also commented in the AP story that he and Garnett have usually gotten along well.

Every athlete has their ups and downs. So for the news to portray the incident in more light than commonplace competitiveness deceives readers/viewers into potentially perceiving Garnett as a worse person for having done so. Whether he is a good person or not is an aspect of his life that should be determined elsewhere.

As T-wolves coach Flip Saunders said, "it's nothing we haven't seen." Temperament in athletics is practically a given. Having occurred at their practice facility, the incident was nothing more than competition at its most provocative. I don't think WCCO or the AP should have sensationalized it.

Granted it is in the public's best interest to be informed about potential hostility from athletes such as Garnett. Just look at Indiana's infamous Bobby Knight. But that's certainly an extreme. Hostility in and about athletics is certainly a whole different thing than raw hostility on a personal level. If Garnett ever takes his differences off the court, if he ever makes it a personal issue rather than an athletic disagreement, then I say WCCO go all out. The public should know about that. But resolving the issue at the practice scene instead of outside it just shows his professionalism. They're leaving it on the court, and that should be respected.

If, however, this incident leads to more confrontations between Garnett and teammates, then the issue becomes more serious and warrants more public attention. But as is, Garnett doesn't have a history of acting rashly. It's an isolated incident. Give it brief coverage in association with other team briefs, but I disagree with pulling it out as a highlight event for the evening news.

Ryan Brinks is a sophomore majoring in journalism.

Sweep puts Falcons on top

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

Entering the weekend, there was the question of how a young UW-River Falls team would react to a big game on the road. Consider that question answered.

The Falcons broke open a close game with a four-goal second period en route to defeating UW-Superior, 5-2, Saturday night at Wessman Arena.

"I wasn't surprised, but I was curious to see how they would respond to being on the road with a big crowd that would be a physical hockey team," said head coach Steve Freeman of his young squad. "We hung in there and traded hit for hit."

With the Falcons already leading 1-0, freshman Evan Stensrud scored on a 3-on-2 at the 8:09 mark of the second period to double the lead. Skating up the left side, Rob Novak passed cross-rink to Stensrud who slid the puck just inside the left post, past Yellowjacket goaltender Nathan Ziernski.

Then, the Falcons took full advantage of a rash of Superior penalties to score three power-play goals in 5:25. River Falls actually had three different opportunities with a two-man advantage in the period.

First, it was Jess Johnson who flipped the puck over a diving Ziernski at the 9:11 mark of the period. Four minutes later, Stensrud followed with his second goal of the game, a slapshot from the point that got through a Jeff Bernard screen. Then,

Shane Fukushima added another shot from the point through traffic for an insurmountable 5-0 lead.

The Falcon defense took the game over from there, allowing just one shot on three Yellowjacket power plays in the second period.

"I think the game turned advantageous when it turned into a special teams game," Freeman said. "It wasn't just our power play unit scoring three goals, it was our penalty kill as well."

Superior scored two goals to make the game respectable, but the game was essentially over.

Jacque Vezina came back from 20 stitches on his glovehand

See "Hockey" on page B2

Miscues lead to 23-20 loss

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

In a fourth quarter where it looked like no one wanted to win, UW-River Falls made the final mistake, dropping a 23-20 decision to Bemidji St. Friday night at the Metrodome.

More than 2,000 spectators saw both teams botch chances to put points on the board in the final stanza.

"At the end of a game, you are always disappointed after a loss, but we did everything we were supposed to do. They were just better on a couple plays," said defensive coordinator Tom Journell.

After stopping the Beavers on fourth-and-eight from the River Falls 10-yard line, the Falcons ensued on a 15-play, seven-minute drive that stalled at the Beaver 19. On fourth-and-one, the Falcons elected for a Dan Toninato field goal with 5:07 left, but Beaver defensive lineman Wallie Kuchinski blocked the kick, giving Bemidji St. the ball at their own 45.

Journell said the Falcons' success in the second half as well as the team's prior success in the Metrodome made kicking the field goal an easy decision.

"We never had a second thought," Journell said. "We were playing with great confidence, and (head coach John) O'Grady thought over-

time was the right thing to do. If it were turned around from first half to second half, I think we would have gone for it. They were moving the ball. We were on our heels, but at that point of the game we were dominating them."

The Falcon defense would hold to give the Falcons a last opportunity, but Cory Mueller threw an interception to Matthew Wagner to seal the game with :55 left on the clock.

Early in the fourth, it was the Beavers who could not capitalize. Falcon Dustin Vogelgesang muffed a Beaver punt to give Bemidji St. the ball at the River Falls 23-yard line, but they could not score.

Bemidji St. jumped out to a quick 14-7 lead as a result of a pair of big kick returns. With the Falcons punting after their first possession of the game, Jason Leden broke through the first wave of defenders and raced 79 yards down the right sideline for the game's first score.

The Falcon would answer with a 10-play drive capped by an 8-yard plunge by Rob Ohman. The sophomore rushed for 108 yards on 15 carries and a pair of scores in the contest.

Ryan Welle returned the ensuing kickoff 57 yards to the Falcon 35-yard line. That set up a 23-yard Eddie Acosta touchdown run.

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Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Halfback Mark Shepherdson turns it upfield on one of his seven carries last Friday night at the Metrodome.

Volleyball makes quick exit in NCAAs

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

In four of the five-game elimination match, a difference of merely two points separated the region's two versus three, UW-River Falls and Elmhurst College. Last Friday, Elmhurst was the better team.

"It's really the epitome of what volleyball looks like when two teams are well-matched," head coach Patti Ford said. "The difference was just who ended up making the mistake at the critical time."

Surprised to have even been invited to the NCAA's Midwest Regional, the Falcons were additionally honored with the number two seed behind the team to beat, Whitewater. Elmhurst claimed the number three spot by disposing of Lake Forest on Thursday.

"I was thrilled, of course, to get the call," Ford said. "Obviously the strength of our program and the strength of our conference weighed into it a lot."

Basically, the spots fell in order of the final regional standings. The Falcons had maintained a slight edge over Elmhurst throughout the season, so it was fitting that they met each other.

See "Volleyball" on page B2

Conference favorites split at Hunt

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Bouncing back after suffering a losing 2-1 skirmish against Superior Friday night, the Falcons took the Yellowjackets to overtime and emerged victo-

rious, 4-3, to split the series Saturday at Hunt Arena.

In an ongoing fight over a potential conference championship, the two rivals clear the way for a thrilling series on the Jackets home ice.

According to head coach Joe Cranston, the

Falcons outplayed Superior in every period except for Friday's first.

And that first period was harsh. Despite outshooting the Jackets 10-7 on goal, Superior wasted little time in putting two past Falcon goalie Stephanie Seiler.

Their first goal came on a weak shot at 9:57 that slipped through Seiler's defense, and the second came at 17:41 on a defenseless shot that Seiler was unable to save.

But in the second, the Falcons shut down the Yellowjackets' offense, holding them to just three shots on goal.

Later, at 17:28, the Falcons finally capitalized when Karyl Hyllie knocked in a Rachel Goodwin shot from point blank.

Continuing to dominate in the third, UW-RF threatened the Jackets with a number of break-aways, but they weren't able to convert.

"Their goaltender was that good," Cranston said. "But at least we didn't get frustrated. We kept going, kept plugging away, and we finally got the goals at the end that we deserved."

Meanwhile, Superior didn't even shoot until seven minutes into the period.

Then in the sixteenth minute, with pressure mounting, the Falcons put the puck in the net, but it was called off because of a player in the crease.

A minute later, with the tie within reach, Elisha Best broke to the goal but couldn't get the shot off before she got together with a Superior skater and then their goalie.

The final three minutes were unproductive for the Falcons and so they were forced to swallow the close 2-1 defeat.

Despite edging Superior in penalties, 4-3, the Falcons nevertheless out-shot the Jackets 23-15 but couldn't pull off the win. Seiler compiled 13 saves on the night.

When they came back Saturday afternoon, however, the Falcons were ready to play.

In the back-and-forth battle where neither team ever acquired a two-goal lead, victory and revenge tasted so much sweeter in overtime.

Changing things up, Cranston moved Lindsay Carlson from defense to forward in order to provide a needed scoring punch and then put Jill Janikowski in the crease.

"Jill looked really ready, and she's been wanting to get in there real bad," Cranston

said. "We had confidence in her and wanted to give her a shot, maybe shake things up a bit."

