

Agreement with Chinese university will expand student study abroad opportunities

Two full ride scholarships reviewed with Shih Hsin University in Taipei, Taiwan; internships also available

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A group of UW-River Falls representatives consisting of Chancellor Ann Lydecker, Dairy Plant Manager Rane May and Director of International Programs Brent Greene has returned from China with a formal student and faculty exchange agreement with the Zhongdian Education Center in Shangri-La, China.

The group also successfully established internship opportunities for dairy science majors at the China Exploration Center. Two full-ride scholarships were reviewed with Shih Hsin University in Taipei, Taiwan.

"We currently have two students studying in Taipei," Greene said. "Our hope is to increase the scholarships to five."

The students who receive these scholarships spend a semester at Shih Hsin University studying English. They also take an English literature course developed especially for native English speakers. All of the student's expenses are paid by Shih Hsin University, with the exception of airfare and personal items.

The UW-RF group also met with officials from Yunnan University for the first time. There has been a mutual interest in establishing student and faculty exchange programs between the schools. This dates back to 1985, when a professor from that University visited UW-RF for the first time.

Establishing trust and understanding between universities is an important part of creating any educational agreement. This is especially true of international programs.

"I'm sure Yunnan University has a much better feeling about our University because of our personal contact," Lydecker said.

Student internships and study abroad opportunities were also discussed with UW-RF distinguished alumnus Wong How Man, founder of the China Exploration Center.

This was the first in a series of visits to the center by May, who will be working with Mongolian yak herdsman to increase yak milk production.

She will also be involved with the development of new dairy products, one of which is a yak cheese that does not require refrigeration.

"Everything is very primitive," May said, referring to the Mongolian's production facilities. "But there's potential there."

Because of joint efforts between UW-RF and How Man's organization, two or three dairy science majors will have the opportunity to accompany May when she returns to China in late May or early June 2004.

"I'm excited about being able to take students to a country they have only dreamt of," May said.

There will be opportunities for non-agriculture students to work with How Man at this campus as well.

How Man, a world renowned photojournalist, along with Zhang Fan, the director of How Man's center, will be conducting photography and nature conservation workshops at UW-RF next fall.

These programs will be open to members of the River Falls community in addition to students.

The photography workshop will involve using student photos to highlight university and community life in River Falls. At this time, there are no specifics about the conservation program.

"The focus of our trip was on education," Lydecker said. "We're trying to make it as simple as possible for students to study in China."

According to statistics from the International Programs Office, only about 7 percent of UW-RF students participated in study abroad opportunities last year, compared to more than 70 percent of students in area private universities.

"We can pretty much put a student anywhere on the globe," Greene said. "We are constantly working to expand programs."

Lydecker is anticipating a return to China in the near future to officially sign a contract with Yunnan University.

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Ann Lydecker, Chancellor

Halloween not worth celebrating

It's that grand old time of year when everything starts turning black and orange and candy corn becomes more abundant than real corn...and tastier too. With this in mind, what better time to put my two cents in about Halloween; after all, this is my last column before this not-so-wonderful holiday.

This year I'm not celebrating Halloween. It's worthless.

Now I know what you are thinking...gosh, how many indefinite things can Liz say are worthless in one semester?

I don't get the whole scariness factor of it. To me, holidays should be happy and merry times, not scary times.

I suppose in some families all holidays are scary, but I've been fortunate enough to have my extended family on either the far East Coast or West Coast of America and scattered north and south at that. This prevents those scary Christmas gatherings where Uncle Bob gets mad at a third cousin for putting ice down his back when he was six, then Mr.



third cousin gets angry right back at him.

I don't have an uncle Bob, so the holiday that can be scary for me is Halloween, and I don't like being scared.

What's up with costumes? Why do parents insist on dressing their children up as hideously as possible? Better yet why do college kids insist on doing it sometimes, too? If I think I'll want candy I just ask politely for it – not dress up like a ghou, goblin or Disney character.

Yes, dressing up can be fun. But when everyone else around you is dressing up as well, it kind of takes the fun out of it.

Cold weather takes the fun out of it too. I think in Minnesota or Wisconsin you quickly learn that you can't dress up as anything that requires minimal amounts of clothing for trick or treating.

And what is up with wandering around a strange neighborhood trick or treating? I thought parents

always tell their kids never to take candy from strangers. The idea of trick-or-treating seems counterproductive to teaching kids to play it safe.

On a more serious note, I really dislike Halloween for what it does to the concept of death. A friend of mine passed away in late October last year.

Driving to the cemetery where she was going to be buried, I saw a yard decorated with hand painted wooden "gravestones" and stuffed "zombies."

It made me sick to my stomach. We are actually burying someone while someone else has a twisted-looking cemetery scene in their yard just for "decoration." Things like this make the notion of death only as meaningful as a bad hand of poker.

So I guess I'll just sit back and watch a movie this year on Halloween and view it simply as the day after October 30th. Call me a party pooper, but in my eyes it just doesn't make sense to celebrate this holiday. Besides, I can find different ways to get lots of candy.

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EVENTS

Halloween-themed plays

The Masquers' are putting on four one-act plays for Halloween. The plays are intended to be disturbing stories for adults. The money earned will go to help the Falls Movie Theatre restoration. Anyone in costume will be eligible for a prize.

11 p.m.
Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Cost: \$4
Sanford Syse Theatre, KFA

Cabaret Sneak Peak

The Cabaret's are showing a sneak peak at the music and the costumes.

Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m.
No charge
Prairie Fire Coffee
Call 425-3971 for more information.

Jazz Workshop

Geoffrey Keezer will be giving a workshop on the structure and interplay of his jazz piano trio.

11:30 a.m. nonn
Oct. 29
Abbott Concert Hall, KFA

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

9/11 firefighter on campus



Wednesday, Oct. 29
7 p.m.
\$5 for non-students
Free for students
Abbott Concert Hall, KFA

Chief Richard "Pitch" Picciotto (pictured below) was the highest ranking firefighter to survive the collapse of the World Trade Center towers on 9/11. Picciotto will be speaking about this experience, as well as telling stories from "Last Man Down," a book he wrote as a tribute to the firefighters and civilians who died on 9/11.



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Charge it: Online credit payments possible

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With the ever-changing world of technology, convenience has become an expected service. Students can buy groceries, shop for clothes or even make an appointment on the Internet.

If all goes as planned, paying tuition online will be another luxury students at UW-River Falls will be able to take full advantage of starting spring semester.

Art Delforge, director of accounts receivable, said UW-RF has been accepting credit card payments for the past year and a half. Since then, the University has been looking at the idea of setting up an online system where students can use their credit cards to pay their tuition via the Web.

"We're running with the bare minimum set-up right now," Delforge said. "There's still set-up work to be done with eSIS before we can take online payments."

Currently, UW-RF accepts credit card payments over the phone and at the Cashier's Office for no extra charge. But Delforge said the percentage of students using credit cards is still very small at an estimated 10 percent.

"I didn't even realize it [credit card payments]

was an option," said Melissa Tacke, a senior marketing communications major. "I don't think I'd use it any-

ways because it's just as easy to transfer money from my savings and pay with a check."

Once all the kinks are worked out, online payments will be another option. But this convenience won't be free. There will be an estimated service fee of \$20 or 2.5 percent.

"Last fiscal year the University

was reimbursed. This year we won't be because of the budget cuts," Delforge said. "Without getting money back from the state, UW-RF needs to charge a convenience fee to keep this operation going."

The service charge has many students questioning if the convenience is worth the extra cost.

"I pay enough already for tuition; I don't want to have to pay more just because I can't get my lazy butt up to go pay at the cashier window."

Becky Neamy, Senior

go pay at the cashier window," said Becky Neamy, a senior marketing communications and Spanish double major. "I don't think any college student can justify the extra convenience fee."

But using a credit card does have its perks said Elisha Best, a student worker at the Cashier's Office.

"I've heard a few students talking about points and rewards they receive from their credit card company," Best said. "They said just by charging large amounts such as tuition, they receive free stuff."

Like anything else, credit card payments have ups and downs, but the big question is whether UW-RF has the funds to support this service.

Delforge said UW-Eau Claire stopped taking credit card payments July 1 because of costs associated with the service.

"The chancellor is very much in favor of this project because of the convenience to the students," Delforge said. "As long as we tack on the convenience fee so that the University isn't losing money, it'll stick."

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Photo By Eric Ebert

On second floor North Hall, the Cashier's Office has a continuous stream of students waiting in line to pay tuition, pick up pay checks and ask questions.



Photo by Teresa Schmitt

Junior Laura Goldsmith takes time to look at some of the Native American art collected by Academic Success Center Director Phil George and his wife Registrar Judy George. The art will be in the library showroom next to the circulation desk throughout October.

