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Two gay men attacked outside River Falls bar

Victims believe attack prompted by their homosexuality

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FRONT PAGE EDITOR

Graeme Thompson has been living in River Falls for the past three months and has never experienced any adverse reactions to the fact that he's gay. He also lived in River Falls for about a year prior to moving to Arizona for a time. He goes out with friends, both gay and straight, and has been in serious relationships with men. Still, he hasn't experienced direct ridicule for his way of life.

"I've never been gay bashed before in my life," Thompson said.

That is not until he was confronted by two UW-River Falls athletes in an attack that Thompson believes resulted because of his homosexuality.

Thompson and a friend, Jason, who is also gay, were attacked Feb. 8 after leaving Club Kaos, 106 N. Main St., River Falls. Jason, who asked that he not be identified by his last name out of consideration for his family, also believes that the attack was an example of "gay bashing."

Jason, who graduated from UW-River Falls and has been living in River Falls for four years, said he has always felt accepted in the community.

"I've lived in River Falls for four years now after college, and I've been going to Club Kaos since I turned 21,"

Jason said. "Everyone there knows I'm gay. I've been there with my boyfriend and that type of thing."

"It was someplace where I figured everybody knew and nobody cared because I'd been going there so many years," he said. "It had never been an

Though they couldn't get drinks, they went to the bar where a female friend of Jason's was working as a bartender. A man at the bar was giving the bartender a bad time and claiming that he wasn't drunk, Jason said.

"I just go 'yeah, obviously not' or

Still, Jason said, he didn't think much of it. However, a bouncer, who had been Jason's roommate when he was a freshman at UW-RF, offered to walk Thompson and Jason out of the bar just in case.

When Thompson, Jason and their friends left the bar, a group of five to seven men were standing outside the door, they said. Jason said he had walked down the block to about Snyder Drug when he noticed that Thompson was no longer with him.

Thompson said that the men confronted him at this point.

"Basically I was surrounded by these guys, and they were going 'you pussy-fag; come here pretty boy; so you're a pretty boy,'" Thompson said.

The bouncer from Club Kaos stepped in and broke up the circle, and Thompson and Jason said they continued on their way; however, one of the men followed Thompson.

"He came running across the street toward me, and then he pushed me on the ground," Thompson said. "I got up, and then he was going to hit me, so I grabbed onto his sleeves. Then we were wrestling around, and then I let go, and he socked me on the lip."

Jason said he turned around and saw Thompson on the ground, so he went back and confronted one of the men.

UW-RF is 'fed up'

LEANNE TORGESSEN
A&E EDITOR

The hungry cried out and the UW-River Falls community replied with a resounding "I'm Fed Up!" The response came in the form of a hunger awareness event held Feb. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Approximately 347 UW-RF students offered to sacrifice their evening meals on Feb. 29 to help the less fortunate, said Lee Swenson, campus minister with Lutheran Campus Ministry and one of the organizers of the event. Students signed up in the Student Center last week or with a resident assistant in the residence halls, Swenson said.

"I'm Fed Up" was sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry, United Ministry in Higher Education, Lutheran Student Fellowship and the Newman Center in conjunction with Professional Food Management, the campus food service.

"(PFM) has done it at other campuses," said Rafel Conde, director of dining services. "It's an important issue. College is about more than just going to school. It's also about being aware."

PFM agreed to donate per student the food cost of the Feb. 29 evening meal, Conde said. This works out to be somewhere between \$1 and a \$1.22 per student. Only students on meal plans were able to sign up.

For the students not on meal plans who still wanted to help, donations were accepted at the event, Swenson said.

The theme "I'm Fed Up" is based on the idea that people are fed up with the hunger situation in the world and the fact that the United States has more food resources than other countries, Swenson said.

"The money raised is being donated to CROP, an organization of church world services," Swenson said. CROP is sponsored by 80 different organizations and works with other agencies in more than 70 countries to educate, train and increase the self-sufficiency of the inhabitants of those countries. CROP deals with issues such as family health and water resource production, Swenson said.

"Typically CROP raises money through walks," Swenson said. "Their first walk was in 1969."

The event was held in the President's Room of the Student Center. Students were invited to sit in as Gaston Razafy, the regional director of CROP, spoke about the organization, Swenson said.

Jean Brokish, a UW-RF senior agronomy student also spoke on the issue of how the world feeds itself.

In the United States the average person in Los Angeles spends 12 percent of his or her income on food, Brokish said. In Calcutta, India, that number is

for more information

To report a hate crime against a gay, lesbian or bisexual:
Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council
1-800-800-0350

For more information on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues:
The Bookpress
101S. Main St., River Falls

For gay, lesbian and bisexual support services on campus:
Mandy Fox
219 East Hathorn
425-3530

issue; no one had really ever thought it to be that big of a thing."

Even the events that Jason believes led up to the attack didn't seem significant at the time, he said.

According to Jason and Thompson, they, along with some other friends, entered Club Kaos just after last call.

something like that, and that was all I said at the bar," Jason said.

A few minutes later, Thompson and Jason said they could hear sexual remarks such as "faggot," "pussy" and "queerboy" being directed at them. The man Jason had talked to at the bar earlier was one of the participants.

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Media fight SG2K

ERIC BRANDEL
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate-approved Shared Governance 2000 (SG2K) structure has once again been questioned by a segment of the campus community.

Members of the journalism and speech communications departments have expressed concern over the formation of a Campus Media Committee that would coordinate the various student media outlets into one subcommittee. This subcommittee would report to the Leadership Development & Programming Board, which would in turn report to the Student Senate.

This concern comes weeks after Shared Governance Task Force member Tracy Campbell resigned in protest, citing that the Task Force did not listen to the voice of the Residence Hall students she was representing.

The news about the proposed Campus Media Committee prompted numerous UW-River Falls community members to send letters to Chancellor Thibodeau's office. Among those contacting the Chancellor were journalism department Chair Mike Norman, speech communications Professor Jim Zimmerman, the *Student Voice* editorial board and WRFW.

"I asked him to slow the process down in order to get input from the organizations who will be affected," Zimmerman said. "Some fundamental shortcomings need to be looked at before its implementation."

The media affected would include the *Student Voice*, WRFW, "River Falls Community News" (formerly "10/20 News") and "Focus on U."

Part of the frustration with SG2K still lies in the fact very few people on campus truly understand the proposal.

The Dean's Office only received most of the material a few weeks ago and distributed it a few weeks before senate voted on it, according to Norman.

"The more students I talked with, the more I realized that none of them knew about it either," Norman said. "A lot of this was dumped on people. You just don't have time to digest this."

The information that does make its way around campus is often difficult to understand. The Task Force on Shared Governance's recommendation to the senate mentioned the existence of 10 subcommittees under the Leadership Development & Programming Board. The proposal went on to list each subcommittee. A closer look reveals that only nine of the 10 are actually listed. The one subcommittee that goes unmentioned is the Cam-

pus Media Committee.

"I first heard about it in detail late last week when I was given a copy of the structure of the Campus Media Committee," Norman said. "There's been such little consultation going on, you wonder where all these ideas came from."

According to the SG2K proposal, the Campus Media Committee is being established to "coordinate" the various student media on campus in order to "maximize campus media efforts."

The Task Force on Shared Governance originally believed that the media was an independent entity, according to the minutes of a December meeting. At later meetings, they decided that the student body has a right to see where their money goes. It was suggested that the media needed to be accountable for their actions and should be included in the governance structure.

The decision was then made to include the media as a subcommittee to Leadership Development & Programming.