The Falcons were indeed looking much better than Friday night's first period as they out-shot the Yellowjackets 11-7 in the first. And then at 8:30, short-handed, Carlson and Katie Schwenke gave Elisha Best the puck right in front of the net, and she tipped it in for the score.

"(Friday) we were forcing the puck to our defensemen instead of cycling it," Cranston said. Saturday was an improvement and it made a big difference. "Once we kept it in the corner, Superior never got it out of their end."

Five and a half minutes later, however, the Jackets responded when Monica Mollen launched a long shot from beyond the circle that Janikowski couldn't stop, giving Superior the tie, 1-1.

In the second period, Keri Deschene broke away early and didn't stop until the puck was in the back of the net, at 2:33. She was assisted by Carlson.

Once again, though, the Jackets responded. This time, at 5:41, Theresa Williams took a great pass and converted from the edge of the crease.

The third period saw Superior take their first and only lead of the game at 3:18 with another goal from point blank.

Stepping up to match the game before time ran out, the Falcons succeeded at 12:39 when captain Mandy Stokes scored on a pass from Deschene, deadlocking the game at three.

The remaining seven and a half minutes would go without a score and force the contest into overtime.

In the O.T. period, at only 27 seconds in, Beth Betker took the period's first shot from behind the right circle and powered it past the Jackets' goaltender, Kelly Timm, for the game-winner.

"Considering we lost (Friday), I'm pretty happy to come out with a split," Cranston said, especially after having faced a great talent at goalie.

On the Falcons end, Janikowski came away with 27 saves as both teams compiled 30 shots on goal.

The 4-3 O.T. win split the series 1-1 between

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Falcon defenseman Beth Betker battles with a Superior opponent. She scored the game-winner in overtime to beat the Jackets 4-3 on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD									
FOOTBALL									
WAC STANDINGS									
	W	L							
Stout (10-0)	7	0							
La Crosse (7-3)	6	1							
River Falls (6-4)	5	2							
Eau Claire (6-4)	4	3							
Whitewater (5-5)	3	4							
Oshkosh (3-7)	1	6							
Stevens Point (2-8)	1	6							
Platteville (2-8)	1	6							
Nov. 10 results									
River Falls	7	6	7	0	-	20			
Bemidji State	14	9	0	0	-	23			
Scoring Summary:									
1st Quarter									
12:03 BSU - Ledan 79 yd punt return (Collier kick) 7-0									
7:04 RF - Ohman 8 yd run (Toninato kick) 7-7									
6:28 BSU - Acosta 23 yd run (Collier kick) 14-7									
2nd Quarter									
14:12 BSU - Collier 37 yd field goal 17-7									
11:53 RF - Ohman 32 yd run (Toninato kick) 17-13									
7:58 BSU - Collier 36 yd field goal 20-13									
0:15 BSU - Collier 26 yd field goal 23-13									
3rd Quarter									
10:32 RF - Kusilek 32 yd pass from Mueller (Toninato kick) 23-20									
VOLLEYBALL									
Nov. 10 results (Midwest Region Semi)									
Elmhurst College	14	15	13	15	15				
River Falls	16	13	15	9	13				
River Falls (kills-%set-ace-digs-blks)									
Lundberg 0-000-0-1-4-0, Saxton 0-000-									
0-1-12-0, Hylland 3-000-0-0-1-2, Mattson 22-370-0-0-1-2, Brune 14-042-1-6-12-2, Olson 4-150-61-0-21-0-5, Ellsworth 0-000-0-2-2-0, Halverson 0-000-0-1-13-0, Nicholson 18-131-0-2-2-2, ZumMallen 7-313-0-1-6-0, McKee 7-095-4-0-4-1-5									
MEN'S HOCKEY									
NCHA STANDINGS									
	W	L	T	GF	GA				
River Falls (6-0-1)	4	0	0	23	7				
St. Norbert (4-1-0)	3	1	0	21	12				
Stout (4-2-0)	2	2	0	11	17				
Lake Forest (3-2-0)	2	2	0	14	15				
Stevens Point (2-2-0)	2	1	0	9	9				
Eau Claire (2-4-0)	1	4	0	12	20				
St. Scholastica (1-2-0)	0	2	0	5	11				
Superior (4-2-0)	0	2	0	3	7				
Nov. 10 results									
River Falls	3	2	1	-	6				
St. Scholastica	1	0	0	-	1				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: RF - Fukushima (Johnson) 11:32 SS - Oyley (Hall, McDonald) 8:42 RF - Bernard (Fukushima, Johnson) 7:50 RF - Elsen (Novak, Stensrud) 6:31									
2nd Period: RF - Johnson 18:25 RF - Elsen (Sawchyn, Novak) 0:56									
3rd Period: RF - Anderson (Novak) 12:59									
Power plays: RF 2 of 6; SS 1 of 7									
Penalties: RF 9 (18 min)									
SS 8 (16 min)									
Goals: RF - Vezina (20:00, 4-4), Unise (40:00, 12-11)									
SS - Nordby (60:00, 29-23)									
Nov. 11 results									
River Falls	1	4	0	-	5				
Superior 0 1 1 - 2									
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: RF - Fukushima 1 (Bernard, Johnson) 11:29									
2nd Period: RF - Stensrud 2 (Novak, Elsen) 11:51 RF - Johnson 3 (Novak, Bernard) 10:49 (pp) RF - Stensrud 4 (Kragthorpe) 08:31 (pp) RF - Fukushima 5 (Johnson) 05:24 (pp) SUP - Wilson 6 (Van Sandt, Rutz) 01:09									
3rd Period: SUP - Van Sandt 3 (Wilson, Rutz) 7:46									
Power plays: RF 3 of 7; SUP 0 of 7									
Penalties: RF 9 (18 min)									
SUP 11 (30 min)									
Goals: RF - Vezina (60:00, 28-26)									
SUP - Ziernski (60:00, 19-14)									
WOMEN'S HOCKEY									
NCHA STANDINGS									
	W	L	T	GF	GA				
Stevens Point (3-0-1)	1	0	1	5	2				
Superior (3-1-0)	1	1	0	5	5				
River Falls (2-2)	1	1	0	5	5				
Lake Forest (0-1-1)	0	1	1	2	5				
Eau Claire (1-3-0)	0	0	0	0	0				
Nov. 10 results									
Superior	2	0	0	-	2				
River Falls	0	1	0	-	1				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: SUP - Sharpe (Mollen) 9:57 SUP - Jaenisch (Sharpe) 17:41									
2nd Period: RF - Hylle (Goodwin) 17:28									
Power plays: SUP 0 of 2; RF 0 of 3									
Penalties: SUP 3 (6 min)									
RF 4 (8 min)									
Goals: SUP - Timm (60:00, 23-22)									
RF - Sailer 1-2 (59:15, 15-13)									
Nov. 11 results									
Superior	1	1	1	-	2				
River Falls	1	1	1	-	4				
Nov. 11 results									
Superior	1	1	1	-	0				
River Falls	1	1	1	-	4				
Scoring Summary:									
1st Period: RF - Best (Carlson, Schwenke) 8:30 (sh) SUP - Mollen (Novkovic) 13:01 (sh)									
2nd Period: RF - Deschene (Carlson) 2:33 SUP - Williams (Novkovic) 5:41									
3rd Period: SUP - Novkovic (Sharpe) 3:18 (pp) RF - Stokes (Deschene) 12:39 OT: RF - Betker 0:27									
Power plays: SUP 1 of 6; RF 0 of 3									
Penalties: SUP 3 (9 min)									
RF 6 (12 min)									
Goals: SUP - Timm (60:27, 30-26)									
RF - Janikowski 1-0 (60:27, 30-27)									
CROSS COUNTRY									
Nov. 11 results									
NCAA Midwest Regional									
Men									
1. North Central						72			
2. La Crosse						73			
3. Platteville						106			
4. Oshkosh						113			
5. Whitewater						121			
24. River Falls						655			
Individual Results									
100. Tyler Odden						27:28.5			
116. Pat Lorentz						27:49.6			
143. Adam Puhl						28:28.0			
145. Jim Felling						28:29.0			
162. Matt Hartwig						28:47.7			
Women									
1. Oshkosh						87			
2. Stevens Point						101			
3. Elmhurst						132			
4. Washington Univ.						137			
5. Chicago						143			
16. River Falls						536			
Individual Results									
70. Candice Kroells						18:49.4			
93. Lisa Traxler						20:06.7			
107. Felice Birmingham						20:17.9			
136. Breanna Hogan						20:54.9			
138. Lisa Barnes						20:58.7			

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Nov. 17-23, 2000	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Men's Hockey	St. Mary's 7:05 p.m.	St. Thomas 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	at Bethel 6:40 p.m.	Bethel 2:05 p.m.					
Men's Basketball			at South-western College Classic			at St. Olaf 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball	at Winona Tourney	at Winona Tourney			Bethel 7 p.m.		
Swimming			at WIAC Relays, noon				

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Beth Betker

Beth Betker
Women's Hockey
(Fr., Corcoran, Minn.)