A trail to be remembered

ASC Director Phil George contributes family history, artwork to Native American history display

Lucas Pokorny
Staff Writer

Imagine the government took your land, cattle and cooking utensils and forced you to relocate from your homeland to a foreign place.

This happened to the Cherokee Indians in 1838. Then President Andrew Jackson relocated five civilized tribes from North Carolina to the Indian territories in Oklahoma. Their journey was known as the Trail of Tears.

October is Native American Heritage Month. To celebrate, the UW-River Falls Library has put together a display featuring the Cherokee Indians and the Trail of Tears.

The Trail was an important part of Cherokee life and the journey to the Indian Territories caused many deaths.

One of the Indians who survived the Trail of Tears was Redbird Sixkiller, the great-great-grandfather of UW-RF Academic Success Center Director Phil George.

George said he placed a personal significance on his heritage and family roots.

"My relatives—direct and distant—were active participants in a historical period of time," George said. "I'm pleased to know a portion of the stories of relatives who survived the Trail of Tears."

George said Redbird made the journey with his parents, brother and sister.

For most Cherokee Indians, the Trail was a sad moment in their life, as many saw loved ones die. But George said Redbird discovered his true love, Pamelila Whaley, on the third day of the Trail of Tears.

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Public Safety officers use extra sets of eyes

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls Public Safety issued 53 underage drinking citations in September—up 38 from September 2002. It was the first time more than 50 citations have been issued in one month since 51 were issued in November 2001.

Though Public Safety officers issue citations, Resident Assistants turn in most violators.

"We work very closely with residence life in regard to alcohol situations," Public Safety Director Priscilla Stevens said. "My staff isn't out there looking for these problems, they just come to us. Most of the time we get a call from residence life. Either they witness it or someone has complained about a situation."

Public Safety plays a role in RA training, but enforcing University policy and state and federal law isn't the focus of an RA's job.

In addition to courses on handling confrontations, RA training also includes courses on diversity, customer service, community building and programming. Training culminates with simulated events RAs must deal with, such as roommate disagreements and underage drinking situations.

"I didn't do so well in my scenario, but it makes me feel a lot more comfortable now that I've gone through that,"

Crabtree Hall RA Jenni Landowski said. "Now I know exactly what to do in those situations."

Situations like these may give RAs a negative stigma.

"It took time before people weren't afraid to talk to me," Landowski said. "I just poked my head in open doors to see what people were up to and introduced myself. Most people have warmed up, but some people are still afraid of RAs and aren't comfortable talking all the time."

But, not every experience has been good.

Early in the year, Landowski overheard one of her resident's sarcastic comment about how thrilled she was to be living next to the RA.

"That really hurt," Landowski said. "It was a real eye-opener that some people weren't receptive."

Even though RAs get a lot of attention for upholding laws and University poli-



Photo by Eric Ebert

Freshman Nate Radue takes advantage of recreational facilities in Crabtree Hall. Some LC staff members think the increase in drinking is because more students are staying on campus to socialize.

cies, that isn't their main function.

West Area Coordinator Mike Stifter said an RA's first priority is to build a sense of community within the residence halls, followed by programming and then being on duty to enforce regulations.

In fact, Stifter thinks the increase in drinking may be the result of RAs accom-

plishing their first priority.

"There are a lot more people on campus this year," Stifter said. "People are staying on campus and connecting in much larger groups. When people get caught drinking, it's not just one or two in a room it's more like five, six, seven or

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Coming Out Week creates controversy

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

The walkway debate last week discussing gay and straight pride still has people talking.

A rainbow of colors on campus sidewalks and the spectrum of emotions that emerged, mirrored the diversity present at UW-River Falls.

The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) celebrated national Coming Out Week on campus Oct. 9-16.

As in past years, GSA announced its presence on campus by chalking tokens of gay/lesbian pride on University sidewalks. While GSA members reveled in their openness, some UW-RF students took offense.

Junior Jake Duesenberg and sophomore Chris Rogers scribed their objections on the heels of the GSA chalkings.

"We wanted to show the absurdity of what they were doing by being absurd ourselves," Duesenberg said of the pro-straight sentiments. "[Homosexuals] having a national coming out day is as ridiculous as [heterosexuals] having a national doggy-style day, or a national oral-sex day."

GSA Co-Chair Eric Dodge said the chalking was an opportunity for gay and lesbian students to air a year's worth of frustration.

"It's our one day to throw back what has been thrown in our face for the other 364 days of the year," Dodge said.

UW-RF Dean of Students Roger Ballou said the campus sidewalks are a public forum and the University does not censor their content, no matter the vulgarity.

"The GSA has chalked their message in a fairly appropriate way, but the opposing messages have been almost graphic to a fault," Ballou said. "It has been a hostile, homophobic response...to me those are very immature minds that do that."

Duesenberg defended his actions saying it was inappropriate for GSA to promote sexual activity.

"Homosexuality is a sexual activity, not an individual like they try to make you think," Duesenberg said. "Pretty soon we'll have to start respecting pedophiles because that is a sexual activity too."

Dodge said the point of Coming Out Week was not to promote homosexual activity but to raise awareness within the entire campus community.

Political science professor Davida Alperin, GSA's faculty adviser, said the presence of an anti-gay voice on campus might surprise some students.

"Students who are very positive towards gays and lesbians may underestimate the amount of hostility that still exists," Alperin said. "The negative gesture really opens up some people's eyes."

Ballou said the extreme anti-gay sidewalk art may actually aide GSA because by creating empathy in students and faculty, a neutral observer may recognize the hate and become an ally.

Ballou's thoughts were echoed at the vigil held on the Student Center mall Oct. 14. A group of 25 congregated to remember Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student brutally beaten to death in October 1998 because he was gay.

Warmed by the glow of candle light and inspired by hope, students shared a vision of peaceful acceptance. Some told stories of hate and discrimination. Dodge quoted poetry. Others stood in silence.

Ballou, who attended the vigil, said Shepard's murder serves as a reminder to everyone of how bad things can get when people hate one another.

"It's not uncommon to find a high-profile death when there is a minority group struggling for its own identity," Ballou said. "[Shepard's] death symbolizes to everyone how sick hate crime can get."

Dodge said that hate at UW-RF is a very real problem.

"I first decided to move onto campus because a gay friend of mine was receiving death threats in the dorms," Dodge said. "We had to make it clear we

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BRIEFS

Halloween Cookies

The Society of Professional Journalists will be having a bake sale Oct. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center. Students will be able to decorate their own Halloween cookie.

Animation and Film Club

The Japanese Animation and Film Club meets regularly in the Johnson Hall TV lounge, room 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.

Autumn Art Exhibition

The Art Department announces an Autumn Student Exhibition in Gallery 101, KFA. The show will run Oct. 22 - Nov. 3. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Turkey Trot

The fifth annual turkey trot, a 5k run/1 mile walk, will be held Nov. 1. The event begins at 9 a.m. Race day registration is \$15. Registration forms are available around campus. For more information, contact Edmund Johnson at 821-7844.

Operation Christmas Child Donations

Boxes for Operation Christmas Child can be dropped off along with a \$5 check until Nov. 11 in 107 Davee Library. For any questions and further details contact Micaela Rodriguez at Rodriguez@uwrf.edu.

Scotland Study Tour

Students interested in traveling to Scotland over spring break, e-mail Wes Chapin at wes.chapin@uwrf.edu. Applications are being accepted now. The estimated cost is \$1,990 and financial assistance may be available.

Insurance Seminar

Oct. 30 at 10 a.m., noon or 3:00 p.m. there will be free informational long term care insurance seminars in the Falcon room of the Student Center. Refreshments will be served.

Musicians Wanted

The Employee Development Committee is looking for musicians, vocal or instrumental to perform at the annual Christmas Luncheon for Classified Employees Dec. 13 noon to 1 p.m. at Bud's Lanes. Interested students should contact Sue Watters at 425-3572.

Women's conference

There will be a Women's Leadership conference on Nov. 21-23 at UW-Stevens Point. Men are welcome also. All UW-RF students may attend for free, which covers travel, hotel and food costs. Students can sign up in the Student Senate office, or by contacting Barbara Lind at 425-3530.

Study Abroad Money

Visit www.iie.org/gilman for information about study abroad scholarships. The deadline for Fall 2004 programs is April 15.

New PE Class

A new .5 general education physical education activity course is available: Qigong, PE 289. It will be taught by Ali Wolf, a certified Qigong instructor.

Study Abroad Meeting

There will be a general informational meeting about the Semester Abroad Program in Europe on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in room 141 KFA. This is open to all students who will have junior or senior status by the fall 2004 semester.

Budget cuts: ITS hurting for time, personnel

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When it comes to Information Technology Services and the most recent budget cuts, the ITS staff seems to have taken the brunt.

The biggest problem seems to be a lack of resources necessary to attack the current workload.

John Nierengarten, ITS associate director, said the staff is strapped for time and the department needs more human resources to get the workload completed.

