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WEATHER

FRIDAY

Sunny, windy and cool, with a high of 58 degrees and a low of 36 degrees.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Mostly sunny and cool with a high of 62 degrees and a low of 43 degrees.

Sunday: Clouds and sun, with a high of 66 degrees and a low of 47 degrees.

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Race on for Senate president spot

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

On Monday, May 12, UW-River Falls students are encouraged to vote for one of three candidates in the primary election for Student Senate president.

On the following Tuesday and Wednesday, the Senate will hold its general elections to select next year's president.

The three candidates are agriculture marketing communications major Theresa Zirbel, political science major Mac Guptil and elementary education major Kris Koch.

Zirbel, a sophomore from

Stratford, Wis., is running with freshman Kristopher Thompson as her vice presidential candi-

date. Zirbel has been a member of the Student Senate for two years. She

said she feels her qualifications

for the Senate president position were the significant reasons in

Zirbel said. Zirbel feels her experience as

Legislative Issues chair of the

dents get what they need," she said. Zirbel's experience goes beyond the Senate. Earlier this semester, Zirbel worked at a two-month internship in Washington, D.C. There, she developed communication skills and gathered new ideas from various student governments from across the nation, she said.

"Some say we need new ideas," Zirbel said. "New leadership needs to be there too. We need to look into the future...and stop the petty arguments."

Zirbel added she wants the stu-

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Candidate Quotes

"Students need to know who to talk to on Senate."

—Mac Guptil

"We have to inform students on how to be involved in the decisions."

—Kris Koch

"I have learned how Senate works from behind the scenes."

—Theresa Zirbel

Lower fee to register

Students will now pay \$100 to hold their classes.

Penny Huntington
News Editor

Students registering for spring semester classes this coming fall will pay a new, lower registration fee, thanks to an action of the Reach for the Future Committee.

Students will pay a down payment of \$100 in order to register. Previously, students were required to pay 40 percent of all their fees by a certain date or their classes would be cancelled. The \$100 fee will eliminate the 40 percent payment.

A group made up of representatives from the Admissions, Registrar, Financial Assistance, Accounts Receivable and Student Affairs offices drew up the proposal.

According to the Admissions Office, there is a large number of students struggling to pay the required 40 percent payment, which results in dropped classes. The \$100 commitment will ensure class enrollment for students who have registered for classes but fail to make the minimum payment by deadline.

"This helps us to know who is serious about returning, and it will also open up class availability for other students," said Alan Tuchtenhagen, director of admissions.

Several different aspects were looked at before the fee was implemented. The history of the registration process played a big part in the change, said David Woodward, director of financial assistance.

The minimum 40 percent fee payment has been difficult for some students to pay, unless financial aid covered the minimum amount, Woodward said. The new fee of \$100 is a lot less than the minimum 40 percent payment due, which is around \$400-500.

The registration fee also allows students more time to settle accounts and clear up previous bills before registration. The process for registration will remain the same, and those who registered for fall semester should have received information about the fee

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Supporters condemn abuse

They share stories, help, hope at rally

Todd Schlerenbeck
Staff Writer

The second Take Back The Night rally ever to be held in River Falls was hard to miss if you were around town Friday night.

From speeches punctuated by applause in the Student Center to a group of chanters tying up traffic with police escorts, the rally-goers made their presence known—accomplishing their goal, since the whole point was to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence against women and children.

At least 150 people attended the rally, which included such activities as face-painting for children, sign-making, speeches, an open microphone testimonial for survivors of abuse, two interpretive dance numbers and free submarine sandwiches, cookies and pop.

Sheets of information detailing the presence of abuse in America were available, filled with statistics like these: a woman is battered every 15 seconds; every minute, 1.3 women are raped; and about one child is reported abused and/or neglected every 10 seconds.

The keynote speaker of the rally was Wisconsin Attorney General Jim Doyle, a longtime proponent of victim's rights and the president-elect of the National Association of Attorneys General. Doyle, who said he tries to attend at least one Take Back The Night rally a year, told the audience that events like the rally do have an effect.

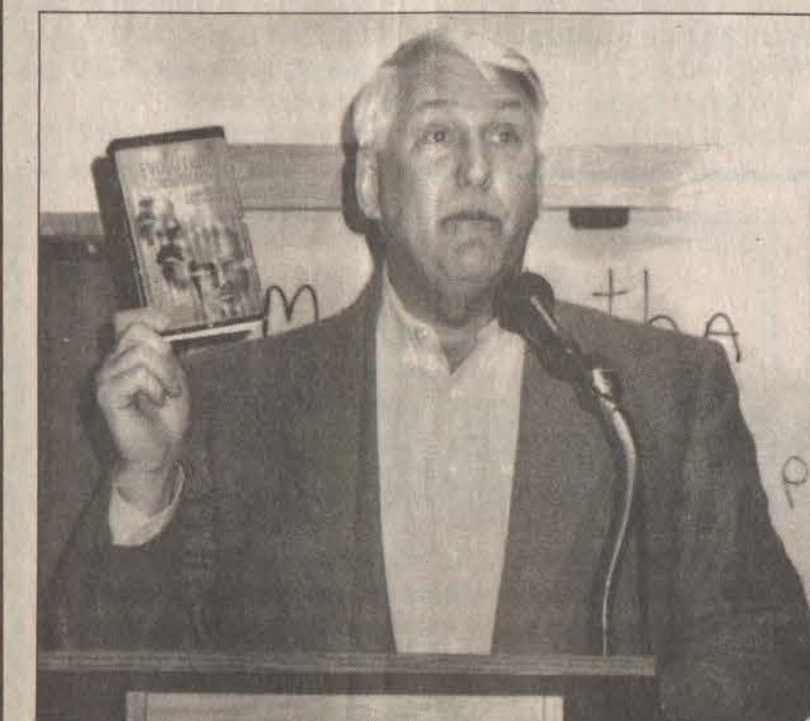
"A judge (in Wisconsin) once said that women who were sexually assaulted deserved it because some women on State Street wore short skirts," Doyle said. "There was a huge outcry and we got rid of him. Voters turned out in record numbers. Emotions like that are what change the system. You can change the system. It requires perseverance, emotion and a lot of sticking to it, but it can be done."

Doyle concluded his speech with a call for a national victim's rights amendment to the U.S. Constitution, eliciting cheers from the audience. After he left, members of the UW-RF Dance Theatre company performed two numbers, giving a physical form and motion to the horror of domestic abuse.

UW-RF students Sarah Klein and Mary Aguilar performed the first piece, a number that had the two circling each other, grappling,

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Creation speaker questions evolution



Mark Danielson/The Student Voice

Pastor Bruce Harper, founder of the Maranatha Christian Fellowship, introduces a video called "The Evolution Conspiracy" at a creation/evolution discussion Tuesday.

Anna Bolsjoll
Staff Writer

Is there really an evolution conspiracy? The Maranatha Christian Fellowship was on campus Tuesday to argue just that.

A 45-member audience was on hand to listen to ideas about evolution. Pastor Bruce Harper of the Maranatha Fellowship presented a 48-minute video titled "The Evolution Conspiracy: A quantum leap into the new age," which was intended to prove the creation theory of the Earth.

The two sides of the argument were represented in the audience. One side is the creation theory, which states that God created Earth. The other side is the theory of evolution, which states that all species have evolved into what they are today through a process over millions of years.

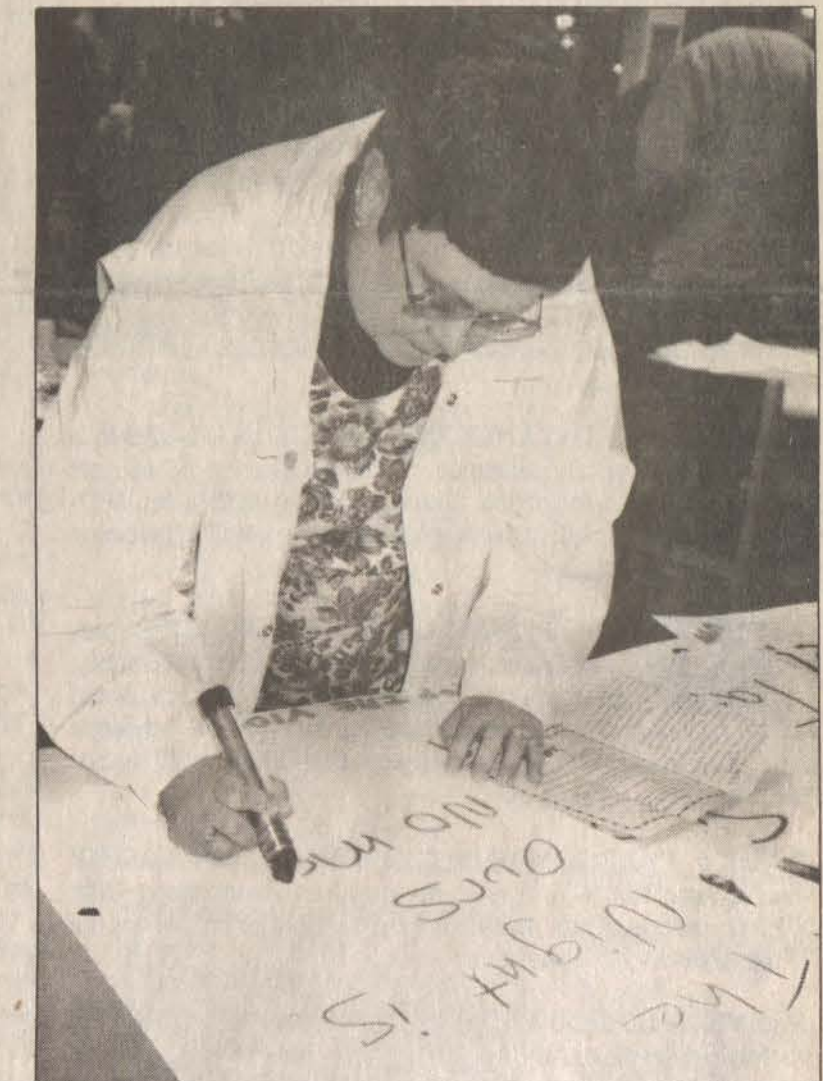
The film suggested that there has been a blatant use of mistruth in classrooms about the origin of the Earth, because of the teaching of evolution. At one point the video compared the use of Darwin's theory of evolution to Communism.

During a portion of the video, a school appeared on the screen and the narrator talked about evolution and how horrible it was. The movie alleges the teaching of evolution is a "Godless indoctrination," and people "shouldn't call it (evolution) a science."

There was mixed reaction from the audience after the video. Harper began the discussion afterwards by explaining his justification of the creation theory.

There were a few professors on hand to contest the "evidence" Harper presented.

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Jaime Larson/The Student Voice

Diane McLean makes a sign to carry with her on the Take Back the Night march. Diane is the mother of Lisha McLean, one of the rally's organizers.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOOD CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS WANTED Round trip transportation provided to help clean up flood damage. Fri., May 23 to Sun., May 25 in the Minnesota and North Dakota flood areas. To sign up for information contact Charlie Corcoran at 426-5100.