Betker scored her second goal of the season at 0:27 into overtime Saturday to give the Falcons the 4-3 victory over Superior and split the series at a game a piece. Betker's defense has helped the Falcons contend against the best teams on the schedule early this season.



Jess Johnson

Jess Johnson
Men's Hockey
(Fr., Bloomington, Minn.)

Johnson scored two goals and dished out four assists for the Falcons this weekend. He had one goal and two assists in each game, a 6-1

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Senior forward Pat Ptocek is one of three seniors returning to lead the Falcons in 2000-2001. His shooting percentage last year ranked fifth in the WIAC.

Falcons have high hopes in wide open conference

Bob Burrows
Sports Correspondent

Every coach is optimistic before the start of a new season. But this year, UW-River Falls men's basketball coach Rick Bowen believes he has plenty of reasons to be excited about the Falcons' 2000-2001 campaign.

"In the past, when people asked me, 'Can you make a run at the title?' I'd say, 'Sure, if two guys from Eau Claire break a leg and three guys from Stevens Point flunk out,'" Bowen said. "But this year I believe there are six teams that can make a run at the title and we're one of them."

That optimism stems from a 14-11 record a year ago and 4th place finish in the WIAC. And while the Falcons lost two seniors, including starter Nic Been, the return of the team's top four scorers and a wealth of young talent bodes well for the upcoming season.

Back for the Falcons are seniors Shawn Timm, Pat Ptocek and Sulieman Holman, the top three scorers from a year ago, as well as junior point guard Kent Becker.

Timm, a 6-foot shooting guard, led the team in scoring last season with an average of 14.8 points per game and was named All-WIAC honorable mention after leading the league in three-pointers made (74). Becker also earned All-WIAC honorable mention by averaging 8.8 points per game and finishing second in the conference in steals (46) and fourth in assists (106).

Ptocek, a 6-6 forward, averaged 11.2 points per game and finished fifth in the WIAC in field goal percentage (.519). Holman, a 6-2 guard, stepped up as one of the best sixth men in the league a year ago and finished with an

average of 10.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

Also back for the Falcons are leading rebounder Edmund Johnson (5.8 rebounds per game) and 5-9 guard Scott DeWyre, who averaged over 5 points and 3 rebounds over the final seven games of last season.

But perhaps the biggest reason for Bowen's optimism comes from the players who were not on the court last season, namely Rich Melzer, Brian Mathison and Kent Becker's younger

twin brothers - Kevin and Chris.

"We lost Nic Been, but we added Rich Melzer, Brian Mathison and Kevin Becker," Bowen noted. "They will all play significant roles this year."

Melzer, a 6-8 redshirt freshman, was the Big Rivers Conference Player of the Year at River Falls High School in 1998-99, averaging 18.7 points and 10 rebounds per game. Mathison, a

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Men's preseason polls: A real voting nightmare

Every sports season, the WIAC has its own general election to determine the conference favorites in each of the sports offered by the conference. The ballot is not confusing, and there are no recounts, hand counts, or hanging chads. However, the outcome still makes you scratch your head until your scalp bleeds.

I'm talking of sports information director preseason polls.

Last year, the Falcons were picked eighth in



TROY MALLAT

the conference by the nine sports information directors. The team came back to finish fourth with an 8-8 record.

This year, with virtually the entire team returning, the Falcons are again near the bottom of the list at seventh.

Meanwhile, many of the top teams in the conference took major hits. UW-Stevens Point lost WIAC Player of the Year Brant Bailey. They're picked second. UW-Eau Claire lost two players from a front line that took them to the Div. III National Championship game, and they are still picked first. Platteville lost All-American Merrill Brunson, and they're fourth.

And yet, River Falls with their top four scorers returning are viewed as worse than six

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MEN'S BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE

EAU CLAIRE

Coach: Terry Gibbons, 6th season (92-41)
Last year: 26-7, 2-1 in the WIAC Div. III National Runner-up
Picked to finish: 1st

Coach speak: "Maybe we weren't the best conference team last year, but you get a couple of breaks here; and you do the right things, and you create yourself an opportunity."

In a word: Sherrin. The Blugolds return the best scorer in the conference in Sherrin Carstensen. The 6-7, 220-pound senior averaged 21.6 ppg. But now he will be asked to pick up the slack of departed C Jon Wallenfelsz and C Dave Melenthin. Wallenfelsz grabbed 8.4 rpg a year ago, almost twice as many as Carstensen (4.4 rpg) while Melenthin had 4.3 rpg. That is a lot of bulk to be losing up front.

A dish best served warm: Besides Carstensen, the Blugolds will look for PG Matt Fermanich to create for his teammates. The senior averaged 4.48 apg, the best in the conference, but with two-thirds of the Blugolds massive front line gone, he will also be counted on for some scoring... With Eau Claire's winning campaign, the Blugolds have had 32 consecutive winning seasons.

STEVENS POINT

Coach: Jack Bennett, 5th season (79-31)
Last year: 25-5, 18-2 in WIAC (regular season champs)
Picked to finish: 2nd

Coach speak: "I'm concerned about where our scoring is going to come from. I'm concerned with our ability to get crucial pressure points."

Brant can no longer Ball by the Pointers out: F Brant Bailey (24.1 ppg, 7.7 rpg) had arguably the best season of any player to play at Stevens Point, leading the Pointers to a conference championship and the Div. III NCAA Elite Eight. That's saying a lot considering NBA star Terry Porter played there. However, Bailey is gone as well as G Gabe Frank, the Pointers top two scorers last season. That leaves Brent Larson as the Pointers top returning scorer at 9.2 ppg.

Problems in the paint: The loss of Bailey is also felt on the defensive end. He was the team's leading rebounder, which leaves only two post players who have any college experience. F Joe Zisker will probably start after averaging 6 points and 7.7 rebounds a game, but after that only Josh Iserloth (4.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg) has seen playing time. The Pointer front line will be very thin.

SUPERIOR

Coach: Jeff Kaminsky, 5th season (43-42)
Last year: 15-11, 6-8 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 3rd

Coach speak: "Last year, we had the best record we've had in 21 years, which really means we haven't been good for 21 years."

No doubting Thomas: Superior returns only one senior this season, but he may be one of the best players in the conference. F Vince Thomas has quickness and leaping ability that is hard to match up with on the inside. Thomas averaged 18.7 ppg and 8.1 rebounds a game. He was the first Yellowjacket to be named first team all-conference in the last 10 years.

More turnovers than a bakery: Even with a player as explosive as Thomas, the Yellowjackets were tied for seventh in scoring at 71.3 ppg. The reason for this was poor decision making that resulted in the worst turnover margin in the conference. Combined with an average shooting percentage and the Superior had problems getting the ball in the hoop. Junior Gs Jason Strilzuk and Brandon Vesel must take care of the ball for the Yellowjackets to improve.

OSHKOSH

Coach: Ted Van Dellen, 11th season (161-98)
Last year: 15-11, 7-9 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 6th

Coach speak: "In our particular program, it isn't about individuals. It's about the system. The better you execute the system, the more success you're going to have."

Titan toddlers: No matter how you look at the Titan roster, youth will play an important role to the season. Oshkosh returns three seniors and a junior to the mix, but that leaves seven sophomores vying for playing time. Seniors Justin Kamps and Arie Vaubel form a solid inside-out game. Kamps, a 6-4 guard, averaged 12.3 ppg while Vaubel, a 6-6 forward chipped in 11.4 ppg.

Painfully average: The Titans were average at best and that was with 3-time WIAC first team selection and All-West Region honoree Brad Clark. Clark led the team in scoring (18.0), rebounding (5.8), and free throw shooting percentage (.916). Now, he is gone, which means the Titans don't have a go-to guy anymore. F Scott Sowinski and Tim Dworak will share the duty of picking up the slack, but who will take the team's final shots is still up for grabs.

LA CROSSE

Coach: Stu Engen, 1st season
Last year: 9-17, 3-13 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 9th

Coach speak: "To be perfectly honest with you, we have a lot of work to do. We really have our work cut out for us this year."