ITS is not able to hire additional people since the University employee count has been reduced by the governor's official budget plan, Nierengarten said.

ITS lost one television services position after someone retired this year, but no additional positions have been eliminated, said Gary Smith, chief information officer.

"We took our share of the budget reduction," Smith said.

The total budget for ITS in 2002-03 was \$1,913,318, said Budget Director Mary Halada.

The 2003-04 budget, \$2,018,681, has increased by \$105,363 due to pay adjustments, Halada said.

But ITS spending has decreased.

"Of the amount added to the budget, \$84,200 is an increase for student technology, which is 2 percent of the student's tuition that is committed to this cause," Halada said. "Although ITS took a budget reduction, the end result was an increase because the classified staff pay adjustments were added to the budget."

Many of the new services offered this year have benefited students, but add to the ITS staff's workload.

The new service, Squirrel Mail, makes e-mail easier for students, but is one more program ITS staff members have to learn, Smith said.

He added that "it's frustrating to learn a new system."

Some UW-River Falls students are also feeling a little overwhelmed with the changes.

"When I went to register on the new eSIS system last semester, it was dif-



Photo by Teresa Schmitt
Gary Smith, ITS chief information officer, takes time to fix a computer during his busy schedule.

Some problems that have been placed lower on the priority list include name changes, and e-mail forwarding.

"They have been placed on the bottom of the list because they don't stop functionality," Semi said. "They're enhancements, not necessities."

The good news for students is they will see little effect on their computer usage.

"Although our resources have been cut," Smith said. "We have not had to cut any services offered to students."

While the budget cut may not have been what ITS was looking for, some good fortune has come from learning to implement new methods.

"The new eSIS program phased out much of the mainframe, which saved ITS a good chunk of change," Smith said.

ITS eliminated \$15,000 from mainframe maintenance costs for the once needed on-call vendor.

In addition, \$9,000 in supplies and services, and \$12,000 from other budgets has been eradicated, Nierengarten said.

Keeping the team perspective, Smith remains optimistic.

"Hopefully if there aren't further budget cuts, we should be fine," Smith said.

"Although our resources have been cut, we have not had to cut any services offered to students."

Gary Smith,
ITS chief information officer

STUDENT SENATE

Ruling reversed: King takes seat

Eric Quade
Chief Copy Editor

In a controversial move, Student Senate Ethics Chair Charles Packard struck down the Senate's earlier ruling against James King.

Despite charges King participated in electoral misconduct, Packard said the Senate did not follow proper procedures regarding the grievance leveled against King; therefore he had no choice but to overturn the ruling. King then rose from the audience and took his place among the Senate with full voting rights.

Some senators who spearheaded the original motion, though, do not believe Packard has the power to overturn the King ruling.

"I'm going to do some research," Senator Katie Kneissel said to Packard after the meeting, regarding his move. "Don't take this personally, but I don't think you had the power to do that."

In other Senate related news:

-Kneissel later gave a report on a River Falls city zoning committee meeting she had attended.

"They [committee members] didn't understand why students would want to be there, and a lot of what they said was over our heads," Kneissel said.

But King said he knew why Senate should be there. King said the city of River Falls is trying to reduce the number of occupants allowed in certain residences. Among the residences King said are targeted is Campus View Apartments because they allow up to seven people per apartment. The new zoning proposals would allow only about five occupants, King said, which would drive up the cost of rent for remaining inhabitants. The city's affordable housing director is, "ironically," trying to decongest parking, yet making housing more expensive, King said.

-United Council (UC) representatives Vicki Bomben and Matthew McFeeley addressed the Senate, in support of raising the Mandatory Refundable Fee from \$1.35 to \$2. The increase, they said, is a reactionary measure to stop deficit spending in their organization. In their address, Bomben and McFeeley said UC needs more funding for reasons such as organizational growth, rising health care costs, travel expenses and overall inflation. Senate plans to address the issue at its Nov. 4 meeting.

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

Assisting family, friends with cancer

Sarah Day
Staff Writer

The hospice nurse told Sally Berkholder when a person is dying their hearing is the last of the senses to leave them. People will hold on and keep fighting until they are told they are allowed to die. So Berkholder whispered into her cancer-stricken brother's ear that it was OK for him to let go. A few seconds later, he was dead.

Berkholder is a Career Counselor at UW-River Falls. But she is also a wife, mother, daughter and sister. That is what she wants to be known for.

Berkholder's brother Mick Rasmussen died in December from kidney cancer at age 47. Sally wants her brother to be known for who he was, not his illness. Sally was the primary caregiver for Rasmussen.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While Rasmussen didn't suffer from this type of cancer, his story can be found among breast cancer patients around the world.

Rasmussen was a helicopter pilot for 20 years and loved his job. He lived in Roanoke, Va.

"Work was his family," Berkholder said.

Rasmussen loved being around planes. When he got sick and wasn't able to fly planes anymore, Berkholder said his work made allowances for him "to work with dignity."

Three years ago, Rasmussen discovered a growth on his throat and it turned out to be cancer. Doctors found a tumor on his kidney, so they removed his kidney. Rasmussen was told he had little to no chance of survival. By then, the cancer had spread to his brain and lungs. He would travel to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for his treatments and then go home.

During this time, Rasmussen participated in several medical trials that helped to extend his life but were extremely painful. Doctors drilled screws into his head to relieve the pressure on Rasmussen's brain and did laser treatments to kill the cancer cells.

As Berkholder talks about her brother, tears slip down her face. As the primary caregiver, she saw firsthand how painful it was for Rasmussen to go through cancer. It was emotionally draining for her to try to make him feel comfortable and keep up hope for both of them when they were told they had none. She offered several tips on how others can help those they love that have cancer.

-Prevention is key. An early diagnosis and staying attuned to your body are important. Seek medical attention as soon as you notice any changes or problems.

-Keep hope and faith

-Research; learn as much about the condition as you can. Education is important. Berkholder explained that sometimes she felt she knew more about her brother's case than the doctors did.

-Find a cancer survivor network. Berkholder found one for her brother in Richmond, Va. Rasmussen said it was helpful to talk to others who were going through the same thing.

-Find community support. No one can do it alone. Berkholder described how important and helpful it was that friends and strangers pitched in to run errands, make food and offer emotional support.

-Be an advocate for the cancer patient.

Berkholder said it's important for the caregiver to take care of themselves. Establishing a support group is important. The caregiver needs a life as well as a break from the situation. She says if you're not healthy and strong, it's difficult to try and help anyone else.

Gretchen Link, personal counselor at UW-RF Student Health Services, recommended stress management, grief counseling and including humor on a daily basis for both the caregiver and patient.

"It is important to work to keep a healthy perspective and to keep balance to one's life by doing self-care activities," Link said.

She said it is also important for others to understand and remember that people heal at their own pace.

Another thing people probably don't think about when a loved one is sick but should be legal issues.

Berkholder recommended settling all legal issues and being pre-

Button fund supports free mammograms

Kate Camplin
Staff Writer

An estimated 211,300 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States in 2003 alone.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Its goal is to educate people about breast cancer and to make individuals aware of the importance of early detection.

One of the national events associated with the month was National Mammography Day Oct. 17.

Regular mammograms, which usually are not a concern for college-age women, are only one of the ways breast cancer can be detected early.

Women in their 20s should regularly perform breast self-examinations. The earlier breast cancer is detected, the less invasive the treatment may be. The likelihood of surviving the disease also greatly increases.

At UW-River Falls, students can help raise awareness a number of ways.

The Gender Equality Council has set up collection cans around the Student Center where students can donate money to support free mammograms to underprivileged women.

The Women's Initiative Committee has begun a button campaign.

The committee will sell buttons that say "love your boobs," "save the bosoms" and "save your breasts." Proceeds will also go to support free mammograms to Wisconsin women.

While committee members are excited about the campaign, some find it controversial.

"I know people who have had a double mastectomy, and they said they would be highly offended if they saw me wearing one of those buttons," said Lara Lesar, senior and psychology major at UW-RF.

Barb Lind, director of the Women's Initiative Committee, said she understands how people can feel that way, but hopes the controversy involved with the issue will also help bring it to the forefront.

"If one person who buys a button because it says 'boobs' causes someone who sees it to go to the web site on the button, then it's worth it," Lind said. "The buttons aren't even finished being made and people are already asking for them."

Buttons will be available at tables in the Student Center during the final week in October. Buttons cost 25 cents and will be accompanied by breast cancer statistics, self-examination directions and a pamphlet from the American Cancer Society.

pared for legal ramifications. Berkholder obtained power of attorney and healthcare power of attorney which enabled her to sign checks for her brother and cancel bills for him once he was gone.

Berkholder described the grief that overcomes a person when a loved one dies.

"Gretchen (Link) said that it takes three to five years to get over a loved one, but I don't think you ever do," Berkholder said.