"The recommendation was student driven," said task force member Roger Ballou. "It was students trying to pull together all media vehicles to coalesce together."

"They wanted more student input," said Sharon Rodrigue, who sat on the task force. "They want more communication between the media and the students."

What the task force saw as communication, the media outlets interpreted as control.

In an E-Mail message to Student Senate President Chris Patton, Zimmerman outlined two concerns that he had with the proposal. His first concern was with the seeming expansion of the Student Senate's mission.

Under the system currently in place, the senate is responsible for allocating Segregated University Fees (SUF) to student organizations based upon need and merit. Under SG2K, the Senate would be involved in the coordinating and administration of these organizations in addition to allocating their resources.

"To assume this sort of authority and control for coordination of programming requires, among other things, the consent of those organizations being affected," said Zimmerman in his E-Mail. "To simply assume coordinative authority over diverse organizations is to abuse the very real SUF fiscal power entrusted to the senate by the students."

Zimmerman, who is also the faculty

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UW-RF Photo Services
Agriculture Dean Gary Rohde speaks at the State Assembly Committee on Agriculture meeting in the Ballroom at UW-RF Feb. 22 as several students and faculty members listen to his comments. Besides faculty members, several agriculture students addressed the committee.

Ag Assembly Committee hears testimony

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UW-RF NEWS SERVICES

The Wisconsin State Assembly Committee on Agriculture heard over three hours of testimony from students, graduates, faculty and staff at UW-River Falls on Feb. 22.

The public hearing was conducted to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to speak to the legislators about issues and concerns relating to programs at UW-RF, employment prospects and the future of agriculture.

Committee Chair Al Ott, R-Forest Junction said that he hoped the students would share their "youthful enthusiasm for agriculture" with the Committee during their testimony.

Approximately 20 College of Agriculture students addressed the legislators. Many who testified stated that accessibility of instructors and "hands-on learning" were keys to the success of the college. One of the major themes conveyed by the students was the importance of state-of-the-art technology in their education.

Anne Nelson, a senior geology major from Hudson, said "one frustration was the lack of instrumentation in labs that is so important to applying the classroom theory."

Denise Scott, a junior agriculture engineering technology major from Cameron, said in regard to technology that "we are behind and need to get caught up" with industry.

Michael Reisinger, a senior land management major from St. Joseph, Minn., said the college needs to improve student access to computer technology. Access to computers was a recurring theme throughout the hearing.

Mike Wachtendonk, a senior animal science major from Seymour, asked the legislators to support a proposal

for a new dairy teaching center on campus. Larry Baumann, associate professor of animal science, indicated the University has a proposal before the Board of Regents for an 80-cow, free-stall milling facility.

According to Baumann the existing facility was built in the late 1950s. He said that it would be more cost effective to build a new facility than to remodel. Faculty have a desire to incorporate management practices, such as sand bedding and different feeding systems like total mixed rations, which can not physically be done in the current facility.

Ken Sipple, a 1964 graduate, college advisory board member, and Agriculture Alumni Association president, said that when budgets are re-

stricted, access to post-secondary education is restricted. He also said that there are more jobs and opportunities in agriculture than graduates available.

"Therefore, we need to support the enthusiasm of these students," Sipple said.

Bonnie Van Dyk, College of Agriculture graduate and assistant vice president of marketing at Farm Credit Services, said that there is a very good network between the professors on this campus and agribusiness. Van Dyk said we are "relationship lenders, and the faculty in the College of Agriculture are relationship educators."

Terry Ferris, assistant dean of the college, professor of horticulture and director of the internship program, said that there are many benefits from the internship program.

"The students get technical, business and interpersonal experience," Ferris said. "The employees get motivated students with technical backgrounds. And the faculty get one of

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BRIEFS

ARCHIVES IS MOVING: The Area Research Center/University Archives (ARC/UA) in the Davee Library will be closed from Tuesday, March 5, through Friday, March 8. This is for the purpose of moving to a new location in the northwest corner of the building's basement. Patrons will not be able to use or access materials during the move. The ARC/UA will also be closed March 9-10 and anticipated reopening March 11. However, people should call ahead before coming in case the move takes a bit longer than anticipated. The phone number, which will not change, is 425-3567.

A HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR will be held Wednesday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The fair is sponsored by the University Health Committee and BACCHUS/Gamma. The fair will include blood pressure screening, massage, hearing testing, condom kits, acupuncture, tetanus and measles vaccinations, cholesterol testing, a rollover convincer, and other services. There will also be numerous door prizes. All students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome. Please call Alice Reilly-Myklebust in Student Health Services at 3293/3292 for more information.

HARVARD PROF GIVES TALKS: The UW-RF Foundation through its Visiting Professor Program is sponsoring the visit of Dr. Gary Orfield, professor of education and social policy at Harvard University. In addition to his presentations in numerous classes, Orfield will present two public lectures. On Wednesday, March 6, from 7-8 p.m. he will give a presentation titled "Race, Education, and the Pursuit of Happiness: Can the Public Schools Make a Difference?" in Rodli 137-138. On Thursday, March 7, at 3 p.m. he will give a presentation titled "Race, Schools, and Equality" in the President's Room of the Student Center. For more information contact Dr. Jose E. Vega at 425-3774 or Dr. Davida Alperin at 425-3318.

ESL SOFTWARE AVAILABLE: A software package called Tutor Tapes is now available in the IBM labs of North Hall, the Educational Technology Center in Ames, and the Journalism Lab in the Library. Some Tutor Tape Programs are available in the Mac Labs in North Hall. Tutor Tape has programs which give a short lesson for the student to read followed by review questions. Topics covered include basic grammar, verb forms, using paragraphs, punctuation, and advanced grammar.

MASTER'S DEGREE GRADUATES: All students receiving a master's degree this spring must order caps and gowns through the University Bookstore by March 8. Students receiving bachelor's degrees will be able to purchase caps and gowns at a later date.

ESSAY CONTEST: Tell us about the first six weeks of your college experience and you could win \$50 (first prize). Your essay could include road crew experiences, problems finding things on campus, residence hall life, homesickness, and class difficulties. Essays should be 500 words or less. Please turn into the Student Senate Office, 205 Student Center, by March 20 at 4:30 p.m. Include your name, address, and phone number on the essay. Second prize is \$25. Third prize is \$15. Winners will be announced March 27. For more information call Kari Skiba or Marnie Polivka at 425-3205.

JOHN L. CAREY SCHOLARSHIPS: These scholarships are for accounting majors and are sponsored by the American Institute of CPAs. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance for more information.

MEETINGS

Monday, March 4
The College Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

Career & Counseling Services will conduct a Job Hunting Techniques workshop at 10 a.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

Tuesday, March 5
The University Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns Brown-Bag Workshop #2 will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the President's Room. The topic will be Relationships-Presenting Issues. This program introduces Dr. Gail Bernstein who describes some typical myths and characteristics of same-gender relationships. Similarities and differences with heterosexual couples are reviewed along with comparisons of relationships between lesbian couples and gay male couples. Dr. Bernstein offers psychotherapists a sensitive and insightful perspective on working with same-gender couples. Several lesbian and gay partners speak honestly and eloquently about their personal relationship experiences.

The Criminal Justice Association will meet at 4 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. The speaker will be Deb Lewis, Wisconsin state trooper. All majors are welcome.

Wednesday, March 6
The Horticulture Society will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 333 of Ag Sci. All majors are welcome.

Thursday, March 7
A planning meeting for Sexual Assault Awareness Week will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center. Everyone is welcome.

The Student Alumni Association will meet at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Room.