A Gross understatement: Engen takes the reigns over from former head coach Charlie Gross. Under Gross, the Eagles had major problems defending their water bottles let alone the opposition. The Eagles allowed 76.2 ppg last season. Things can't get much worse on the defensive side of the court.

Bombs away: If the league turns into a perimeter conference, the Eagles might be in better shape than what many believe. The Eagles were a very good 3-point shooting team a year ago. F Eddie Hebert led the conference with a .482 3-point shooting percentage while G Matt Schultz was fifth with a .381 percentage. The problem is when the Eagles step inside the arc. The Eagles were tied for last in the conference in free goal shooting with a .435 shooting percentage.

1999-2000 WIAC Statistics

Team Statistics

Scoring Offense	G	Pts	Ave.
La Crosse	26	1970	75.8
Eau Claire	33	2417	73.2
Platteville	25	1828	73.1
Whitewater	25	1826	73.0
Stevens Point	30	2179	72.6
Oshkosh	26	1869	71.9
Stout	25	1783	71.3
Superior	26	1853	71.3
River Falls	25	1657	66.3

Scoring Defense

	G	Pts	Ave
Eau Claire	33	2026	61.4
Stevens Point	30	1886	62.9
River Falls	25	1607	64.3
Platteville	25	1616	64.6
Superior	26	1753	67.4
Stout	25	1736	69.4
Oshkosh	26	1864	71.7
Whitewater	25	1882	75.3
La Crosse	26	1982	76.2

Individual Statistics

Scoring	G	Pts.	PPG
Bailey, Brant, STP	30	723	24.1
*Carstensen, Sherrin, EC	33	712	21.6
Clark, Brad, OSH	25	496	19.8
*Lewis-Byers, Aubrey, WW	25	472	18.9
*Thomas, Vince, SUP	26	485	18.7
Brunson, Merrill, PLT	25	439	17.6
Wallenfelsz, Jon, EC	30	523	17.4
*Hebert, Eddie, LX	26	438	16.8
*Williams, Ernest, WW	25	411	16.4
Manchester, Paul, LX	26	410	15.8
*Vachowiak, Aaron, ST	25	381	15.2
Jones, Mike, PLT	25	376	15.0
*Timm, Shawn, RF	24	357	14.9
Leibfried, Jeremy, ST	25	367	14.7
*Schultz, Matt, LX	26	353	13.6
*Kamps, Justin, OSH	26	319	12.3
Frank, Gabe, STP	30	351	11.7
*Vaubel, Arie, OSH	23	262	11.4
Kuepers, Ben, ST	23	260	11.3
*Ptocek, Pat, RF	25	279	11.2

Rebounds	G	Reb.	RPG
Wallenfelsz, Jon, EC	30	253	8.4
*Hughes, Mike, WW	25	206	8.2
Jones, Mike, PLT	25	204	8.2
*Thomas, Vince, SUP	26	211	8.1
Bailey, Brant, STP	30	231	7.7
*Zuiker, Joe, STP	30	217	7.2
*Vachowiak, Aaron, ST	25	169	6.8
*Selk, Tyler, PLT	25	167	6.7
Kuepers, Ben, ST	23	150	6.5
*Hebert, Eddie, LX	26	169	6.5
*Lewis-Byers, Aubrey, WW	25	160	6.4
*Johnson, Edmund, RF	25	144	5.8
Clark, Brad, OSH	25	135	5.4
*Madsen, Nick, LX	25	128	5.1
Butrym, Nick, WW	25	127	5.1

Assists	G	Asst.	APG
*Fermanich, Matt, EC	33	148	4.48
*Schultz, Matt, LX	26	112	4.31
*Becker, Kent, RF	25	106	4.24
*Larson, Brent, STP	30	123	4.10
*Saunders, Danny, WW	25	98	3.92
Leibfried, Jeremy, ST	25	90	3.60
Manchester, Paul, LX	26	93	3.58
Ross, Montrell, OSH	26	89	3.42
Melenthin, Dave, EC	33	102	3.09
Jones, Mike, PLT	25	76	3.04

* denotes returners

PLATTEVILLE

Coach: Todd Landrum, 2nd season (18-7)
Last year: 18-7, 11-5 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 4th

Coach speak: "(The players) understand this league. They know you just don't put on the jersey, walk in and see all the banners and know you're going to win."

A fall back to mediocrity: For years, the Pioneers had the mystique of a champion. That is gone after posting a human 11-5 record in the WIAC in which their 80-game home winning streak was snapped by Stevens Point on Jan. 8 and later lost to River Falls on Jan. 26.

Smooth as Silk: The Pioneers lost their two leading scorers from a year ago in All-American Merrill Brunson and Mike Jones. That leaves sophomore F Tyler Silk with the most experience out of anyone on the team. Silk finished last season averaging 10.3 ppg and 6.7 rpg. If there was one weakness for the Pioneers last season, it was rebounding. Out of the five best teams in the conference, Platteville had the worst rebounding margin at +.08 per game. That won't change much with the loss of leading rebounder Mike Jones (8.2 rpg).

RIVER FALLS

Coach: Rick Bowen, 15th season (185-176)
Last year: 14-11, 8-8 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 7th

Coach speak: "I'd rather be picked seventh than first, but I think we're better than seventh."

Less respect than Rodney Dangerfield: For a team that finished fourth in conference a year ago and returns five of their best six players, the conference's sports information directors didn't give the Falcons a whole lot of respect. Maybe they looked at the team's 66.3 ppg last year, five points worse than any other team in the conference. If that's the case, they failed to look at the third-best defense in the WIAC.

Walking on a thin DeWyre: In order to spread out the ball handling duties, Bowen will put the ball in Scott DeWyre's hands. That should free up leading-scorer G Shawn Timm (14.9 ppg), G Sulieman Holman (10.3 ppg), and G Kent Becker (8.8 ppg). The front line should be solid with returning F Pat Ptocek (10.7 ppg), Edmund Johnson (5.8 rpg) and the addition of Rich Melzer, who was redshirted last season.

STOUT

Coach: Eddie Andrist, 1st season
Last year: 11-14, 5-11 in the WIAC
Picked to finish: 8th

Coach speak: "The one thing I really like about my kids is that they bring a whole new dimension of enthusiasm on the court."

A whole new Scenario: Andrist was the head coach at Mt. Senario the last 11 seasons, winning three NAIA national titles. Now he will lead a Stout team who he didn't meet until the beginning of the school year. Because of NCAA rules, he has not been able to work with his players until last month. Andrist will try to full court press and run, but he realizes the importance of being strong in the halfcourt game.

Hitting the broadside of a barn: If the Blue Devils can get some steals, the full-court press might help out the team's shooting woes from a year ago. They shot just .435 from the floor last season. Andrist will look to F Aaron Vachowiak (15.2 ppg, 6.8 rpg) and G Pat Van Feldt (10.6 ppg) for scoring punch as well as Mt. Senario transfer Otis Epps (almost 12 ppg last season).

Movin' on up

■ Former assistant Cindy Hovet takes over the reigns of a Falcon team that returns four starters from last season

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

When head coaching changes occur, bumpy transitions often ensue.

That's definitely not the case for this year's UW-River Falls women's basketball squad. The transition was quite painless.

Pretty impressive, considering the Falcons' new coach, Cindy Hovet, is in her debut season as a head coach.

Hovet - a Falcon assistant coach from 1995-1999, UW-Stout assistant during the 1994-95 campaign and UW-RF's head tennis coach from 1995-1999 - took over the Falcon helm, replacing five-year skipper Dave Schuchter, and wasted little time making sure the transition was smoother than silk.

"The biggest advantage is I already knew the players and how to communicate with them," said Hovet, who played college basketball for Stout from 1990-94 and participated on four NCAA Division III Tournament qualifying teams. "I knew their strengths and the things they need to work on. So, we were able to jump in right away and start working on those things.

"Also, I know the conference well, so I can figure out pretty quickly how to best use our kids."

Hovet's assistant, Chris Harmon, served on the Stout coaching staff alongside Hovet during the 1994-95 season.

"We're comfortable working together," Hovet said. "We highlight each other's strengths and cover up each other's weaknesses. We're having a lot of fun right now."

The 2000-2001 UW-RF contingent is looking to improve on last year's 13-12 overall record, which included an 8-8 mark and fifth-place finish in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Leading the way in that cause should be returning starters Andrea Long (Jr., Post), Melissa McKernon (Jr., Post), Sara Reif-Wenner (Sr., Wing) and JoLynn Sieburg (Sr., Wing).

