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Administrators working to educate legislators

Big cuts to UW System a 'short-term' fix; officials say state should look to future

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls and the UW System are preparing to influence state decision-makers in favor of higher education as they face a state deficit of \$2.8 billion and looming budget cuts of between \$50 million and \$300 million system-wide.

Campuses across the state recently collaborated data into a system-wide presentation called "Worth Every Penny," highlighting the importance of higher education and the impact budget cuts pose to Wisconsin's economy.

The presentation identifies the major issue of concern for the UW

System and the state: low personal income levels of Wisconsin residents compared to those of other states.

University administrators say budget cuts would potentially mean a lower student enrollment, which in turn would mean fewer state citizens would have training in higher education, all leading to a lower per capita income.

"It is essential to the economy that we not reduce educational opportunities for students," Chancellor Ann Lydecker said while giving the presentation to the Chancellor's Council, made up of academic department chairs, on Nov. 14.

The national average of state residents with a four-year degree is 26

percent. Wisconsin is at 23.8 percent. In the St. Croix Valley, made up of St. Croix, Pierce, Polk and Barron counties, it is lower still at 20.7 percent.

"Personal income is directly related to whether or not students can sit in our classrooms and get their baccalaureate degree," Lydecker said.

Lydecker said the state should invest in the UW System to allow more people to receive a higher education and to gain more income, helping to improve the economy.

Mark Kinders, UW-RF public affairs director, said the state deficit of \$2.8 billion dollars is a long-term problem. He said cutting the budget for higher education would only be a short-term solution and in time

would be more detrimental to the economy.

"We are not the sole solution to that problem, through cutting our budget," Kinders said.

By investing in higher education, Kinders said the per capita income level would rise, giving people more money and generating more taxes to offset the state's long-term deficit problem.

UW-RF and the UW System were required by outgoing Gov. Scott McCallum to submit a budget reduction proposal of 5 percent for the 2003-2005 biennial budget.

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Budget crunching

Under current state budget reduction proposals, UW-RF could face a minimum cut of \$1.34 million next year.

Administrators predict this would result in:

- Elimination of 27 faculty/staff positions
- Enrollment reduction of 261 students per year
- A tuition revenue loss of \$700,000

League violation could cost women's hockey 3 games

Canniff didn't have enough credits to suit up as third-year player; athletic director says four people 'missed it'

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

A violation of academic eligibility may force the UW-River Falls women's hockey team to forfeit up to three victories of its current 5-1-2 season. UW-RF is awaiting a decision from Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Commissioner Gary Karner, whose recommendation will have to go to the NCAA before a final penalty is assessed. As of Thursday, Karner hadn't finished reviewing the report.

"The timeline on something like

this is very unpredictable," Karner said.

UW-RF Athletic Director Rick Bowen sent an academic eligibility violation report to the WIAC and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) Nov. 20 after being informed that Falcon forward Courtney Canniff didn't have enough credits to be eligible as a junior athletically. Canniff skated in four games this season.

The NCAA mandates that a student-athlete must have earned at least 48 credits to be eligible to participate in his or her third season of varsity competition. Canniff had completed 39 credits in three semesters.

Canniff was a rare case of being a sophomore academically and a junior athletically, Bowen said.

In 2000-01, Canniff debuted her college career at Minnesota State University - Mankato and completed two academic semesters and one athletic season. Then in 2001-02, she skated in a couple games before leaving the team and school after the fall semester. She wasn't enrolled at any university for the spring semester. So when she enrolled at UW-RF this fall, she had used two seasons of athletic participation but hadn't finished two years academically.

"I was shocked," Canniff said. "I didn't even see it coming. I didn't

See "Hockey" on A6



Courtney Canniff

A plethora of pottery



Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

Heather McKenzie of Woodbury, Minn., looks over pottery in the Art department's Annual Scholarship Sale. The exhibit, located in Gallery 101 of the Fine Arts building, is raising scholarship funds for next year's art students. The exhibit runs through Dec. 17 and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

Falcons slip to No. 2 in nation



Scott Wente / Student Voice

Falcon forward Tony Sikich (#18) is tripped up by two opponents during the Falcons' 5-2 win over St. Norbert College Nov. 23 at Hunt Arena. The victory bumped the Falcons up from the No. 4-ranked team in the country to a tie for 1st. On Monday's poll the team slipped to the No. 2 spot. See B1 for the complete story.

Committee to look at student retention

Enrollment Management committee to study reasons students leave after first year

Eric Henning
Front Page Editor

UW-River Falls administrators want freshmen to stay. With that goal in mind, administrators have formed the Enrollment Management committee to determine how to improve second year retention rates, which refers to the number of freshmen students who return to UW-RF for their sophomore year.

All program deans and some faculty and students make up this committee.

This year's sophomore class has about 300 fewer students than it did last year, when they were freshmen. This is 7.5 percent lower than targeted. University administrators had hoped to retain 78 percent of the class.

There are many reasons why

freshmen don't return for their sophomore year, said Ginny Coombs, Provost and Enrollment Management committee chair. Many of the reasons are beyond the control of administrators, including students who want a different environment, become interested in a program the campus doesn't offer, or decide to go to a two-year school. Retention numbers were also lower this year because of the altered varsity sports module, when wrestling, gymnastics, and baseball were eliminated last spring.

The committee focuses on the one aspect the University can influence: how well students do in their classes.

Students normally drop out within the first two years of college, but successful students are more likely to stay in school, said Academic Success Center director Philip George.

Earlier this fall, the Enrollment Management committee asked instructors of all three and four credit 100-level courses, which most freshmen enroll in, to mark the names of students on their class roster doing less than "C" level work, based on test, quiz, and homework scores. The voluntary exercise drew a huge response from faculty, many of whom said they were glad this was being done, Coombs said.

"Some came back with most no names checked, which meant students were doing well," Coombs said. "Others came back with more names checked than I would like to see."

According to the results of this

See "Enrollment" on A6

RF mayor pleads not guilty to battery charge

Misdemeanor count issued after fight with UW-RF students

Scott Wente
Editor-in-Chief

River Falls Mayor Eric Amundsen pleaded not guilty this week to a misdemeanor battery charge for his involvement in a downtown fight earlier this fall.

Amundsen told police he struck UW-River Falls student Robert E. Klingforth, 22, with a baseball bat when he thought the confrontation involving six people turned into a "threatening situation," according to the criminal complaint.

Klingforth was not ticketed or charged for his involvement.

On Monday Amundsen made his plea during a first appearance in Pierce County Circuit Court in Ellsworth. If convicted of the Class A misdemeanor, he faces a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or nine months in prison.

No further court dates had been

See "Charge" on A6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are still openings for J-term classes. To view a complete list of the available classes visit www.uwrf.edu/jterm.

Eating disorder and body image awareness week, Feb. 23 through March 2. Many events will take place, and the Women's Initiatives committee is looking for more participants. If interested in participating, contact Nick at nicholas.d.cluppert@uwrf.edu.

Looking for a job or internship? Student Health Services is seeking to hire one UW-RF student as a marketing assistant. This job or internship focuses on tobacco prevention on campus. To apply submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to Student Health Services. For further questions contact Keven Syverson at 425-3755.

Does dogsledding appeal to you? If so, stop by the Leadership Center for details and registration before Dec. 12.

Computer and Music majors, here is the perfect job for you. Valley Community Education is looking for a piano teacher and a computer class teacher for spring. If you are interested, please e-mail Kelli Keehr at kelli.c.keehr@uwrf.edu

Interested in participating in LifeTeen Mass? Participants will meet at St. Bridget's Church for 5 p.m. mass. If you have any questions, contact Jackie Brux at 425-8606.

Biology club is working with the DNR in testing deer for chronic wasting disease. If interested in volunteering, please, e-mail Katie Clay at kathryn.j.clay@uwrf.edu.

Hate your ID picture and don't want to pay to get a new one? Stop by 211, Hagestad Student Center and get your free ID picture taken for the new cards issued for next year.

Men's chorus has openings for additional male singers in the spring semester. No audition required. Register for 1344 MusE, course 105, or e-mail paul.schaefer@uwrf.edu for more information. Sing in concerts, sporting events, festivals and tours.

EVENTS

The University's Concert Choir, Symphony Orchestra, and Women's Chorus is performing its holiday concert Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall. For more information or to request free tickets, call the University Music Department at 425-3183.

The University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble is performing Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Did someone say Nuncrackers? This year's holiday musical performs Dec. 6 -7 and Dec. 11-14 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$6 for students. If interested in ushering for the musical, just meet at the box office by 7: 15 p.m.

Free Breakfast? The Chancellor will host a late night breakfast for a quick break from studying Dec. 17 from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. The breakfast is free just bring your ID card.

A conference regarding real life X-files will be held Dec. 15 from 4 - 7 p.m. This conference is at the Best Western Hudson House. Admission is \$10 at the door and open to the public.

The marches to protest war with Iraq continue every Thursday outside the Student Center beginning at 4 p.m.

Snow and ice removal: The owner/occupant of any lot or parcel shall have snow and ice removed within 24 hours after the snowfall ceases. If the owner/occupant fails to comply with this requirement, the city shall cause the snow and ice to be removed and the cost charged to the property owner. The cost for the city to remove the snow and/or ice shall be billed according to the city's current fee schedule. Failure to pay for said services upon billing will result in costs being assessed against the property and placed on the annual tax roll.

Falcon Food cheese gift boxes are now available. Brochures are also posted around campus for students to pick up. Falcon Foods is now carrying shredded cheese. The new holiday ice creams are pumpkin pie, holiday mint fudge and winter wonderland. Falcon Foods is open Tuesday through Friday from 1-5 p.m.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., (715) 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Dec. 14 Awkward Silence - Blues rock
Dec. 21 Joe Nirmaier - Folk originals
Dec. 28 Mike Driscoll - Traditional Folk

Riversides, Live Music
500 First Street. Hudson, Wis., (715) 386-5504
Saturdays, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.
Dec. 14 No Sympathy - Live Rock
Dec. 21 Jim Steinworth - Rock-n-Roll Piano
Dec. 28 Jeff White and the front porch - Country, Rock
Jan. 4 Awkward Silence - Blues rock
Jan. 11 Long Surrender - Traditional bluegrass
Jan. 18 Woodshop - Country, Rock
Jan. 25 No Sympathy - Contemporary Rock

MEETINGS

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

The Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Meetings are confidential, and everyone is welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 21 Student Voice story, 'Anti-war march a peaceful opposition,' River Falls resident Alice Pemble's name was misspelled.

General education revisions progress

Faculty senate works to improve clarity of goals, objectives of student requirements

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Changes to the undergraduate general education program are moving forward as the first phase of the process was approved last night by Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate passed a motion to approve the latest revised version of the goals, objectives and outcomes draft document created by the Gen Ed committee, a sub-committee of Faculty Senate's Academic Policy and Program committee (AP&P).

"This version I think is a great improvement over what we had discussed before," said Dave Trechter, Faculty Senate's chair.

The first draft of the document was presented in October. Faculty Senate held meetings for the entire university community to discuss it, offering insight and suggestions for revision.

A revised version was to be presented at the last Faculty Senate meeting held on Nov. 20, but it was postponed because the attitude of Faculty Senate and AP&P was that the revision at that time was not responsive to suggestions made by the university community.