POLICY FORUM Poverty and the Impact of W-2 presented by the Women & Poverty In Western Wisconsin Project will be held on Mon., May 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. The forum will examine the effects of welfare reform on individuals in poverty. For more information call 425-2762, 425-0498 or 425-3318.

ROCK CLIMBING WALL OPEN in Knowles. Not open Sundays any longer. Open Mondays and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. or 10 p.m. Closing time depends on the number of people on the wall at closing time. No experience necessary and equipment is provided. Cost \$3.50 UW-RF students and kids under 12. \$5 for others.

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND PROGRAM applications for Spring semester 1998 are available in the Office of International Programs, 225 Hathorn Hall. Contact Yolanda Dewar at 425-4891.

EVENTS

UW-RF JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT will perform under the direction of David Milne on Wed., May 14, in Abbott Concert Hall at 8 p.m. The concert will feature works by important jazz composers and performers from all styles of jazz.

UW-RF GUITAR, WOODWIND, BRASS CONCERT will perform under the direction of David Milne, Joe Hagedorn and Robert Brownlow on Tues., May 13, in Abbott Concert Hall at 8 p.m. The concert will be an entertaining evening of instrumental music from a wide variety of style periods.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY READING with faculty, staff and students participating. The reading will be held Fri., May 9, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in Brandy's.

CAREER AND COUNSELING SERVICES WORKSHOPS Mon., May 12 Resume Writing, 12-1 p.m., St. Croix Room Tues., May 13 Job Interviewing Skills, 3-4 p.m., St. Croix Room Wed., May 14 Job Hunting Techniques, 2-3 p.m., St. Croix Room Thurs., May 15 Research Occupations & Employers, 3-4 p.m., 24 East Hathorn

UW-RF ORCHESTRA will present a concert Sun., May 11 at 3 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall. Directed by Kristin Tjornehoj, the ensemble will feature Susan Janda on viola.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION is available in the Office of Financial Assistance. Student guides for 1997-98 are now available from the office. Students who have filed for 1997-98 should stop at the office to complete an Institutional Application for Financial Assistance.

HELMUTH F. AND ELSEN. ARPS SCHOLARSHIPS deadline June 4, 1997. Applicants must be residing in Calumet County, Wis. who have graduated from a Calumet County High School and will be an undergraduate student during the 1997-98 academic year. For further information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

SPRINT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP deadline June 30, 1997. Applicants must have maintained a GPA of 3.5 in undergraduate study. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

E.H. MARTH FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES scholarship deadline July 1, 1997. Applicants must display an interest in dairy, food or environmental science and be a Wisconsin resident. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP deadline June 30, 1997. Applicants must currently be enrolled in a nursing, medical doctor or EMS program and a full-time student. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

HOME AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP deadline May 23, 1997. Applicants must be a Clark County resident and completing their first year of college and have at least 24 credits by June 1, 1997. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY:
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CLUB meets first and third Tuesday of each month in 337 Ag Science Building.
GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets at 3:30 in the St. Croix room of the Student Center.

WEDNESDAY:
HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet at 5 p.m. in 331 Ag Science Building. All majors are welcome.

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.

Arts receive funding next year

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

The Theatrical Arts subcommittee of the Leadership Development and Programming Board will be receiving an additional sum of \$5,750 for funding in 1997-98.

The initial motion to reallocate the sum of \$5,750 from the Student Organizations Subcommittee was withdrawn at Tuesday evening's Student Senate meeting.

However, the Theatrical Arts Subcommittee will still receive the additional funds next year, according to Francine Doolan, Leadership Development and Programming Board member.

"There is going to be money left over from this year (in the Student Organizations Subcommittee funds)," Doolan said. "These funds can be moved then without going through the senate."

In her committee report, Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair, Kris Koch, thanked the Budget committee for coming to the Board meeting.

"It's nice to have the open lines of communication," Koch said.

IN OTHER SENATE NEWS: The various ways to replace the internship office, which will close this coming June, were addressed in the Academic Issues Committee report.

According to Dennis Paquette,

chair of the Academic Issues Committee, the responsibility of pursuing the issue was given to them after a lack of student participation prevented formation of an internship office task force.

"No students came to help," Paquette said. "We had to make decisions by ourselves...It's unfortunate."

Later, during Grant Staszak's President's Report, he read a two-page letter from concerned student, David Yunger, a senior and Fulbright scholarship winner, regarding the internship office issue.

Yunger, the first student at UW-RF to receive a Fulbright scholarship, wrote that much of his success came from the Student Professional Experiences Office, which helps run the current internship office.

"I owe this unprecedented achievement to four years of rigorous academic preparation...and yes the Student Professional Experiences Office," Yunger said in the letter.

The Senate took this letter into consideration when discussing a motion to support an internship office resolution. This motion, which was passed, asked the Senate to support internship offices located in three separate academic colleges.

Senator Amy Zuber supported this motion because she felt it made the best use of resources.

By passing the motion, senators agreed to support the idea that with three separate internship offices, faculty and academic staff within each college are more aware of internships within their

the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences already has an established internship office. Also, the College of Education has specific ways to help find internships, according to Staszak.

In a separate Senate issue, Senator Natalie Parmentier urged students to voice their opinions on May 12-14 during voting for next year's Student Senate.

"The primary election is Monday, and Tuesday and Wednesday are the General Elections,"

Parmentier said. "Students are encouraged to vote."

In another topic, the new library hours for this summer and next fall were dispersed.

From June 16 through August 8, an eight week summer session, the Davee Library hours will increase 9.5 hours per week compared to past summers.

Beginning next fall, the new hours of the library will be Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to midnight. The changes result in a total increase of 11.5 hours.

Changes to the library hours came after students complained of the prior inconveniences.

"No students came to help. We had to make decisions ourselves. . . It's unfortunate."

-Dennis Paquette
Student Senator

colleges.

This system would also reduce run-around for students trying to get an internship for credit, the motion stated.

However, Paquette disagreed. "A centralized location has benefits," Paquette said.

According to Paquette, a centralized location prevents run-around as well and would also cut down on staffing and paperwork.

In contrast, Senator Brad Holmberg supported the motion.

"The University would be unable to fund a centralized location," Holmberg said.

The plan supported by the Senate makes the most of the current funded resources, according to the motion. Staszak added that

Abuse / Dances, speakers, testimonials aid healing

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breaking apart and coming together again. The second piece, performed by sophomore Haley Lasche, featured a song by Tori Amos titled "Me and a Gun" that details a rape from the woman's point of view.

Following the dancers, organizers held an open microphone session for survivors of abuse and friends of survivors to come up and tell their stories, showing that abuse can happen to anyone, not just to strangers.

For about a minute, no one moved; finally, a girl stood up and introduced herself as a student at St. Cloud State University. She told the silent audience about her long history of sexual assault from two boyfriends and a fiancé, and finished by thanking the audience for coming, saying it was important for people to show up for events like Take Back the Night.

After the first girl stepped down from the microphone, it was almost like a wall in front of the stage had come down; women

came up from the audience, either to tell of their own experience or what happened to someone they knew and cared about. The voices of the women shook as they told their stories; some sobbed openly as they told stories of not only sexual, but emotional and physical abuse.

"My boyfriend gradually began to run my life," a rally organizer read from a letter given to her by another student. "He convinced me that I was nothing. The emotional abuse increased to include sexual and physical abuse, too. I wrote a suicide note and I wanted to kill myself, but I had a nervous breakdown before I did."

Another student related how horrified she was when a friend told her she had been raped.

"Someone close to me was raped, and I was more upset about it than she was when she told me," the woman said as she began to cry. "We all know people who have been through this."

Leah Herbert, a battered woman's advocate who works in the Twin Cities, spoke about the need for both awareness of the

problem and the courage to stop it.

"We need to recognize that men who grew up in abusive homes grow up to abuse, and women who grew up in abusive households will grow up to look for them," she said. "We must stop asking (people) why they stay in abusive relationships and start asking (their mates) why they abuse them."

Following Herbert's speech, the audience gathered its signs and marched into the drizzly night, chanting at the people who gathered on the street to watch them pass. Several police escorts blocked off traffic for them as they walked down Main Street and returned to the Student Center. Following the march, River Falls singer/songwriter Diane Wegner performed a short concert in the Student Center.

"I think it's great," Wegner said of the rally and its cause. "I wish there were thousands of people here instead of just hundreds. We need more events like this."

The rally was sponsored by Turningpoint, a counseling cen-

ter and shelter for victims of domestic and sexual abuse, and the St. Croix and Pierce County Victim/Witness Assistance programs. Many area businesses also contributed either money, goods or services, and several UW-RF student organizations also donated time or money. One of the organizers, Lisha McLean, said sponsors were supportive.

"Without all the support and donations, this wouldn't have happened - we had no money," she said. "I hope more people hear about this and realize what it's about."

Michelle, a sexual assault and abuse advocate for Turningpoint, outlined why Take Back the Night is important to the survivors of abuse.

"Events like this empower victims because they get a sense that they're not alone and that there are people out there who care and who will support them," she said. "Violence affects everybody. That's why it's important for everyone to get involved in stopping it."

Fee / Classes can be held with \$100 commitment

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when they picked up their schedules, Tuchtenhagen said.

Woodward said the new fee is a good alternative.

"We have thought about everything, and this seems to be the most beneficial for all students...returning, transfer and freshmen," Woodward said.

UW-River Falls is not the only school to implement a registra-

tion fee; nearly every school in the UW-System has a fee requirement for registration. Many privately owned colleges also require a deposit prior to registration, Woodward said.

"UW-RF, in fact, has one of the smallest amounts due prior to registration," Tuchtenhagen said. "UW-Eau Claire has talked about raising its fee to over \$250 due prior to registration."

Student anxiety about the new

fee is of concern to administrators.

"We want to make it clear to students that this fee goes toward tuition and is not an extra fee that will add to the cost of tuition," Tuchtenhagen said.

Woodward encourages students who receive financial aid or scholarships in excess of their university charges to make the deposit for spring semester at the time they receive their fall disbursement.

"This way students don't have to worry about putting off paying the fee when it comes time to register," Woodward said.

He added that students who pay the fee but don't return to campus can receive a refund within two weeks after classes begin.

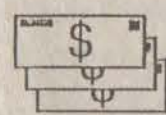
The \$100 down payment must be paid by cash or check, and

additional payments will not be due until after the spring semester begins, according to the Financial Assistance Office.

An informational "Fee Statement" will also be sent to students in early January that will indicate the amount of money owed and scheduled financial aid distributions for spring 1998.

For those students who previously have failed to pay the minimum 40 percent fee by the given date and had their classes dropped, the new fee will be of great benefit. Students will not be dropped from their registered classes if they've paid the fee, but will not be able to register for classes without the \$100 deposit.

"This will hopefully ease up the burden for those students and we hope to see good results come from it," Tuchtenhagen said.

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On-set of spring brings rise in campus crime

Final grades are due . . . Many faculty senators are not pleased

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

Two River Falls area juveniles may face juvenile court for stealing \$710 worth of personal items out of the Karges Center locker room.

Kyle Duchane had finished teaching swimming lessons in Karges and retreated to the locker room for a quick shower and change.

According to reports, Duchane got to his locker and his duffle bag was turned upside down on a bench. Wind pants valued at \$40, a shirt valued at \$20 and his bike seat and bike lock were missing.