Long, who garnered first-team all-WIAC honors last year as a sophomore, led the Falcons in points per game (16.6), shooting percentage (.570), rebounds per game (8.5) and blocked shots (14) last year.

Sieburg, who was named to the league's 1999-2000 all-defensive squad, collected a team-high 54 steals and canned 22-of-45 treys (.489) to lead the Falcons in long-range shooting. Sieburg is a Falcon co-captain, along with Reif-Wenner.

"We have to play together as a team," said Reif-Wenner of what UW-RF, which is projected to place fifth in the WIAC, must do in order to succeed. "We have to do the little things right."

"Everyone has to play unselfish basketball," Sieburg said. "We're not going to go in and win a bunch of games based on pure talent. We all know that and are on the same page."

Although the Falcons may not have any future WNBA stars on their roster, Hovet hopes that her troops can improve consistently and learn something from each game in order to increase their talent.

"I believe fundamental basketball is the key to the game," Hovet said. "If you have high expectations and stress fundamentals, then the big things should come together. The biggest goal we have right now is to get better every day."

So, in the absence of Lisa Leslie-esque players, UW-RF looks to rely on experience, commitment, positive attitudes and high-scoring post players as its strengths. With only 13 players on the roster, depth - or lack thereof - is a team weakness, Hovet said.

UW-RF will open Hovet's inaugural head coaching season Friday, when it begins play in the two-day Winona State (Minn.) Tournament, before kicking off the home portion of its schedule Tuesday by hosting Bethel (Minn.) College at 7 p.m.

The Falcons' WIAC season begins Dec. 2 with a road-trip to UW-Whitewater to battle the Warhawks in a contest slated to begin at 3 p.m.

"We have to play disciplined basketball - control the tempo, take care of the basketball and play team defense," Hovet said. "Our team is really playing together well right now. We have a good group of women that wants to see the program improve and is willing to do what it takes to get there."

"(Harmon and I) ask the players to give their best effort every day, whether it be on the basketball court, in the classroom or just as people. We ask them to be motivated and, more than anything, understand team basketball. They win together and they lose together."

And, with Hovet, they should draw closer together.

"She's always been a part of the team," Sieburg said of the Falcons' first-year skipper. "We all knew her philosophy and knew what to expect. It's been a positive change for the program."



Senior JoLynn Sieburg will lead the Falcons into the 2000-2001 campaign.

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE

OSHKOSH

Coach: Pam Ruder, 5th year (98-15)
Last year: 22-7, 13-3 in the WIAC, WIAC runner-up.
Picked to finish: 1st
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 65.3 points per game, 54.2 field goal percentage, .682 free throw percentage. **Defense:** 41.9 ppg.
Key player lost: Jamie Vosters (11.3 ppg, 2.8 rebounds pg).
Key returnee: Kristin Stegmeyer (12.2 ppg, 3.6 rpg).
Coach speak: "To have people that can score at will is definitely going to be something new for us. Oshkosh is going to be number one. Beyond that, there's any team in this conference that is going to compete."
Good four good: In order to live up to their top billing, the Titans must overcome the losses of Sara Hegge, Kelly McNiff, Jennie Vosters and Stephanie Wamke to 2000 graduation. Last year, the fearsome foursome accounted for 30.4 of UW-O's 65.3 points per game and 46 of the Titans 65 total blocked shots in the campaign. Vosters garnered first-team all-WIAC honors last year, while McNiff was an honorable mention pick. Hegge, who collected 33 steals and swatted 8 shots, was selected to the WIAC's all-defensive unit.

EAU CLAIRE

Coach: Tonja Englund, 1st year
Last year: 28-1, 15-6 in the WIAC, WIAC champion, advanced to third round of NCAA Division III National Tournament where it lost to eventual champion Washington (Mo.) University 83-63.
Picked to finish: 2nd
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 77.3 ppg, 418 fg percentage, .667 fg percentage. **Defense:** 54.9 ppg.
Coach speak: "The intent of the team is to continue the tradition that has been at Eau Claire in the past and to pick up where they left off last year. I don't plan on making a lot of significant changes to a team that was 20-1."
Key player lost: Jayme Anderson (21.7 ppg, 8.2 rpg).
Key returnee: Vanessa Schley (12.2 ppg, 6.9 rpg).
No longer the Stone Age: First-year head coach Tonja Englund has some big shoes to fill. Englund replaces Lisa Stone, who led the Bluegolds to 27.75 mark, 11 20-win seasons, 11 NCAA Division III National Tournament berths, three outright WIAC crowns and three shared league titles. Stone, now at Drake University, took the 'Golds shining star from a year ago, Jayme Anderson, with her.

STOUT

Coach: Mark Thomas, 1st year (208-129)
Last year: 15-11, 10-6 in the WIAC, tied for 3rd in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 3rd
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 78.6 ppg, 410 fg percentage, .632 ft percentage. **Defense:** 71.9 ppg.
Coach speak: "Watch them run and jump. I'm really impressed with them." Stout's freshmen class could contribute, but don't look for them to take the lead. "We have our work cut out for us."
Key player lost: Heather Peterson (13.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg).
Key returnee: Amy Zelinger (9.5 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Knee to the face: Blue Devil fire-plug Stacie Anderson will sit out her season-campaign with a knee injury. Anderson netted 12.6 ppg, 54 steals and 60 assists a year ago, while leading Stout in field goals made (120) and treys (47). The 5-foot, 7-inch guard was a first-team all-WIAC pick last season.
A-Z: In Anderson's absence, Stout will look for a lift from junior guard Amy Zelinger. AZ is the Devils' leading returning scorer (9.5 ppg), and totaled 55 assists, 17 blocks and 80 steals during the 1999-2000 campaign.

1999-2000 WIAC Statistics			
Team Statistics			
Scoring Offense			
Stout	G	Pts	Ave.
Eau Claire	26	2044	78.6
River Falls	29	2242	77.3
Oshkosh	25	1745	69.8
Platteville	29	1895	65.3
Whitewater	25	1627	65.1
Stevens Point	26	1632	62.8
La Crosse	25	1499	60.0
Superior	24	1350	56.3
	26	1407	54.1
Scoring Defense			
Oshkosh	G	Pts	Ave
Eau Claire	29	1505	51.9
Whitewater	29	1600	54.9
Stevens Point	26	1474	56.7
River Falls	25	1582	63.3
Platteville	25	1674	67.0
Superior	26	1700	68.0
La Crosse	25	1843	70.9
Stout	24	1720	71.7
	26	1870	71.9
Individual Statistics			
Scoring			
Anderson, Jayme, EC	G	Pts	PPG
Rieder, Vanessa, WW	29	630	21.7
*Long, Andrea, RF	26	483	18.6
Ott, Jessica, STP	25	416	16.6
*Boehning, Carry, STP	25	383	15.3
Peterson, Heather, ST	24	360	15.0
*Domitrovich, Sheri, SUP	21	287	13.7
Olsen, Terri, SUP	24	324	13.5
Wessel, Jolene, PLT	26	338	13.0
*Anderson, Stacie, ST	25	320	12.8
*Schley, Vanessa, EC	26	328	12.6
Bresette, Andrea, ST	29	355	12.2
*Buechel, Laurie, PLT	26	317	12.2
Bohringer, Becky, LX	25	304	12.2
Vosters, Jennie, OSH	23	264	11.5
*Schultz, Arnie, STP	24	270	11.3
Erickson, Alisha, LX	25	278	11.1
Olson, Steph, RF	19	206	10.8
*Dickerson, Amanda, OSH	23	246	10.7
*Brooks, Brenda, WW	28	296	10.6
	26	247	9.5
Rebounds			
*Domitrovich, Sheri, SUP	G	Reb.	PPG
Rieder, Vanessa, WW	24	297	12.4
*Flesch, Tiff, PLT	26	301	11.6
*Long, Andrea, RF	25	216	8.6
*Boehning, Carry, STP	25	212	8.5
Anderson, Jayme, EC	24	197	8.2
*Nystrom, Rebecca, WW	29	238	8.2
*Schley, Vanessa, EC	26	183	7.0
Erickson, Alisha, LX	29	199	6.9
Maass, Sara, PLT	19	128	6.7
Bresette, Andrea, ST	25	167	6.7
*Murphy, Megan, EC	26	167	6.4
*Dickerson, Amanda, OSH	29	180	6.2
Peterson, Heather, ST	28	168	6.0
Vosters, Jennie, OSH	21	121	5.8
	24	136	5.7
Assists			
Lapacek, Katie, WW	G	Asst.	APG
*Granger, Jessica, STP	26	104	4.00
*Brantner, Jessie, EC	25	84	3.36
Olson, Steph, RF	29	96	3.01
*Sieburg, JoLynn, RF	23	71	3.09
McNiff, Kelly, OSH	25	76	3.04
Peterson, Heather, ST	28	85	3.04
*Reif-Wenner, Mara, RF	21	59	2.81
*Schultz, Arnie, STP	24	67	2.79
Hegge, Sara, OSH	25	68	2.72
	29	77	2.66
* denotes returners			