She said staying busy, positive and focused are important.

"Your natural inclination is to disengage from life," she said.

Berkholder added that it was important to try and help others to get through tough times.

She described how physical touch, conversation, feeling cared for and cared about were crucial to her brother. She was moved by how many friends her brother had and how many visited and/or called to show they cared.

The most important thing to remember about someone who has cancer, Berkholder said, is that they

want to be seen as an independent person. She described how Rasmussen demanded he be treated like a human being and an adult. He wanted to be in control of his own life.

Her brother's strength impressed Berkholder.

"He never complained, never cried; he had courage," she said. "He never blamed the doctors and he won't give up."

She was moved by how her brother tried every clinical trial that was offered even though their was no hope for him; he did it so others could have a chance. Rasmussen even kept working at his job until the last month of his life.

Berkholder wants her brother to be remembered by who he was, not his cancer. She wants him to be known for how concerned he was with everyone else. She said that her brother's life was short but meaningful. She was pleased that her brother was able to do something that he loved everyday of his life.

"Not many people can say that," Berkholder said.



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www.web.ncifcrf.gov/research/kidney/

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www.cancer.gov/cancer_information

EDITORIAL

On again off again: Senate shenanigans

The semester has almost reached its halfway point and the UW-River Falls Student Senate is still up in the air over a critical issue: its own membership.

Apparently, it has yet to be decided whether Jim King is an official senator. Sure, at this week's meeting King took his seat next to the rest of them, but with the Senate's track record next week could be a different story.

While King accumulated more than enough votes during the Senate elections earlier this month, he was accused of electoral misconduct for using Leadership Center materials, which are paid for through student fees, to construct his campaign material and for campaigning too close to polling stations. As a result, King was removed from the ballot and not given a seat on Senate.

Senate Ethics Chair Charles Packard said, at the time, Senate's only option was to deny King his seat.

"We can't just let this go," Packard said. "The by-laws say we have to punish him."

"If Senate wants to represent students properly, it should know what rules it needs to follow, how to properly make motions and what their own by-laws really say."

But it seems that not many people on Senate really know what their own by-laws say. At this week's Senate meeting the same senator who said Senate must take immediate action realized that removing King from the electoral ballot was unethical.

So, during an uncomfortable, awkward silence, King took his seat among the senators.

But who knows? Next week King might be sitting in the audience again, when senators find another by-law they didn't know about, giving them reason to strike down

this week's decision.

Senator Katie Kneissel told Packard after the meeting she planned to look into the issue.

"I'm going to do some research," Kneissel said. "Don't take this personally, but I don't think you had the power to do that."

But research shouldn't have to be done. If Senate wants to represent students properly, it should already know what rules it needs to follow, how to properly make motions and what their own by-laws really say. Senators should also have a keen grasp of the parliamentary procedure they use and be able to properly apply it to make their meetings run as smooth and fair as possible. And if Senators don't know, they should be learning, because it's their job.

In order for Senate to be taken seriously on campus by students, staff, faculty and administration the Senators, especially representatives like the ethics chair, need to know what they are talking about.

King either should or shouldn't be a senator. That should have been decided at the meeting immediately following the elections. Now the process will undoubtedly drag on until people get sick of looking into Senate by-laws or until they finally figure out what they are talking about.

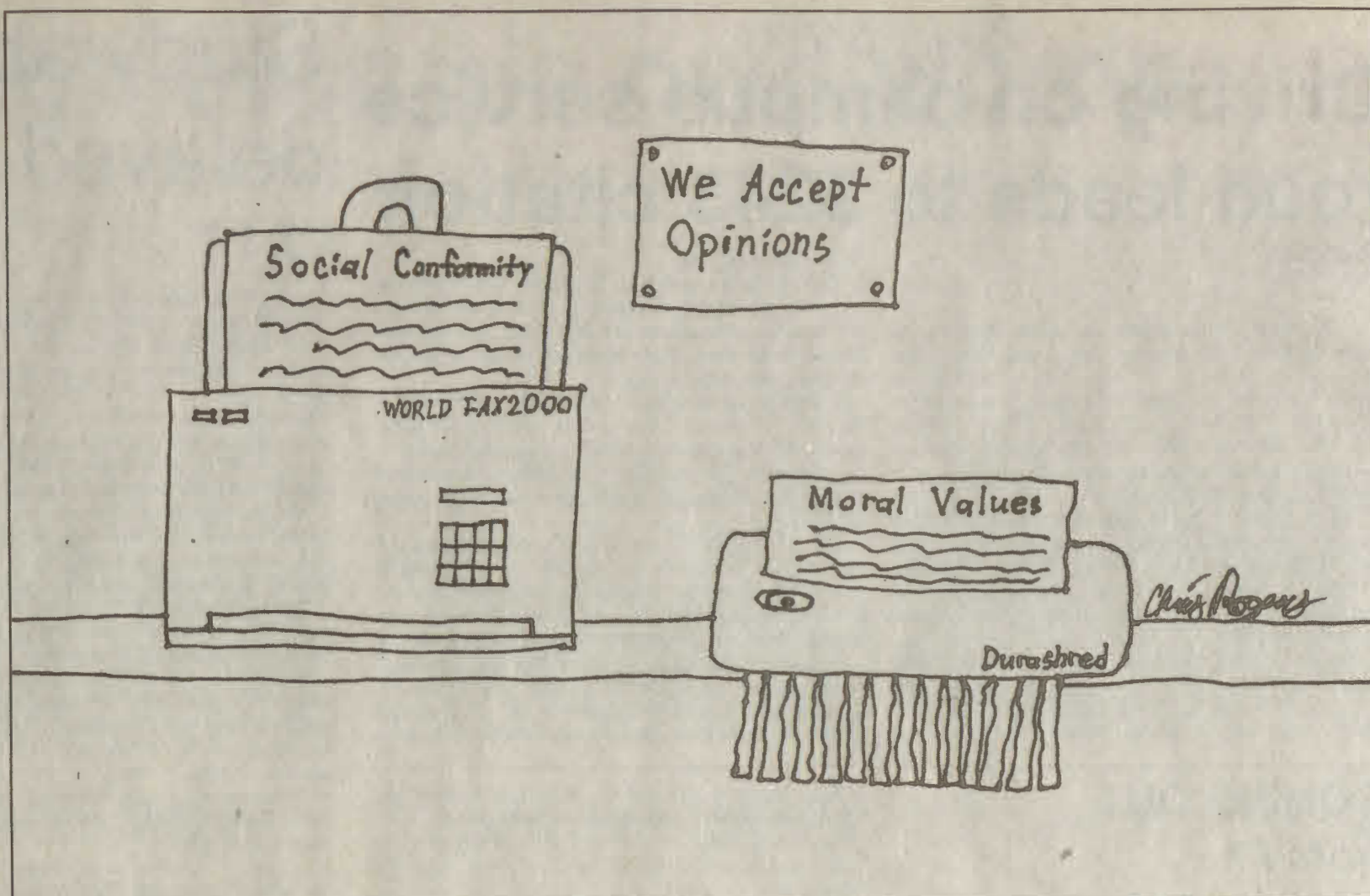
If Senate was familiar with its own rules and by-laws, they could eliminate the time they waste on miniscule debate about trivial matters and spend their time on issues that really pertain to students.

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Republicans not officially involved

I just wanted to say a few things regarding last week's editorial column where many people were stating that the College Republicans were involved with the chalkings. This is not true. This was not a CR sponsored event nor was it promoted at any of the meetings. The people involved were members of the College Republicans but did so on their own time. There was no campaign or any sort of recruitment being done for the chalkings at our meetings. Any and all chalkings were done outside of the club; the rest of the group had no knowledge of the events that had transpired until after the incident had occurred.

Just because members of the CR's were involved does not reflect the views or feelings expressed by the rest of the College Republicans or the Republican National Committee.

Nick Koecheler, College Republican co-chair

GSA promotes tolerance, equality

This is a letter in response to Jake Duesenberg's letter to the editor last week. First of all, GSA stands for Gay-Straight Alliance not Gay Sex All-the-time. The Gay-Straight Alliance is primarily a support group that promotes tolerance, open-mindedness, awareness and equality.

There are a couple of issues I would like to clear up for the close-minded on this campus. The first is the concept of Coming Out Day. Coming Out Day is a not just for lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people. It is also for heterosexual people who support people in their lives that have been mistreated and are hated. The people they support are their brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, etc.

Having an ally's support may prevent a "closeted" homosexual from committing suicide because of the hatred directed toward them day after day. A 1989 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study found that teens dealing with issues of sexual identity are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than are other youth.