Duchane went to check if his bike was stolen, and when he went outside he saw two teenagers riding away from the building, according to reports. One of the teens was on Duchane's bike, valued at \$600.

According to reports, the following happened: Duchane caught up with the teen on his bike and confronted him. The teen told Duchane that he took the bike on a dare from his friend. Duchane then followed the teen to the home of his friend where his clothing was returned to him.

Duchane told the teens that he was going to contact their parents, but according to reports, when he thought about it further he contacted the police who referred him to Campus Security because the incident occurred on University property.

All items were returned, and the teens may face a day in juvenile court.

IN OTHER NEWS:

- Failure to return a movie resulted in the arrest of Robert P. Young. Originally Young failed to return the movie to Mr. Movies. He had the movie for almost a month, according to reports.
- In addition to the movie complaint, Young also had an additional warrant out for his arrest from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.
- On May 1, the River Falls Police Department assisted in Young's arrest. According to

reports, Young said that the reason he did not return the movie was that it was stuck in his VCR and he couldn't get it out or afford to repair the VCR.

- Two roommates in Parker Hall had a disagreement over two credit cards, \$30 in cash and a GAP shirt valued at \$16.
- According to reports, the following happened: one student had \$30 and two credit cards laying on her dresser when she left for the day. When she returned, the money and the cards were missing. She looked for the missing money and realized that a new GAP was also missing from a hanger in her closet. It still had the tags attached.
- Later that day the student was on the telephone and playing around with her roommate's dresser, according to reports. She looked down and saw the \$30 and the GAP tags in the dresser drawer. The incident is still under investigation. The roommate accused of stealing the items said she was going to move out.
- Smoke detector vandals struck the second floor of May Hall. The trouble alarm in the Campus Security Office went off and officers responded, according to reports. Upon arrival, officers found the second floor alarms outside rooms 255 and 211 missing. The incident is still under investigation. The cost of replacing the alarms is \$140.
- Christal P. Fisher, 351 Hathorn Hall, was at Club Kaos May 1 when a bouncer was informed that an underage student was in the bar. She was cited for possession of a false identification.
- A student living at Wildcat Court had \$30 in cassette tapes taken from her car. According to reports, the student reported the theft to the River Falls Police Department on May 4, and while investigating, the officer found some smashed cassettes holders at the end of the driveway. One tape was destroyed and the others have not been found.
- The activation of the security alarm in Davee Library resulted in a warning for Heidi V. Carlson,

515 East Cascade Ave.

Carlson, according to reports, attempted to leave the library with four pages she tore out of library periodicals. Carlson was released on a warning that a second occurrence would result in a citation.

- A student in Johnson Hall continued to receive harassing phone calls this week.
- According to reports, the woman is receiving calls from a man who claims she ruined his opportunity at getting a job because she placed a restraining order against.
- Later that evening an intoxicated man knocked on the student's door, and she contacted police. According to reports the man covered the peep hole so the student could not look out of it and then proceeded to urinate on her door.
- The student looked out her door after the man left and saw a tall blond man that she didn't recognize running down the hallway.
- The next day the student received more hang-up calls and put a trace on her phone, reports said.
- A wooden barricade valued at \$50 was stolen from the Ag Science building sometime between 2 p.m., May 1 and 7:45 a.m., May 2.
- Julie W. Wright, Hudson, collided with Corey E. Rovety, 811 East Cascade Ave., on April 30. According to reports, Rovety was headed east on Spring Street from Second Street when Wright pulled out into the intersection and the cars collided. Wright was issued a failure to yield citation.
- Danielle J. Larson, 312 McMillan Hall, was cited for speeding on May 7.
- Mandee J. Christenson, Arden Hills, was cited for speeding on May 7.
- Michael T. McLoone, 933 College Avenue, Red Wing, was cited for not carrying a valid ID, May 5.
- Kristin M. Seifert, 315 W. Johnson Apt. 3, was cited for speeding May 2.

Todd Schlerenbeck
Staff Writer

A petition requesting that the deadlines for turning in final grades be doubled to six working days was sent to a committee by Faculty Senate on Wednesday to ensure that student viewpoints would be included in the idea.

The petition, which had the support of 110 out of 292 faculty members on campus, originally appeared to be a sure thing. Faculty members argued that the three day deadline required them to work during holidays correcting papers to get them done, often cutting into personal family time. One professor said that the deadline prevented her from giving her students essay tests for their final examinations.

"We should expect our students to know how to write and think, and essay exams are a way to do that," said Lois Michaelson, an English professor. "In order to properly grade essays, we need more time to evaluate them."

However, after testimony from Student Senate President Grant Staszak, enough members of the Senate were swayed to postpone acting on the petition.

"What we're asking as students is that this motion be passed back

to a committee to ensure student involvement in the process," Staszak said. "It could potentially affect students that are looking for jobs right after they graduate."

Faculty Senator Rik Seefeldt moved that it be placed before a committee to obtain student input and evaluate the impact on students.

"I think this is a high priority issue, but I think that student concerns should be addressed," Seefeldt said. "We should move it to the appropriate committee for immediate action."

The petition must appear again before the Senate by Oct. 31, 1997, if it is to be enacted before the end of the fall 1997 semester. Unless there are overriding student concerns, the petition will probably be enacted then.

IN OTHER SENATE NEWS:

The Senate also tabled four motions that would have affected the Reach For The Future plan because of confusion over which committees had jurisdiction to approve and amend certain parts of the plan. The plan had first appeared before the Academic Planning and Policy Committee, which added some amendments to it and decided it should also appear before the Academic Standards Committee and the

Faculty Welfare Committee before it came before the Senate for a vote.

The plan then appeared before the Academic Standards Committee, which vetoed one of the changes made by the Academic Planning and Policy Committee. The motions were tabled because a clear delineation of duties for each of the committees was not made.

"I think we have a mess here," said Rik Seefeldt, Faculty Senator. "I don't see why the Academic Standards Committee's version (of the plan) should have primacy over the Academic Planning and Policy Committee's version, especially since they looked at it first."

- Finally, the Senate endorsed the Strategic Plan for Information Technology, though some Senators spoke out against it.
- "I'd like to speak against the motion, because this plan continues to weaken the departmental structure," said Faculty Senator Jerry Nolte. "There's nothing in there about departments having a say in what they do with the money. I think a lot of the technology out there is like typewriters now; it's something the departments ought to have and be using. I say let the departments determine what they need."

Race / Candidates bring different skills

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dents to be able to communicate with the various board chairs so their suggestions will be taken into consideration.

Zirbel offered her opinions of what students should look for when they vote.

"I believe the person needs experience in running meetings," Zirbel said.

Zirbel said that if she became president she would like the Senate to "make students aware that they run the institution, and the Senate exists to help serve the students."

Zirbel added the biggest issue concerning Senate is the rising price of tuition.

"The skyrocketing tuition the last five years is a problem...there is a lack of funding," Zirbel said.

The second candidate for Senate president Mac Guptil, a sophomore from Minnetonka, Minn.

Guptil decided not to have a running mate for vice-president.

"I'm taking a new angle at the campaign," Guptil said. "I'll take whoever wins...I believe it's better because it's complimentary."

Guptil has no previous Student Senate experience, but he believes his personal skills, open mind and other diverse experiences will make up for the lack of Senate experience.

Guptil is the residential living chair and a Resident Assistant.

Guptil said he decided to run because he hopes to give more power to the students.

"Students need to know who to talk to on Senate," Guptil said. "I believe I know more about what students need...not coming with any experience is an asset."

Guptil said he would inform students using personal skills and not his political skills.

Guptil added that if he wins the election he will concentrate on interaction with students and senators.

"I would look at people on Senate as student leaders as and as individuals," Guptil said.

Housing issues were the most important to address for Guptil.

"Students will be in lounges," Guptil said. "We can't forget about them."

The third and final candidate is senior Kris Koch from Marshall, Minn.

Koch has never been a Student Senator but has been very involved with the allocation pro-

cess of student fees as the Leadership Development and Programming Board chair. She is running with current Facilities and Fees Board Chair Heidi Hulloper for vice president.

She said her experiences working with the Senate inspired her to run for the position.

"My heart is in it 100 percent," Koch said. "I intend to represent the student's voice rather than my personal (voice)."

If Koch wins the election, she and Hulloper intend to prepare for six months of cleanup to "get things back on track," Koch said.

Koch said the one problem she is most concerned with is student involvement.

"We need to increase involvement on campus by speaking to students," Koch said.

By increasing student involvement, Koch hopes to eliminate problems where many decisions were made before students became informed.

Creation / Professors defend evolution

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Geology Professor William Cordua spoke up with scientific evidence against several of Harpel's claims. Cordua even made an offer for Harpel to go with him on a geological tour within River Falls to show scientific evidence that the Earth is more than 6,000-10,000 years old, as Harpel believes.

"Religion you believe on faith, you have faith in God, you have faith that Jesus died for his sins, you accept that on faith, and that drives what you do," Cordua said. "You don't need proof to accept on faith. On the other hand, in science you have to continually prove things, and they address completely different questions."

The viewpoints on the evolu-

tion issue were diverse in the discussion, but the professors contested the "evidence" of creation with several examples of scientific proof.

"Why is the universe here?" Cordua said. "That's not a scientific question. That is something you have to interpret using faith. A scientific question is: Why did the dinosaurs become extinct? I can form a hypothesis and gather evidence, maybe I can figure out why that happened."

Cordua went on to say that claiming someone is not religious because they believe in evolution is wrong.

"They (Harpel and the movie) carefully picked clips used to present their case, much like a skillful politician," Cordua said.

"They accuse you of two things if you believe in evolution: being non-Christian and godless. Those are smacks of bigotry."

The Maranatha Christian Fellowship, based at the University of Minnesota, will be on campus next fall to continue its presentations. There will be a six-week series of video presentations and discussions.

Those interested in joining the group, which hopes to start a UW-River Falls chapter next year, should watch for presentations next fall.

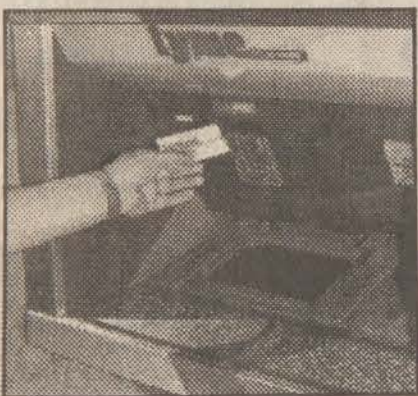
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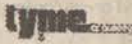


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EDITORIAL

Get informed

Previously the *Student Voice* has done several stories on the allocation of funds to certain organizations. Furthermore, on more than one occasion, the Student Senate has requested that students get more involved in committees, since these committees help in the decision of where our money goes. Yet, it seems that there is a lack of student involvement on these committees, and lately there have been articles concerning the underfunding of organizations. This lack of student concern is turned around when it seems that organizations, or their funding, may be cut.

However, lack of student concern isn't the only reason that many organizations have seen their budgets slimmed. Misrepresentation on Leadership Development and Programing Board committees is one of the biggest reasons for the reduction of funding that many organizations are seeing in next year's budget. Some committees fall victim to this, and student organizations must pay the price.