WHITEWATER

Coach: Julia Yeater, 11th year (141-108)
Last year: 17-9, 10-6 in the WIAC, Tied for 3rd in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 4th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 62.8 ppg, 425 fg percentage, .731 ft percentage. **Defense:** 56.7 ppg.
Coach speak: "For the last two years, we're going to be going from the tallest team in the conference to probably one of the shortest now."
Key player lost: Vanessa Reider (18.6 ppg, 11.3 rpg).
Key returnee: Brenda Brooks (9.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg).
Acrobat Reider: Vanessa Reider did pretty much everything for the Warhawks last season except drive the team bus to away games. Reider, who averaged 18.6 points and 11.3 cars per contest, needed a moving van to truck her awards home. The awards? First-team all-WIAC, WIAC all-defensive team, third-team All-America (d3hoops.com), honorable mention All-America (Columbus Multimedia) and Cadet Kruckman Scholar Athlete (WIAC).
Cat scratch fever: Yeater, probably due to the loss of Reider, feels this year will be stressful. To relieve some of that stress, she got two cats.

RIVER FALLS

Coach: Cindy Hovet, 1st year
Last year: 13-12, 8-8 in the WIAC, Fifth in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 5th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 69.8 ppg, 423 fg percentage, .698 ft percentage. **Defense:** 67.0 ppg.
Coach speak: "What happens from here, I'm not the one that knows." What she does know is that "basketball is my true passion." I've played in this conference at Stout. I've been (assistant coach) at River Falls for the last five years. This is a conference I'm very, very comfortable in."
Key player lost: Steph Olson (10.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg).
Key returnee: Andrea Long (16.6 ppg, 8.5 rpg).
The Long way: The Falcons will be looking for big things out of junior post player Andrea Long, a first-team all-WIAC selection last season. Long paced River Falls in scoring (16.6 ppg), rebounding (8.5 rpg), blocks (14) and field goal accuracy (.570) a year ago.
Harmonious connection: Cindy Hovet and her assistant, Chris Harmon are no strangers to working with each other. Harmon was an assistant coach at Stout when Hovet was a senior on the Blue Devils squad. The duo assisted Stout coach Mark Thomas the following year.

STEVENS POINT

Coach: Shirley Egner, 12th season (150-119)
Last year: 11-14, 5-11 in the WIAC, Seventh in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 6th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 60.0 ppg, 398 fg percentage, .661 ft percentage. **Defense:** 68.0 ppg.
Coach speak: "Realistically, we would like to be able to say we're going to finish in the top half of the conference this year. But until we can step up and prove that we can hit an outside jumper, teams are going to double and triple team down in the low post because that's our strength."
Key player lost: Jessica Ott (15.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Key returnee: Carry Boehning (15.0 ppg, 8.2 rpg).
Ott-a here: Jessica Ott, the Pointers' "go-to" player over the past four years, will be missed this season. Ott netted 15.6 points during 1999-2000, canning 35 shots from behind the arc and 82-of-95 (.863) freebies.
Carry-ing the team or Kari-ing the team?: Looking to make up for Ott's absence will be juniors Carry Boehning and Karl Groshek. Boehning was the Pointers' second-leading scorer (15.0 ppg) last year, while Groshek made the post of her two appearances during the season. Groshek averaged 14.5 points in her pair of outings as a sophomore.

PLATTEVILLE

Coach: Denise Dunbar, 3rd year (20-30)
Last year: 11-14, 6-10 in the WIAC, Sixth in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 7th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 65.1 ppg, 379 fg percentage, .667 ft percentage. **Defense:** 68.0 ppg.
Coach speak: "We're going to be scrappy, we're going to be getting up and down the floor, and just like last year, we'll probably be shooting threes as well."
Key player lost: Jolene Wessel (12.8 ppg).
Key returnee: Laurie Buechel (12.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg).
Chuck it from the cheap seats: Judging from last year's statistics, the Pioneers likely hope their opponents will try to beat them from the perimeter. If their foes attempt to implement that strategy, they might be in trouble. Last season, Platteville's adversaries fired 325 shots from behind the arc and made only 92 for a 28.3 percent rate of accuracy — the lowest percentage allowed by any WIAC school. On the flip side, the Pioneers were down right horrible defending inside the arc. Opponents shot nearly 41.9 percent from inside the 3-point line.

SUPERIOR

Coach: Sandy Eilertsen, 5th year (23-72)
Last year: 7-19, 2-14 in the WIAC, Tied for last in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 8th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 54.1 ppg, 345 fg percentage, .667 ft percentage. **Defense:** 70.9 ppg.
Key player lost: Terri Olsen (13.0 ppg, 3.3 rpg).
Key returnee: Sheri Domitrovich (13.6 ppg, 12.5 rpg).
Score to settle?: The Yellowjackets were sitting 92-23 by Eau Claire in the first round of the WIAC Tourney. Two games into this year's league schedule, Superior travels to Eau Claire to take on the Bluegolds. Will it be closer?
Shot in the dark: If Eilertsen's charges hope to fare better this season, they will have to light up the nets a bit more than they did last season. Actually, the nets were fairly safe in the presence of the Yellowjackets a year ago, as Superior shot a dismal 504-of-1,459 (.345) from the field. That made them the least accurate squad in the loop. With that kind of shooting, the Yellowjackets are lucky not to be picked for the basement.

LA CROSSE

Coach: Lois Heeren, 2nd year (4-20)
Last year: 4-20, 2-14 in the WIAC, Tied for last in WIAC.
Picked to finish: 9th
1999-2000 stats: **Offense:** 56.3 ppg, 384 fg percentage, .596 ft percentage. **Defense:** 71.7 ppg.
Coach speak: "It doesn't matter if we're picked eighth right now, because I assure you we will not be in that spot when it comes to the end of the season. It's been a 180 degree turn ... it's a new era at La Crosse."
Key player lost: Becky Bohringer (11.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg).
Key returnee: Brooke Croshier (7.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg).
Bottom of the barrel: The Eagles placed last or second-to-last in all but two statistical categories last season. They will have to do better if they hope to crawl out of the cellar.
This time, it's for real: Last season, Lois Heeren served as La Crosse's interim coach. She posted a 4-20 record. This year, in her first year as official head coach, Heeren will look to officially do better.
Play-in time: Barring an unforeseen miracle, the Eagles will be playing Superior Feb. 19 for the right to play in the WIAC Tournament. Don't look for much else out of them.

Men's basketball optimistic for 2000-2001 campaign

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6-2 sophomore who was redshirted last season, averaged 18 points a game at Cumberland High School while Kevin and Chris Becker, both redshirt freshmen, both earned All-Heart 'O The North Conference honors at Hayward High School in 1998-99.

Bowen will also look to 6-5 sophomore forward Steve Barnier and 6-3 guard Tim Duncan to contribute this season. Barnier got off to a good start last year before breaking his foot in the ninth game of the season while Duncan was a Chicago Sun Times and Chicago Tribune All-Area pick at Marist High School in Illinois before being redshirted last season.

This year's Falcon squad has a noticeably local flavor to it with four players who played their high school ball in Pierce and St. Croix

counties.

Timm was the Middle Border Conference Player of the Year three straight seasons and played Division II ball at Morningside College in Iowa before transferring to UW-RF last year while DeWyre also started his collegiate career at a Division II school—Michigan Tech—before coming to River Falls.

DeWyre was named the Northwest Player of the Year at Glenwood City in 1998 and was all-state in three different sports—football, basketball and baseball—with the Hilltoppers. He is also a member of the Falcon baseball team.

Ptacek had a stellar high school career at Prescott High School while Melzer emerged as one of the top players in Wisconsin after moving to River Falls from Minneapolis before his junior year in high school.