I have heard the argument about our gay pride day or Coming Out Day. It is one day when we celebrate who we are. This day is nothing compared to the rest of the heterosexual days of the year. Everyday is straight pride day. If you go down to the grocery store there are numerous cards for husband and wife. Where are the cards

to "my partner" or "my significant other?" How about the heterosexual couples in the student center or walking to their classes holding hands or kissing? That is great that they can do that, I wish for the same comfort level. I dare everyone to watch "If These Walls Could Talk 2" and see how heterosexism has prevailed in this country.

If someone wants to use that commonly quoted source to support their closed mindedness, then go right ahead. Does it not say something about not judging others and loving one another?

In conclusion, I first want to point out that the anti-gay chalkings are not hurting us. They are making us stronger and they are helping many of our allies come out and stand up for us. Mr. Duesenberg made the comment on how the Gay/Straight Alliance should be disbanded from campus. Sorry, but we are here for good.

Here is something to remember as quoted from the UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance website (<http://uwrf.edu/gay-straight-alliance>).

"We live with hate, misunderstanding, fear and prejudice because people don't know who we are, but we know. The truth is: we are everywhere. We are their sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, friends and co-workers. We are soldiers, teachers, clergy, athletes, truck drivers, scientists and designers. We work in every profession, at every level. We touch the lives of millions of people who don't think they know anyone gay, lesbian or bisexual."

Eric R. Dodge, student

Duesenberg letter hypocritical

In last week's Student Voice a letter to the editor was printed by Mr. Jake A. Duesenberg. I wish to address a few of the points he made.

Mr. Duesenberg referred to homosexuality as a "sexual activity" not once but at least four times. Homosexuality goes beyond what happens in bed. It is when a member of one sex has romantic feelings toward either members of the same sex or both sexes. Gay relationships involve love, commitment and, yes, sometimes sexual activity. However, not all gay people are sexually active regardless of their relationship status.

Hypocrisy is evident in the choosing to advertise your straight orientation. If Mr. Duesenberg believes that orientation is purely sexual and it needs to be left in the closet—pardon the pun—then he showed immense hypocrisy in his chalkings of "straight pride."

Mr. Duesenberg also made Christian biblical references. "...Laws dealing with murder, stealing and lying are all commonly practiced laws which fall in sync with Christian teachings" was a defense of the discrimination against gay marriage. Christianity is not the only teaching that is against such acts. Buddhism, Daoism, Judaism and other religions also practice such things. It is also grossly unfair to allude to the fact that all Christian sects are anti-gay marriage when that simply is not true. The Unity Church, for one, performs same sex commitment ceremonies.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion, which means Americans have the right to choose which religion, if any, they chose to practice. By basing "the values that have made this country great" on Christianity, whoever does that is forcing everyone to adhere to a moral standard based on someone else's god. This is probably going to raise all sorts of issues about other crimes—yes, in some states sodomy and lesbianism is legal—but please just focus on this issue.

Addressing the separation of church and state, Thomas Jefferson commented on this issue 200 years ago. "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state" was how he answered this issue in a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association.

Most, but not all, religions are against premarital sex, yet some of these approve gay relationships. By disallowing gay marriage the government is prohibiting that couple's constitutional right to practice their religion or forcing them into a life of celibacy.

One final point: Some of the wording of the chalkings that Mr. Duesenberg and his cohorts chose was offensive, mean-spirited and childish. The Gay Straight Alliance's chalkings were done with the intent to show support and raise awareness, not insult straight people. "The only place for dicks is in chicks" was more sexually explicit than any of GSA's chalkings, yet Mr. Duesenberg complains about sexual activities being thrown in his face?

Hypocrisy strikes again.

I only wish that Mr. Duesenberg's god shows more mercy on him than he has chosen to show others.

Diomira A. Birch, student

Chalkings expose absurdity of GSA, homosexuality

Thanks to Diomira A. Birch sending me a copy of her letter early on, I am able to publish my rebuttal.

First off, the purpose of chalking was to bring this issue to the attention of the campus. And it worked. I thank everyone who has supported me in my efforts. The chalking that I did is not something that I would usually condone. However, I felt that I needed to expose absurdity. The reaction that I received from the Gay-Straight Alliance and others on campus has completely glorified my message. People were offended to see a sexual activity advertised on campus, and that is exactly how I feel when the GSA promotes being gay.

Let me explain: Homosexuality is a sexual activity. It does not go beyond the bedroom. The American Heritage Dictionary defines homosexuality as "sexual activity with another of the same sex." As you define homosexuality, everyone on campus would be considered gay. In my case, I love my father and brother. I have committed my friendship and time to many other males. Obviously, what differentiates me from a homosexual is that I do not engage in sexual activities with another male.

I never alluded to the fact that all Christian sects believe homosexuality is wrong. In fact, the Episcopal church recently elected an openly gay bishop. However, what I do say is that the Bible states the opposite. Denominations can interpret the Bible the way they want to, but it is quite clear that God did not intend for homosexual union.

We do have freedom of religion in this country, and that is a great freedom to have. It is found in the First Amendment, which was not the work of Thomas Jefferson.

We also need to have a code of laws in order for a functioning government to work. In this country that code came from a Christian viewpoint. As a conservative, I believe that we should keep those laws as part of our structure. If we were to lose them, then we would be a complete disaster.

In some cases, the laws of one's religion may differ from the laws of the United States. As unfortunate as it may seem, we cannot give up our standards and codes to appease the minority. So if religion is a higher priority to an individual than obeying the law of the land,

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Rush Limbaugh eats his own words

I am a "bleeding heart."

My mother taught me empathy and I have a soft spot for the down-and-out, the underdogs, the sad, the troubled and other lost souls.

However, when it comes to Rush Limbaugh's painkiller addiction revelations I am prepared to turn the other toe and kick a man while he is down.

As I don steel-toed boots I can't resist using cliché as a battle cry, "what is good for the goose is good for the gander" as I dissect his hypocrisy.

I have nothing against hypocrisy. In fact, I realize my reaction to Limbaugh's plight, as a self-described "bleeding heart," smacks closely of hypocrisy itself. In my view, those who easily avoid hypocrisy are either so apathetic and unengaged with the world as to not have principles troubling their conscience or so dogmatic, narrow-minded, and zealous that they will not entertain anything conflicting with their principles.

Zealots are unpleasant to be around as they harangue in absolute certainty that everything they believe is correct and everything that disagrees with their beliefs is absolutely wrong. I think, for most people, hypocrisy is inevitable as we live in between our values, motives, conflicts and a complex world.

Despite my warm feelings for the struggling, ordinary hypocrite, there is one type of hypocrite that attracts my ire. This variety uses the bluster and fury of the zealot to condemn his or her fellows, while living in a way incompatible with their zealotry. This is the "do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do" person. Limbaugh is such a contemptible man.

Limbaugh delights in attacking the powerless, whether they be poor, minority, mentally ill, homosexual or merely different from his idea of the way people ought to be.

Suddenly, with his tragedy—and don't get me wrong: drug addiction and the pain it inflicts on users, family and friends is indeed tragedy—we are to offer him compassion. According to his brother's statement on Limbaugh's web site, his family is united around him in "unconditional love and support." Limbaugh is fortunate to have "unconditional love and support" being a man who likes to put "conditions" on everyone else's



JIM MACTAVISH

worthiness. According to a 1993 story in London's The Independent, Limbaugh said of River Phoenix's death by drug overdose "You'd have thought . . . that we've lost some great contributor to the social and human condition. This guy—look at his name. River Phoenix. He's the son of a couple of whacked-out hippies."

According to FAIR, in another equally "conditional" sentiment, he pooh-poohed Kurt Cobain's suicide because he was "a worthless shred of human debris."

He even attacked then-13-year-old Chelsea Clinton by holding up a photo of her and proclaiming her the "White House dog."

None of the dead are particular heroes of mine and Bill Clinton was a powerful man, perhaps earning scorn and unquestionably deserving satire, but attacking an young girl? This from a man who now asks for "your prayers?"

I think not.

On his television show in 1994 Limbaugh, who admitted to twice failing to shake his addiction, showed his compassion for addicts by declaring "We totally exempt them from any control over their lives, do we not? Some athlete will spend two years snorting lines of coke. He can't help it. You know, it's...genetic.... They—they can't help—yeah, like that line of

cocaine just happened to march into the hotel, go up to the athlete's room and put itself right there in front of him on his blotter."

And what should happen to addicts, who like Limbaugh, struggled and failed to beat addiction? In another 1994 installment, Limbaugh lauded the zero-tolerance policy of the Phoenix Suns Managing General Partner Jerry Colangelo, who told player Richard Dumas that he had to "stay clean for an entire career."

So this is Rush's third strike? Isn't he out? Shouldn't he show us he can "stay clean for an entire career" as his hero scolds.

And if Limbaugh did trade illegally in painkillers what should happen? Simple, according to his 1995 statement, reported by CBS News, "So if people are violating the law by doing drugs, they ought to be accused and they ought to be convicted and they ought to be sent up."