"As an overall plan it's much what it was before," said Kurt Leichtle, the Gen Ed committee's chair. "I think we've improved some of the wording and hopefully it will meet everybody's expectations at this stage."



Kurt Leichtle

He said the committee worked together to make the document more clear and concise.

The five general goals of the document are intended to offer a philosophical basis of what the general education program should satisfy. Under each goal is a set of objectives and outcomes desirable to fulfill the goals.

The five goals are: 1) the ability of students to read, write, speak, and listen effectively; 2) the ability to recognize the interrelatedness among the components of human culture, past and present, American and global; 3) the ability to understand the principles and methods of quantitative and qualitative scientific reasoning; 4) the ability of students to analyze information and ideas carefully and logically from multiple perspectives; 5) the ability to make judgments with respect to individual conduct and well-being, citizenship and stewardship.

"This whole document at this stage is still a philosophical discussion of what general education does," Leichtle said.

Leichtle said he thinks people are forgetting that this document doesn't focus on the specific structure of the general education program. The next phase in the procedure will deal with the struc-

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—Kurt Leichtle,
Gen Ed committee chair

ture, which will ultimately lead to the determination of specific courses.

The document is a working draft that will have continued modifications as the general education procedure moves on, Trechter said.

Leichtle said the Gen Ed committee will move to the structural phase in January or February, once the new semester gets under way.

Plans for implementation of the new program are intended come into effect fall semester of 2004.

The revised draft document will be available online at the Gen Ed committee's university webpage at www.uwrf.edu/gened. Other information about change to the general education program and procedure can also be found at the address.

Hukai receives first CBE award for research

Business administration assistant professor had two journal articles published

Nicole Smith
Staff Writer

The first Distinguished Research award was presented last fall by the College of Business and Economics to Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dawn Hukai.

The award is based on the extent of published works and other forms of research done by professors in an effort to increase their own expertise and enhance the knowledge of their students.

Dean of the College of Business and Economics Barb Nemecek welcomes the award as a way of recognizing research within the depart-



Dawn Hukai

ment. "We're starting a new tradition," Nemecek said. "We really want to recognize and put more emphasis on the scholarly activities related to the classroom through this award."

The university's expectations of outside research is something greatly appreciated by Hukai.

"UW-River Falls professors are expected to have scholarly activity," Hukai said. "Whether it be through making videos, software, or working alongside students on a project that will benefit them."

Hukai also sees this research as a way to keep current information in the classrooms, therefore giving students a fresh look inside the profession.

"It keeps us, as professors, current and allows us to be constantly learning about the topic we teach," Hukai said. "That creation of new knowledge is exciting and it aids in our performance in the classroom."

Hukai has had two articles published over the last year, as well as an article accepted by the American Accounting Association, a prestigious national business conference.

One article appeared in the Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal. This study, explained how stock processes are impacted by non-financial measures.

A second publication is an article that appeared in T & D Magazine,

formerly known as "Training and Development." Co-written with UW-RF Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Clair M. Kilian, it is a synopsis of how to get the most out of attending financial conferences.

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—Barb Nemecek
dean, CBE

"This was a very simple but practical article," Kilian said, "but people received it very well and particularly liked the form that we developed to help structure their conference experience."

Working alongside Hukai throughout the creation of this article, Kilian said it's easy to see why she was presented with this award.

"Dawn does great work and has published in a variety of venues and

areas," Kilian said. "(She) illustrates well the sort of balance of research and teaching faculty need to achieve."

In her fifth year here, Hukai feels lucky to teach at a university like UW-RF, saying few other schools have the same focus on students.

"The needs of students are foremost here, it's a student-focused place," Hukai said. "All the expectations the university has, including that of research, feed into the ultimate focus of students."

Nemecek said that the student focus Hukai, herself, brings to the classroom is one of many qualities that makes her such a balanced addition to the College of Business and Economics.

"She basically epitomizes what a junior professor should be," Nemecek said. "She excels at research, service and brings it all back to teach in the classroom, serving as a very well-rounded faculty member."

The research award only provides more motivation to continue her focus, according to Hukai, and she looks forward to continuing the many reasons why she received the award in the first place.

"This award is very motivating to continue," Hukai said. "It's a very good feeling of validation by one's peers and acknowledgement of all the work that went into it."

Campus Security

Citation issued for drug paraphernalia

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

After smelling what was believed to be burnt marijuana on Dec. 1, a Grimm Hall R.A. called Public Safety, who then called River Falls Police for assistance. Upon arriving, both officers were escorted to room 411, the room the smell appeared was coming from, according to police reports. Knocking several times, the officers received no answer. After identifying themselves, a voice from inside said to go away because he was busy. The officers then held a conversation loud enough for the people inside to hear. The conversation included the possibility of waking up the on-call District Attorney and having the K-9 unit come to the scene. At this point the door was opened and it was found that four male individuals were inside. After this, a pipe was confiscated and Brent J. Sill, 19, was given a \$287 citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

—Police were called to 860 E. Cascade Ave. by a man who said he had items stolen from his vehicle. The dispatcher noted that the man sounded intoxicated over the phone, according to the report. The officer then tried to locate the vehicle. During this time the officer met with a Public Safety officer and told him of the situation. Shortly after leaving the Public Safety officer, the police officer was contacted by the Public Safety officer who was now following a vehicle fitting the description of the one the dispatcher had described. The vehicle was followed into O-Lot parking lot. The police officer then contacted the

man, identified as Nickolas D. Olsen, 22, to ask him about the theft from his vehicle. While talking to Olsen the officer smelled alcohol. The officer then had Olsen perform a field sobriety test and take a Breathalyzer. The report says the Breathalyzer found no trace of alcohol, but the officer arrested Olsen and cited him \$500 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on grounds that he had not successfully completed all sobriety tests.

—A laptop computer, two textbooks, and a wallet collectively valued at \$750 were stolen from a vehicle in the metered parking lot west of North Hall. There was no forced entry and the victim said he had locked his vehicle. Also found in the vehicle was a note that said "Want your laptop back? I want my stuff back." The victim gave the name of his ex-girlfriend, a 20-year-old UW-RF student and said that she had accused him of taking some of her things. When police questioned the woman she they were given access to search her apartment and vehicle. Police reports said the woman was cooperative.

—Other thefts and vandalism included damage to the glass on a fire extinguisher holder valued at \$5 on Dec. 2. On Nov. 21 the UW-RF Falcon Hockey sign located on the corner of Cascade Avenue and Main Street was stolen. It is valued at \$100. The same day, a bike valued at \$60 was stolen from the Ramer Field parking lot. On Nov. 19 a \$250 bike was stolen from the east residence hall area. A window valued at \$250 was also broken on Nov. 19 in Hathorn Hall.

—On Nov. 29, police were called for a complaint that a man had broken into a residence.

According to the victim, the man was bleeding and asking for help. After getting the man out of her residence, the victim called police. Upon arriving at the scene, police could not find the man. He was later found at the River Falls Hospital and was cited for underage drinking and damage to property. The man said that he had broken the window of the residence. He was at and jumped out the window, at which point police cited Corey R. Lynch, 21, \$348 for procuring alcohol for an underage person.

—Police were called to 421 E. Walnut St. on Nov. 19 where a woman said there was a suspicious person behind her house. The report says when police arrived they found Michael S. Larson, 19, stuck in a box on the back porch. After police helped Larson out, they smelled alcohol. Larson was then given a \$162 underage drinking citation.

—Raeann F. Flood, 19, was cited \$225 on Nov. 23 for underage drinking when an R.A. called Public Safety after noticing the group that she was with in the Grimm Hall lobby smelled like alcohol.

—On Nov. 22 Public Safety was called to 206 Grimm Hall because of underage alcohol possession. Sarah J. Brahy, 18, was cited \$225 for underage possession.

—Staci L. Bruder, 18, of 136 Grimm Hall was cited \$225 for underage drinking on Nov. 22 after an R.A. noticed her stumbling and called Public Safety.

—Jennifer R. Groves, 20, received a \$225 underage drinking citation on Nov. 21 at 101 Grimm Hall.

Check out next week's Student Voice for a complete Finals Week schedule.

Debate team earns first place

Students present key information to outdo Division I universities

Leslie Shuler
News Editor

Facing Division I competitors like the University of Minnesota and the University of Florida, the UW-River Falls Alpha Tau Alpha (ATA) chapter recently earned first place in the debate contest at the National ATA Conclave/Collegiate Agricultural Education Conference in Louisville, Ky. in late October.

The first place team of junior Bobbie Chizek and seniors Jim Melby, Matt Reinders and Adam Wehling, debated on a recent decision made by the National Council for Agricultural Education Board.

"It was quite intimidating going up against all Division I schools since we are a Division III school, but we worked very hard in preparation for the contest," Wehling said.

Other competition included University of New Mexico, University of Missouri, Purdue, Iowa State, University of Illinois and Southwest Missouri State. ATA is a national professional honorary agricultural education organization.

Melby said that although those universities are much larger, the UW-RF team was not concerned because they had dedicated a lot of time to knowing the debate issue.

Even though UW-RF is a smaller university it is well represented in terms of its agricultural education program, Wehling said.

"We actually have a large population of Ag Ed majors compared to most other schools," Wehling said. "And, we have the largest collegiate agricultural education society of any other university in the country."

Set by ATA at the national level, the debate issue read as, "Is the recent decision by the National Council for Agricultural Education Board to refocus its emphasis on strategic planning and long range leadership, rather than on curriculum development, the best decision for agricultural education as a whole?"

"In essence, [through this board decision] they are going to stop producing curriculum materials and focus on leading agricultural educators across the nation," Chizek said. Initially, the team had little knowledge about the contest topic, Wehling said.

He said that the team went right to the source, calling people who were directly involved or affected by the decision made by



Submitted Photo

Seniors Adam Wehling, Matt Reinders and Jim Melby and junior Bobbie Chizek debated on agricultural education issues at the National Alpha Tau Alpha Conclave in Louisville, Ky.

the national board.

"We called Marshall Stewart, president of the National Council for Agricultural Education, and we called Dr. Larry Case, the national FFA advisor, to hear their side of the question and to use as a reference source in the competition," Reinders said.

"Considerable time was put into interviewing, developing opening and closing statements, as well as arguments that could be anticipated by the opponents," Wehling said.

"We had a little coaching from Doc Matteson and Dr. Graham, but we did a lot by ourself as well," Reinders said.

Gerald Matteson and James Graham are both professors in agricultural education at UW-RF.

Each competing team consisted of an affirmative and a negative pair of debaters. Each side of the team competed against a different team and was judged on their ability to present and defend their positions.

Reinders and Melby represented UW-RF on the affirmative viewpoint and were up against the University of Minnesota. On the negative side, Chizek and Wehling debated against the University of Florida.

"One of our highlights was placing higher than the University of Florida," Melby said. "The team consisted of two former national

FFA officers and two former Florida state FFA officers."

Melby said through those previous positions, the Florida team has had a very extensive background in agricultural education, as well as having polished public speaking skills. Melby said this accomplishment says a lot for the quality of FFA and agricultural education in Wisconsin.

"We like to consider our program in this state, the best of the best," Melby said.

Graham, agricultural education department chair, said the contest says a lot about UW-RF.

"It allows the University to be recognized as a leader in agricultural education on a national level," Graham said.

Other national ATA results

Placing second in the ATA quiz bowl competition: sophomore Patty Kapinos, senior Joel Kuehnhold, senior Jamie Linter and senior Beth Zuelke demonstrated their agricultural education knowledge.