"These kids want to be at River

Falls," Bowen noted about the locals on the team. "I think that will turn into an advantage because the crowds at our games should be good."

As far as this weekend's season-opening tournament in Texas, Bowen said he is looking for two things — "consistency and two wins."

The Falcons open at home next Saturday, Nov. 25, against Southwest State.

They host Hamline on Wednesday, Nov. 29 before opening WIAC play Saturday, Dec. 2, at home against Whitewater.

"I hope people will see a very, very enthusiastic and very hard working team that plays together," Bowen said. "If those things happen, we'll win more than our share of ballgames."

Mallat / Basketball polls

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other teams.

I thought U.S. politics was confusing.

"It's mostly on what has happened in the past," said UW-River Falls Sports Information Director Jim Thies. "I can't speak for other people because I had us ranked third. Obviously, some people had them rated a lot lower."

The question is why would they have us ranked lower. Did they not know who each team had returning? Did they think the Falcons' 8-8 record was a fluke? Or do most sports information directors just get in a habit of picking some teams closer to the top than others?

My guess is the latter. Many sports information directors don't put sufficient time into picking the conference favorites simply because they have none to

spare.

They look at the ballot and see perennial powers Eau Claire, Stevens Point, and Platteville. Then they see great individual players like Vince Thomas of UW-Superior. They automatically lean toward these teams.

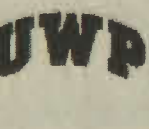
SID's look at River Falls and see, well, probably our pathetic mascot.

Most people wouldn't put the time into filling out ballots when there are more important things to do like tying your shoe. We should not insist on sports information directors making these decisions when they have more pressing things to worry about.

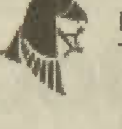
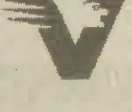
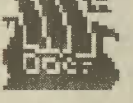
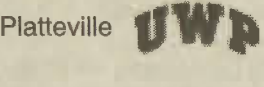
Instead, coaches or the media should fill out preseason polls.

Personally, I have a ton of time to waste on predicting the future. In fact, my crystal ball is already on my desk, if I can find it.

2000-2001 Falcon Men's Basketball Opponents

Team	Dates and location	Last year's results
 Southwestern (Tx.) Tourney	Nov. 18-19	The Falcons open the 2000-2001 season in a tournament with Georgetown, Austin, and Redlands.
 St. Olaf	Nov. 21	The Falcons beat the Oles 70-60 behind 17 points from Kent Becker.
 Southwest St.	Nov. 25 at Karges	UW-RF opens at home against a Mustang team that defeated them 75-70 a year ago.
 Hamline	Nov. 29 at Karges	Sulieaman Holman's double-double of 25 points and 10 rebounds led the Falcons to an easy 74-57 win.
 Whitewater	Dec. 2 at Karges Jan. 27 at UW-W	The two teams split the season series last year with the Falcons winning 63-44 at Kargesan dlosing 72-70 in Whitewater.
 Northwestern	Dec. 5	The Falcons opened last season with a 72-68 win over Northwestern.
 Oshkosh	Dec. 9 at Karges Jan. 20 at UW-O	The Titans had the Falcons number winning both games in the season series.
 Superior	Dec. 13 at UW-S Jan. 31 at Karges	The Falcons owned the Yellowjackets in regular season before falling to them in the conference tournament.
 Cenex Harvest States Tourney	Dec. 29-30 at Karges	The Falcons host Mary, Doane, and Dana
 Stout	Jan. 3 at UW-St Feb. 7 at Karges	The Falcons easily swept both games with the Blue Devils. They won 67-55 at Stout and won 68-55 at home.
 La Crosse	Jan. 6 at Karges Feb. 3 at UW-L	Pat Ptacek scored 21 to help the Falcons to a 85-75 win at La Crosse. Shawn Timm fallied 18 in a 73-58 win at home.
 Stevens Point	Jan. 10 at UW-SP Feb. 14 at Karges	The Falcons gave Stevens Point a run, but lost both games by a total of five points.
 Eau Claire	Jan. 13 at Karges Feb. 10 at UW-EC	The Falcons lost bu six points at home to the Blugolds despite 25 from Shawn Timm. Eau Claire swept the season series.
 Platteville	Jan. 17 at UW-P Feb. 17 at Karges	The Falcons won for the first time at Platteville since 1984.

2000-2001 Falcon Women's Basketball Opponents

Team	Dates and location	Last year's results
 Winona St. Tourney	Nov. 17 & 18 at Winona St.	The Falcons open the season in the Jefferson Classic at Winona St. along with UW-Parkside and Hamline.
 Bethel	Nov. 21 at Karges	The two teams did not play in 1999-2000.
 River Falls Tourney	Nov. 24 & 25 at Karges	The Falcons will host Marian, Northwestern and North Park. Last year the Falcons lost to Northwestern 62-56 but didn't play the others.
 Concordia	Nov. 30 at Karges	The Falcons lost 66-60 last year.
 Whitewater	Dec. 2 at Whitewater Jan. 27 at Karges	The Falcons opened the series losing 60-54 but came back to win the second game in demanding fashion, 91-65, in 1999-2000.
 Viterbo	Dec. 5 at Viterbo	The Falcons won a close one 68-65 last year.
 Oshkosh	Dec. 9 at Oshkosh Jan. 20 at Karges	1999-2000 saw the Titans sweep the Falcons in 47-44 and 75-73 victories.
 Superior	Dec. 13 at Karges Jan. 31 at Superior	The Falcons easily swept the Yellowjackets series with 80-68 and 87-53 contests.
 Luther	Dec. 30 at Karges	The Falcons never played Luther last year.
 Stout	Jan. 3 at Karges Feb. 7 at Stout	The Falcons fell in defeat to the Blue Devils twice last year, 78-74 and 97-75.
 La Crosse	Jan. 6 at La Crosse Feb. 3 at Karges	The Falcons swept the season series with victories of 91-78 and 70-54.
 Stevens Point	Jan. 10 at Karges Feb. 14 at Stevens Point	The Falcons clinched W's twice against the Pointers last year, 66-54 and 72-59.
 Eau Claire	Jan. 13 at Eau Claire Feb. 10 at Karges	The Blugolds crushed the Falcons in 1999-2000, sweeping the season series with victories of 75-58 and 73-60.
 Platteville	Jan. 17 at Karges Feb. 17 at Platteville	The two teams split the season series, each winning at home. The Falcons lost 72-61 then came back to win 58-52.



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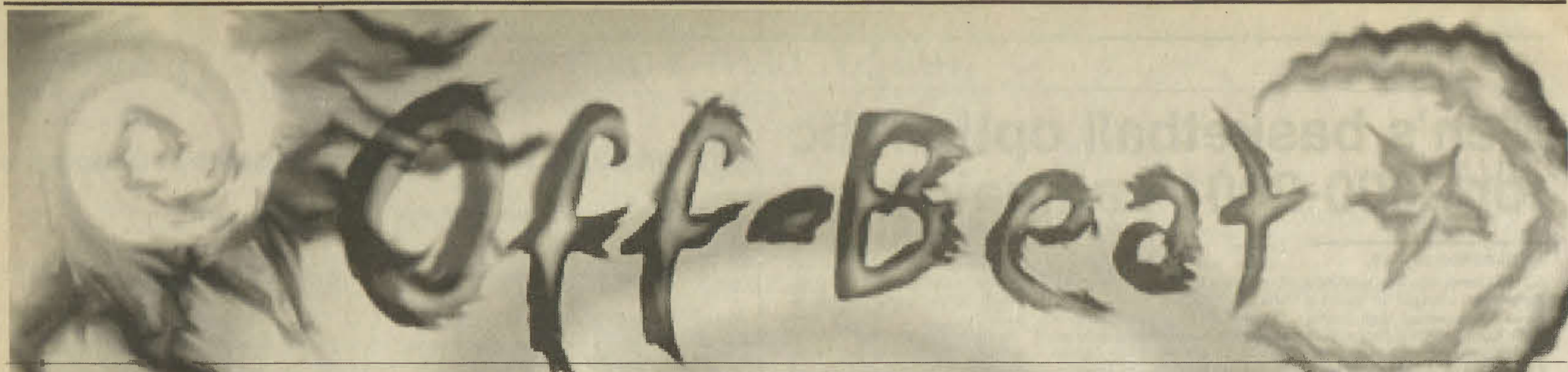
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Best to keep these 'Doors' shut

Despite some worthwhile material, *Stoned Immaculate* falls short

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It is flattering to have all these young punks, half of which I've never heard of [so I must be ancient!], doing our songs.