Mondays
Group for adult children of alcoholics and other dysfunctional families meets Mondays 3-4:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 24 Hathorn. Call Sally or Gretchen at 425-3884 if you wish to attend.

Wednesdays
Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the International Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

Thursdays
Group for women survivors of sexual abuse meets Thursdays from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 24 Hathorn. Call 425-3884 if you wish to attend.

Fridays
The Native American Council meets Fridays at noon in 101 East Hathorn. Call Linda Alvarez at 425-3842 for more information.

Please submit all information for this column in writing at 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

Get checked out head-to-toe at the Health and Wellness Fair

JENNIFER SELLMAYER
Focus Editor

Where can UW-River Falls students get their eyes checked, hearing tested, cholesterol and blood pressure screened, backs massaged and also have a chance to win t-shirts, sweatshirts, an aerobics pass, beach balls, and lots of other prizes?

UW-RF students, faculty, staff and River Falls community members can do all this and more at the Health and Wellness Fair on Wednesday, March 6. The fair, sponsored by the University Health Committee and BACCHUS/Gamma, will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

There will be approximately 40 health-related business, agencies and organizations offering information, demonstrations and samples for all who attend, according to Student Health Services Coordinator Alice Reilly-Myklebust.

"There's going to be an acupuncturist there, several massage therapists and chiropractors, and the Speech and Hearing Clinic is going to be doing hearing screening," said Reilly-Myklebust. "There's just a whole bunch of different things coming. It'll be really interesting."

Hearing and vision testing will also be available, so students can "pretty much be checked over from head to foot," said Reilly-Myklebust.

Many door prizes will be offered, such as an acupuncture assessment, a chiropractor exam and treatment, a massage session, t-shirts, sweatshirts and water bottles.

"There's some wonderful door prizes. People have been very generous with that," said Reilly-Myklebust.

Preferred Food Management has also been very generous in contributing to the Health and Wellness Fair. They have offered to subsidize the cholesterol screening, dropping the cost from \$15 to \$5. The screening is just like the ones done in local hospitals and clinics. It will tell participants how much good cholesterol (HDL) and bad cholesterol (LDL) they have, according to Reilly-Myklebust.

"It's a full lipid panel, there's a \$5 charge, and students need to have fasted for 12 hours—it's first come first serve because there's only a limited number of people they can do," said Reilly-

Myklebust.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will also be at the fair with their rollover convincer. It will be set up outside the Student Center because it is too big to fit in the ballroom.

"It simulates a car accident, and what would happen if you didn't wear your seatbelt," said Reilly-Myklebust. "It's trying to talk about drinking and driving. The crash test dummies are going to be dressed up and running around also."

Other activities include fitness assessment tests, like the sit-and-reach test and blood pressure tests, like the tests students have done in Health and Fit for Life class, according to Health and Human Performance Professor Betsy Barrett. All of these activities fit with the theme of the fair, which is a holistic approach to health.

The Body Shop will also have an informational booth at the fair. There will be a free membership for the remainder of the semester available as a door prize, and free water bottles and t-shirts as well, according to May Hall Director Melissa Marius.

"We're going to be doing additional promoting and some kind of Nautilus video will be showing, just to let people know what's available," said Marius.

The programming subcommittee for the fair is comprised of Reilly-Myklebust, Barrett, Marius, and Gretchen Link and Sally Burkhardt of Counseling Services. According to Burkhardt, BACCHUS/Gamma (UW-RF's alcohol awareness group) played a big part in organizing the fair.

The organization's name stands for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students/Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol. BACCHUS/Gamma advocates alcohol education programs and sponsors a "Safe Spring Break Week." There will be a booth at the fair where students can pick up brochures and resources about the organization,

said Burkhardt.

The planning process for the fair has taken over five months, according to Reilly-Myklebust. The five committee members started by telling people they knew about the event, and word eventually spread until many people were involved.

"Eventually I started having people calling me," said Reilly-Myklebust. "We had sort of a week-long event (last year). We had one or two events each day and it lasted all week long; and we thought we'd try this big one-day event this year. We're hoping it will become an annual event."

The committee has done a lot of advertising and promotion for the event. The fair, which is the first one of this magnitude on campus, is open to all students, faculty, staff and community members, said Barrett.

"I'm trying to encourage professors to bring their classes through because that's how you'll really get a lot of participants," said Barrett. "It's open to anybody and everybody."

Students are especially invited to the health fair, said Reilly-Myklebust.

"We focused it primarily on issues related to college students . . . students, staff, faculty, community members—everyone's

invited, but of course, it's targeted primarily for students," said Reilly-Myklebust.

The variety of organizations is mirrored by the variety of people helping out with the fair. Many students are involved, doing things like mailings and advertising for the event. The result will be a fair where everyone can find something interesting about the many aspects of their own health.

"The aim is to create an awareness about health. Really, health is so holistic and multi-dimensional, with all the different aspects," said Barrett. "Hopefully people will go in and find out more about themselves and have a little bit better idea of their own health—and have fun!"

Health and Wellness Fair

March 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Highlights:

- blood pressure screening
- massage
- hearing testing
- car accident simulation
- condom kits
- acupuncture
- cholesterol screening (\$5)
- lots of door prizes!

Workshops discuss homosexual, bisexual issues

EMILY HOLLOWAY
Staff Writer

Education about and cessation of heterosexism are the goals of the University Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Concerns as they host a five-part brown-bag film series between now and April 12.

"A lot of people think that homosexuality is an issue that doesn't concern us here at UW-River Falls," said Athletics Faculty Member Faye Perkins, who is also a representative of the faculty/staff branch of the committee. She said that it is "absolutely" a problem that needs to be addressed.

This past fall, Chancellor Gary Thibodeau passed a task force recommendation to improve the atmosphere concerning gay, lesbian and bisexuals on campus.

Since then, the committee has been focusing on certain issues and working on several projects to attain their goals of education, promotion of higher qualities of life, and development of policies concerning gay, lesbian and bisexual faculty and staff at UW-RF.

Perkins said that one of the issues of GLB Concerns is the issue of

invisibility. "It is an invisible minority," she said. "With people of color, you see them, you know them. But with people with homosexuality and bisexuality it is not apparent."

Thus, in an effort to increase the awareness on campus, the GLB Concerns Committee is sponsoring a series of five brown-bag workshops, each highlighting one video per session on lesbian and gay issues.

"It gives people a place to start talking about some of these issues," said Perkins. Mandy Fox of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Support Services said that she hopes the series will also open the door to some dialog between students and faculty concerning the homosexual and bisexual issue.

The first session, held Monday, focused on the "History, Theory and Research" of homosexuality and bisexuality. According to Judy Emmett, a representative from the curriculum sub-committee, about 15 faculty members and students were in

attendance.

"I was pleased," she said. "A few (attendants) were not even associated with the committee."

The film focused on historical, psychological and analytical views of the gay, lesbian and bisexual issue. "It generated a lot of good discussion," said Emmett.

She said one focus of the discussion

was that there was no clarification as to whether the views expressed in the video were current or former stereotypes. Emmett said that the viewers were concerned that the video would reinforce old stereotypes.

Emmett also stressed that the video was merely a historical background, and not a documentation of the current homosexual and bisexual perspective. She said that technical difficulties put a limit on the amount of time devoted to actual discussion made, but the next brown-bag workshop will allow considerably more time for post-video discussions.