Students who are uninformed about certain organizations and what it takes to run them are heading these committees, and the misrepresentation is paying off in a negative way for these organizations. Others, no matter how much these committees affect them, don't participate in the governance process at all.

Perhaps there are explanations why students don't participate actively on these committees. Maybe it is the time involved, or the effort, or just frustration with the governing process in general. Or, in the case of the Theatrical Arts subcommittee, they just don't have representatives.

One thing can be said for some of the representatives involved on the committees: unenthusiasm runs thicker than mud. Familiarity and know-how are ever-so-important, and many lack it. Many of those who run committees were handed the job because no one else would do it and are now struggling to make sense of what they should do.

The bottom line is that members of organizations and committees must educate their representatives before making decisions. Organizations must make sure they choose educated representatives. Once they have made this decision, it is then that improvements can be made.

For those committees who saw an increase in their funding for next year, such as the Diversity Awareness committee, congratulations are in order. Informed and knowledgeable representation can almost inevitably be the cause of the increase.

For those committees who will see their funding diminish for next year, a small piece of advice might help out: protest, or at least don't go down without the last word.

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VIEWPOINTS

Minnesota wants compensation for casinos

One of the most exciting events in a young person's life is his or her 18th birthday. Now an individual is considered a legal adult. They can now choose who will run this country, and, of course, they have the right to gamble. I even found myself intrigued and could not wait to buy that first lottery ticket. It was not until I came to the University, however, that I had my first chance to visit Treasure Island Casino near Red Wing, Minn.

Casinos have turned into one of Minnesota's biggest industries, which is something that officials never foresaw when the negotiations took place that gave all rights to operate casinos to the Native Americans. In the beginning, the state's reason for doing so was to give Native Americans a way to improve their living conditions, which had turned to poverty. However, they could not have possibly seen how big it was going to become.

Now the state of Minnesota wants to receive some compen-

sation for the public services it provides. The state offers bus services, police, taxis, health inspections and alcohol to the casinos. This all costs a lot of money. The state is asking for reopening of negotiations on the contracts that were set up between the tribes and the state. These negotiations would allow the state to get some compensation for these services.

However, when these negotiations were made, the contracts that were developed were formed for an indefinite amount of time. The Native Americans, on the other hand, say that Minnesota has no right to ask for compensation because it was not set up in the original agreements. In their words, "it would be like breaking another treaty."

I do not believe that people should go back on their word. However, I do believe that Minnesota deserves some compensation. All of the services provided do cost a lot of money. If it was any other kind of business the owners would have to give the

state compensation. Not many businesses get to keep the majority of the money for the benefit of the people running it. The state is just asking for the reopening of

I am convinced that if Minnesota really wants to receive some of its income, it will have to define, clearly and decisively, where the money will go. Even

SHANTHI MIRSBERGER

I sincerely believe that this situation has the potential to turn into a good thing for both parties. . .



negotiations, which was met with a lot of opposition.

I believe in order for this to work the state will have to inform the Native Americans exactly what their money will go for. The state says that it goes toward its services; however, in many states, such as Connecticut, the money simply goes into the treasury. If this occurs, allegations may come up that the state is using these funds for its own personal use, not to pay for the public services provided.

though it may seem like this is one more scheme to take advantage of, the Native American officials are approaching the situation thoughtfully. I sincerely believe that this situation has the potential to turn into a good thing for both parties and will strengthen relations between the Native Americans and the government. I know either way it will not stop me from taking a trip to Red Wing every now and again.

Electing Nueman to Senate would be a disaster

In November of 1998, Wisconsin residents will go to the polls to elect fine men and women to thousands of public offices. Among those offices up for election is Russ Feingold's U.S. Senate seat, which he has held since 1992. For some time now, political observers have speculated about who will oppose Feingold. They may finally have an answer. First District Congressional Republican Mark Nueman has all but announced his decision to run. He has started raising money and is trying to organize support throughout the state for the effort. Nothing frightens me more.

Make no mistake about it folks, Mark Nueman is the anti-Christ. He represents exactly the kind of right-wing, misguided, big-business philosophy that western Wisconsin can live without. It is a travesty that, for lack of decent opposition, Nueman was even elected to Congress in southern Wisconsin. To allow his radical and dangerous ideas to represent the entire state in Washington would be nothing short of a disaster.

Mark Nueman spent the better part of his life running a multimillion dollar business. Before

his election to Congress two years ago, he had no experience in the public sector. He won his seat by spewing the same "Run government like a business" line that got so many of his fellow Republicans in the door in 1994. The reality is that, once they got in the door, they hit a brick wall. I have news for you: government cannot be run like a business. Government can only be run like government. Now there is a good government and bad government; I am certainly not arguing that all government is run well. I am simply stating there are innate democratic assumptions and realities that make the Republicans' "Run government like a business" line completely irrelevant. These simplistic ramblings are an insult to the intelligence of the voter. Mark Nueman still subscribes to this misguided rhetoric. He still believes that the magic solution to the problems of the land is to infuse government with the same spineless, cold and "ends justify the means" culture business world.

Mark Nueman's inevitable candidacy is also full frontal assault on the environment. He should strike fear in anyone who believes in the importance of hav-

ing a clean, healthy, and enduring environment to live in. Nueman's environmental record is dismal at best. By all accounts, it is among the worst in Congress. Expect environmentalists everywhere to

advertisements. Rather than simply giving pertinent meeting information, he ran a picture of himself and a campaign ad-like list of his supposed accomplishments. Under pressure, he later

JASON CHILDRESS

Apparently killing a deer on opening day was more important than doing his job and representing his district . .



work very hard to keep Nueman out of the Senate.

Nueman has had other problems as well. In his first year in office, he skipped an important budget vote to fly home and go hunting. Apparently killing a deer on opening day was more important than doing his job and representing his district in Washington. Nueman was also involved in a mini-scandal in which he used government money to seemingly promote his re-election. He was trying to let people know about times and locations of his regular "town hall meetings." He decided to use his office budget to run newspaper

repaid his office budget the money in question from his personal accounts.

Overall, Mark Nueman's leadership has been problematic. Worst of all is the simplistic and radical ideology he espouses. Senator Russ Feingold has long been an independent voice in Washington. His bipartisan campaign finance reform bill was a landmark piece of legislation. Will the voters of Wisconsin expose Nueman's faults and return Feingold to Washington? Only time will tell. This columnist certainly thinks that Nueman is diabolical, and the wrong messenger for Western Wisconsin.

Finding a mate in River Falls makes life hard

Springtime is fully afoot now, something I just noticed about three days ago. Not that the 60 degree days weren't a clue, or the fact that people began to actually walk around instead of scurry from place to place. You all should be able to back me up on this: the official arrival of spring is heralded by a rush of hormones in people of both sexes, as their bodies thaw out from the frigid torpor that had engulfed them for six months.

On campus, this has not gone unnoticed, by me at least of all. Anyone who has spoken to me for longer than five minutes in the past three months can attest to the fact that the topic of the opposite sex is one that rarely, if ever, leaves my mind.

It's actually gotten pretty disgusting; even my most hormonally-enraged friends have lately taken to telling me to give it a rest. Fine — after this column, I will (at least, I'll try).

But for this one column, I'm going to vent. I can't be the only person feeling this way. It's a universal human condition, for God's sake. Be that as it may, the transformation of the campus has been fun to watch. Single people who spent the winter casting envious glares at the backs of people holding hands are now walking tall, strutting a little as they sur-

vey the pickings.

My spirits are up a little, too; after being in what seemed like a permanent (really, three month) funk after necessarily ending a two-year relationship, my mood has actually started to improve a little. I no longer feel the overwhelming urge to huddle in front of my television and eat Pringles, muttering curses at the peals of feminine laughter emanating from the rooms of my more sociable neighbors. I actually go out for walks occasionally and look forward to getting out of bed with more zest than before.

Yet, all is not right with the world, for I (and many other people, mostly men) cannot seem to find a date, or even someone to spend time with and get to know. People like us face three main problems in trying to meet and greet compatible members of the opposite sex.

1. Personal issues. This is the catch-all problem. Everybody's got some baggage to deal with, whether it's issues with abuse, with parents or with past relationships. Everyone has done some dumping on someone, and everyone who hasn't been dumped on, just wait. There are too many screwy people in the world to avoid hooking up with at least one in your lifetime. I'm lucky, in a way; most of my personal issues are my fault or the

direct effect of something stupid I've done. Everyone has something they either wish they hadn't done or wish hadn't happened to them.

refuse to play games? Generally, they are intelligent, sensitive people. They make a conscious decision not to play games, not to muddle issues and react to

TODD SCHIERENBECK

Since the people who play games vastly outnumber those who don't, it's a hell of a lot easier for them to get dates.



2. Finding someone who doesn't play games that you still want to date. We aren't that far removed from animals in that we have complex social rituals for mating and for finding a mate. Everyone privately gives lip service as to how sick they are of games, and yet, most of us continue to play them, pointless and ultimately self-destructive though they be.

Why do people play games? Maybe it's because of the competitive nature of our society; above all, Americans love to know how they stand in comparison with the rest of the world (unless they compare poorly, of course). Maybe people play games because relationships by themselves aren't fulfilling enough for them. Most likely it's a combination of both.

What about those people who

relationships like they were on opposite sides of a strategic battle. So why do a lot of people who don't play games end up single more often? Because, quite frankly, a lot of people our age need games in order to maintain interest in the relationship. People who don't play games are, in general, boring to those who do, and the reverse is true as well. Relationships between these two groups generally don't last unless one of them switches over to their partner's point of view. Since the people who play games vastly outnumber those who don't, it's a hell of a lot easier for them to get dates.

3. The fact that we are intelligent, single, non-gameplaying

Student Senate candidates address campus issues in survey

Responses were typed exactly as written by the candidate, including spelling, punctuation and grammar. Primary elections will take place Monday, May 12, and general elections will take place Tuesday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 14.

Name: Kelly Keyzers
Year in School: Sophmore
Major: Ag. Ed.

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? Working with Student Senate this year has been a wonderful experience for me. I have learned a lot about how the school is run and would like to represent the Student Association for another term.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? One of the most important issues facing students at this time is class availability. Students need to be able to get the classes they need so that everybody can graduate on time.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? Every step in the process of Student Senate is open to any student. All students are encouraged to voice their opinions and to help with committees so the Student Senate can do what the students feel needs to be done.

Name: Kristopher Thompson
Year in School: Freshman
Major: Agricultural Education
What made you decide to run for Student Senate? Having been on Student Senate for the past year and seeing the new structure develop, I believe I would best serve the students as the Vice-President of Justice & Ethics. I also have a strong background in parliamentary procedure.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? I feel one of the biggest issues facing students is housing; both on and off campus. On campus students and

future students are facing a room shortage in residence halls that are in need of remodeling. I also feel that off campus housing need to be looked into.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? Students play a big role in decision-making. The state handed the power to students to take an active role in the decision-making process through State Statute 36.09(5). The Statute gives students the right to be involved in every aspect of any decision that effects their lives.