-John Densmore, drummer of The Doors

Seventeen tracks on an album can go on for a long time, especially if the songs make the listener quiver. On *Stoned Immaculate-The Music of The Doors*, bands such as Stone Temple Pilots, Creed, Aerosmith and Days of the New, try to open the doors of tribute to honor Jim Morrison and his band mates. Unfortunately, most of the bands on this record have the wrong key.

Breaking out as the first song of the CD is "Break on Through," which is covered by Stone Temple Pilots and features Doors members Robby Krieger on guitar and Ray Manzarek on keyboards. With the combination of Scott Weiland's throaty vocals and Manzarek's keyboards glistening, one can almost hear parts of the original from decades earlier.

Creed covers "Riders on the Storm" on track two with Krieger, and shows how The Doors were an influence to them. Some parts of the song sound as though Creed wants to begin their own song, "With Arms Wide Open."

The big disappointment of the CD is track three where Train covers "Light My Fire." On this cover, singer Pat Monahan tries way too hard to make "Light My Fire" a southern rock song. With all the southern rock flavor, one would feel embarrassed to make out to Train's rendition, let alone

light an incense stick.

On track four, Smash Mouth picks up the slack left behind by Train at the last stop. Covering "Peace Frog" with Krieger, Smash Mouth brings a funky, yet traditional vibe to the classic Doors tune.

On tracks five and six, attentive listening becomes a problem as Days of the New overdo it on "L.A. Woman," and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith annoyingly strains and screeches his way through "Love Me Two Times."

A good break in the CD comes at track seven where The Doors, and only The Doors are heard on the song "Under Waterfall," which relaxes the tense nerves from the previous songs and soothes the injured ears from the polluted covers.

John Lee Hooker does do a worthwhile version of "Roadhouse Blues" with Morrison on track 10, and track 11 features the late beatnik writer William S. Burroughs reciting Morrison's lyrics in a new song entitled "Is Everybody In?"

Oleander's contribution on track 12, which is a sappy cover of "Hello I Love You," makes one want to practice his or her frisbee skills with the disc.

As for the rest of the album, The Doors' "The Cosmic Movie" on track 16 is the only feature left, and it isn't a double.

One of the good things about this record is that critical listeners don't have to put up with covers by Hootie and the Blowfish and Vertical Horizon.

Maybe some of the covers will sound better on VH1's *The Doors: Storytellers* episode with Krieger, Manzarek, Densmore and appearances by Stone Temple Pilots and Perry Farrell. The episode will first be shown on Sunday, Nov. 26.



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On the road to a solution

Sugar companies need to start putting warning labels on their product that says, "If you snort this, you are a retard." That probably would've saved me a lot of pain. I ought to be in *Scarface* or something. But I stray from the topic at hand.

I will begin this discourse with a Rodney King quote: "Can't we just get along?" Of course, I'm talking of men and women (what else, right?). I've spent several minutes pondering this question, and have come up with several legitimate reasons that don't directly indict women as being the problem.

First off: gas. Men tend to have more gas, and it tends to smell worse too. Women seem to not have any gas at all. How can this be? Men take so much pride in theirs, why would women contain it? I'm not trying to say that women should fart around me, because it would probably gross me out. But for sh*t's sake (no pun intended), don't act like we just impaled Santa Claus in a class of 5-year-olds if we let one slip out. Conversely, men shouldn't sit around exploiting the situation, like

giving their girlfriends dutch ovens on a daily basis. Erik, I'm talking to you (On a side note, women's farts sound a lot funnier, so don't hit us if we laugh).

Okay, I think we're making progress here. Next issue: football. A lot of women are starting to come around to the notion that 95 percent of men are gonna be worthless piles of sh*t for about nine hours on Sundays during football season (and don't forget about the never-ending game on Monday night).

BUT, there are women that still think the mall is a viable option for men on a Sunday afternoon. PULL YOUR HEAD OUT, WOMAN!

There's two minutes left in the fourth, and they're on the seven f**kin' yard line! You could be in labor and my *ss wouldn't move an inch (ladies; of course that was an exaggeration. But you can be damn sure that the radio would be tuned into it on the way to the hospital).



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Since this article is about compromise, however, I must offer a solution for what men can do. If she tries to talk to you during the game, at least respond within two or three minutes. And show her that you care: give her the Visa card and the car keys (yeah ladies, pretend you wouldn't take advantage of that situation).

Actually, what men should do is try harder during the rest of the week to make her life easier and happier (don't stink all the time, clean up after ourselves, don't make *sses out of ourselves in public). But let's be realistic, chickies: if you don't like football, you probably won't have a happy marriage, if you get married at all.

There are other small things that men and women need to work out (what a relationship actually means, what is and isn't funny, who should do the dishes), but gas and football are a good starting point. If it seemed like I had too much of the male point of view, it's because I've given up on trying to think like a woman. Because it JUST DOESN'T WORK.

Here's the deal: there isn't a paper next week due to the Day of Turkey, but I'm writing a column anyway. If you want a copy, you've got to e-mail me at max.k.date@uwrf.edu. It might not be good (well, it never is), but you can bet there'll be a jolly lot of cursing in it! Professors, you're encouraged to read it as well. Hee hee.

Another movie on Mars - minus the blood and guts

movie review

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Crash landing in the number five spot in the charts, *Red Planet* debuted in this week-end's top ten movies, although it may be short lived. The movie, starring Val Kilmer, Tom Sizemore and Carrie-Anne Moss, takes the people of Earth on yet another trip to the ever-appealing planet of Mars.

How ever overdone the theme of exploring the closest planet near Earth is, Hollywood somehow still makes a conscious effort to take the voyage. Although we have escaped from the "little green men" setting, Mars movies still hold the basic concept.

The scenario this time, set around the year 2050, is that Earth has been poisoned by all of our pollution and wars and will soon be unable to support life, thereby forcing its inhabitants to seek a place to live elsewhere. As Mars has always been the entity of future space colonization, the planet is the site of the Mars Terraforming Project - a robotic mission that plants algae on the planet's surface in order to generate oxygen in its atmosphere.

While things are looking up for the people of the futuristic Earth, as the mission is a success for a few months, a problem arises as Mars' oxygen levels begin to drop. This, of course, creates a mismatched crew to personally go and investigate; also coming as no surprise is the spaceship trouble - which has nothing to do with the problem on Mars - they encounter on their flight that ultimately splits up the crew. While all this is a foreseen plot, the writers were smart to place this preliminary scheme within the first half hour.

The largest disappointment of *Red Planet* would have to be how the fiction played out in this sci-

ence-fiction movie. With most of the crew being on an alien planet, there were a vast number of possibilities for unusual and supernatural events; however, many of the climaxes were either brought about from natural occurrences or a malfunctioned robot named AMEE (Autonomous Mapping Evaluation and Evasion). In light of this, though, the special effects gave the movie the boost it needed as computer-generated insects and the terrifyingly real, catlike actions of AMEE came to life.

But if this movie is to be commended on anything, it would have to be its accuracy and realism, which might explain the lack of monsters. Working closely with NASA, the producers searched the script for errors to make the movie as factual as they could. While within the sci-fi realm, the movie was extremely believable and won't have you leaving the theater thinking of inaccuracies and miscalculations.

And the acting was solid, too. Moss, probably better known for her role in *The Matrix*, convincingly portrayed the assertive commanding officer while Kilmer flashed his usual entertaining, eclectic personality. For more of an emotional appeal, it would have been nice to have had more of a background built for the main characters, as there were only six of them, but the movie approached two hours as it was.

Overall, *Red Planet* was an average science-fiction movie. With a 'PG-13' rating from the brief nudity and language, the movie could have easily been bumped up to 'R' with more violence added. In any case, if you're looking for the typical monster-wreaking-havoc film, skip this one; if you're searching for a "believable" trip to Mars with outstanding research evident in the script, then this is a must see.

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What are you looking forward to the most about the upcoming Thanksgiving break?



Cory Lynch, Freshman
"Food; stuffing and mashed potatoes."



Chris Lundgaard, Sophomore
"It would be a draw between not having to go to school for a couple days and eating some really good food."



Laura Thums, Senior
"Having a break from school."



Jenni Drinkall, Sophomore
"Spending time with my family."



Emily Anderson, Sophomore
"Seeing family, because I'm not home as often."

Poll by Molly Montag