Becoming a pivotal part of ATA at the national level, agricultural education professor Tim Buttles was elected as the national secretary/treasurer, while junior Shannon Farrell will serve as the student equivalent position.

Student Senate

Senate outlines plan for hall council meeting attendance

President wants to institute mandatory monthly senate attendance at hall meetings

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

The Student Senate wants to make the most out of the Hall Council meetings here on the UW-River Falls campus.

President Jessica Wermuth said she's working to reform how the Student Senate interacts with Hall Councils. Though there are no penalties under current bylaws for senators failing to attend Hall Councils, Wermuth wants to institute reforms that would require all senators to attend at least two meetings per month.

Wermuth handed out forms to all senators at Tuesday's meeting outlining the reforms she would like to see implemented in the spring semester.

In other Senate-related news:

—UW-River Falls will hold a General Assembly (GA) of the United Council (UC) next February.

The UC is made up of Student Senate representatives from UW campuses across the state. The UC offers an extensive research database to members. It also mentors student senates that wish to sharpen their organizational skills.

The GA is the UC's main forum for communication

among member colleges. Senators attend various workshops that develop and reinforce issues from diversity to parliamentary procedure.

—Chancellor Ann Lydecker is scheduled to address the Senate on differential tuition at next week's meeting. Lydecker will need the Senate's approval before such a measure could be adopted by the University. UW-RF may begin using the new tuition system as soon as next spring.

—The UW System Board of Regents might soon have a new look. Alexia Kjos reported to the Senate that there is a Regents reform bill being considered that would expand the number of UW Regents to 18, including two UW-RF students. Currently no students serve on the board.

—Senator Jessi Andrews attended a recent Academic Policies and Programs meeting. She reported to the Senate that a rough draft mission statement for the new general education requirements has been completed and is awaiting approval by the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate is revising the gen. ed. requirements for UW-RF students, this year. (See A2 of this week's Student Voice for a full story on the status of the gen. ed. revision.)

—The Student Senate will meet again next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.



Jessica Wermuth

Last week's Student Senate meeting...

Students express concern over 'flawed' evaluations

Senate encouraged to consider alternative online student evaluations; senators make parking solution new goal

Eric Quade
Staff Writer

Before Thanksgiving break, the Student Senate received an unusual amount of audience participation at its regular meeting.

Former Senators Cora Opsahl and Kendra Plant both spoke to the senate.

Plant said the student evaluations currently available for students to rate their educational experiences are flawed. Plant said the existing system does not allow for written responses. Now, students can only fill in bubbles on an evaluation sheet.

Looking to other campuses for answers, Plant said UW-Green Bay has open-ended questions on its student evaluations. Even UW-Madison, with a system similar to UW-River Falls', offers students a much better forum to voice their praise and concerns, Plant said.

Plant asked the Senate to fight for a change in UW-RF's feedback system between students and their instructors. Offering a possible solution, Plant said an online survey method might appeal to stu-

dents.

Opsahl added that students are supposed to have access to the evaluation results, but few know where to find them.

In other Senate-related news:

—Senators reported on their experiences at the Building Unity Conference. Some of the sessions attended covered parliamentary procedure, relaxation, psychology, Hmong perspectives and a United Nations workshop that dealt with the basics of the United Nations.

Emilee Driscoll commented on the benefits for Senators to attend the conference.

"Building Unity went through a lot of diversity issues," Driscoll said, "and that really helped because I got to see things from a different perspective. That's important because we represent students."

—Alexia Kjos said the Senate's new goal is to tackle the University's parking problem. The Senate is looking at other schools to see how parking is handled.

Kjos told senators that no one should be left without a job to do in the Senate office because they

should all be working on this issue.

In addition to tackling the parking problem, Kjos asked senators to become more productive at Hall Council meetings in campus residence halls. Kjos was displeased with the feedback Senators were receiving from students. She invited them to solicit ideas from students at Hall Council meetings that would point Senate's attention in the right direction.

—President Jessica Wermuth also whipped senators into action. She said she would like to see more senators participating on the Faculty Senate's Academic Policies and Programs Committee (AP&P). Only two senators presently attend meetings, out of the four positions open to students. Wermuth wants four senators filling the positions because the committee is a place where students need representation.

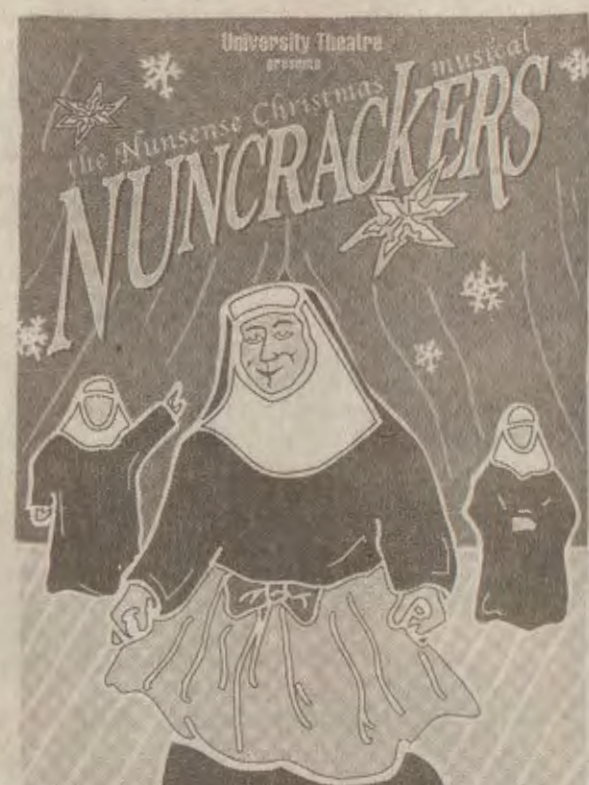
She would also like the senators already attending the AP&P meetings to do so on a more regular basis.

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Editorial

Some clarification and a nudge for reader action

As is the case with most newspapers, the Student Voice dedicates two pages in each issue strictly for opinions. It's a long tradition, and an important one. The Viewpoints pages provide an open forum for argument, discussion and persuasion.

From time to time the debate gets heated—and it should. Whether it's a response to a piece written here, or a reader deploring a columnist's choice of words, these pages provide perspective on issues relevant to the UW-River Falls community. For some, the role of each component to the Viewpoints page is not always crystal clear; it's our job to make those distinctions.

So, who wrote that, anyway? Newspapers often hear that comment in response to a pointed or critical opinion under the 'Editorial' heading. The editorial, which doesn't carry one person's byline, is no more than the collective opinion of the newspaper's staff on a particular issue. How's that decision made? We meet weekly to gather input on an issue. It's not always the case that what's written here reflects every staffer's opinion, but often we come to a consensus. Usually the editor, or sometimes the assistant editor, then writes the editorial based entirely on that consensus.

Readers can interpret the editorial as an educated judgement. The newspaper may know as much or more about an issue than the average reader—we'd hope so, anyway—and with that information we make an informed opinion. The topics vary; some deal with serious issues, others are light-hearted. But if there's a major issue on campus, readers should be able to turn to the Student Voice first for fair coverage of that event on the news pages, and then to these pages for analysis. It keeps people more informed.

I can't believe they pay columnists to write that. Believe it. The role of columnists at this paper is important. They have control over what issues they choose to tackle but do so with the understanding of who they're writing for. Sometimes the opinions are, as some would say, "out there." That's good. It'd be boring to read run-of-the-mill thoughts that don't spark debate or discussion. Opinion pieces—whether they're about politics or partying—serve as a breather from hard news. Sure, they should be informative and based on fact, but they also need to be entertaining reading.

I'd send a letter to the editor but I'm not a good writer. So what? Letters are a very important part of the Viewpoints page. It allows us and other readers to know what's on your mind. The newspaper exists to serve you, and in order to succeed it relies on feedback, both negative and positive. Dialogue is sometimes critical. If we slip, it's then your job to let us know. Whether it condemns the paper, applauds a decision on an important issue or challenges a preconceived idea, get your message in writing.

Whether it's a pointed editorial, outlandish opinion column or note from a reader, the Viewpoints page is an important forum for debate of issues relevant to the UW-RF community.



New Al Gore still not the Democrat's man

After the debacle that was Election 2000, Al Gore all but dropped off the face of the earth. After a hard-fought but boring campaign, Al Gore was denied the spot in the White House that many people believe he won. Many people complained that Gore's centralist viewpoints were what ultimately cost him the race. The more Gore moved to the center and the more he sounded like his opponent, George W. Bush, the more his liberal supporters pulled away their support and offered it to Ralph Nader, a truly left candidate. Some even blame Nader for costing Gore the election in 2000.

After several months away from the spotlight, Gore has stepped back into it with a vengeance and a message. A message that goes back to the left that made Gore a popular senator, the message that at one point had Gore trouncing Bush in the polls. Gore has hit the ground running, attacking the Bush administration on all sides; attacking the war on terror, attacking the Bush foreign policy plan and attacking the Bush economic plan. People are listening. He's made recent high profile visits with Barbara Walters and David Letterman and was featured in a recent issue of Time Magazine. Gore appears to be gearing up for another shot at the White House against a man who appears to be infallible in the eyes of many Americans. Does Gore have a shot?

As a liberal, I was turned off by the Gore 2000 campaign. Gore had previously been known as one of the best senators in terms of envi-

ronmental issues. In his last campaign Gore talked little about the environment, instead just running more and more to the center, where he believed the votes were at. When Gore saw his numbers in the polls slip below Bush, he moved back to the left, but it was too late.



CRAIG CORSTEN

"Gore is looking impressive as of late, but the time may be right for him to step aside and let someone else have their shot."

The left abandoned him. Now Gore looks to win them back, and it's working.

The Democratic Party has shown little to no backbone since the attacks of Sept. 11. Instead of playing their appropriate role as opposition party, they've been too busy accommodating Bush and his agenda, out of fear of being labeled "unpatriotic." Senator Tom Daschle has stood toe-to-toe with Bush on several occasions, but ultimately backed down every time (War on Iraq, anyone?). Perhaps the strongest liberal voice in the Senate, Paul Wellstone, is dead. Only one senator, Russ Feingold,

voted against the Patriot Act, a bill hastily passed after the days of Sept. 11 that tears away many civil liberties Americans have taken for granted.

Suddenly, it seems, Gore grew himself a backbone. In a recent interview with Time Magazine,

Gore stated he believes our country "is headed for very deep trouble," citing Bush's foreign policy which he criticized as being "based on an openly proclaimed intention to dominate the world," which he called a recipe for "getting our country in some of the worst trouble it's ever been in."

Does this sound like the words of the man who ran for President in 2000? They don't to me. They sound like a man who mistakenly embraced the center and now sees the wrong in it. In fact, in a separate article which appeared in The Washington Post, Gore said, "I take full responsibility for not being

able to get more votes than I did," and he acknowledges listening to the polls and the people who ran his election too much.

In yet another change from the Gore of 2000, Gore recently expressed support for the idea of single-payer health care, citing that 40 million Americans are living without health care. Gore trounced opponent Bill Bradley in the 2000 Democratic primaries by dismissing Bradley's single-payer health-care plan. Such a plan would bring many liberals back into the fold of the Democratic Party and Gore knows it.