Name: Theresa Zirbel
Year in School: 2nd
Major: Agricultural Marketing & Communications/Pol Sci minor

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? My two years of senate experience has given me the opportunity to learn the policy and procedure and rehash the same old arguments. As president I will work in cooperation toward solutions, so we can work on fresh initiatives.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? I believe we are faced with many serious issues from the loss of services, faculty and aid funding to increasing tuition and loan debt. These and 100's of other issues we face demand a solution oriented outlook, which I have.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? As students we have the power to take an active role in any decision making that affects our lives. Our campus involves more students in decision making than any other com-

parable UW. Students just need to speak out and work toward solutions.

Name: Francine Doolan
Year in School: Soph.
Major: English-Secondary Ed./ Speech Comm.-Theatre Emp./ Psychology

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? I disagree with the current systems decisions and scope of concern. I have many students who come to me with concerns and I want to help them voice their concerns.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? Student fees. Where did the extra money go from tuition next year that should be being used for student organizations. If the enrollment and tuition went up why didn't we get more SUF money?

What role can students play in the decision-making process on campus? Please voice your concerns to senate at any senate meeting. Also apply to be on Student Senate committees and Shared Governance Committees. Stop in the Shared Governance Complex and voice concerns with the senators or other student leaders.

Name: Chris Schanfield
Year in School: Freshman
Major: Computer Science

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? I am an "encumbant" senator, therefore I know how things work. I also want to be a voice for the other students, which being on senate provides for.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? It's hard to narrow it down to one issue. I think higher education funding from the government (Wisconsin and U.S.) is key. Also, there are signs that Wisconsin is trying to end reciprocity with Minnesota. That would put MN residence in a big bind.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? Speak out when you're concerned with issue, be they here on campus or elsewhere. As a senator, I will make myself available for your concerns and suggestions. Also, get on a special issue committee on campus. That is an excellent way to be involved!

Name: Nathan G. Thompson
Year in School: Junior
Major: English

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? We are at a critical time on this campus today. The decisions made in the next few years will determine the direction of this campus for many years to come. I want to continue serving on Senate to voice my opinions and hopefully shape the present as well as the future.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? It is my opinion that the students have been ill informed on the issues effecting

them. Therefore, I believe that education on all of the issues is critical at this time. As for specific issues, racism and heterosexism are still plaguing this campus.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? Everyone, please come to Senate meetings on Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the Regents Room and voice your opinions. Also, talk to other students and professors about the issues you are concerned about. The more we talk, the more people will hear.

Name: Kris Koch
Year in School: 4th
Major: Elementary Education

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? I enjoy working with and representing students at UWRF. I believe that there is a need for faculty, staff and students to increase the lines of communication. I have been involved in a number of activities on campus that have been positive experiences. I would like to continue working with students, faculty and staff towards making this campus a better place for everyone.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? I feel that the most important issue on this campus is the lack of information publicized or provided for the students, regarding decisions being made that will effect individuals or groups of students. I also feel parking is the biggest issue on campus and lack of parking space.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? Students may have an active role in the decision-making process on campus by joining committees, organizations or attending campus activities. Students need to remember that this is their campus and they will always have a voice in the decision-making process on campus at UWRF.

Name: Amy Zuber
Year in School: 2nd
Major: Elementary Education
What made you decide to run for Student Senate? I was appointed this past December and really feel that I could continue to represent students fairly.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? There are several issues: Obviously, the internship office, and class availability; which happen to be two things I, as a student, happen to care about.

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? I believe students can become active in several ways: voting in the upcoming election, serving on committees, coming to senate meetings, and just letting those in leadership roles know what they'd like to see done.

Name: Mac Guptil
Year in School: Sophomore
Major: Political Science

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? What made me decide to run for Student senate President was the feeling that the student body has a whole is withdrawn or detached from our student government here at U.W.R.F. I am running to lessen the distance between the students and the our student governing body. I consider myself open minded and easily accessible which is what students need in a representative.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? I believe that a major issue facing the students at this time is obviously the housing issue. I feel that in order for the students to get the most out of their college career they have to have a good living atmosphere. The housing crunch might put some pressure on that.

What role can all students play in

the decision-making process on campus? The students can have a very strong role in every decision just by giving input to there student representatives. You can get involved many different ways but you have an excellent chance to make a difference here by telling a representative of any committee or any board how you feel. I believe that if the student representatives our approachable and open minded to all suggestions then we will get more input from the students.

Name: Heidi Hullopeter
Year in School: Sophomore
Major: Biology-Pre. Med.

What made you decide to run for Student Senate? This past year I have served as the Fees and Facilities Board Chair for UW-River Falls. Through my experience I have saw the need for student leadership that is free from personal agendas and sincere in serving fellow students.

What is the most important issue facing students at this time? The issue is ... Are students getting the education they are paying for? With the tuition gradually increasing, there should be improvements made in bettering our educational experience. The problem is that there still remains "bottle-neck" classes. "Bottle-neck" meaning a large number of students needing to take a class and too few classes or class-space offered. This is the issue!

What role can all students play in the decision-making process on campus? On May 13th & 14th it will be the job of all UW-River Falls students to go cast their votes! Students need to be better informed about who's running and why; don't check just anyone's name! And thirdly, on this campus there are committees that effect students in every aspect. Students need to be taking charge of their campus by getting involved in the committees! God gave us all voices, use it!

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people — in River Falls, and the pickin's be slim. Let me point out here that there are plenty of healthy, attractive, pleasant people in both the town of River Falls and the University. It's just that most of them are either married, engaged or going steady (often times with the same person they've dated since Menudo was cool). And there is really no place for single people to go to meet one another in this town, short of going to Club Kaos at 1 a.m. on Friday nights and watching the same tired group of people gyrate to "The Stroke." Really, besides me, who is desperate enough to do that?

Pretty much the only way for single people to meet in realistic ways while you're in college is to get to know people through your friends, classes or activities. It's harder to do that when you're going to graduate next year;

you're crushed under the weight of too many term papers and final projects to find time to sleep, let alone socialize. Plus, by the time you get to this point in your education, you know pretty much all the people in your senior classes and activities, and they know you too well to ever want to get involved with you.

Hence the catch-22 of dating: If you know them too well, you don't want to date them either for fear of ruining the current relationship you have with them or because there's absolutely no way you'd get involved with someone like that. If you don't know them well enough, it's impossible to get them to go out unless you have similar interests (in which case, you had to know them already to know that) or unless you're the River Falls equivalent of Brad Pitt or Pamela Lee. Since most of us aren't, the search goes on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

International Club thanks all who attended the bazaar

On behalf of all the members of the International Club, I would like to thank all the people that attended our International Bazaar on April 23. We hope that everyone enjoyed tasting food from all over the world. We also hope that they understand all the different cultures represented at the bazaar. We also appreciate the support that the campus has given to the International Club and to our bazaar. Without the support of the campus, the bazaar would not have been a success. I hope that the campus will continue to support the International Club, especially for next year's bazaar.

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NEWS DIGEST

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin the cheddar in cheese production

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Wisconsin set a production record last year in preserving its position as the nation's leading manufacturer of cheese, the state Agricultural Statistics Service says.

The 1996 output of 2.1 billion pounds, compared with 2.09 billion pounds in 1995, represented 29 percent of U.S. production, which rose 4 percent from 1995 to 7.22 billion pounds, the service said.

California overtook Wisconsin a few years ago in milk volume but runs second in cheese, producing 1.05 billion pounds in 1996. That was an 11 percent increase from 1995, the Wisconsin agency said.

Other rankings were Minnesota third with 682 million pounds, New York 584 million, and Idaho fifth with 433 million.

Wisconsin was second to California in 1996 butter production, the agency said, but was tops in various cheese varieties, like cheddar, brick, muenster, mozzarella, blue, limburger and processed.

Fort Howard and James River to merge

NEW YORK (AP) — James River Corp., which makes Brawny paper towels and Dixie cups, has agreed to acquire Fort Howard Corp., a commercial supplier of paper products, for \$3.4 billion in stock. The combined company, to be known as Fort James Corp., would have more than \$7 billion in annual sales and would be better able to challenge industry leader Kimberly-Clark Corp.

Directors of both companies already have unanimously approved the deal, which requires approval from shareholders of both companies and regulators in the United States and Europe.

The merger is expected to produce annual savings of \$150 million to \$200 million a year, the companies said. Those savings will include the elimination of jobs, but those cuts have yet to be identified, said Richard Elder, a James River spokesman.

James River, based in Richmond, Virginia, is the world's No. 2 maker of tissues, with \$5.7 billion in sales last year. Its brands include Quilted Northern bathroom tissue, Vanity Fair napkins, Brawny towels and Dixie cups and plates in North America. Its European brands include Lotus tissue and towels.

Fort Howard, based in Green Bay, Wisconsin, has sales of about \$1.6 billion of commercial goods sold under the Preference and Envision brands, and household products such as Mardi Gras napkins and paper towels and Green Forest tissues, which are made of recycled paper.

NATION

Fewer teenage girls having sex

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer teenage girls are having sex, and those who do are more likely to have partners who use condoms, the government reported Thursday.

It's the first time teen sex rates have dropped in 25 years, and it helps explain declining teen pregnancy rates. Researchers credit increased education on AIDS prevention and how to say no to sex.

Still, an estimated four in 10 women will become pregnant by the time they turn 20. And 11.2 percent of teenage girls and women became pregnant in 1992, down from 11.7 percent in 1990. New Hampshire had 62 teen pregnancies per 1,000 girls in 1992, the second-lowest state rate behind North Dakota's rate of 59 per 1,000. The highest rate, 277 per 1,000, was in the District of Columbia.

"Even though the rate is coming down, and even though contraceptive use is improving, we have so much work to do," said Susan Tew of the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which released state-by-state and other detailed teen pregnancy statistics Thursday.

Fifty percent of teenage girls between 15 and 19 years old have had intercourse at least once, according to the 1995 National Survey of Family Growth, an in-depth government survey conducted every five years.

That's down from 55 percent in 1990 and marks the first decrease since the survey began 25 years ago. In 1970, 29 percent of girls said they had had sex, a percentage that climbed steadily until 1995.

A survey released last year found similar results for teenage boys. In 1995, 55 percent reported having sex, down from 60 percent in 1988.

WORLD

Rawandans flee Zairian camps

KISANGANI, Zaire (AP) — To get away from one nightmare — the horrors of Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire — Claude Dusabe has to confront another nightmare: fear of flying.

Most of the 80,000 Rwandan refugees the United Nations is racing to airlift out of filthy camps south of Kisangani never have been on an airplane. Their desire to go home is tempered by anxiety about climbing into the huge belly of a transport plane. "Nobody here ever flew on an aircraft," said 23-year-old Dusabe, a Hutu, as he waited Sunday for an airplane to take him home to Rwanda after three years as a refugee. "I'm scared, but I'll go."

Anything seems better than staying at the filthy refugee camps, where Rwandans have been dying at the rate of at least 60 a day from disease and starvation, and where they live in fear of massacres by Zairian mobs and rebel troops.

The Hutu refugees, who fled Rwanda during the 1994 genocide, have been caught up in Zaire's civil war. Some former Hutu soldiers and militiamen — those who helped carry out Rwanda's state-sponsored genocide against Tutsis — have mixed in with the refugees.