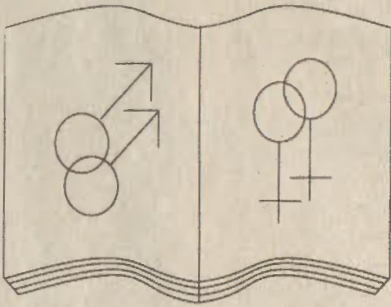
The next four workshops are titled "Relationships-Presenting Issues," "Coming Out," "Diversity," and "Gay Teens." "They're all pretty separate issues," said Perkins.

"I think this issue of education is providing some visibility," she added. She stated that the committee's goal is not only to be retroactive but proactive as well.

"Let's teach people to respect each other. It doesn't matter if it's sexual preference, race, religion or color. People are people and we should respect each other no matter what our differences are."

The brown-bag workshops are scheduled for March 5, 20, and 29 at noon in the President's Room in the Student Center. The last session will be April 12 in the Regent's Room of the Student Center. Each session is from noon to 1 p.m. and will be followed by a group discussion. There is no admission charge and all students and faculty are urged to come. Videocassettes and bibliographies are available courtesy of the library.

For more information, contact Faye Perkins (ext. 3966), Judy Emmett (ext. 3889) or Mandy Fox (ext. 3530).



UW-SYSTEM UPDATE

UW-Stout

The Faculty Senate voted Tuesday for the university not to be an experimental charter school. Chancellor Charles Sorensen had advocated the idea. Being a charter school for 10 years would have given Stout its own board of regents and administrative rules. Some faculty members thought a charter status would give the school more flexibility and allow it to keep more of its income.

UW-Whitewater

UW-W has just set up a new registration system that allows students to use the phone or STAR computer terminal to get immediate feedback on the courses they want to register for. They will not only be immediately signed up for open classes, but they will know right away if they are able to get the classes they want. Now if students are unable to get in a certain course, they can take immediate action.

UW-Stevens Point

A "Salute to Graduates" program has been created at UW-SP to answer questions graduates might have about the graduation process. The program is to help students plan for the graduation day and also for their future.

"We are offering a one-stop graduation shopping trip to answer all the questions that students have about the graduation process," said Peggy Carrier, program coordinator.

Students can pick up their graduation packets and leave right away or stay and take advantage of the number of resources that will be available.

UW-Eau Claire

UW-EC has spent two and a half years planning an American Indian major. The American Indian's studies committee received final approval to offer a major beginning fall 1996. This makes the university the only system school to offer this major.

No new faculty needs to be hired, except for a director or coordinator of the program, because there are faculty members from each department with the experience to teach American Indian courses.

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One week til Spring Break! Watch out beach, here we come!

Letters concerning Campus Media Committee prompt closed meeting

ERIC WIDHOLM
EDITOR

The battle is not over for the controversial Shared Governance 2000 document.

Prompted by letters from J. Michael Norman, chair of the journalism department, and Jim Zimmerman, director of "Focus on U" and the Theater Department, the Executive Committee of Senate went into closed session Tuesday night to discuss "possible litigation," according to Senate President Chris Patton.

The letters were concerning the Campus Media Committee proposed in the SG 2K document and the fact that it may violate the First Amendment and would interfere with University curriculum.

Norman was very concerned in his letter about how SG 2K's phrase "programming, coordinating and maximizing campus media efforts" would affect all campus media.

"The editorial programming independence of all student media must remain free of any direct or indirect interference from government, student or otherwise," Norman wrote. "A 'Campus Media Committee' as it is proposed in this document could control media content in a way that would mark the end of an independent student press on this campus. I vigorously oppose those efforts."

The Campus Media Committee, as proposed in SG 2K, would be part of the Leadership Development and Programming Board. It would include the *Student Voice* Editor, the WRFW Station Manager, a "Focus on U" representative, a River Falls Community News representative, five students, three faculty members and one Journalism Department faculty member.

Patton said he does not fear the objection letters from the faculty and this is the first controversy that Senate has had with faculty in quite some time.

"Senate feels very, very confident that what we're doing here we have the statutory right to do," Patton said. "What we're doing is in 100 percent compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws whether that be the United States Constitution or a municipal code down in city hall."

Patton didn't answer directly whether Senate actually referred to the Constitution before addressing

the concerns, but said that "we have reviewed various documents and have received outside advice into the matter."

"We've received advice into the matter and reviewed several options on the issue," Patton added.

Norman addressed that the documents discussing the Leadership Development and Programming Board advertently left out campus media from nine of the 10 committees listed on the outline. However, Patton said that the list was just examples and media groups were not omitted intentionally.

"If you look at it, it was an example of some of the committees that were listed there," Patton said. "It was not intentional at all and you know that I truly believe that most educated people that were truly interested wouldn't have stopped at that first page."

"You read on. That's certainly something that I think the journalism faculty and all faculty and all responsible adults are aware of. That you just don't read the first page in the newspaper a lot of time, you read on."

He said that the journalism department and other campus media have misunderstood the intentions of the Campus Media Committee and that its intentions are being misinterpreted.

"I think (the committee) promotes a lot more than just some talk," Patton said. "I think it promotes cooperation and dialogue between (all campus media) and I don't think there's anything wrong with that."

"The major point of the group is allocating funds to the campus media. There's going to be some talking, some decisions made, just as Senate does. It's also meant to strengthen all these groups. We want the campus media to be able to band together."

There is also a concern that the Senate held its closed meeting

illegally in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

Mike Kustad, news director of WRFW, and Eric Widholm, *Student Voice* editor, have consulted the State Attorney General and also the Pierce County District Attorney's Office to research the matter further.

Budget Officer discusses proposed 1996-97 fee increase

Budget Officer Mary Halada reviewed budget considerations for segregated fees for the next fiscal year. She discussed the significant increases in budget considerations and their reasons.

The largest proposed increase addressed was the health fee. The health fee has been increased for the

1996-97 academic year due to the services that UW-River Falls will be providing such as reproductive services, clinic examinations and, most recently, physicals, according to Halada. The health fees are proposed to increase 12.5 percent, from \$40 in 1995-96 to \$45 in

"Senate feels very, very confident that what we're doing here we have the statutory right to do. What we're doing is in 100 percent compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws whether that be the United States Constitution or a municipal code down in city hall."

-Chris Patton

Student Senate President

1996-97.

"It's difficult to compare apples and oranges. But for its value, it's difficult to compare our service," Halada said.

Patton was concerned with the increases and asked what students could do to minimize those costs. He was also concerned with students making unnecessary visits to the clinic and how this excess would affect other students.

Halada said that the University had no idea what to budget for student physicals, so it set aside \$1 per student.

"We don't want to discourage people from using the service," Halada said. "There's always unnecessary visits, but how do you know when that is."

Another proposed increase would

Senate • 5A

Four new senators take office, student election turnout "very low"

ERIC BRANDEL
STAFF WRITER

A special election last week gave UW-River Falls students a chance to fill four seats on the Student Senate. Only 229 students made it to the polls to cast their vote.

Voters elected Mike Christensen, Doug Raymakers, Alan Hughes and Carey Pawlik to the senate.

"I thought it would be a good way to be active and learn how the University runs," said newly elected Sen. Alan Hughes.

Hughes, a freshman physics major from Thorp, Wis., is anxious to get involved with the most controversial issue facing the senate.

"I'd like to see what we can do with Shared Governance 2000," Hughes said. "I haven't gotten a chance to research it yet."

The four openings in the senate were created by the resignations. The reasons for the departures range from

graduation to studying in Scotland.

The four new senators will serve until the end of the semester. A general election will be held in April in which all senate seats will be up for re-election.

Christensen ran for senate in order to meet more people.