He has strengthened on his environmental stance, calling Bush's environmental policy, "immoral." In short, Gore is not the same man who ran for the presidency in 2000.

The question remains: Is it working? While polls suggest a majority of Democrats want to see Gore again, many "insiders" want to see someone else challenge Bush, like Sen. John Kerry or Rep. Dick Gephardt.

Gore is looking impressive as of late, but the time may be right for him to step aside and let someone else have their shot. As other democrats get their messages out, Gore's support will probably drop. There is a wealth of other democrats out there who could be formidable opponents to Bush when he drops the ball (he will, trust me). Gore had his time in the spotlight; now it's time for something new. Gore is not new.

Columns spark fond, fearful trip tales

My first reaction was to cringe when I heard that fellow Student Voice columnist, Dave Misselt, planned to embark on a four-month study tour of Europe this fall.

Remembering vividly my trip to Europe with the same program last fall, I tried to imagine Dave navigating among the liberal European masses. I thought of Dave jockeying for position on the Paris subway, sipping espresso in a Viennese café and sampling the smorgasbord of gelati flavors in a Florentine gelateria.

They were ominous thoughts. But as many of you could attest, it's been fun following Dave's European rendezvous. I look forward to his bi-weekly report, recounting his recent experiences with crabby Russian customs agents, warm and inviting apartment-leasers in Prague, deceiving and sneaky gypsy thieves and well-intentioned women of the night. Reading of Dave's apparent ability to blend in and enjoy the European culture has given me a chance to reflect back on my experiences from one year ago.

I, too, packed my bag for a semester of research and travel in that sophisticated continent across the puddle. My trip from last September to December was wonderful, and it's funny how much I relate to Dave's stories and to those of the Student Voice's Guest Columnist, Sarah Pollock, who's also gallivanting around Europe as you read this.

Both did a great job of giving us a small glimpse into two European cultures, Dave in Russia and Sarah in Spain.

When Sarah wrote recently of her experiences on the lively streets of

Madrid at 3 a.m., I could relate. About this time last year, I showed up in central Madrid looking for a room late one Friday night. It was the eve of the country's national lottery, the biggest of the year, and everybody had flocked to the central piazza to buy their tickets and toast to their luck. The crowd was like that of Times Square on New Year's Eve, and I was schlepping a 45-lb. backpack and a guidebook thicker than Tolstoy's War and Peace—the unabridged version.



SCOTT WENTE

"Imagine the self-esteem downer this young traveler got when three hookers, sitting on a park-bench, heckled me as I staggered by..."

Sarah found a room near downtown Madrid. I wasn't that lucky during my visit last November. After bumbling through the crazy downtown throngs, I traveled by train to a run-down youth hostel 30-minutes outside town. Oddly, the hostel was located within a large city park overrun by Spanish prostitutes and Johns cruising in Fiat hatchbacks.

Imagine the self-esteem downer this young traveler got when three hookers, sitting on a park-bench, heckled me as I staggered by with map in hand.

Dave was right on when he wrote

A few weeks ago Sarah shot me a quick e-mail, saying she visited a concentration camp while traveling in Germany. She mentioned how cold and dreary it was the day she toured. I remember that, too. A year ago three of us took a day-trip from Munich to Dachau, the first World War II concentration camp. It was a startling tour recounting horrific events, but it was incredibly informative. No textbook could relay the history I learned on that dismal, bitterly cold day.

Things weren't so cold, though, when my friend and I traveled in early December from Barcelona to

Ibiza, a small island smack-dab in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.

After several weeks of traveling in 40-degree temps, visiting centuries-old cathedrals and wandering the halls of gargantuan art museums, we looked forward to Ibiza, which we had been told was a paradise for young partygoers.

There were problems. It was off-season, and we were the only college-aged folk around. The seaside hotels were closed for the year, the restaurants boarded up. Trying to make the best of a bum situation, we rented bikes and toured the island.

Purely by accident—really—we stumbled upon a nude beach. Now, this is probably not the type of tale Semester Abroad organizers care to hear—especially when administrators talk of axing international study scholarships—but part of the educational experience that is achieved through one's ability to handle unexpected scenarios.

And that, for sure, was an unexpected—not to mention frightening—scenario.

The clothing-prohibited beach was vacant but for two elderly women in the midst of a grueling geriatric workout in the shallows of the Mediterranean. They saw us and waved. We quickly pedaled away and soon ditched Ibiza for the sophisticated museums and cafés of Paris before returning home in mid-December.

Columnist Dave Misselt will soon be making his own trek home. Surely he'll have plenty of stories to tell, but I'll cringe if they involve a visit to a particular beach on Ibiza.

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Letters to the Editor

Bush administration wrong to ease pollution rules

Dear Editor:

The anti-environmental administration of George W. Bush has struck again!

On Nov. 22 Christie Whitman, head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced that air pollution rules would be relaxed for industrial plants, including oil refineries and manufacturing plants. She also stated that similar rules applying primarily to power plants would be issued shortly.

The announcement triggered a storm of criticism from environmentalists. Democrats and some Republicans maintained that it would sabotage their strongest tool for forcing improvements in old air-polluting plants. Democrats also accused the administration of rewarding polluting industries for their large campaign contributions to Republicans in the recent congressional elections.

The attorneys general of all six New England states, New York, New Jersey and Maryland announced that they would sue to stop the changes.

More than 30 former energy industry executives, lobbyists, lawyers and fund raiders for the GOP have found high-level jobs in the Bush administration. Since January 2001, the President and his energy industry-friendly appointees have trashed many environmental protection policies.

Some career federal employees in the Interior Department and the EPA who stuck their necks out for the environment were reassigned or became so frustrated they resigned.

In September 2001, John Graham, who heads the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, invited one dozen industry lobbyists to tell him which environmental regulations they'd like scuttled.

In December 2001, the Bush administration reassigned 40 percent of the EPA staff who enforce criminal violations of environmental law to non-environmental security work.

The November 22 EPA action was the latest in the efforts of the administration to ease pollution rules and cut back on lawsuits to promote the interests of timber, coal, oil, gas and mining companies at the expense of the environment.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., called on Whitman to resign as head of the EPA. Perhaps Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., was more accurate in prescribing a cure for the administration's continuous efforts to gut the environment when he said, "We don't just need a new EPA administrator, we need a new President."

Ray Anderson
professor emeritus
political science

Smarter budgeting needed

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regard to the recently announced news of a tuition increase and/or budget cut. An idea that came to mind would be to first come to the realization that maybe some of the faculty, and Mrs. Lydecker, should maybe suck it up and take a pay cut.

The idea of building a new student center (which we don't need) and a new dormitory for upper-classmen (which we don't need) is a ridiculously foolish idea, considering we need a budget cut. I understand the need for a budget reduction, but let's be practical here. Instead of raising tuition and causing students unnecessary dues, cut out the stupid crap.

We have all this not-needed crap on campus and for what? I guess I'm just getting pissed off at the way this school is throwing away money on things that, from my point of view, are worthless.

For example, the cutting of three sports teams (for the sake of a budget), but then adding two additional sports teams. Hello?! How asinine can we be?

I think the intelligence level of our decision-makers on campus can be compared to the brain capacity of the squirrels on campus. Come on, people! What is so difficult about some of these decisions? Hell, if you need help in making these decisions, you can always ask me.

Let's start making a difference on this campus. We need to start by making some wise decisions around here.

Nicolette Rusch
senior

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Sex career wrong reason for stereotype

The other night I was walking around Salzburg, Austria, taking in the late night sights, when I came upon a prostitute near my hostel.

I am rather open-minded when it comes to prostitution. I have met working girls all over the world, most of whom are just trying to make a buck or two. Because of this I have learned a very good lesson in life: If you treat people with respect and try to get to know the person behind the job, your kindness, more often than not, will be returned.

This was the case with Karen from Salzburg. She was 20 and had been working the streets for a couple of years. During the course of our hour-long conversation she filled me in about life as an Austrian prostitute.

She became a hooker because the money is good and she enjoys the work. (Who wouldn't?) Her family relationship was a very touchy subject; I could tell she missed them greatly. She and her parents became estranged over her "career" choice and she hadn't spoken to them in quite a while. Besides that, she seemed to be a happy, well-adjusted person—not the stereotypical, strung-out slut often portrayed in the media.

It was getting cold and she still had a couple of hours left to work that night, so I gave her five Euros and wished her a good life. So ended my experience with Karen from Austria.

The moral of this story, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, is this: Don't be too quick to judge people, or make hasty assumptions as to their worth as human beings simply because of their station in life. We all have our crosses to bear and survive as best we can given our situations. Karen made a conscious decision to become a prostitute; right or wrong, good or bad, it was her choice to make.

Sitting in a classroom is but a small part of one's education. We have opportunities everyday to learn from each other. The school



DAVE MISSELT

"Whether it's prostitutes, Canadians or Americans pretending to be Canadian, we all can learn...that a nation cannot be judged by the acts of a single person."

until a couple of Canadians wanted to beat my ass because I was snoring too loudly in a Czech hostel.

It seems Canadians, as well as some Americans, take great pride in denigrating our country. They sew Canadian flags on their backpacks and are quick to point out to all they meet that they are not from America. A French Canadian told me that this is because Americans are ravaging Canadian natural

walls were filled with anti-American rhetoric written mostly by Canadians. I never knew a problem like this existed between our two countries, but apparently it does. Bathroom walls all over Austria are also filled with hate graffiti aimed at Americans from Canadians and vice versa.

This intrigued me.

I wanted to learn more so I went on a mission, talking to as many Canadians as I could to find out what the hell is going on. Most people I spoke with were very friendly and seemed just as confused about the issue as I.

I did learn, though, that there is a growing anti-American sentiment in Canada, mainly over our government's foreign policy. Canadians say they are "peacekeepers, not war-makers." That's all well and good, but when was the last time you've heard of the Canadian military doing anything, anywhere?

Whether it's prostitutes, Canadians or Americans pretending to be Canadian, we all can learn to be more tolerant and understand that a nation cannot be judged by the acts of a single person; likewise, a person cannot be judged by the acts of their government. Sounds awfully tooty-fruity coming from me, doesn't it? But this is one of life's lessons I have learned through my experiences.

Now, to all of my loving fans out there. I'm still the hateful bastard you've come to know and love. I just hate everyone equally, that's all.

Until next time, carry on.

resources and running back home with the profits. I asked her if she had ever heard of NAFTA, which was pushed to the hilt by her countrymen and has cost thousands of Americans their jobs in the logging industry of the Northwest. Her response was simply, "I'm not into politics, I don't know the details." She was convinced, however, that we evil American capitalist pigs were no good.

I was doing my laundry in a hostel recently when I noticed the

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MATT SCHUELKE

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United Council of UW Students was formed in 1960 when student government representatives from five of the nine Wisconsin State Colleges met at UW-Stevens Point campus to form an association which would easily facilitate an easy transmission of information from campus to campus.

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You may accompany your school representatives to General Assemblies (GA's), where we let UC know what students want and stand for. GA's typically last Friday through Saturday, where we leave town to attend a conference at another UW school.

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PHOTO POLL

By Jedd Austin

Who is this man?

Jackie Hyndman, freshman.
"The bald-headed guy from the Smashing Pumpkins."

Wees Kennedy, junior.
"He's a skinhead, or maybe an alien."

Amy Schultz, junior.
"It kinda looks like Tom Cruise with his head shaved."