As I contemplate the scorn Limbaugh has heaped elsewhere with his fetid Limburger-scented rhetoric, I can't help but recall his addiction statement, "I am no role model."

At last, Limbaugh and I agree.

Parents need to learn how to raise their own children

Due to my experiences with children lately, I have become completely disillusioned with the idea of motherhood. I have been called cruel-hearted and been told that because I grew up an only child, I don't know what being around children is like.

I disagree.

I taught Sunday school kindergarten for four years. There were a few children that were very well-behaved, but there were many that were not. I realize that they were five-year-olds and did not realize some of their actions were wrong, but in that case, I blame the parents.

These days parents do not discipline their children the way they should.

One little boy in my class was a terrible bully. He would make all the other children cry by insulting them and hitting them. I tried to explain to him why his actions were wrong and I punished him by making him sit in the hall after his bad behavior happened several times.

When I tried talking to his parents about him, they blew me off.

They said they would sit and talk with him about his behavior and make sure he knew he was wrong and that it would never happen again. They said that since I was just a college student, I didn't know how to handle children.

I baby-sat for neighborhood kids for most of my adolescent life, so I guess I know nothing about kids. I find it sad that his parents thought that trying to talk to a 5-year-old like an adult would make him realize that his behavior was wrong. They don't know what's right and wrong. They need parents to show them.

I work at a restaurant in Prescott where a lot of parents bring their children. One little girl sat and screamed the entire time she was there. Her mother put her at a separate table and let her scream to her heart's content and laughed every time her daughter shrieked. If I had been that mother, I would have taken my daughter outside and told her that if she did not stop scream-



SARAH MATARA

ing, that she would be going home. Instead, the mother treated the situation like it was funny.

One of my friends has a little boy that is almost three years old. When we went to visit them recently, my friend was trying to get her son to put on his pajamas. He refused and ran around the living room throwing gummy bears. Instead of acting like a parent and making him put on his pajamas and go to bed, she said he was an independent person and that she could not force him to do anything. He had to choose to put on his pajamas and choose when it was right for him to go to bed.

That is one of the most ridiculous things I have ever heard.

I don't know of any three-year-old that will choose to put on his pajamas and go to bed. Children that age try to get away with as much as possible. It is asinine to believe that a child knows what is best.

I don't have children of my own, but I know that when I did something wrong, I was punished and I learned that it was wrong. Any one that complains about their rotten kids these days should take a look at their own parenting skills.

Freak accidents are quite normal

I'd like to dedicate this column to those people out there who suffer from what I call "perfectly rational injuries," or what everyone else seems to call "freak injuries."

As I was sitting on campus watching people, I was struck by the percentage of the student body was on crutches, wearing casts, or otherwise visibly injured. To all those injured people, my heart goes out to you, and may you have a speedy recovery, but to a select few, I'd like to extend special empathy, for I know how you feel.

Some of you are the victims of so-called "freak accidents," situations most see as ridiculous and laugh merrily at, while the injured see them as perfectly explainable.

I myself have been the victim of three such incidents, all of which have left scars or pain that still bug the hell out of me today. It's not so much the pain or scars that bother me, it's trying to explain how I got them without sounding like I've gone off the deep end.

In an effort to try and help out my injury-prone counterparts out there, I am going to extend three lessons I have learned over the years, in hopes that you will avoid such humiliating consequences.

Lesson one: Avoid swingsets. Especially if you are over the age of 12 and the swingset is taller than 20 feet high.

At age 16, I broke my arm falling off a swingset. To be fair, it was a "wilderness" swingset that was made of natural logs and stood close to 25 feet high. I fell in mid-swing, from about 20 feet. Try explaining that to people who ask why your arm is in a cast.

Without fail, they will cut off your explanation in mid-sentence and ask, "Aren't you a little old to be on a swingset?" with that intelligent little frown that attempts to show how superior they feel.

After the hundredth person asks, you finally have to give up and make up some easier answer, like a "workplace injury."

Lesson two: Avoid alpine slides. If you've never heard of these, you're lucky. Stay ignorant, and stay safe. For simplicity's sake, I'll sum them up as concrete bobsled tracks down the side of a mountain. You ride down them at a nice, gentle pace in a heavy sled with wheels. Did I say nice, gentle pace? Maybe not.

In any event, the object is to stay in the sled, not to flip it and slide 30 feet along concrete in shorts and a t-shirt at 20 miles an hour.

Two years later, I still have road rash that is embarrassing to explain. To top it off, a large portion of it was on both wrists, so I had to bandage them for six weeks, leading to perfect strangers asking me "Did you try to commit suicide and miss?"

Of course, that incident wasn't the only one that led to people asking if I tried to commit suicide.

Lesson three: Avoid milk crates. To make a long story short, I'll just give you a few details: Halloween, late at night, next to a swingset. I should have known better.

I tripped and put my hand through the side of a plastic milk crate, leaving vertical scars directly along my wrist. Again, here come the suicide cracks.

At this point, I'm almost ready to commit suicide just to get away from the funny people of the world. The same people who laugh hysterically when you tell them exactly how you got injured.

To all of the injured people out there, please don't think less of me for not saying anything about your ailment. It's not that I don't care, it's just that I'm too polite to ask, for fear you may have gotten it in some manner you don't really want to talk about.

So, if you ever see me on crutches, in a cast, or bandaged in any way, do me a favor and don't ask.



BLYTHE CRISWELL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

that person should make arrangements to move. Otherwise, he or she should learn to live in this environment.

Finally, you make a false accusation. I did not write the line stating that "the only place for dicks is in chicks."

Nice try.

Jake A. Duesenberg, student

Stereotypes are misplaced in student paper

The over-zealous Eric Quade's brief blip of exaggerated, stereotypical politics struck a cord in the Oct. 3 issue of the Student Voice. When one insinuates that the law enforcement world does not put effort into the arrest and conviction of white collar criminals they have obviously overlooked the Justice Department's nasty little habit of due process.

Inspired to scribe based upon a recent viewing of a Michael Moore film, Mr. Quade overlooks the unfortunate reality of White Collar Crime (WCC). Discovery being most often by accident, WCC involves a huge investment of time and money to research and successfully prosecute with any meaningful sentence. In a country of litigation one simply cannot arrest a single individual for the "junk" in the Los Angeles air. Who does one tell the DA to arrest first? Is there an American among us capable of casting the first stone? Who does not drive a car, use household cleaning products, travel by jetlin-

er or use commercial hair-styling products?

And, while we are on the subject of casting stones, how dare you suggest that all "whites" are afraid of "blacks?" Way to widen the race rift. Talk about stereotype and stigma. I do not fear men or women based upon the melanin content of their skin and I am insulted when it is assumed that because I happen to be pigment-challenged I would fear those who have the good fortune of glowing in the dark come mid-January.

Please consider your own words before suggesting the rest of us have stereotypical, exaggerated, stigmatic views of our neighbors and fellow students.

Meghan A. Ellwanger, student

Parking situation made worse by unskilled drivers

The parking situation on campus has been a much talked about topic.

While it's frustrating that we may not be able to change the city's policy on parking restrictions around campus, what I find even more frustrating is that so many people are willing to waste those few spaces that we do have.

I refer to the fact that day after day as I drive on campus looking for a parking space, I pass so many places where people have done such poor jobs of parking their vehicles that they have managed to use up more than one space. Anyone looking for a parking

space on campus probably understands what I mean. Vehicles may be parked along the curb with three, four or even six feet between them—not enough for another car to fit. But if each car had pulled up properly, it would open up another space.

If everyone parking along the streets would take an extra 30 seconds to make sure their vehicle was parked properly, there would be a lot more spaces for all of us. Take the time to move all the way forward to the yellow curb markings or the vehicle in front of you. At least that way we can use all of the few parking spaces we have left.

Lois Evans, student

Have a story idea for the Voice? We'd like to hear it. Call 425-3118 or stop by 304 North Hall and let us know about it.

What do you think of people riding their bikes on the sidewalks in between classes?

Howard Deaton, senior

"I don't have a problem with it. I guess I don't see it as an issue."

Katie Richardson, junior

"I don't care if they ride their bikes on the sidewalk or not."

Anthony Powell, freshman

"I think it's OK, I guess I haven't thought about it really."

Liz Jenkins, senior

"I guess I don't mind as long as they don't run people over, and are considerate of people walking."

Ben Sikorski, junior

"I don't have a problem with that, it's fine. As long as they don't hit me I'm OK."

Michelle Martinez, junior

"It wouldn't bother me if they'd stay on the same side of the sidewalk so when they come up from behind they don't almost hit you."

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Section B

Volleyball team earns WIAC co-championship



Photo by Mike Foley

The volleyball team celebrates after beating UW-Stout Wednesday at Karges to clinch a WIAC co-championship and home court advantage for the conference tournament.