"I'd like to learn more about how the senate runs and make some contacts," said Christiansen, a sophomore Animal Science major from Amery, Wis.

The real story of the election may have been another poor turnout at the polls. The 229 voters was about the same as previous senate elections.

"That's very low," said Senate Vice President Karen Kubes.

She pointed out two reasons why the turnout was less than desirable.

One reason is that students didn't know about the elections.

"We had two ads in the Student Voice and we had flyers posted all over campus," Kubes said.

The second reason for the small

number of voters was a lack of knowledge of the candidates.

"A lot of students didn't want to cast an uneducated vote," Kubes said.

The senate will try to take care of this problem by having all candidates for the April general election fill out a questionnaire, and try to run the responses in the Student Voice.

The candidates also expressed frustration at the low turnout.

"With only five people running, we weren't able to contact as large of a percentage of the students," Hughes said.

He also cited the fact that it was a special election, and didn't get the publicity of a general election.

"We're open to suggestions," Kubes said. "We really don't know what else to do."

The small number of voters also may have hindered the campaign of recently un-retired basketball superstar Michael Jordan, who was only able to collect two write-in votes under the banner "Jordan For Congress."

CAMPUS SECURITY NEWS

Car parked in wrong place gets tires slashed

FAITH KAMMERDIENER
STAFF WRITER

Somebody slashed all four tires on Matthew D. Fansler's car on Feb. 15 between 2:30 and 8:30 a.m., according to a River Falls Police report.

According to the report, Fansler said he parked his 1985 Chevrolet Cavalier at 515 East Cascade in a parking space for apartment No. 1, which was not his apartment. When he came out again he found his tires, valued at \$280, slashed.

Officer John Wilson, who investigated the crime, examined the tires and found what appeared to be puncture wounds on the side walls of the tires just above the white wall area, the report stated. Wilson talked to the tenants in apartment No. 1. One of the tenants, Trevor O'Neil, denies that he or his roommates did any damage to Fansler's car, the report said.

O'Neil stated in the report that he and his roommates did return home around 2 a.m. and found Fansler's car parked in their spot. O'Neil said that he parked his car on the street and

allegedly called the River Falls Police Department to have the car towed. But a police dispatcher said it would be some time before the car could be towed. He said that he was upset, but that he did not slash Fansler's tires.

According to the report, Fansler had to have his car towed to Jerry's Station and have the tires replaced.

Thefts

Two students allegedly attempted to steal books from the library, according to the River Falls Police report. The report said one student allegedly tried to steal *Puss 'N Boots*, valued at \$40. The student set off the alarm and came back, the report states. According to the report, she said she forgot she had it. The River Falls Police Department let her off with a warning.

Another student also allegedly set off the alarm with a book that wasn't checked out, called *Drugs*, a River Falls Police report said. Officer Kromrey informed the individual that she would be put on their first offender's list and if she attempted to remove any other material that was not checked out, she would be tick-

eted.

Louise G. Harrigen-Schilty reported a stolen backpack. According to a River Falls Police report, Schilty, 4141 Hillaire Rd, White Bear Lake, left her backpack in the ladies room of the Student Center. When she returned it was gone. The backpack and contents were valued at \$39.95, the report said.

Citations

Laura L. Otto, 32, 347 W. Johnson St. was given a speeding ticket on Feb. 21, according to a River Falls Police report.

Unsolicited phone calls

A McMillan Hall resident received a harassing phone call on Feb. 24, a Campus Security report said.

Burglary

A stereo system was taken from an apartment on 515 E. Cascade Avenue. The apartment door was unlocked when the crime took place on Sunday, 4:30 a.m. The total loss was said to exceed \$1,000 in stereo components and money stolen from a purse.

City council plans walkway for set-aside land

STEPHANIE FERRAZZO
STAFF WRITER

UW-River Falls students and citizens will have a 12-foot walking pathway on an undeveloped section of Spruce and Park streets in the South Fork area, due to a petition by Lloyd Johnson.

This portion of undeveloped land was set aside in 1857 for constructing two streets which were never built. And in recent city council meetings the question was raised as to if those streets should be built.

Johnson's home was presiding next to this plot of undeveloped land. And when word got out that the city may take this land or relinquish ownership to Johnson, neighbors of South Fork feared that Johnson would turn the land into a group of apartments, ruining the bushes and shrubs, according to South Fork neighbors.

Ed Vlack, Johnson's attorney, argued that the issue was not about zoning or how the land should be developed, but what the council should do with a plot of land that was set aside 100 years ago for the development of streets.

Johnson told the council he would be more than willing to agree to the development of a 12-foot walking path, if his petition was approved.

Alderman Wayne Beebe said, "After reviewing the topography of the area, I see no need for the city to put a street in. I do not believe it is in our best interest to imply we need to build one."

"I've walked the area and I agree," Alderman Jay Wollan added. "I'm in favor of approving the request to vacate."

The council approved Johnson's request.

In other business:

- Crystal J. Kittelson was denied an application for a bartender's license, due to a prior driving-while-intoxicated citation she received last August. Council member Harris Kittelson abstained from voting.

- Approved a liquor license for the Grand Cafe, 123 1/2 S. Main St.

- Approved, after discussing the Landfill Cleanup Fund, a 25 percent reduction in the environmental fee and refunding a \$1, 500,000 bond with a \$750,000 bond, due to recent settlements and cleanup costs.

- Approved an ordinance about theft of library materials. It prohibits people giving false identification to obtain a library loan. Also, parental or legal guardian permission is required for people under 17 to obtain periodicals.

In last business, the council met with Brown Healey Stone & Sauer PC architects on behalf of the future of a new city hall.

Bruce Hamous, architect, said they want to learn as much as they can about the community and hope to package and publish a recommended plan.

The idea of the new city hall being user friendly is a main concern to the council.

"Customer service is essential," council member Barbara Averill said.

Other than customer service, a question was raised if any of the existing departments in the city hall could survive alone and function without the space in city hall, said Mayor Duane Pederson.

Ideas and questions of the rebuilding of City Hall can be made Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. at city hall.

High school students sail in for campus visit day

CHAD URDAHL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

They won't be coming in by ship, but they could wind up turning a short tour into a stay as long as the crew from Gilligan's Island.

They are high school seniors and juniors who are going to pay the UW-River Falls campus a visit this Friday. About 200 students from around the Midwest will shove-off at 8 a.m. to get a taste of what the school has to offer.

Director of Student Admissions Alan Tuchtenhagen calls the day one "in which we can handle all the people productively and in an efficient manner. We're not staffed to handle all of them on individual visits."

Tuchtenhagen says the college visit day is an attempt to convey as much as possible. "We stress the uniqueness and talk about why students come here," he said. "We also talk about pragmatic things like admissions and why to attend."

Playing the role of a salesman is not something that Tuchtenhagen says he does when he speaks to all of the visitors to kick off the day's events. "Some find out this is not the place for

them," he said. "Some of their needs aren't met, or some are marginal academically."

Tuchtenhagen says this is a smaller group than some in the past. "We've had some of over 400," he said.

Kris Anderson has as much to do with putting on a good show as anybody. "I organize them," she said. "I do everything from food to setting up the infrastructure."

According to Anderson, she is in charge of assembling a crew of tour guides similar to the "Road Crew" to take groups of guests around the campus. "College visit day is our most critical part of recruiting," she said. "Our tour guides are the face of our college. We invest a lot in them."

Anderson says this tour will be challenging for the guides to handle different types of students. "This one is unique because we have seniors who have been admitted," she said.