Kate Bellefeuille, junior.
"I'm gonna go with Josh Harnett."

Marian Christen, junior.
"I think it's the guy from the Smashing Pumpkins."

Chris Meyer, freshman.
"Looks like a guy that passed out at a party and his friends took advantage of the situation."

Frank Lorenz, freshman.
"Billy Corgan, my biological father."

Answer: Billy Corgan, lead singer of the Smashing Pumpkins

Budget

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In the first year, the 5 percent budget reduction would generate a total of \$49.5 million system-wide. A reduction rate could result in up to \$300 million in cuts.

"This is already extremely difficult," Kinders said. "Three-hundred million dollars would be an absolute catastrophe for us and the UW System and for the state of Wisconsin."

Under that proposal UW-RF would take a cut of \$1.34 million, which Kinders said would amount to the elimination of 27 faculty and staff positions. It would lower enrollment by 261 students. The loss of these students could cause UW-RF to lose an additional \$700,000 in tuition, Kinders said.

The system's presentation highlights the importance it has on the regional economy.

UW-RF contributes \$244 million annually to the St.

Croix Valley economy and directly provides employment to nearly 750 people, making it the largest employer in Pierce and St. Croix counties and one of the largest in the region.

"That alone points out the importance of this campus as an economic engine in the St. Croix Valley," Kinders said.

How deep the cuts go will depend on how Gov.-elect Jim Doyle handles the budget. Doyle will officially replace McCallum in January.

"We expect that he's going to be supportive of education and public higher education," Kinders said of Doyle. He said Doyle established education as a priority when campaigning this fall.

Kinders said he is not sure of the extent of support the system will receive from the new governor. Doyle promised no tax increases, which can sometimes lead to cuts in education to offset the deficit, Kinders said.

The extent of the budget cuts will not be known until January or February, when Doyle is expected to complete the state's new budget plan.

"It's too soon to say yet what we're likely to be confronted with because the process isn't formally far enough along," Kinders said.

Enrollment

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exercise, there are 869 students doing less than "C" level work in a three or four credit 100 level course midway through the semester. About half of the freshman class - 539 - is having difficulty in at least one course. There were 42 students doing lower than "C" level work in three courses. There were also 200 sophomores, 81 juniors, and 50 seniors doing less than "C" level work in these classes.

Math, English, philosophy, and science-type courses have shown to be difficult for students, George said. No specific course is causing students trouble.

The information was sent to the advisors of these students so they could discuss their academic progress, help them find tutoring solutions, and determine what is going wrong in that course. Knowing these statistics allows faculty and advisors to intervene while

there is still time to turn their progress around. However, because it was up to the advisor to provide this information to the student, it is not known how many students were actually made aware of this information, Coombs said.

UW-RF's 2002 Advisor of the Year Stan Schraufnagel received this information on two of his advisees. Both students knew they were doing poorly in that particular class before meeting with Schraufnagel, and both knew why they were doing poorly.

"They had a 'don't-worry-about-it' attitude," Schraufnagel said.

Both students felt they were doing better by the time they were advised, Schraufnagel said.

Often times, students do poorly at first because the transition from high school to college can be difficult for some to make, both George and Coombs said.

How well a student does in the first semester of college has very little to do with intelligence, George said.

"[New freshmen] have spent 12 years in school, but that doesn't mean they know how to be a stu-

dent," George said.

"Part of that change is knowing how to study, how to get work done, and what level work is expected," Coombs said. "I think part of the job of faculty is helping students understand that by giving a lot of feedback and helping students be successful in class."

There is tutoring available for courses in which many students have trouble. However, it is not known if students having difficulty are using this service, Coombs said.

Coombs would also like to see more advising in different formats that is more intensive and gives more opportunities for students to talk about how classes are going.

"Good academic advising is likely to result in a higher retention rate," George said.

George would like to improve efforts making the transition from high school to college less stressful, and better prepare students for college-level work.

"The worst thing to do for new students is to unintentionally set them up to fail," Coombs said. "Our committee has its work cut out for it."

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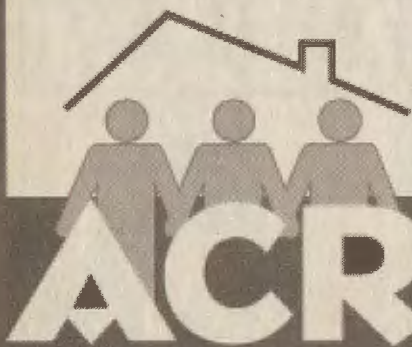
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think it even mattered."

Carol Yanna, a secretary for the WIAC, discovered the violation in Canniff's paperwork while doing a routine eligibility check. She emailed Bowen for verification, and Bowen then wrote the violation report and contacted the parties involved.

"Four sets of eyes looked at it, and four sets of eyes missed it," Bowen said. "I, the athletic director, take full responsibility."

Paper trail

The paperwork starts with the student. Athletes fill out a student-athlete statement for each sport they plan to participate in. That statement and the student's academic record help the Registrar's Office complete a WIAC academic eligibility worksheet, Registrar's Office employee Sue Walton said. That worksheet is then verified by the athletic director and faculty athletic representative.

Canniff's worksheet was signed by Registrar Judith George, Athletic Director Bowen, Head Coach Joe Cranston and faculty athletic representative Barbara Rebhuhn. The violation passed unseen by all four.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time it's an inadvertent error," Karner said, "but it happens from time to time."

The Registrar is responsible for determining whether the information on the form is correct, George said. But "as a favor, we try to stay up with who is and who isn't eligible," Walton said. "If we catch somebody, we'll make sure to notify athletics."

"The academic information was filled out correctly. The student was just ineligible in a weird way," she added.

The violation could affect up to four games, in which the Falcons went 3-1. In UW-RF's 5-3 defeat of Augsburg Nov. 1, Canniff skated regular shifts all game and contributed an assist. She also skated regular shifts in the 1-0 win over Gustavus Adolphus Nov. 2. At St. Catherine Nov. 13, Canniff skated only six to eight shifts while the team won 7-0, and she didn't play much in the 1-0 loss to St. Thomas Nov. 9.

"In terms of penalties, the conference does not require an automatic forfeiture," Karner said. "It's a judgement call based somewhat on a determination of what kind of contributions someone has made. The NCAA, however,

isn't quite as liberal. You never know how they're going to react to it."

Cranston hopes the NCAA's penalty will be lenient in light of factors concerning her contributions.

"One person did not affect the outcome in all of those games," Cranston said.

The NCAA could force UW-RF to forfeit up to all three wins. Depending on how the NCAA considers Canniff's contributions, though, the Falcons may only forfeit two or less. In such a case, the St. Kate's game would likely be unaffected.

"She definitely was not a factor in that game, and we won 7-0," Cranston said.

In addition, Cranston said Canniff had been in and out of the lineup because of knee problems.

"Speculating on experience," Bowen said, "most likely we'll forfeit two wins and [Canniff] will be ineligible for the rest of the semester."

Next semester, with Canniff projected to have 51 credits, the NCAA will probably reinstate her, Bowen said.

"Most likely when they reinstate her, they'll make her sit out three games to make up for the four games she played in," Bowen said.

Despite the consequences, the team rallied behind Canniff and offered support. "They just told me to keep my head up and keep up in all my classes so I'd be eligible next semester. They want to see me back as soon as I can," Canniff said.

Bowen said UW-RF has no prior violations of this rule.

"I think it has a big effect [on the team]," Cranston said. "It just looks bad for the program. But it doesn't affect the way we play, our attitude. We came into the season not looking at nationals or anything. Last year, too many times we weren't ready to play."

Since none of the games in question were against conference opponents, the violation will not directly affect UW-RF's playoff potential. If the Falcons win the league, they'll advance to the NCAA tournament. Indirectly, the violation could hurt them in the case that the team splits its four games with NCHA front-runner UW-Stevens Point and splits the season and playoff championships. Then the tiebreaker would give the Pointers an advantage.

"Everyone was shocked about it," women's hockey captain Mandy Stokes said. "It hurt, about the [potential] losses, but we want to prove to everyone that we deserve those wins. We get to play the hard teams again. It put a flame under us - we've got to prove ourselves now."

Charge

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set as of Wednesday. Pierce County Judge Robert Wing removed himself from Amundsen's case. No dates will be set until another judge is assigned, said Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle.

The River Falls Police Department previously issued disorderly conduct citations to: UW-RF student Matthew J. Herman; Terry K. Klasen, 40, of Bagley, Minn.; and River Falls residents Angela Weiss, 27, and Lisa Williams, 23.

The fight took place in the early morning of Oct. 25 behind Bo's 'N Mine bar in downtown River Falls. Police say alcohol was involved.

According to the criminal complaint, Klingforth and Herman

walked by the other four, who were standing by a parked vehicle. Words were exchanged between the two groups and a fight ensued. The complaint says during the scuffle a baseball bat appeared and Amundsen picked it up and hit Klingforth twice in the back and elbow. Klingforth sustained minor injuries.

Police arrived after the fight had broken up.

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OPINION



Good and bad streaks

This week marks some streaks in the WIAC conference that many of you may not know. The first continued Wednesday with the men's basketball team taking on Stevens Point. The Pointers have had their number and extended their winning streak to 16. They have also beaten the Falcons in Karges every time since Dec. 7, 1990. The men's team doesn't hold many streaks against other opponents. They seem to dominate Luther College, U of M-Morris, and the powerhouse known as North Central Bible College, holding a perfect four and zero record against them.

As for the women's team, they go into the weekend with one of

DAN SCHULTZ

the longest losing streaks. Against the Titans of Oshkosh, the team has lost 27 consecutive regular season games. The last win came back in the 1988-89 season. The Lady Falcons also have a tough time against Eau Claire. They have dropped nine straight, including one tournament game.

On the flip side, they've throttled Superior eight straight since '97-98. Of course, Superior has yet to win a conference game since the turn of the millennium. The women's team has posted perfect records against basketball legends like Silver Lake (5-0), Augsburg (4-0), Bemidji, Gogebic, Mayville and Valley City.

The men's hockey team has not lost in Superior for regular season play in four years, extending that streak with a tie earlier in the season. In the past ten meetings with St. Scholastica, they have come out with wins. They also have a six-game streak with Eau Claire, which was extended this season including playoff wins. They also hold an impressive five-game streak with Lake Forest and have four-game streaks against St. Mary's and Augsburg.

The football team has two good streaks against teams in the WIAC. The Pioneers of Platteville can't seem to stop the steam engine known as the wishbone in ten straight games. The Titans also have problems against John O'Grady, losing 11 straight to the Falcons. On the other side, the steam engine seems to peter-out against LaCrosse, which hasn't blown them away, but they have walked away winners in nine consecutive games.

The soccer team may be the most impressive of all of the Falcon teams. Despite having an 0-and-11 streak against Stevens Point and 0-fer's against Macalester and St. Ben's, the team has been able to smoke other WIAC opponents. They haven't lost to either Platteville or Superior in 19 combined meetings. That's something

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McKuras rewarded for soccer revival

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

According to the women of the Falcon soccer team, Head Coach Sean McKuras was more than qualified to receive the honor of 2002 WIAC Coach of the Year.

"He deserved it 100 percent," said senior co-captain Sarah Johnson.

Leading the Falcons to an outstanding season, finishing 13-5-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the conference, McKuras was excited about the success of the entire team this year.