The rebels, who control three-fourths of Zaire, claim to be marching toward the capital to overthrow President Mobutu Sese Seko. Some of them are Zairian Tutsis, and they have been accused of terrorizing refugees while capturing the countryside. A U.N. human rights team was hoping to investigate reports of refugee massacres in the past six months. "Rwanda is a prison for me, but I'll die if I stay here. Then, I'd rather die at home," Dusabe said in a packed transit center, where he waited for departures to his home prefecture of Kibuye to be announced through loudspeakers in a transit camp.

The vast majority of refugees are still unaccounted for in the jungle, where they fled more than a week ago after Zairian mobs attacked the camps and rebel troops allegedly fired at refugees.

Carlson threatens to end Indian monopoly on casino gambling

The Minnesota governor wants tribes to share their gambling revenues.

Rochelle Olson
Associated Press

ST. PAUL (AP) — Unless Minnesota's American Indian tribes pay a lump sum to the state, Gov. Arne Carlson is threatening to take away their monopoly on casino gambling.

"I propose that we negotiate an aggregate dollar amount that tribal casinos are willing to remit to the state of Minnesota to preserve the competitive advantage for tribal casinos," Carlson wrote in a letter

dated Friday.

Representatives from Carlson's office met with some of the 11 tribes on April 24 to discuss sharing gambling revenues. Now Carlson wants to push the issue.

"The legislative and executive branches of state government are being called up with increasing pressure to consider authorizing gaming which would directly compete with tribal casinos," Carlson wrote.

The Legislature is considering several gambling proposals as a way to pay for a new Minnesota Twins stadium. Carlson endorsed a stadium financing proposal to put slot machines and blackjack tables at Shakopee's Canterbury Park, a few miles from an Indian casino.

Carlson's letter indicates he

wants an agreement on tribal revenue sharing "sooner rather than later" regardless of what happens with the stadium.

"We will eliminate what I believe will become an annual temptation to look toward tribal gaming revenues as a means of financing major new projects that come to the fore of the legislative debate," Carlson said.

The governor had copies of the letter delivered to Capitol reporters before it was received by Red Lake Band of Chippewa Chairman Bobby Whitefeather, who learned of its contents from a reporter.

"On the surface it's going to be very difficult for Red Lake to share any revenue because we don't have much of anything to share," he said.

The tribe runs three small casinos, but has high unemployment and many health-care needs, he said.

"With what little net revenue we have, it's all been dedicated to programs that have been sorely needed over the years," Whitefeather said.

When the tribe entered a gambling compact with the state in 1991, it was with the understanding the state would not enter the gambling business, he said. Now he sees the state trying to violate that promise only a few years later.

The letter was released late Friday after most tribal offices had closed. Attempts to reach representatives of the 10 other tribes were unsuccessful.

Paper: Pilot wanted to crash A-10 plane

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Military investigators suspect that an Air Force pilot committed suicide by crashing his A-10 attack jet into a Colorado mountain, fearful that a homosexual affair would be disclosed, a newspaper reported today.

In a copyright story, the *Tucson Citizen* quoted an unnamed military source close to the investigation as saying that Capt. Craig Button apparently intentionally flew his plane into a 13,000-foot mountain in central Colorado.

Button apparently did so convinced that an alleged estranged lover, believed to be another pilot stationed with him at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base here, was about to tell of Button's private life, the source told the newspaper.

Button's plane was the last in a three-plane formation heading on April 2 toward a bombing range in southwestern Arizona when it veered several hundred miles off-course, initially undetected.

There was no radio contact with Button's plane, and it took authorities more than two weeks to discover debris from his crashed \$8.8 million aircraft on a snow-covered peak near Vail, Colo. On April 25, investigators lowered by helicopter onto Gold Dust Peak of New York Mountain recovered fragmentary human remains near the smashed cockpit. DNA testing proved they were Button's.

The *Citizen* said one military source said Air Force investigators believe fear of embarrassment

over an alleged homosexual affair is the most plausible explanation. "The Air Force really believes that could be the answer," the source told the newspaper.

It quoted one source as saying investigators suspect that Button, 32, a native of New York state, targeted Craig Peak on New York Mountain, likely for their names.

"(Investigators) do believe it was premeditated," the source told the *Citizen*. "If he had cleared Gold Dust Peak, the next peak was Craig Peak, which is part of the New York Mountain range."

At Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, Maj. Joe LaMarca, a spokesman for the Air Combat Command, said any theory that Button was homosexual and took his own life is "purely speculation."

"I don't know everything they're looking into, but there's nothing I know that lends credibility to that," LaMarca said. "There's been all kinds of speculation and it's not fair to Captain Button, it's not fair to his family and the people who knew him to speculate until we know something."

If Button had been found to be homosexual, he could have faced discharge. The Pentagon deems homosexuality incompatible with military service, and despite an official policy of "don't ask, don't tell" toward gays in the military, continues to discharge men and women from military service because of their sexual orientation.

R.J. Reynolds found not liable in death

With settlements on the horizon, the decision is considered a major victory for the tobacco industry.

Ron Word
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A jury found R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. not liable Monday in the death of a lifelong smoker from lung cancer.

Jurors decided that cigarettes made by RJR were not dangerous and defective and did not cause the death of Jean Connor, a longtime smoker who testified on videotape before her death that cigarettes caused her disease.

The verdict in favor of the nation's No. 2 cigarette maker could boost the industry's hand in negotiations toward a multi-billion-dollar settlement with state governments around the country.

The six jurors — three of whom smoked and one who still does — deliberated for two hours Friday, then took the weekend off. They returned Monday morning and talked for six more hours before reaching their verdict.

They had on hand riveting videotapes, dozens of internal documents and almost four weeks worth of scientific testimony to

consider.

Connor died in 1995 at the age of 49. The widely watched wrongful-death case brought by her family was the first liability test for tobacco companies since losing a case in August to the same attorney. Tobacco stocks, which had been down before the verdict, quickly regained lost ground.

Connor's sister Dana Raulerson stared down when the verdict was read. When asked what went through her mind, she said, "Honestly, what went through my mind was how magnificent the tobacco companies are." She said they kill tens of thousands of people a year, "and six people can't see that. They're magnificent."

"We're disappointed but we'll be back in August," said Norwood "Woody" Wilner, one of the family's attorneys. It was Wilner who won a damage judgment against a tobacco company last year and is representing another former smoker who has sued RJR.

Jurors asked for a police escort away from the courthouse so they could avoid the news media covering the trial.

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Crystal, Williams star in
new comedy film

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entertains area kids

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C H A D
U R D A H LIt's time to pass
the torch

This newspaper doesn't come in chapters, but it may as well because one is ending. Put it this way: Jason Egerstrom will be the *Voice's* sports editor next fall. I won't graduate until December, but I am taking a different position at this paper.

This doesn't mean I'll ever forget the things I've written in this space every other week the past two years.

It's been a blast. The reactions of students have been amusing to me, if not hysterical. After two years of the Urdahl Invitational Tournament, a fictional tourney based on oddly-matched collegiate nicknames, some people questioned my mental state. A column on sports figures' resolutions for the New Year enhanced these thoughts.

Go ahead, have a laugh at my expense, I have.

Sometimes I wasn't laughing when I wrote my columns, however. I've taken shots at the Title IX, hunting, golf and other topics. The reactions to these articles were sometimes disturbing.

One man on this campus approached me with his distaste for my denouncing of hunting. He took my column so seriously he wouldn't even shake my hand when we parted ways. It didn't disturb me that he didn't agree with me. It was the fact that he took himself so seriously he wouldn't stop to think anyone could have a different point of view.

Different views were never more visible than when Title IX came up earlier this year. More than a month had gone by and letters to the editor were still coming in, either ripping or supporting me. I guess someone's been reading my stuff.

Sprinkled among the columns that created waves, I was able to get to some topics that were of a different nature. The recent rash of spinal injuries to hockey players gave me a chance to cover something that is dreadfully real. I was on the ice when former Falcon Jeff Lovell's career ended because of a back injury and the topic deserved some attention.

There was also a column where I was able to take issue with the NCAA and some of its bogus eligibility rules. I'm still irritated with the Eddie MacDonald deal.

For those of you who know me, these columns have become a part of me. Something I've taken pride in and enjoyed doing as much as anything since I came here four years ago.

But it is time for me to move on and for those of you who have been reading, thank you, thank you very much.

Now I'll give the torch to Jason. Please take care of the boy.

Chad Urdahl is a senior majoring in journalism

"The reactions of students have been amusing to me, if not hysterical."

Falcon track runs
fourth; coach is
pleased with effort

Falcon coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner has coached in hundreds of track and cross country collegiate and high school meets in her career.

But none have ever compared to what happened last weekend when the Falcons finished fourth at the WWIAC championships held last weekend at Oshkosh.

"This meet was the most impressive performance I've ever seen by a team," said Kropp-Wagner on Monday morning. "This team turned the corner this weekend. They learned how to take charge of an event and put the outcome into their own hands. And I'm not just saying that about the people who competed. Everyone on the team, whether they competed or not, was part of the success we enjoyed."

The Falcons scored 73 points to place fourth. Oshkosh won the team title with 241 followed by La Crosse's 200 and Stevens Point with 100. The Falcons knew going into the meet that they would be fighting for fourth-place and it would take a team effort to accomplish a high finish. And that's what they got. After the Falcons 73 points, Eau Claire was fifth with 69 followed by Stout 68, Whitewater 51, Platteville 35 and Superior 20.

In close meets, small efforts make the difference in where a team finishes. And that was the case with the Falcons with weekend. One came in the 100 hurdles where Karianne Wold was one of the favorites.

"In one sense the sixth-place finish was tough to take since Karianne is one of the top hurdlers in the conference. But for her to come to a complete stop and then regroup to finish sixth

was incredible," Kropp-Wagner said.

She had a time of 16.44. Later she came back to place fourth in the 400 hurdles in 1:08.61.

Another gutsy performance came from Sarah Peterson in the triple jump and shot put as both events were going on simultaneously at the stadium.

Peterson was named the meet's Outstanding Field Athlete. She won the heptathlon with 4,070 points. Wold brought home a championship in the high jump with a leap of 5-4 1/2. Lisa Moore placed second in the hammer with a toss of 145-8.

Kropp-Wagner was pleased with Stacy White's sixth-place finish in the discus, Lynn Krentz's fifth-place finish in the hammer and Hope Onken's fifth-place finish in the 800 as keys to the team's success. And in the final event of the championships, the 4x400 relay, the Falcons placed sixth in 4:13.15 and finish just ahead of Stout which finished in 4:15.02.

The time ensured the Falcons a fourth-place team finish.

Krentz and Moore have automatically qualified for the NCAA Div. III national meet in the hammer. But Peterson and Wold have provisionally qualified in several events. Peterson in the triple jump, hammer, shot put and heptathlon and Wold in the 100 and 400 hurdles.

"Both Sarah and Karianne have great chances at making the national meet as provisional qualifiers," said Kropp-Wagner. But at least those two athletes will compete in two more meets in an attempt to automatically qualify, or improve their efforts. And Wold will try to qualify in the heptathlon."