She says the guides go through some training before taking on groups. "Workshops for members and folders on PR (public relations) are used," she said. "These people don't get paid, but they do get perks by earning center points," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, these tour

guides have been dedicated to their jobs, even in the recent cold snap. "Schools in Minnesota were closed, but some students came on visits when it was 25 (degrees) below," she said.

Anderson says college visit days can be as much a learning experience for UW-RF as the high school students who come. "We are doing research now to find the most effective recruiting methods," she said. "We want to know the most prevalent contacts and how they know about us. We've seen that the number one contact is ACT scores."

College visit days are also a time for parents to get involved with their child's decision on attending college, according to Anderson. "We get a lot of parents at these," she said. "Some families make a weekend of it."

CORRECTIONS

Last week the *Voice* incorrectly identified Dr. Charles Kao as a former UW-RF professor. He is still a professor of economics at UW-RF and director for the Center of Pacific Rim Studies. The *Voice* regrets the error.

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Editorial
No black ink yet

"We, as members of the media, are here to serve as individual public informants not puppets of the Student Senate or some governing committee."

Just when everyone thought the Shared Governance 2000 proposal would slip through the Chancellor's hands in one quick motion, think again. Yes, the proposal was signed by the Student Senate, but as it sat patiently waiting for the return of our vacationing Chancellor, another question was raised about SG2K. One which will affect the campus media directly and the entire campus indirectly.

One of the changes SG2K will bring to campus will be ten sub-committees under the Leadership Development and Programming Board set up to govern many organizations across campus. One of these committees was recently unveiled to the journalism department, as well as the several media organizations across campus. The Campus Media Committee, which was not heard of until well after Student Senate signed SG2K and placed it on the Chancellor's desk for signing, will be established as a governing body of all campus media organizations. Yet, it is unclear just what the Student Senate plans to do with their control over the media.

The most important question has to be whether or not the Student Senate knows what the First Amendment is and if they understand the right to freedom of the press. By governing the Voice as well as the other media organizations they will be illegally controlling media on campus. The sub-committee's purpose is "to provide coordination among the student media" as well as "maximize campus media efforts."

What does this mean for the Voice, WRFW and River Falls Community News? We will be under constant scrutiny of a governing committee who will not only decide how much money we get and when we get it, but also how the different campus media organizations should be "coordinated." Coordination has no place in an independent newspaper. The Voice is a member of the press and at no time should its content be under supervision or control of any governing body.

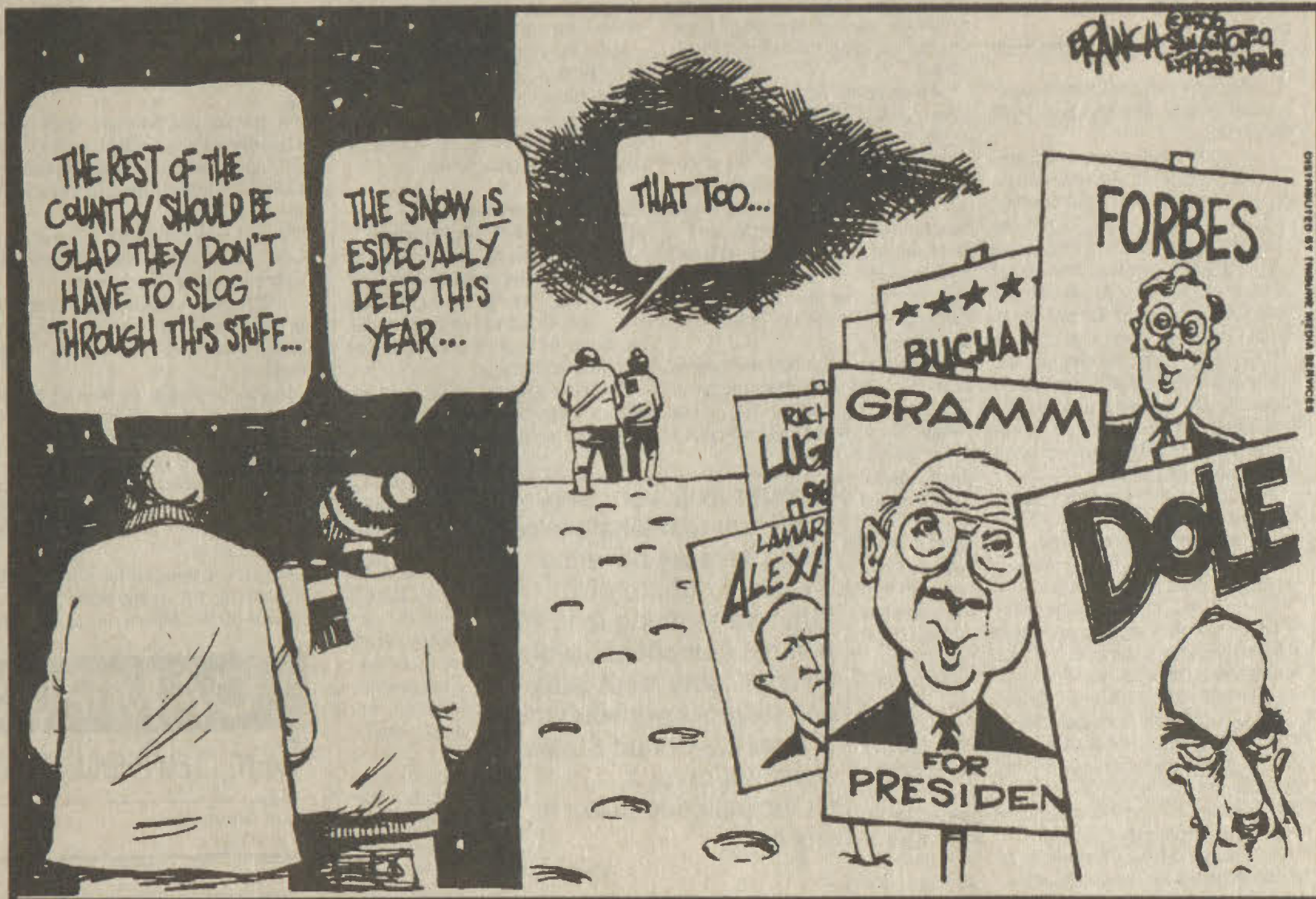
In order to insure we get funding we will need to please every member of the committee by reporting to their expectations, throwing objectivity and ethics out the window. Students will not see objective news stories with real content, instead they will see fluffy features about every area of the campus remotely connected to any members of the governing body that distributes funding and makes decisions affecting the Voice and other medias.

For students this means no more stories informing you of the future plans of Student Senate that you may not agree with. The more people we inform of the not so pleasant issues, the less likely we'll be to receive funding through this new committee.

We, as members of the media, are here to serve as individual public informants, not puppets of the Student Senate or some governing committee. Especially since this committee won't even have 50 percent of its members representing the campus media organizations.

How many members of this committee will actually know anything about how a newspaper is run or a radio station or TV station? Do we really want, or need people on a committee that don't know a thing about the media or how much money it costs to oversee the business. Better yet, do we even need a committee to distribute funds and oversee the media? There hasn't been a problem with the system we have now. Why fix something that isn't broken?

If Chancellor Thibodeau would like to put SG2K into action, he may need to reaccess what organizations will be affected by the proposal and if these organizations, including the media, really need to be restructured. The proposal is supposed to be a step ahead for the future, but does it really step ahead or does it take a step back?



What's up with this weather?

Jaime Larson



"Sunshine and 50 degrees one day and sub-zero wind chills the next are prime ingredients for a nice batch of is-winter-almost-over-yet depression."