"The award is really just a reflection of what the girls did this year," he said. "It is a great honor."

He took the reins as a first year interim head coach from former Head Coach Jeff Hopkins, who resigned in August. Gaining four new players, the women had 22 as opposed to 20 last season. They lost two seniors to graduation in 2001.

"Coach McKuras turned our team into a success this year. We finished third in the conference," sophomore defenseman Melissa Sills said.

He was the team's assistant coach in 2001 when the Falcons finished 6-10-1 overall and 2-6 and in seventh place in the WIAC, but the 13

wins this year set a new team record for number of wins in a season.

He earned the NSCAA Level 1 Goalkeepers License in 2000 and the USSF "C" National Coaching License in 2002.

Team members say that McKuras's strength and effectiveness as a coach come from his positive and encouraging attitude.

"He is so dedicated to improving the program," Johnson said. "He came to practice every day with a positive attitude. He knew that we could succeed."

"He does a good job of seeing our strengths," Sills said. "He knows how to play the best game that we can play with the players that we have. He knows our potential and doesn't focus on weaknesses. He works around them."

Before coming to River Falls, McKuras coached the club team at UW-Eau Claire and was an assistant varsity boys and girls coach and head coach of the junior varsity at Eau Claire North High School in 1998 and 1999.

The team thought he did an excellent job as a coach. They said that he was easy to relate to and fun to be around.

"He was always so friendly and a

really good teacher," sophomore Lisa McGuire said.

About being named the 2002 Coach of the Year Award, McKuras was modest.

"It is a great feeling. It's so nice because of the fact that it is voted on



Falcon Head Coach
Sean McKuras

by the other coaches in the conference. It shows that they have really seen and recognize what our team has accomplished. Again, it is a reflection of the girls."

Skaters force Saints to 8-goal confession, remain high on national poll

■ The Falcons slipped to second in the nation behind the East Coast's Norwich after taking a weekend off. The two were tied for the top spot until Monday.

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

Tuesday the Falcons stayed undefeated by dominating St. Scholastica on home ice. UW-RF scored five goals in the first period alone and went on to an 8-1 win.

Jim Murphy, Jamie Steinert and Matt Elsen all had two-goal performances in the win. The Falcons outshot the Saints 40-13 with Jacques Vezina in net.

The UW-River Falls men's hockey team dethroned St. Norbert, the nation's No. 1 squad according to USCHO.com, with a 5-2 Nov. 23 triumph at Hunt Arena that catapulted them to a share of the top spot in the American Division III scene.

"To be honest, the polls are for fans," Head Coach Steve Freeman said. "It's very nice to be recognized as one of the top teams in the country. I certainly think that we fit in there somewhere near the top, but it's a long season. We've got all kinds of work to do. We need to keep improving and getting better."

Over 1,000 fans showed up to see the Falcons' Nov. 23 upset of the Green Knights.

"Hunt Arena was certainly the

place to be. The atmosphere in the rink was electric," Freeman said. "River Falls fans truly provided the excitement and the energy."

Entering the third period on top 2-0, the Falcons gave up four Green Knight power plays but scored half of its six shots on goal to win the period 3-2 and the game.

The Falcons began the night with an immediate goal at 1:22 when Jamie Steinert passed across the face of St. Norbert goalie Eric Van Den Bosch to Evan Stensrud, who tipped in the opening score from the right side of the crease.

That early goal instilled the Falcons with confidence, Freeman said. "I thought we played with confidence and with a lot of fire in our belly."

At the end of the period, 19:31, senior captain Adam Kragthorpe



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Sophomore Mike Salmela tugs on a Green Knight opponent's stick in the corner against the boards at Hunt Arena Nov. 23.

Silence the rule of St. Ben

Yaeger, Falcons hold Blazers scoreless

Eric A. Page
Sports Information

In what Coach Joe Cranston called "a solid defensive performance," the UW-River Falls women's hockey team shutout St. Benedict 4-0 a week ago Wednesday at Hunt Arena. The Falcons (5-1-2) got goals from four different players and sophomore goalie Marlene Yaeger came through with her second shutout of the season.

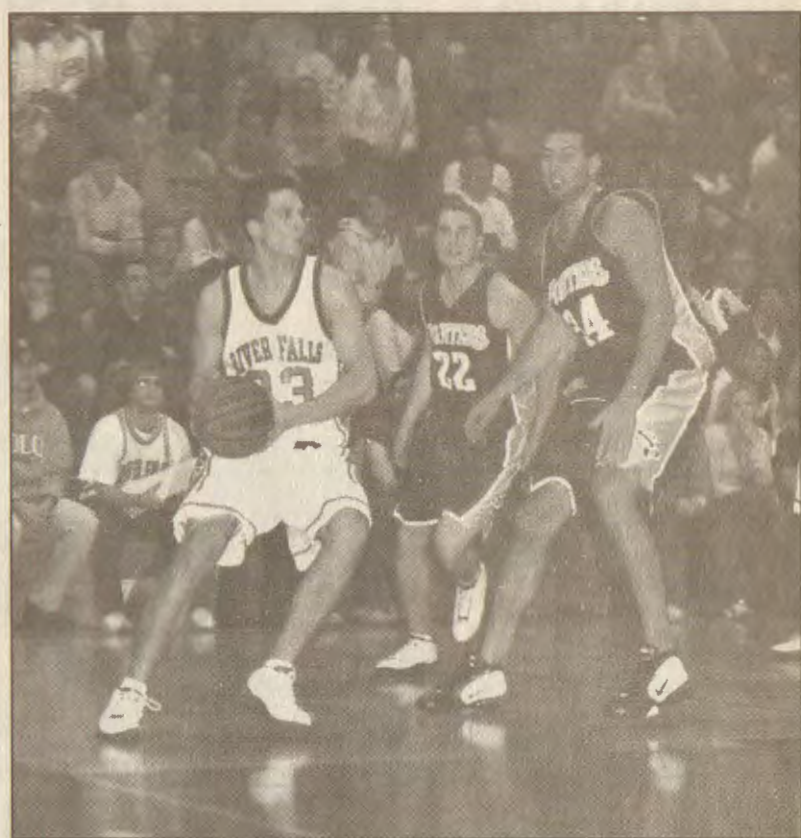
The Falcons got on the board at 13:17 when junior Jodi Hensch scored her first goal of the season off an assist from Jenny Conzemius. Hensch's goal would prove to be the game winner, but the Falcons were far from done.

After a scoreless second period the Falcons came onto the ice with a vengeance in the third.

They scored three more goals, two of which came within eighteen seconds of each other. Sophomore Lisa McGuire opened the third period for

the Falcons with an unassisted goal to stretch the lead to 2-0. Then, just eighteen seconds later, Conzemius notched her second point of the night, taking a pass from Tiff Stencil and scoring to give the Falcons a 3-0 lead. Freshman Ali Slinden capped the scoring for the Falcons with a power play goal off an assist from Lindsay O'Keefe with a little more than three minutes remaining in the game.

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Teresa Schmitt / Student Voice

Junior Matt Kukla looks for an outlet pass along the baseline of the Karges Center Wednesday. Kukla and Rich Melzer scored double digits in the 71-63 Falcon loss to nationally-ranked UW-Stevens Point.

Melzer, Florida a grand combo

Bob Burrows
Sports Information

UW-River Falls junior Rich Melzer became just the 15th player in school history to reach the 1,000 career point mark as the Falcons split a pair of games at the Trip Sports Invitational Tournament in Daytona Beach, Fla., last weekend.

The shot that completed Melzer's grand came early in the second half of the Falcons' first loss of the season, an 80-77 decision to tournament host Embry-Riddle Friday night. He finished the game with a season-high 35 points to lead all scorers. He scored 28 points the next night to lead the Falcons to a 67-64 win over Cabrini College and boost his career point total to 1,047. He is averaging 28.4 points for the 4-2 Falcons. Wednesday the Falcons lost 71-63 at the Karges Center to UW-Stevens Point, ranked 13th in the D3hoops.com national preseason poll.

Friday against Embry-Riddle, the Falcons trailed 47-36 at halftime and 77-61 with just under six minutes left before scoring ten straight to pull to within six, 77-71. Melzer hit a jumper with 14 seconds left and Kevin Becker drained one with seven seconds remaining to cut the gap to two, 79-77. But an Embry-Riddle free throw made the score 80-77 with five ticks remaining and Matt Kukla's three-point attempt at the buzzer missed its mark.

In addition to his game-high 35 points, Melzer led the Falcons with 10 rebounds, three blocked shots and three steals. Kukla finished with 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting from three-point range while Jesse

Lam added 10 points. Micah Helfrey finished with eight points, eight assists and two steals while Brian Mathison added eight points and grabbed five rebounds.

Saturday night against Cabrini College, Melzer hit a pair of free throws with ten seconds left to seal the 76-64 Falcon win.

River Falls led by three, 37-34, at halftime but Cabrini came back to tie the score, 49-49 with just over 12 minutes to play. With the score tied at 53-53 with ten minutes left, Melzer hit a jumper to put the Falcons on top for good.

The Falcon lead grew to five, 62-57, with four minutes remaining before Cabrini made it a 65-64 game with 1:46 left. But Melzer's two free throws would be the only points scored by either team in the final minute and lift the Falcons to the three-point win.

Melzer finished with 28 points, seven rebounds and six blocks to move into fourth place on the WIAC career blocks list with 103. Helfrey added 13 points and seven assists while Lam contributed 11 points and five rebounds.

Kukla, Mathison and Becker scored five points each while Becker also grabbed six rebounds and made five steals.

The Falcons started the week by battling back from a two-point halftime deficit to hand Macalester College an 86-73 defeat before 802 fans in the home opener at Karges Center last Tuesday.

The Falcons travel to Oshkosh to take on the Titans, ranked fourth in the pre-season Division III poll, Saturday before returning home to host UW-La Crosse Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Women fall to defending national champs

■ The women hoopsters lost at Stevens Point 73-57 Wednesday. Amber Sickels and Erin Effle led the squad with double-digit scoring.

Jess Perry
Sports Information

Prior to Wednesday's loss to the defending national champs, the Falcons added two wins to the record books last week with a 64-63 victory over St. Scholastica and a 59-38 victory over Bethel.

Sunday, with 3:14 left in the game, the Falcons had a strong 59-46 lead, but St. Scholastica came

back outscoring the Falcons 17-5. UW-River Falls hung on for the one-point victory.

Darcy Olsen scored 19 points in helping the Falcons to the victory over St. Scholastica. Olsen finished 5-10 from the field and was a perfect 3-3 from three point range. She was 6-6 from the line to score her season-high point total.

Erin Effle added 16 points, going 7-13 from the field and 2-3 from the line. She had six rebounds and three steals.

Lisa Bartsch led the Falcons with eight rebounds and three steals.

The Falcons were 25-56 (.446) from the field, including 4-8 (.500) from three point range. The Falcons were 10-16 (.625) from the line.

Earlier in the week, the Falcons defeated Bethel with Darcy Olsen, Lisa Bartsch and Erin Effle each scoring ten points for the Falcons, helping them to clinch the 59-38 Tuesday night at the Karges Center.

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey

NCHA Standings (W-L-T-Pts.)