Bats stifled in softball losses
*Late-season rally dies at WWIAC*Steve Helmer
UW-RF Sports Information

The Falcons travelled to Whitewater over the weekend competing as the last seeded team in the WWIAC championship tournament, and finished 2-2, in fourth place.

River Falls' chances of winning the championship were made very slim very fast when they lost 3-1 to Oshkosh in their first game of the double elimination tournament.

Amy Benoy was the losing pitcher, dropping her record to 2-10. She pitched the distance, allowing eight hits and three earned runs. Benoy walked three and struck out six.

Alicia Dougherty had the only RBI of the game and had two hits in three at bats. Jessi Welch and Nikki Fennern each had one hit.

The Falcons narrowly avoided being eliminated in their next game, against LaCrosse. The game went eight innings, one extra, and it wasn't until the very last inning, when catcher

Michelle May doubled and allowed Michelle Hosfield to score, that the Falcons put the only run of the game on the board and won 1-0. Their win eliminated the Eagles from the tournament.

Alicia Dougherty was the winning pitcher, pitching the distance and allowing six hits. She had three walks and five strike outs.

On the other side of the plate, May was the only batter with an RBI. She also had three hits in four at bats. Sarah Taylor and Jessi Welch each had two hits and Hosfield, Dougherty, and Krista Caliguire each had one hit.

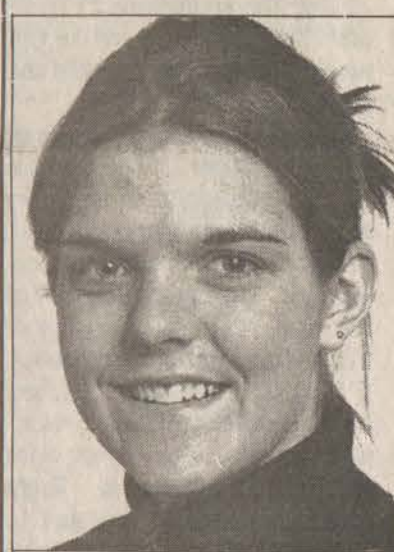
On Sunday, River Falls resumed the tournament playing against Stout for the fourth time this year. Unlike the last tournament, when it took the Falcons until the very end of the game to win by one run, the women took the lead in the third inning and continued to add to their score. River Falls eventually won the game 10-4.

Dougherty got her second win of the tournament, pitching four innings and allowing five hits and four runs, three of them earned. She walked two batters and struck out six. Benoy came in to relieve her and got the save. In her three innings pitching, she allowed only one hit. She had one walk and three strike outs.

Caliguire and Welch led the team with two RBIs each. Taylor, Hosfield, and May each had one RBI. Dougherty had two hits and Kirkeide had one.

Against Eau Claire, Fennern was the only Falcon able to notch a hit in a Blugold shutout. Eau Claire scored one run in the first inning and held on to win the game 1-0, and eliminated River Falls from the tournament. Eau Claire would later go on to defeat Stevens Point and win the WWIAC Championship.

Benoy lost her seventh-straight game, pitching all six innings and allowing three hits and one earned run. She walked one and struck out five.



Krista Kirkeide



Alicia Dougherty



Jessi Welch

Four Falcons were named all-conference in the WWIAC, including freshmen Kirkeide, Dougherty and Welch. Sophomore Michelle Hosfield was also named to the list. Lone Falcon senior Nikki Fennern and junior Amy Benoy were given honorable mention awards.

Blue Devils put nail in Falcons' baseball coffin

Joe Hunstock
UW-RF Sports Information

The UW-River Falls baseball team's hopes of advancing into the WSUC Playoffs died in the final series of the season last weekend.

The Falcons played Stout at Ramer Field Saturday for the final playoff spot after sweeping UW-Superior Friday at home.

In the first game Friday against the Yellow Jackets, Superior jumped out to a 3-1 lead, but then the Falcons stepped up to bat in a flurry.

In the fourth inning, the Falcons sent 10 batters to the plate, and scored five runs on six hits as the Falcons rolled, smacking the Yellow Jackets 13-5. Ryan Bishop pitched the complete game, scattering 12 hits and five runs over nine innings to pick up his third victory of the season.

"I was very pleased with how we played in the first game," said Falcon head coach Dale Varsho. "That game showed that we had a lot of poise with how well we hit in clutch situations, and how well we can play overall."

In game-two, Falcon sophomore starter Tom Fitzgerald duelled Superior's Peter Falk. The Falcons managed only eight hits and four runs off of Falk, but Fitzgerald limited the Yellow



Erik Sudheimer/ The Student Voice
Falcon Corey Martinson takes a hack against Superior in last Friday's doubleheader at Ramer Field.

Jackets to seven hits and two runs in a 4-2 win. Jason Van Rossum earned his fifth save.

"In that second game we did not play up to our capabilities, but it gave us a great chance on Saturday," Varsho said.

With the two wins, the stage was set for a shoot 'em up finale. The Falcons had rebounded from an 0-4 conference start to a 6-4 record going into the final doubleheader of the year, which suddenly was a battle to the death

against Stout.

Stout had split with LaCrosse on Friday, so it entered the games on Saturday tied for first with the Eagles at 7-3, one game ahead of the Falcons. With the Eagles playing the 0-10 Yellow Jackets, the Falcons needed a sweep to play in the WSUC postseason and the Devils needed at least one win to advance, two to at least share the WSUC Northern Division title.

In game one, senior Dan McNamara got the start for the Falcons, and he pitched well for the first six innings.

Over the final three innings, the dormant Stout lineup finally unloaded. The Blue Devils sent 24 batters to the plate, scattering 10 hits and nine runs off of McNamara and closer Jason Van Rossum, claiming a 13-6 lead.

The Falcons rallied, scoring five runs in the ninth. But with runners on second and third and the go-ahead run at the plate, Propson failed to end the two hour, 45-minute marathon. Stout had held on to win 13-11, and killed the Falcons' WSUC hopes. In game two Stout took a 7-4 win and a season sweep.

Tuesday's games against Gustavus ended the Falcons' season and was uglier than the Stout sweep.

In the first game, Gustavus jumped out to an 8-2 lead and

went on to win 20-8.

Game two did not get much better as the Falcons were 10-run after six innings, losing 11-1.

"I was not disappointed that we lost to Gustavus," Varsho said. "I was bothered with how we played. We made several mistakes in the field, and just did not show up to play."

"I don't even know if they wanted to play those games. It's hard when they know they're not playing for anything"

With the losses, the Falcon nine close out the year at 14-20.

"I feel bad for the seniors (Mark) Ince, (Dan) McNamara, (Ryan) Bishop, Mike Propsom, and (Mike) Weatherwax, because they're all winners" said Varsho. "We didn't have enough people around them, and after the success that last year's team had, they deserved to play on a better team. I wish that I could've had them around for a few more years."

With the two losses, the Falcons ended the 1997 WSUC season with a 6-6 record. The team had a 14-20 overall record.

Only the top two teams from both the WSUC Northern and Southern Divisions advance. LaCrosse and Stout both finished 9-3 with LaCrosse winning the rubber match on Tuesday, 18-2.



CHRISTY NELSON

The Crystal and Williams comedy team guarantees laughs

Have any of you ever tried to accomplish anything while working with your best friend? For me, that usually ends up in reminiscing about old times or laughing uncontrollably about some stupid inside joke that would in no way be funny to anyone but us. It makes getting anything done almost impossible. Now, imagine if your best friend were funnyman Billy Crystal, or even worse Robin Williams. You would probably have a hard time staying on task. And how impossible would it be to get something done with both Crystal and Williams around?

"...it's pretty obvious that the pairing of the two was long overdue..."

Apparently it's difficult but not impossible. This according to the cast and crew of Crystal and Williams' latest film — and surprisingly their first film together — "Father's Day," due in theaters this Friday. Despite never having starred in a motion picture together before, best friends Crystal and Williams have collaborated on the Comic Relief television specials, along with buddy Whoopi Goldberg, for years.

"Robin and I have wanted to work in a film together for more than 10 years, but it seemed that we could never find the proper vehicle," Crystal said in a recent magazine interview. And with Williams and Crystal at the wheel, the vehicle ("Father's Day") will most likely be comparable to a Porsche, going from 0 to 60 in seconds flat. With Williams' lightning-fast improvisations and Crystal's swift comebacks, the comedy will probably have no problem keeping the momentum. Keeping the boys on task, however, was another story. Ivan Reitman, director of "Twins," "Ghostbusters" and now "Father's Day" reportedly undertook the task directing Williams and Crystal with utter joy.

When approached about the possibility of directing the duo in this film, Reitman was in the middle of producing "Space Jam" and was preparing to produce Howard Stern's "Private Parts." But when he heard about the opportunity to direct two of the country's funniest individuals in their first film together, he didn't hesitate with his "yes" response. Crystal had just recently seen the French film "Les Compères," on which "Father's Day" is based, and knew that it was just the vehicle he and Williams had been looking for to star in together. Crystal said that it is "a great story that lent itself to re-interpretation in an American version." Reitman, a longtime fan of French film, is also a longtime fan of Crystal and Williams and was ecstatic with the prospect of being able to direct a project with the two.

Although Reitman said that working with the comics was the most fun he's ever had, keeping control of the cast and crew in their presence was difficult to say the least. In an article, Reitman said, "They're wild and crazy. Three or four times a day, every day, something they did cracked everyone up; the entire crew would be convulsed." The loss of control was anything but

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

While many students may still wonder about the purpose of all that twisted metal adorning the south side of the Fine Arts building, area senior citizens had the chance to become sundial experts.

UW-River Falls physics professor John Sheperd presented "The Richard Swensen Sundial," to a group of senior citizens who participated in the Senior Outreach program in River Falls Monday. Former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Richard Swensen was also in attendance for the presentation.

Sheperd's presentation involved a computer image projection system and a movie presentation on the design, construction and reading of the sundial. Afterwards, Sheperd brought the senior citizens to the south side

of the Fine Arts building for a demonstration on how to read the sundial.

The Senior Outreach program has been in existence since 1987 and was established by participant and Volunteer Director Ann Krupkat, who was born in River Falls and graduated from both River Falls High School and UW-River Falls. She also works in the Office of Continuing Education Extension in the Rural Development Institute at UW-RF.

"It is an interesting program for senior citizens in the area," Krupkat said. "And, not only do they learn things, but they gain a sense of community. There are times when people meet for breakfast or lunch before the classes."

This year's Senior Outreach program offers two series of classes. The first four-class series, which meets on Tuesdays, is titled "Morning With a Professor." The four professors who

gave or will give presentations are business administration Professor Terri Bottum, animals and food science Professor Anthony Jilek, physics Professor John Sheperd and English Professor Lydia Schultz.

The second four-class series, which meets Thursdays, is titled "Bits of History." This involves presentations like "Unwanted Wars: Korea and Vietnam," by retired Lt. Col. A.J. Halvorson of River Falls; "Les Voyageurs Du Val Du Chippewa," by Teri Opfahl and Marge Hebbing of Chippewa Falls; "Women and the Social Movements: 19th & 20th Century," by UW-RF history Professor Betty Bergland; and "Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War," by Lew Mallow, a Lincoln enthusiast from Eau Claire.

A history of how the sundial came to be was given to the Senior Outreach members at Monday's presentation.