We're so very fortunate to live in the Upper Midwest, wouldn't you agree? Where else can you experience variations on all four seasons in the time span of one short week?

Not only does the variable weather in Minnesota and Wisconsin provide a nice change of pace, but it also gives residents a rare opportunity to fully utilize the contents in their closets. What more could you ask for than to be able to wear a new ski suit and a new

swimsuit in the very same week?

Anyone catch a hint of sarcasm there? My weak attempt at seeing the world through Pollyanna's eyes fails again.

Oh well, who can help but be pessimistic? Sunshine and 50 degrees one day and sub-zero wind chills the next are prime ingredients for a nice batch of is-winter-almost-over-yet depression.

Not to mention a hell of a cold. Seriously, is there anyone out there who hasn't been sick within the last two weeks? If so, come over and visit me, I'd like to cough on my hand and then shake yours.

Following the events of the past couple of weeks I'm considering buying stock in Kleenex, which I seem to be consuming by the thousands.

No gestation. I must go through about 50 of them per class period on average (even more during those two-hour labs). And I'm not just feeling sorry for myself here. Actually, it's the people sitting next to me in class that deserve some credit.

I can only imagine what hell it must be to sit next to me. Besides opening up my backpack periodically to reveal several hundred snotty, wadded-up Kleenexes, I have also acquired the attractive habit of tipping my head back and breathing through my mouth

just to get some air into my lungs.

And don't think I don't notice those of you relegated to sitting next to me sliding your chairs a few more inches away each time I cough. Not to worry though, I don't blame you at all.

But enough about my sinuses. There's still plenty to complain about. Like having to walk through mud and water puddles one day and across frozen tundra the next just to get to class. All this slush and mud splashing around isn't a happy thing for a girl who only washes her jeans twice a semester.

And that wind. Could my skin get any drier? At least if I meet a good-looking guy over spring break I won't have to scramble around looking for a piece of paper—he can scratch his name and number right into my skin. Not even Vaseline Intensive Care would be able to remove it at this point.

Okay, I've rambled on enough about my gripes of winters in the Midwest. I admit it, I'm a pessimist, but I'm going to give optimism one more shot. After all Pollyanna did turn a town around with the "Glad Game."

So here it is, my final thought: I'm GLAD there's still hope I won't have to live in this God-forsaken region my entire life.

Spring break brings relief from school pressures - for those able to go

Mike Kulstad



"Now we're set to leave again. The stress of going to classes for four hours a day and re-typing a paper that you handed in two years ago has driven us to the edge."

Life is cruel isn't it? Just when you think you have it all figured out, the great game of life doesn't allow you to pass go, you don't get two hundred bucks. Instead, you get eight o'clock classes, and a ton of student loans.

Another little card that life likes to play is the one that deals with the weather in Minnesconsin. One week ago, students broke out the shorts, left the parkas at home, and enjoyed temps above 35. By state law, that is considered tropical for mid-February. Now, we're back in the deep freeze. Alas, revenge will be had. Redemption will be ours. Soon, most of us can get rid

of this winter with two simple words: Spring Break.

Some of us, myself not included, are all ditching this place and heading to someplace warm, someplace tropical, someplace where the alcohol flows freely. It's a place known to those who love it: Sheyboygan. Er, sorry, that was Cancun. Simple mistake. I decided to do this column on spring break because when the paper comes out next week, our minds are long gone. Gone well before classes are excused and we all physically leave this institute of state-funded baby-sitting.

Questions of "Where you going?" "Who you going with?" and "How much of your student loan are you using for this trip?" have echoed throughout the campus since the second day we came back from winter break, which was just six weeks ago by the way.

Now we're set to leave again. The stress of going to classes for four hours a day and re-typing a paper that we handed in two years ago has driven us to the edge. Those people who work 40 hours a week can and will never understand the stress we're under.

The only answer is to go someplace where the only notes taken are the orders at your table. The only figures you worry about are the ones on the red beach towel in front of you. Instead of a two-hour lecture, you spend your days on a beach with thousands of flesh-hungry college co-eds. One week of that and we should be recharged.

After break, we should be ready for another all-

expense paid trip in the middle of May to somewhere beyond our borders. Luckily, the higher-ups in Madison have realized that a mind in its mid 20's can only take so much, for so long.

Once you take a look at it, it is pretty pathetic, knowing that most people "need" a reprieve from their classes, most of which they've skipped anyway. For those of you who have saved up for this trip, slaved over your books and are just getting away, please forgive me. Perhaps I'm going a bit far in my cynicisms, but my sarcasm only comes from my lack of a trip. For those of you headed someplace other than 30 miles in any direction, I envy you. Maybe it's best. The idea of me in a swimsuit has sent many into therapy.

Wherever you go, have fun. But keep these simple ideas in mind: 1. Never trust a guy with tequila in one hand and a bible in the other. 2. Your Visa Card speaks louder and perhaps accomplishes more than most words in our language. 3. You still have that paper due when you get back. 4. Your student loan agreement that you're using to pay for this trip is right next to your unfinished paper. 5. Numbers that contain "points" (.2, .3, etc.) can be mudeous when talking about your blood alcohol level.

On that note, your flight is boarding. Bring your passport, and your plane ticket, and have fun. Remember, your test is next Monday. Have a nice trip.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus Media Committee would be a violation of rights of students

There has been recent controversy concerning the Student Senate Shared Governance Committees. A Leadership Development and Programming Board run by Student Senate members is proposing to set up a Campus Media Committee that may in fact infringe upon our first amendment rights as students of UW-River Falls.

According to this committee, their purpose is to provide "coordination and maximize campus media efforts." The idea of a Programming Board run only by a selected number of Student Senate members coordinating our campus media, both frightens and disturbs me.

Just think. What if the United States government decided to control the media? This would mean govern-

ment control and regulation of our new programming on television and radio, as well as print in newspapers and magazines, nationwide. The freedom of speech and allowance of a diversified media in this country would be diminished.

If this sort of coordination takes place, this is what will happen to our campus media as well. The students of UW-River Falls need to be aware of what may happen to their newspaper, television and radio stations and rights as individuals.

Jayne T. St. Mary
Promotions Director,
WRFW

Successful nomination for Buchanan a frightening realization

As many of you know, Pat Buchanan won the Republican Primary in New Hampshire last week. I think that I speak for many students when I say that this scares the hell out of me.

Mr. Buchanan is a bigot, a homophobe, and an anti-Semite. The fact that he was even on the ticket marks a step in the wrong direction for this country.

Buchanan has referred to Capitol Hill as "Israeli occupied territory," employed a man on his campaign who was linked to white supremacy groups, and stated that he would not hire a homosexual to work in this office. Are these not attitudes that we as a nation need to be moving away from? As a Democrat, I am delighted to see

Buchanan doing so well because his radical and isolationist views make him un-electable in a general election. However, as a citizen of the United States, I am truly frightened by the notion that in one election we may undo what so many people have fought for so many years ago, tolerance and understanding.

I beg you all to take a stance against these ignorant attitudes that have crept into the electoral process. I beg you to take a closer look at what this man stands for.

Jason Childress
President
Young Democrats

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take action against proposal calling for control of media, funds

Attention to the students of UW-River Falls who haven't heard of the phrase "Shared Governance": PAY ATTENTION NOW!!!!!!

If the warnings given to you by IRHC over the past weeks and months haven't been enough, how does the phrase "violating the constitution" strike you? The fact that the Student Senate would even think about "governing" the campus media is not only appalling in its obvious conflict-of-interest nature, but illegal in its total disregard for freedom of the press.