River Falls (9-0-1)	5	0	1	11
St. Norbert (10-1-0)	5	1	0	10
Superior (7-3-1)	4	1	1	9
Stevens Point (5-4-0)	3	3	0	6
Lake Forest (5-4-1)	3	3	0	6
Eau Claire (1-8-2)	1	4	1	3
St. Scholastica (2-7-1)	1	4	1	3
Stout (3-7-0)	0	6	0	0

Dec. 3 Results

St. Scholastica	1	0	0	-1
River Falls	5	2	1	-8

1st Period

RF - Carlson 2 (Magnuson) - 02:18.
RF - Murphy 4 (Elsen, Degerness) - 03:26.
RF - Johnson 7 (Modahl) - 05:57.
SS - Burnett 2 (Cash, Markewich) - 08:39(pp)
RF - Steinert 6 (Salmela) - 14:42 (pp).
RF - Elsen 4 (Stensrud, Murphy) - 16:36 (pp)

2nd Period

RF - Murphy 5 (Conboy, Degerness) - 11:36.
RF - Steinert 7 (Johnson, Schlipp) - 18:17
RF - Elsen 5 (Kragthorpe, Lalande) - 14:21

Women's Hockey

NCHA Standings (W-L-T-Pts.)

Lake Forest (7-1-1)	2	1	1	5
Stevens Point (6-0-1)	2	0	0	4
Superior (3-5-0)	2	2	0	4
River Falls (5-1-2)	1	0	1	3
Eau Claire (3-5-0)	0	4	0	0

Nov. 13 Results

St. Ben's	0	0	0	-0
River Falls	1	0	3	-4

1st Period

RF - Hensch 1 (Conzemius) - 13:17

2nd Period

No Scoring

3rd Period

RF - McGuire 2 - 07:21.
RF - Conzemius 2 (Stencil) - 07:39.
RF - Slinden 7 (O'Keefe) - 16:31 (pp)

Men's Basketball

WIAC Standings

Stevens Point (3-0)	0	0
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Oshkosh (3-0)	0	0
Eau Claire (4-1)	0	0
River Falls (4-1)	0	0
LaCrosse (2-1)	0	0
Superior (2-1)	0	0
Whitewater (2-1)	0	0
Platteville (2-2)	0	0
Stout (0-2)	0	0

Nov. 30 Results

Cabrini College	34	30	-64
River Falls	37	30	-67

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assst.-Steals)

Helfrey 13-0-7-2, Lam 11-5-0-0, Kukla 5-3-3-0, Mathison 5-4-0-1, Melzer 28-7-2-0, Becker, K. 5-6-3-5, Duncan 0-1-0-1, Glazier 0-0-0-0, Byl 0-0-0-0

Nov. 29 Results

River Falls	36	41	-77
Embry-Riddle	47	33	-80

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assst.-Steals)

Helfrey 8-1-8-2, Lam 10-1-1-0, Kukla 12-1-3-1, Mathison 8-5-0-0, Melzer 35-10-2-3, Becker, K. 2-2-2-1, Becker, C. 0-1-0-0, Holt 2-1-0-0, Duncan 0-1-0, Glazier 0-1-0-0, Byl 0-1-0-0

***Melzer named MVP of Trips Sports Invitational Tourney and Helfrey named 1st Tournament Team.

Women's Basketball

WIAC Standings

Eau Claire (5-0)	0	0
Stevens Point (4-0)	0	0
Oshkosh (3-0)	0	0
Platteville (2-0)	0	0
Whitewater (2-0)	0	0
Stout (3-1)	0	0
River Falls (2-1)	0	0
LaCrosse (3-2)	0	0
Superior (0-2)	0	0

Dec.1 Results

River Falls	29	35	-64
St. Scholastica	30	33	-63

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assst.-Steals)

Biteler 0-1-0-0, Olsen 19-2-4-2, Bartsch 3-8-2-3, Sickels 5-2-4-2, Melgaard 5-2-1-0, Harberts 8-3-3-0, Effle 16-6-1-3, Crews 4-5-1-0, Biebighauser 0-0-0-0, Crandall 4-4-1-1

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Dec. 6-12 2002	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Swimming	at Titan Inv. 6 p.m.	at Titan Inv. 9 a.m.					
Men's Hockey	at St. Thomas 7 p.m.	at St. Mary's 7 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	vs. Superior 7 p.m.	vs. Superior 2 p.m.				at Gustavus 7 p.m.	
Men's Basketball		at Oshkosh 7 p.m.				vs. LaCrosse 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball		vs. Oshkosh 3 p.m.				at LaCrosse 7 p.m.	

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Darcy Olsen

Basketball

(So., Rosemount, Minn.)

Olsen played well in a close win over St. Scholastica on Sunday. She a well-rounded game with 19 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals. She was 3-for-3 behind the arc and 6-for-6 at the line. She is the second leading scorer on the team averaging 10 points a game and leads the team in assists.



Darcy Olsen



Rich Melzer

Rich Melzer

Basketball

(Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.)

Melzer hit the 1,000 point career mark last week while helping the Falcons to two wins in three games. Melzer hit the milestone in the team's game against Embry-Riddle. He scored 35 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in that game. For the three games he was 40-68 (.588) from the field averaging 31.3 pts/gm and 14-17 (.823) from the line. He also had 25 rebounds, seven assists, 11 blocked shots, and five steals. He now has 1,047 career points.

Shutout

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Cranston said he was pleased to get the win. "We just have to keep taking them one game at a time." He was especially happy with the defensive effort of the Falcons, holding St. Benedict to only 15 shots on goal, but he was concerned with the efficiency of the offense. "We out shot them 49-15, that's obviously good defense, but we really want to improve our shooting percentage. We only had one goal going into the third period, we just have to score more goals."

The Falcons were off last weekend and will resume NCHA play Friday when they host a weekend series with UW-Superior. Superior (3-5, 2-2) is rebuilding after losing the bulk of last year's team to graduation, but Cranston stressed that, "you'll never get an easy win playing in the NCHA."

Last year the Falcons took three out of five meetings between the two teams. Cranston expects a tough game. "We have been solid defensively, so as long as we can get the offense going we should be fine."

The two teams face off Friday at 7:05 p.m. with a Saturday matinee at 2:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Hoops

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Effle led UW-RF with six boards, five assists and three steals. Amber Sickels and Jill Crandall

each scored eight points. Crandall had five rebounds.

The Falcons were 25-65 (.385) from the field, including 5-13 (.385) from three point range. The Falcons finished 4-8 (.500) from the line. The Falcons are now 3-2 overall.

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to be proud of. So keep an eye or ear out to see if the women's basketball team can break their losing streak. Remember

that the last time they beat Oshkosh New Kids on the Block was getting cool and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were the coolest action figures. That's my take, I am out!

Dan Schultz is a senior majoring in journalism

Upset

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The Falcons made a statement as the third period opened, scoring their third goal at 0:30 when Aaron Degerness' shot glanced off Van Den Bosch's shoulder and in.

"We always say a two-goal lead is a no-goal lead, really, because if the other team comes up and gets one, then all of a sudden you're back on your heels, but if you can get that third goal, that really opens the game up," Freeman said. "That was the difference [Saturday]."

The Green Knights turned right around, though, and took one back at 1:38 as Kyle Peterson, skating across the circles looking for a shot, held on to the puck and passed back to Trent Dickson for a one-timer at the right edge of the crease.

The Falcons' second third period shot on goal was also the team's second third period goal. Nate Kotewa chased Van Den Bosch into the corner to play the puck. Van Den Bosch misplayed it, Kotewa passed it across the front, and a Green Knight defender involved in a scramble there slid into the net and brought the puck with him for the goal. At 13:09, nine seconds after a St. Norbert power play expired, Brant Kersey took a shot

from the point after a teammate swung and missed between the circles, and Kersey's shot was deflected in midair past Jacque Vezina. The score cut the Falcon lead to 4-2.

Shortly after, a short-handed SNC team took a rebound off Vezina behind the net for a wrap-around that went under Vezina but did not cross the line.

The Green Knights pulled Van Den Bosch just after an 18:24 penalty against the Falcons, thus taking a two-man advantage. But the Falcons held on and put the game out of reach when Rob Novak grabbed the puck out of the air in his own zone and flipped it out to Kotewa, who skated down and took a hard shot into the empty net for the shorthanded goal at 19:58.

"The key is our team defense," Freeman said. "It's been stellar all along. I can't say enough good things about our defensive corps. The six players have been outstanding back there."

Vezina repelled 28 of SNC's 30 shots on goal. The Falcons mustered 25 against Van Den Bosch. Neither team was successful on the power play.

The Falcons are 10-0-1 on the season and 5-0-1 in the NCHA. The SNC loss was its first blemish of 2002-03.

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Smooth jazz sounds of '7'



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Student jazz septet, '7,' performed Friday, Nov. 22 at Brandy's. The group played jazz standards along with several original compositions written by the band members. Above, trumpeter Joe Sikorski showcases his 'chops' on the band's final piece while Christopher Lecher, Jared Jarvis and Troy King look on. Left, Mike Cain solos on the vibraphone. Also in "7" is bassist Jason McLean and drummer Tyler Anderson.

Nutty nuns to provide comic relief for holidays



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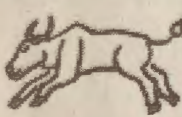
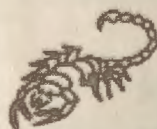
Cordell Wesselink, who plays Father Virgil, and the nuns practice a scene from "Nuncrackers," which will begin Friday night at the Davis Theater.

Tiffany Shelman
Staff Writer

Nuns singing and dancing during a holiday variety show for cable access television is not a common sight. But in the coming weeks audiences in the UW-River Falls Blanche Davis Theater will see just that. The stage performance of "Nuncrackers" begins Dec. 6. "It is a very entertaining, fun, upbeat show that will fit the season nicely," said Jim Zimmerman, the play's director. Cordell Wesselink who plays Father Virgil said it is a really fun show. "It will be something to come in and relax while having some laughs," Wesselink said. Zimmerman said the "Nunsense" series is back for a fourth year, but "Nuncrackers" is the series' first Christmas show. The "Nunsense" series, created by Dan Goggin, is a collection of musical variety shows. Each plot focuses on the nuns of Mount Saint Helens, who are involved in fund-raising for the convent. The actresses portraying the nuns change each show, and the fund raiser for which the nuns raise money also changes. In the UW-RF production, the Mount Saint Helen nuns find themselves the winners of the Publisher's Clearing House prize. With the winnings the nuns create a cable access television show to broadcast a holiday special, which they star in and produce. Zimmerman said the name "Nuncrackers" came from a central

theme throughout the show: "The Nutcracker," a ballet put on by the nuns for the holiday special. During the early moments of the first act, the lead nun in the ballet falls and is unable to participate. The other nuns cobble together a variety show and put the special on without the lead, Zimmerman said. The cast members for "Nuncrackers" are predominately female, with the exception of Father Virgil, played by Wesselink, and the stage manager for the cable TV show, played by Mike McKay. Zimmerman said the current strength of students in the theater program is female-oriented. "This is a nice opportunity to showcase our ladies," he said. Zimmerman said rehearsing has been time-consuming. He said some of the cast members appearing in "Nuncrackers" came straight from performances of "Scapino," a UW-RF theater performance last month. "It still amazes me how much time, effort, energy and coordination is involved for a show," Zimmerman said. "They work very hard at it, night after night after night." The play will end differently each night it is performed based on the audience. Zimmerman said he has encouraged the actors to ad lib; to be not only actors, but also performers. Student Heather Gerard, who plays Reverend Mother, said audience interaction is an integral part of the performance. "In a university setting it is unusual for the audience and cast members to interact," Gerard said. "That

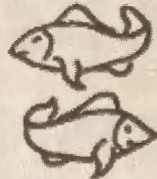
interaction is great and will keep the audience laughing." Stephanie Briggs, who plays Sister Robert Anne, said 90 percent of the show involves the audience. "It's great audience interaction," Briggs said. "They definitely won't be bored." Because the performance is in a television studio setting, Zimmerman said the staff at TV Services has been amazing in lending equipment, training actors to use equipment and giving advice from a TV aspect. Another big help for the successful production has been the Chanhassen Dinner Theater in Minneapolis, Zimmerman said. Goggin and the Chanhassen have a contract in which the newest in the series of "Nunsense" productions will premiere at the dinner theater. Zimmerman said UW-RF borrowed costumes and props from the Chanhassen's performances of "Nuncrackers." Zimmerman said it's an appropriate time of year for a play like "Nuncrackers." "It is a nice two-hour escape from the rigors of Christmas," he said. Gerard agreed. "It's a great show where people will get to laugh and let loose during the holiday season," she said. Performances of "Nuncrackers" are Dec. 6 and 7 and Dec. 11-14 at 8 p.m. in the Davis Theater of the Fine Arts building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and children and are available at the box office in KFA. For reservations call 425-3114 or 1-800-228-5423.