Mike Foley
Sports Editor

The seventh-ranked UW-River Falls volleyball team won three crucial WIAC matches this week. The Falcons defeated UW-Platteville Friday night, 30-25, 24-30, 30-20, 30-15, at Platteville. Saturday, they took down the conference-leading UW-La Crosse Eagles, 30-24, 37-35, 30-25, at La Crosse. Wednesday, UW-RF downed UW-Stout, 30-17, 30-20, 28-30, 30-16, in River Falls.

The three wins raised the Falcons into a tie with UW-La Crosse for the WIAC championship. By virtue of a head-to-head win, UW-RF will hold home court advantage throughout the WIAC tournament.

Against Platteville, Melissa Tvrdik led the Falcon charge with 17 kills, three service aces and six block assists. Logan Kiesch and Krystle Brune slammed 16 kills each. Kiesch also added 13 digs. Middle hitter Kristin Brandt showed her presence with 10 kills and seven block assists. Erin Oberholtzer continued her setting brilliance with 59 assists and 12 digs. Sarah Halverson nailed three service aces and collected 12 digs. Molly Schock led the team in digs with 19.

"The win in Platteville was very big," head coach Patti Ford said. "Platteville really gave us a run for our money, and that helped us stay focused against La Crosse."

Against La Crosse, Brune led the Falcons in kills with 15. Tvrdik had 13 kills and three ser-

vice aces. Oberholtzer engineered the Falcon offense with 53 assists. Kiesch led the team in digs with 17 while freshman Kat Krtnick added 13. Brandt came up big again with 10 kills, three service aces and four block assists.

"Kristin put up huge numbers this weekend," Ford said. "She came up big. A lot of people come up big for us all the time, but Kristin made the difference this weekend. She brought a lot of the intangibles."

The Falcons edged the Eagles in the second game of the match, 37-35. The game not only tested the athletes' endurance, but also both coaches' substitution strategies.

"It was a real battle," Ford said. "Every possible substitution was used and every timeout was used. I just had to let the players go out and play. Both teams were playing great defense. Luck was on our side."

Against UW-Stout, Tvrdik led the Falcons with 19 kills and three service aces. Brune slammed 17 kills while Kiesch had 12. Oberholtzer collected 39 assists. Senior libero Jen Braun led the team in digs with 22. Tvrdik and Molly Schock each had 16 digs. Tvrdik, Brune and Kristin Brandt each recorded four total blocks and Nina Petersen registered three.

"The key to the win was persistence," Ford said. "We did well in the first two games, but then they made some strategic changes that caught us off balance. We didn't react too much and we just kept plugging away."

Blocking was also a key for the Falcons. The team collected 10 total team blocks. Several kill opportunities for the Bluedevils were thwarted by full or at least partial blocks.

"It's important for us to set a good block," Ford said. "We got a lot of blocks and we got a lot of slowdowns. That helps us channel the ball to our passers and helps us run our offense more smoothly."

The wins raise UW-RF's overall record to 25-3 (7-1 in the WIAC). This weekend they will travel to UW-Whitewater to face four teams in an invitational. One team the Falcons will face will be Central, which handed UW-RF its first loss of the season at the Falcon Invite in August.

Football sees other side of blowout 44-21

Eric A. Page
Assistant Sports Editor

It was bound to happen sooner or later.

The UW-River Falls football team exploded for 589 yards in a 44-21 victory over UW-Platteville Saturday at Ramer Field. If the offense exploded, John Peterlik lit the fuse.

Peterlik rushed for a career-high 324 yards on 33 carries and tied a career high by scoring four touchdowns. The 324 yards were 46 shy of the WIAC and school mark of 370 yards set by Jim Baier in 1966.

Peterlik, a junior halfback from Cadott, also completed a pass for 28 yards, caught a pass for 18 yards and returned two kickoffs for 26 yards. He not only outscored the Pioneers 24-21, he out gained them 396-378 in total yards.

"Last year John could have had a 400-yard game against Platteville," Falcon coach John O'Grady said. "We match up well against their defense, and he just had a phenomenal game today."

Something about playing the Pioneers has inspired Peterlik to run wild. Last year he broke loose for a season-high 232 yards and three touchdowns in a 34-29 Falcon victory. Saturday, with the Pioneer defense keying on fullback Owen Schmitt, Peterlik wore out the field outside the hash marks scoring on runs of 45, 39, 30, and three yards.

After carrying six times for 46 yards in the first quarter, Peterlik took control of the game in the second.

With the Falcons (1-4, 1-2) leading the Pioneers (3-3, 1-2) 14-0, Peterlik took full advantage of his six carries in the second quarter. He turned three into touchdowns, while amassing 123 yards, giving the Falcons a 35-7 lead and effectively putting the game on ice.

More impressive than Peterlik's outside running in the first half were his rototilling runs through the middle in the second half. The 5-foot-8-inch, 185-pound jigsaw cut his way through the Pioneer defensive front helping the Falcons control the ball and, in turn, control the clock.

"Every year we put in the power off-tackle play against this team," O'Grady said. "We ran Peterlik up the middle behind Schmitt and another fullback. We probably could have run that play 50 times."

Peterlik scored his final touchdown of the afternoon on a 3-yard plunge across the goal line to put the Falcons in front 42-14.

The Falcon defense capped the scoring when, on first down from his own 1-yard line, Pioneer quarterback Tom Stetzer took the snap and back-peddled through his own end zone to record a safety.

After struggling to create turnovers through the first four games of the season, the defense



Photo by Eric A. Page

The Falcon offensive line springs halfback John Peterlik for his first of four touchdowns against Platteville.

intercepted Stetzer, the WIAC's leading passer, three times in the game.

Stetzer finished with 306 yards and three touchdowns on 26-43 passing, but the three interceptions proved costly.

Aaron Greisen came up with the first Falcon interception late in the first quarter to set up the teams second score.

With the Falcons in front 28-7 and Platteville driving, freshman defensive back O'neal Hampton III halted another drive with an interception at the Falcons' 34-yard line to set up Peterlik's third touchdown.

Roman Johnson completed the hat-trick for the Falcon defense mid-way through the third quarter when he intercepted Stetzer on the goal line to nullify another Pioneer scoring opportunity.

"I saw guys seeing the ball in the air and going after it," O'Grady said. "I thought we played very well that way."

The Falcons took an early 7-0 lead on a 14-yard option play by quarterback Andy Kolstad. Schmitt scored on a 19-yard burst through the middle to give the Falcons a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Schmitt was held under 100 yards for the first time in his young career. He rushed 17 times for 80 yards. Freshman halfback Jeremy Wolff showed strong potential again carrying five times for 39 yards.

In the end the two were just setting the table and letting Peterlik serve the main course. His performance vaulted his rushing average to 132 yards per game, best in the WIAC and the four touchdowns put him atop the conference in scoring as well.

Peterlik's 231 all-purpose yards per game rank in the top five nationally.

Kolstad, who played under center from gate-to-gate for the Falcons, rushed 14 times for 50 yards and completed 2-4 passes for 45 yards.

"We wanted to get Troy [Foss] in the game too, but Andy was just playing too well to take out," O'Grady said of his freshman quarterback.

Hampton led the defense with 11 tackles. Matt Farmer was in on seven stops while Nate Gray, Dan Buker and Lewis Parish all contributed five.

The Falcons next travel to UW-Stout on Oct. 25 to take on the Blue Devils in a 1 p.m. game.

Soccer shuts out three opponents



Photo by Mike Foley

Lisa McGuire sends the ball upfield in a match against UW-Stout at Ramer Field Wednesday afternoon.

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's soccer team kept going strong with three more wins in the last week at Ramer Field.

Wednesday the Falcons shutout conference rival UW-Stout, 2-0. On Saturday, the Falcons topped Concordia-Moorhead, 2-0, and on Sunday beat UM-Crookston, 2-0.

Amy Jensen and Jesse Olson each netted a goal and goalkeeper Apryl

Jennrich made six saves in the win over Stout Wednesday afternoon.

Jensen put the first goal past the Stout goalie at 69:23 for the first score of the game.

"She got the ball out of the air, brought it to her feet, got her head up and used the perfect balance of power and accuracy to put it in the net," head coach Sean McKuras said. "It was one of the best goals of the year."

Olson got the second goal on a penalty kick at 77:13 after being dragged down from behind by a Stout defender on a breakaway directly in front of the Stout goal.

Jennrich recorded her ninth shutout of the season and the 19th of her career. She has not allowed a goal in the last five games she has played.

Sunday afternoon, Sarah Carlson and Katie Rooney each scored goals and Jennrich made eight saves to help lead the Falcons to a 2-0 win over UM-Crookston.

Carlson scored her team leading 11th goal of the year at 27:31 off a long pass from Ashley Peterson. It was Peterson's third assist of the season. The Falcons got an insur-

ance goal at 32:01 when Rooney headed home a cross from Lisa McGuire. It was Rooney's second goal of the year and McGuire's first assist.