In 1970 Swensen was in Heidelberg, Germany, with his family when he saw a vertical sundial and thought of the south-facing wall of the Fine Arts building. Swensen proposed the project to physics professor John Sheperd to do the calculations and design.

The project was buried because of costly bids by artists until 1993 when Neal Prochnow, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, revived the project and a bid by artist Gene Olson, who has a studio in Elk River, Minn. The sundial was completed on May 14, 1995, dedicated on October 7, 1995, and is believed to be the largest vertical sundial in the world.

The sundial looks very complex and is so for a reason. Many things had to be considered when Sheperd was designing the sundial.

"The rotation of the Earth on its axis, the orbital motion of the

Earth around the Sun, the inclination of the Earth on its axis and varying orbital speed are all factors that (were considered in the design)," Sheperd said. "The 'equation of time' is something that you have to use for correction when reading the sundial."

Other factors contributed to the sundial's existence.

"We were very lucky to have a south facing wall with enough space to build the sundial," Sheperd said.

Some believe that this is extremely lucky. One of UW-RF's favorite myths is that the Fine Arts Building was built backwards because of contractor error. But, according to Swensen, this is untrue.

"That is a folk myth," Swensen said. "It is interesting how (the rumor) has lived on since I became dean in 1969."

'War and Peace': easier to read than the sundial

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

There are some things on Earth that are considered mysteries and will probably never be solved. It is very possible that the mystery of Stonehenge and the truth about the J. F. Kennedy's assassination will remain unknown to the human population forever.

Although it looks like the furthest thing from a time piece, the Richard Swensen Sundial on the south side of the Fine Arts building is not a paradox. There is a solution to the riddle that lies within analemmas and hyperbolas. Confused? All that is needed to tell time from the massive clock is a little information and some sun.

damning to the film, however, as Reitman added "They take the script and go as far with it as they can, and by doing so, add something priceless to the film."

In "Father's Day" Williams and Crystal play two men who had a fling with the same woman, played by Nastassja Kinski. Kinski's character, Colette, informs both Jack (Crystal) and Dale (Williams) that either could be the father of her 16-year-old son, Scott, who has recently run away. Colette enlists the help of both of the would-be fathers in finding the troubled teen. It doesn't take long for the two men to meet each other and ultimately realize they are on the trail of the same runaway boy, who is potentially one or the other's son. Jack and Dale, two near-opposites, then team up in the search for Scott, who is off living the groupie life, trailing a rock group around California. Of course, a collision course of comedy ensues as their adventure unfolds.

Yes, the premise sounds pretty formulaic — the typical "love/hate buddy road trip" plot that we've seen in so many other films. Still, with Williams and Crystal already promoting the movie on shows like "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and showing off some of their irresistible chemistry with one another as guest stars on an upcoming episode of "Friends," it's pretty obvious that the pairing of the two was long overdue and that they could probably find a way to make any movie script work and leave audiences rolling in the aisles.

Christy Nelson is a senior majoring in journalism.

The first thing needed is to look for the gnomon on a sunny day. The gnomon is the piece that looks like a triangle protruding from the wall. Follow the shadow that the intersection of the two lines creates on the wall.

Now, the analemmas. There are 11 of them, shaped like figure eights, and they are gold and black.

In the spring half of the year, from December 21 through June 21, the gold-colored boundary of an analemma marks the hour. Ignore the black parts of the analemmas. During the fall half of the year, the black boundary of the analemma marks the hour. Since there aren't any numbers on the sundial, you need to determine which hour corresponds with which analemma. Right now, the hours are assigned to the analemmas (from left to right) starting with 8 a.m. and going to 6 p.m. During the fall half of the year, the hours start at 7 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. This was one of the reasons that numbers were left off of the sundial. It's designers also believed that numbers would

take away from the appearance of the sundial.

The next thing that needs to be cleared up in order to read the sundial is to figure out what the horizontal swooping lines are. They are hyperbolas. If that isn't enough, keep reading.

The top daytime line corresponds to the Dec. 21 Winter Solstice, the shortest day of year, when the sun is lowest in the sky. On the day of the Winter Solstice, the intersection of the shadows will move along this line.

The second daytime line from the top corresponds to Jan. 31 in the first half of the year and Nov. 10 in the second half of the year.

The Middle daytime, which is the straight line, corresponds to the Vernal and Autumnal equinoxes. On these dates, the intersection of the shadows moves along this line.

The second daytime line from the bottom corresponds to May 8 and Aug. 4.

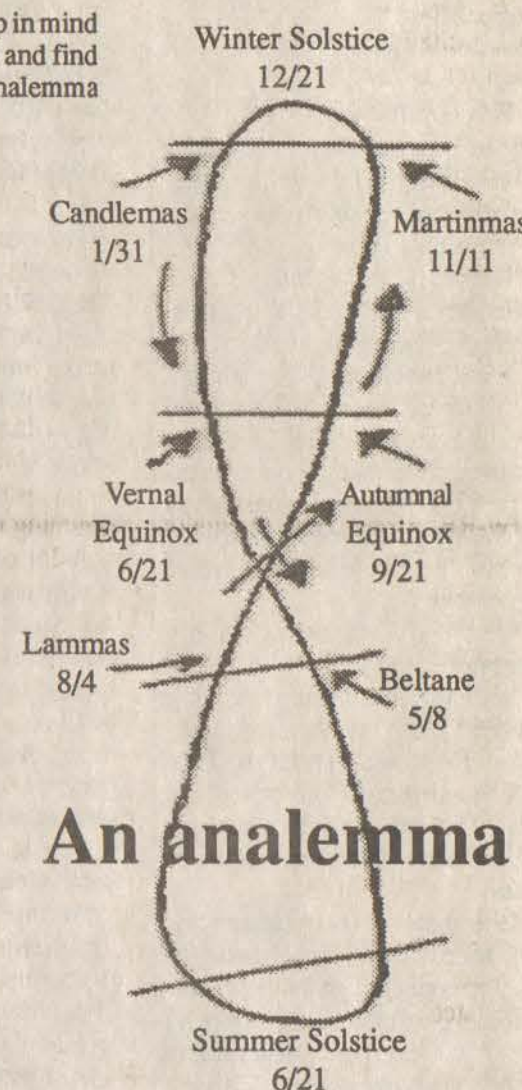
The bottom daytime line corresponds to the June 21 Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, when the Sun is highest in

the sky.

Still confused? Keep in mind what time of year it is and find which section of the analemma to use. The shadow will go through these sections of the analemmas between certain days (see graphic).

This sundial was built specifically for the location that it exists at. If it were to be moved to a different latitude and longitude, it would be inaccurate. So, if a person wanted to build a vertical sundial at home they would need to develop their own design.

For more information on the sundial call John Sheperd in the UW-RF physics department, consult the Richard Swensen Sundial web page at <http://www.uwrf.edu/sundial/howtoread2.html> or buy a watch.



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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
						
Sunny, Windy; Cool High 58/Low 36	Mostly Sunny; Cool High 62/Low 43	Clouds and Sun; Windy High 66/Low 47	Rain in the Afternoon High 64/Low 46	Clouds and Sun; Windy High 62/Low 42	Mostly Sunny; Cool High 56/Low 39	Mostly Sunny High 67/Low 48

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

Temperatures in May will continue to be relatively cold, with snow possible into early part of the month. The latter half of May will warm up quite a bit, with heavy rain towards the end the month. May 7-12 sunny, cool. May 13-18 sunny, warmer.

TEMPERATURES

	High	Low
Average	69	46
Record	89	29
	(1990)	(1954)
Yesterday	47	34

PRECIPITATION

	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	.4"	6"
This Month	.8"	—

SKY DATA

Length of day:	14hr. 37 min.
Sunrise	5:48 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	6:29 a.m.
Moonset	9:25 p.m.

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WISCONSIN WEATHER

Friday, May 9, 1997



Farm Day incorporates fun into educating children about agriculture

Jonathan Tatting
Staff Writer

Sounds of life on the farm blended with cheers of excited elementary-school children last Thursday to make Farm Day an astonishing success.

Seven hundred sixty first-through-third graders were expected to participate in the event, but River Falls High School Future Farmers of America staff were pleasantly surprised with the 917 that actually entered the horse arena at UW-River Falls Lab Farm 1.

"We more than doubled our numbers from last year," said UW-RF Alpha Zeta president Cathy Jo Sammon. "There were less than 450 last year." Alpha Zeta and the River Falls High School FFA chapter put on the event.

Sammon also said visitors gobbled up 48 pounds of cheese curds and noted that they could have used another 10 pounds. Although she was very satisfied with the turnout, she looks forward to hosting over 1,000 students next year.

These greater numbers are appreciated by FFA staff and the

University in general. The more students who show, the more who will likely learn the importance of agriculture through experiencing the animals in person.

"Our biggest aim is to have kids understand how the farm affects their daily life," said Jess Powlas, chancellor of Alpha Zeta and chair of the event. "Wisconsin is losing farms every year, so we want to try to promote that they are a big part of our state income and culture."

The elementary students represented schools within about a 60-mile radius, including the St. Paul area. Many of the more or less urban children may only learn about farm animals in class or by watching television.

"A lot of students have never touched a farm animal — even college students up to age 23 or 25," said Dewayne Benedict, River Falls High School FFA adviser.

The day also involved the students being able to touch the animals in their natural environments and taste the end product they usually eat at home.

It's important to teach the students where their food comes from, Benedict said. Many of them think milk comes from the

grocery store. The ice cream and cheese curds are always popular items served at Farm Day and represent a good example of where some of our favorite foods come from, he said.

As for the animals themselves, one of the three main fenced-in corners belonged to an adult dairy cow that occupied the northeast corner of the building; a beef cow and calf settled directly across in the other corner; and one of the most active animals of the day was a shiny, full-grown adult horse that paraded back and forth in its area on the southwest edge.

Other animals included a domestic goat with two kids, each a little over a month old; a two-month-old dairy calf; a sheep with a suckling lamb; caged ducks, chickens and rabbits; two swine devouring bowls of water; and

two-day-old turkey chicks.

FFA members who helped work at the event were also responsible for making the day organized, fun and overall possible.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without the FFA kids," Powlas said. "They are not only co-workers, but co-organizers. They bring in the most animals."

The FFA students range in different ages and come together to share their knowledge of the importance of agriculture. Some live on farms and can relate their experiences with any questions that the elementary students and teachers may have.

One FFA member, Missy Lubich, a junior at River Falls High School, said that there's always something to do on the farm. Lubich lives on a beef and dairy cattle estate where something always needs to be fixed. This is her third year working at Farm Day, and she said she has enjoyed working the event every time.

"I like to see all the kids play with the baby turkeys," Lubich said. "They should expand it (Farm Day) to kindergarten through fifth grade."

Another FFA member, Sarah Kimball, a senior at River Falls

High School, participated in her first Farm Day this year. She also lives on a farm and can personally relate to the agriculture industry.

"Farm Day is about teaching the kids about the farm and educating them about the animals," Kimball said.

Elementary-school students not only learned about agriculture, but they also had a good time.

Long-lasting smiles, intrigued eyes wonder and curious fingers touching a friendly goat seemed to prove that the day was definitely fun and educating.

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