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Horoscopes

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who's pretty sure Willie is watching him



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You're in luck! In case you didn't know, this is the dawning of the age of aquarius. I'm not sure, but this probably is a good thing for you. You might want to try something risky, like deep-fried twinkies.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

We're all excited about 'The Two Towers.' It's understandable, but spending your time learning to speak elvish is not going to get the movie in theaters any faster. Now go call your mom and have her come pick you up at the theater.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die. You are one sick individual, but you can probably find redemption in a special book. It's called 'One Fish, Two Fish.' The answers are all there.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

A financial tip. Your Billy Beer is worth nothing. Everyone has a six-pack in their basement, thinking it will someday be worth something. Buy everybody else's Billy Beer and destroy all but your original six-pack. Supply and demand.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your penchant for cosmetic surgery is beginning to border on the bothersome. Little kids cry when they pass you on the sidewalk. Maybe idolizing Michael Jackson wasn't such a good idea.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Your friends and co-workers respect your ability to transform tasty oyster crackers into a culinary masterpiece of salt oil and dill. This ability, if used properly, may bring world peace. Or it could cause disaster if your powers are used for evil.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Your grandma did see you spit your green beans into a napkin during your Thanksgiving dinner. You're not getting a christmas present unless you buy me some orange juice, country style.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

All those years spent as an apprentice to a plumber will soon pay off. River Falls is in the middle of a housing boom which creates demand for your line of work: diggin' in toilets.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

Donkeys ain't made for human lovin'. 'Nuff said.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

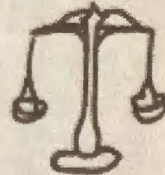
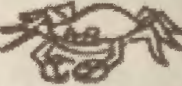
The orange growers of America are in peril. Setting an orange grove on fire was not funny. You've ruined the life's work of many good people.... and the price of orange juice, country style, went through the roof. Supply and demand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You were an extra in "The Mighty Ducks." So what? So were 24 other kids who go to school here. I was on "Funday Sunnies" with Oscar the Clown and I don't brag about it to everyone.....wait a minute, I think I just did....

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You never did listen to Tim Allen's advice. You've stood too close to a naked man and now you'll never be the same. Go watch a good porn, it'll restore you to your previous state.



Burning thoughts on genitalia

Eric Henning
Front Page Editor

Every so often I read an article that makes me think, "Those people over in England are IDIOTS." Such was the case when I read an article with the headline "Scientist Burns Penis With Laptop" on CNN.com. This headline caught my attention because - and this holds true for males all over the world - it mentioned something I cherish, something I handle with the utmost care and sensitivity, something that is as much a part of me as my arms or my toes, something that completes my manhood: a laptop.

According to that article, a London scientist apparently was typing a report on his laptop, which was on top of his lap, when he felt a "burning sensation." He apparently was not terribly concerned about this at first. I would imagine it wasn't the first time he felt a sensation of some sort while typing a "report" on his laptop, if you get my drift.

But the next day he noticed Mr. Happy was a bit more red and irritated than usual after typing a "report." So he went to his doctor, who examined the area of concern-I hope with a rubber glove. The description of the injury, while disgusting, is also really gross:

"The ventral part of his scrotal skin had turned red, and there was a blister with a diameter of about two centimeters." Two days later the blister broke, and the wound became infected. In layman's terms, this scientist would not be performing experiments any time soon.

I don't know what kind of scientist this guy was, but I have a hunch he was not a rocket scien-

tist. I just wonder what he said to the hospital receptionist.
SCIENTIST: I need to see a doctor right away.
RECEPTIONIST: What seems to be the problem?
SCIENTIST: (whispering) I burned my penis.
RECEPTIONIST: (raises eyebrows)



It would not at all surprise me if laptop computers soon carry large warning stickers, saying something like, *Warning: This computer can become very, very hot. So hot it might make a boo-boo on your twinkie. We are not responsible for any damage that occurs to your banana while operating this computer, such as redness, blisters, peeling, welts or complete detachment from the body.*

From now on I recommend that any male operating a laptop wear some type of protection, just to be safe. I'm sure Bill Gates would agree; he is the most protection-conscience guy in the world, as measured in overall condom footage. According to a recent USA Today article, Gates was

given an eight-foot long condom by India, a country that apparently takes protection very seriously. I have no idea what Bill Gates is going to do with that condom, but one can assume it might involve whales.

While Bill Gates' giant condom is strange, it's not nearly as odd as Matt George kissing snakes. According to another CNN.com report, this not-so-brilliant Yacolt, Wash., resident was showing his two-foot-long rattlesnake to friends. Looking at rattlesnakes might be the thing to do in Washington, but if someone offered to show me their rattlesnake, I would decline on the grounds that rattlesnakes might object to being shown to friends. Call me wussy, but I do not wish to even be in the same state as a rattlesnake that has an objection to anything whatsoever.

That particular rattlesnake was no exception. George decided to impress his friends by kissing the rattlesnake. "Never impress your friends by kissing a rattlesnake" is some advice you might want to tuck away for future reference. Although he tolerated the first kiss, the snake could not stomach the second kiss and returned the favor with a "kiss" on George's upper lip.

George was flown to a Portland, Ore., hospital after his head swelled up and he lost consciousness. The snake was stomped to death by one of George's buddies. Talk about fatal attraction.

OK. Let's review what we've learned today: Laptops can cause significant bodily harm; rattlesnakes should not be kissed; and Bill Gates has a gigantic condom. Based on how warm my laptop is right now, I think we've learned more than enough.

MOVIE CRITIC

Point of 'Solaris' a real mystery

Chris Anderson
Movie Critic

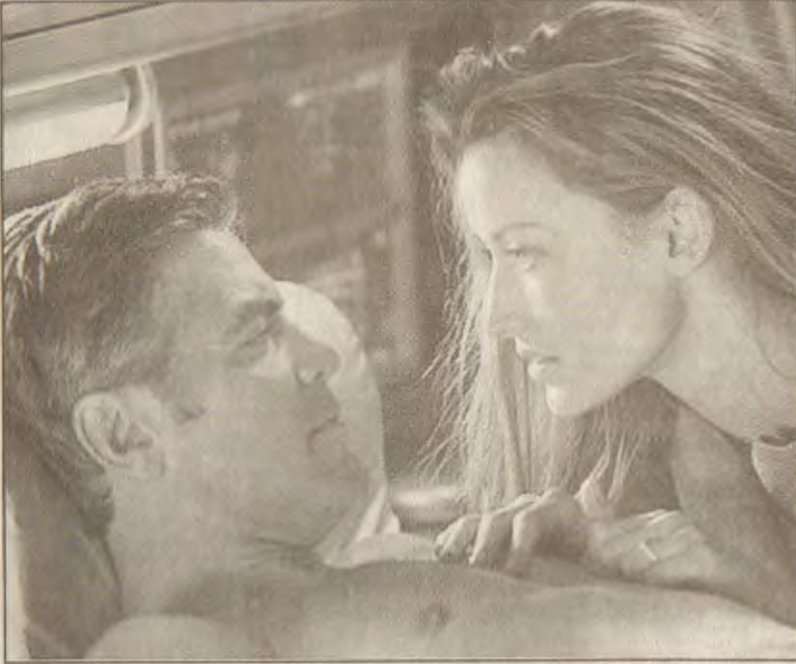
Once again Hollywood studio producers giving into the demands of Hollywood writers has paid off for the general public and we get another remake in "Solaris."

I haven't seen the 1972 version of "Solaris" (and probably never will since video store owners and television programmers have a very limited hindsight). I suspect it is better than the new one because back in the ol' day's science fiction was more about moral existentialism and social statements in a fantasy context rather than celebrities and young and attractive people surrounded by hokey computerized special effects.

The plot for "Solaris" goes like this: In the ambiguous future, where people live in high tech apartments but still prepare their own food and where we've mastered intergalactic space travel, lives therapist and noted psychologist Chris Kelvin (George Clooney). Kelvin's wife, Rheya (Natascha McElhone), who's young and thin enough to be mistaken for a skeleton, recently committed suicide.

There have been some strange ongoing on a space shuttle currently orbiting the planet Solaris which seems to have the ability to read minds, so Chris is sent out to investigate.

Once on board the craft, Chris finds that none-to-articulate slacker Snow (Jeremy Davies) and bitchy-mouth Helen Gordon (Viola Davis) are the only two living members left. I could hardly stand the scenes these two were in, as they were horrendously clichéd characters straight from the vast wasteland of



Courtesy of 20th Century Fox
George Clooney and Natascha McElhone star in the sci-fi movie 'Solaris.' The movie is a remake of a 1972 Russian film.

forgettable B-rate sci-fi movies and short-lived sci-fi TV shows.

When Chris falls asleep and dreams about the past, Solaris reads his mind and manages to recreate Rheya, making Chris slightly confused.

Much of the movie deals with Chris' moral dilemma of whether he should take the opportunity to have the second chance he is seemingly given. It's nice to see a science fiction flick rely on personal emotions and fears in a mundane world, especially nowadays when most sci-fi movies don't trust us to have patience and, thus, must give us one cheap shock or one cheap special effect every two minutes among characters we hardly care about.

Unfortunately, the Steven Soderbergh-directed "Solaris" is a little too Stanley Kubrick-esque. I always found Stanley Kubrick to be overrated, as his work is usually very boring, confusing and point-

less. (Sorry film school people who disagree, but I'm not going to retract this statement.)

"Solaris" is oftentimes boring, confusing, and the movie came across to me as pretty pointless, particularly the climax where Chris must choose between fantasy and reality.

The movie does have a happy ending (or maybe it's false happiness, depending on how you look at it). People who are more into the pessimistic side of science fiction and are just waiting for things to go horribly wrong so Chris can have a moment of revelation to find out how humanly right or wrong his choices are may want to avoid this movie.

In the end, the meaning of the movie is hard to get. If you don't like confusing movies or trying to identify some vague meaning in them, don't see "Solaris."

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