Emily Rodgers' two goals were more than enough to help lead the Falcon soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Concordia-Moorhead on Saturday.

The junior tallied her two goals early in the first half with assists credited to Carlson and Amy Jensen on each goal. Rodgers now has five goals on the season, tied for second with Jensen. Carlson's assist was her third of the year.

UW-RF and Concordia each finished with 14 shots and Jennrich made eight saves on the day compared to Cobber goalkeeper Jamie Savage who made six.

Carlson led the Falcons with four shots on goal while Ashley Peterson and Jessie Olson each had three.

Saturday, the Falcons, 13-3 overall and 5-2 in the WIAC, play UW-Whitewater in the team's last conference match of the season. Action starts at 2 p.m. at Ramer Field. The Falcons play Wisconsin Lutheran at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Ramer Field.

Blugolds shutout tennis team 9-0

Team ready for WIAC meet

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls women's tennis team dropped a 9-0 decision at UW-Eau Claire and finished their dual meet season with an outstanding 12-3 record.

Jordan Anderson, playing at No. 1 singles, lost a tight 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) decision to Eau Claire's Jenny Stafford. Playing at No. 5, Becky Briese also lost a close match, 1-6, 6-4 (10-8) to Eau Claire's Molly Hunt.

This weekend, the Falcons will compete in the annual WIAC Tournament at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison. UWRF finished 3-3 in WIAC dual meets.

"A third place finish at the WIAC meet would be great, and I would be disappointed if we finished any lower than fourth," Falcon Coach Lee Lueck said. "Eau Claire has won 10 straight conference titles. I think they'll win it, but they won't walk through it like they have in some previous years."

A key for the Falcons will be if Leah Baron can compete. A back injury has limited her playing time lately. If she can compete, she will play at the No. 4 singles

spot. That will allow the Lueck to play a regular lineup at the conference tourney.

"Leah has missed three WIAC matches and that has forced us to move players up," said Lueck.

Baron is 8-1 overall at No. 4 and has a 2-1 record in WIAC play.

Briese will play at No. 6 if Baron competes and she is 4-0 at that spot in WIAC play and should be a No. 1 seed according to Lueck. She has a 13-2 overall record. Amber Weissinger will play at No. 5 if Baron can compete and she has a 3-3 record in WIAC play - she is 3-1 when playing at No. 5.

"No. 2 Amanda Gray has a 13-2 overall record and is 5-1 in WIAC competition. She will probably get the No. 2 seed. Anderson has a 12-3 overall record at No. 1 and is 3-3 in WIAC play. Lueck thinks she will be seeded No. 4. Megan Knobloch holds down the No. 3 singles spot and she is 8-7 overall and 3-3 in WIAC play. She also could get a No. 4 seed.

In doubles, the No. 1 team of Anderson and Gray are 13-2 overall and 4-2 in WIAC play. They could be the No. 3 seed. The No. 2 team of Knobloch and Baron are 4-4 this year and 2-1 in conference play. The No. 3 team of Briese and Sarah VandenHoek has compiled a 7-4 record and are 2-3 in WIAC play.

Both cross country teams win Winona State Invitational titles

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams both won team titles at the Winona State Invitational Saturday morning.

The Falcon women scored 24 points to beat Winona (48), St. Mary's (62) and Superior (112). The men scored 25 points to beat St. Mary's (67), Winona (70) and Superior (78).

For the women, Marian Christen was the individual winner covering the 5,000-meter course in 19:24. Marlene Yaeger placed fourth overall in 19:50. Christen's performance was a 1:48 improvement on her time at Winona last year and was good enough to set a new course record. Three other Falcon women, including Yaeger finished under the 20-minute mark.

For the men, Jason Quarford again led the men with a third place finish overall in a time of 28:00 over the 8,000-meter course. Kevin McDonough was second for the Falcons and fourth overall in 28:05.

UW-RF men finished the race in a tight group with six runners within 15 seconds of one another. The pack took places three through eight in the overall individual results.

The Falcons will next run in the WIAC Championships on Nov. 1 at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax.



Submitted photo

Senior captain Marian Christen navigates her way through the Winona course Saturday.

Psychology students study from within

Mike Longaecker
Staff Writer

No electric shocks. No ink blots or hypnosis. Just a pen and paper – that's how psychology tests are administered in the UW-River Falls psychology department.

Students enrolled in the psychology department's research methods class are currently administering tests to other students – mainly from the general psychology course-without the use of methods often seen in science fiction movies.

"No, it's all pretty innocuous," said Cyndi Kernahan, assistant psychology professor.

Kernahan said most tests administered by students to other students are in the form of different scenarios the students must react to. The students then choose from a set of responses that best describe their feelings.

"We've found some interesting stuff," Kernahan said. "And we've had a good time doing it."

Some semesters, the tests have up to 1,000 participants, psychology department chair Brad Caskey said.

One stereotype the class tested was the "beautiful is good" stereotype. Participants were shown a series of photographs of males and females and had to prescribe attributes of the photographed person strictly based on their appearance.

The study found that when someone is seen as attractive, people are more likely to attribute other positive characteristics to the person, Kernahan said.

Although both psychology courses are required for the major, participation in the research is strictly optional, Caskey said. A thorough consent form describing the study and its potential risks must be completed by participants prior to the tests.

Additional safeguards are in place to make sure the research is conducted

properly, Caskey said. The University's Institutional Review Board, of which Caskey is a member, oversees all studies to ensure safety and confidentiality of the studies.

"Our job is to protect participants," Caskey said.

Caskey noted students participating in research can earn extra credit points for their participation.

Assistant Professor Travis Tubre said the types of tests vary from semester to semester, with the professor giving students different study topics to pick from before they choose which topics they'd like to address through research.

Research methods students are currently studying include how people determine responsibility in others' actions based on age. Tubre said the hypothesis students are testing is that the younger a person is, the more likely others will be to attribute irresponsible or irrational behavior to an outside influence.

Tubre said some students go beyond their initial research and expand it into independent study courses over the summer. He noted that some students will even present their findings at regional conferences.

Faculty "really try to encourage" students presenting research, Kernahan said.

"Research is real important," she said. "It teaches skills you can't get in a classroom."

The McNair program, a national program designed for minority, low-income and first-generation college students planning on advancing to graduate school, provides a chance for students to advance their studies, Kernahan said.

She said students are paired with a faculty mentor and work on a project for a year, with most of the work being done in the summer.

Under the program, students get paid for their research and attend conferences and workshops related to their field of study.

HOROSCOPES

By staff psychic Eric Henning,
who forgot to look at the stars this week

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
You know those ladybugs that aren't really ladybugs? The ones that were flitting all over the place, but now are lying dead all over your window sill? This is the last week I'll mention them. I promise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Your life is like a sad country song with all the drinking and the wild women. You know, if it weren't for all the heartache your life might be kinda fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Yikes, look at all that gloom. Things look so bad for you that I hate to even mention the doom I'm seeing. Gloom and doom, that's what I see for you this week. Sucks doesn't it?

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
Taurus, thank goodness you are not an Aries. Not that being a Taurus is a good thing. But it beats the heck out of being an Aries.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
You know that little act of indiscretion you committed last week? Yes, that naughty little no-no. It's going to come full circle and bite you in the butt this week.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
Your job sucks, but don't pull out a semi-automatic and start shooting your coworkers. People might think you've gone batty.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)
Look behind you and you will see your true love. Or perhaps it will be a large, hairy man. Or perhaps there will be no one there at all. It's really hard to say.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Last week was a doozie for you, so you're hoping I have good news for you. Well Virgo, it's like that auto insurance commercial: There are some people saving a lot of money on car insurance, or getting it on with a hot-tie, or winning the lottery. But that someone isn't you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
I bet you're wondering how I determine your horoscope. I look at how the stars are lined up, or look into a crystal ball, or communicate with a supernatural power. Then I ignore whatever insight I might have gotten from this and make something up. It works pretty slick.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
It might be your birthday today. Nobody cares it's your birthday, so quit telling everyone. That may have seemed a bit harsh, but it gets worse. Your parents didn't send you a birthday card. You can think about what that means when you pass out in your alcohol-induced puddle of vomit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
WRFW DJ's are swell people. They toil away on the 3rd floor of North Hall playing music, or hosting talk shows, and in general doing a real bang-up job. Too bad nobody listens to them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)
You bought a lottery ticket. I don't mean to be a downer, but I don't think you're going to hit the jackpot. But if you do win, don't forget about all the needy people in the world. Give some of your money to charity, or a homeless person, or to me.

‘Girlyman’ grins



Photo by Eric Ebert

Students ate lunch and listened to the mellow tunes of Girlyman Tuesday afternoon at the Falcon's Nest of the Student Center. The members of Girlyman describe their music as a mixture of music from the B52's to Lauryn Hill.

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