Why was it that not one member of the campus media, let alone most of the other nine "subcommittees" of the Leadership Development and Programming Board, received an invita-

tion to sit on the Task Force on Shared Governance? Certainly the proposal that was passed by the Senate would never have made it out of the Task Force if proper student representation had been present. Isn't that what true "Shared Governance" is all about?

"Coordinating and Maximizing campus media efforts," as the Task Force puts it, is in reality a way to consolidate and control campus media. Do you, the student, really want the Student Senate to tell you who is going to cover what? Since every decision

to be approved through the Senate, why not make the Senate in charge of everything and just fire the leaders and managers of most the organizations

on this campus? I'm sure the Student Senate has plenty of time to be knowledgeable in EVERY area of leadership development and programming.

Also, if this were to go into effect, you can expect that all campus media coverage of the Student Senate will start smelling like roses, as we will all have to start smooching the behinds of those that will be deciding how much cash will be doled out to keep each media organization running.

In fact, if "Shared Governance 2000" gets the Chancellor's pen, it is quite possible this paper you are reading would be without this particular letter to the editor, as it could possibly offend those whom we in the media

must NOW be so careful as NOT to offend.

My suggestion to YOU, the affected students, is to let your representatives know that they are not meeting your needs as a constituent. Student Senators can be reached at 425-3205 or 425-4489.

It's not too late to stop "Shared Governance 2000." It's not too late to keep your rights as a student alive and well. Please do not just keep walking with your heads down. Stop and take notice. Use your voice and be heard. It's not too late.

Kevin Tlougan
Station Manager, WRFW

Druid religion pushed aside by Catholics unfamiliar with beliefs

Saint Patrick's Day commemorates driving the "snakes" out of Ireland. "Snake" can refer to a slithering reptile, or a lying sneaky human. Before Saint Patrick brought in the Catholic religion, the Druid religion reigned supreme. If someone did not know any better, they may have told people the Druid religion was full of snakes.

The Catholic religion offered Heaven in one life of worship. The Druid religion taught Heaven could be achieved after reincarnating back to Earth, numerous times, until a degree of true knowledge was attained in your eternal mind which helps you to be happier. Between incarnations, we stay in the Astral planes, which are at a higher unseen frequency and of less dense matter. Heaven is beyond the Astral planes. Nicer people get to live in the better Astral planes.

The Catholic religion told people you could be forgiven for bad deeds by praying. The Druid religion held that you can make up for past wrongs

by doing good deeds and by helping those you have hurt, either now or in a future life, or you may suffer sicknesses in future life incarnations for hurting others during your one eternal life.

The Druid religion used a tree to explain God to people. We are the acorns and young trees, and God is the oldest, largest, wisest tree of us all, from which we all sprouted. They also taught that Nature is a part of our being, our minds extend to nature, and nature becomes a part of our mind, and you can tune into and mentally feel the beauty of nature.

With the help of the Roman army, the Roman Catholic religion became more popular; and the truth and knowledge of the Druid religion, and the wise men who were called snakes, left Ireland.

Sue Saintmarie
Myrtle Beach, SC

Attack on gay men by UW-RF students deserves action, commitment to ending of violence, prejudice against gays, lesbians, bisexuals

Earlier this month, two UW-RF male students physically and verbally assaulted two local gay men in River Falls by referring to each of the men as '(expletive) faggot' or 'pretty boy.' After the men left a downtown bar, the students followed the men for two blocks, and then each of the students struck one of the men in the face, resulting in a trip to the emergency room. Two other UW-RF students were witnesses to the assault and gave statements to the police. Although it is currently unclear whether or not this incident will be prosecuted as a hate crime, both students will face battery charges.

According to Wisconsin State Law, a hate crime occurs when someone commits a crime and "intentionally selects the person [victim] against whom the crime is committed or selects the property that is damaged or otherwise affected by the crime in whole or in part because of the actor's [assailant] belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of that person or the owner

or occupant of that property, whether or not the actor's belief or perception was correct"

When persons in a community choose violence and choose to injure others because of hate, prejudice or ignorance, this reflects poorly on the community as a whole, and all of us individually. As responsible members of this community, it is important to speak and act in a way that respects and affirms the dignity of all of its members. A true measure of a healthy community is reflected to the degree that we appreciate and learn from the differences among us, or at the very least one another.

Prejudice and violence against our UW-RF lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) community members is one of many reasons why Chancellor Thibodeau appointed over 30 volunteer members to the UW-RF University Committee on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Concerns last year. We would like to highlight some of the upcoming projects undertaken by the Committee.

The Faculty and Staff Issues Sub-

Committee is sponsoring a series of four remaining brown bag lunches. Each meeting will feature a video exploring current LGB topics and experiences. All brown bags will take place from noon to 1 pm and will leave time for discussion and reflection. Tuesday, March 5, "Relationships," in the President's Room; Wednesday, March 20, "Coming Out," in President's Room; Friday, March 29, "Diversity" in the President's Room; and Friday, April 12, "Gay Teens" in Regents Room. All are invited to attend.

The Student Issues Sub-Committee is working on a 'Safe Space & Ally' program which seeks to have employees and students of UW-RF self-identify (via a button or poster) as persons who are supportive of LGB people and LGB issues. You will hear more later in the semester.

The Curriculum Sub-Committee is in the process of surveying faculty members in order to discover which courses offer some examination of LGB people and topics.

The University Gay, Lesbian and

Bisexual Concerns Committee is making strides toward an open and healthy community. Please share in this commitment with us. Individually and collectively we are making a difference. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any committee member listed below.

University Gay, Lesbian
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Gay/ Attack comes as surprise

From 1A

"I singled one guy out and I said, 'Are you involved in this? We just want to go home. We don't want to get involved in any of this crap,'" Jason said. "And then I turned around just in time to see another guy basically crack me in the face, and I was on the ground."

"It came out of the blue," Jason said. "I had no idea he was going to hit me. It was like your basic sucker punch."

Jason said he got up and prepared to defend himself, but the men had run to their car.

As of Thursday, no official charges had been issued to either of the men involved. Pierce County District Attorney John O'Boyle said that he would most likely charge the incident as misdemeanor battery or disorderly conduct rather than as a hate crime.

Under Wisconsin statute, a hate crime isn't a specific charge but rather a penalty enhancer. For example, the penalty for a Class A misdemeanor battery is nine months in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. The hate crime provision would raise the penalty to two years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine.

However, the penalty enhancer can only be applied if proof exists that the attack was motivated solely by hate and not connected to another incident.

"If you go and you beat somebody up we have to prove that you intentionally and purposely selected that person out," O'Boyle said. "It's not just because words were exchanged during the altercation. That's not

enough."

Jim Knuth, a UW-RF student who was with Thompson and Jason and witnessed the event said that he sees no problem with this stipulation.

"All of a sudden just like that everything was 'faggot' or 'queer' or whatever," Knuth said. "It seemed pretty obvious at the time."

The incident hasn't changed Thompson or Jason's opinion of River Falls in general, but it has affected them.

"It does give you a paranoia," Jason said. "I mean for the next couple of days, whenever I went, it wasn't like I was afraid or anything, but I did kind of feel like I had to look over my shoulder."

"I've never been like that in town or anywhere for that matter. Suddenly I just had that feeling, and I'm not too happy about it."

Whether it made them feel apprehensive or not, the incident has not kept either Thompson or Jason from going out in public. The night after they were attacked, they went back to Club Kaos.

"They're not going to force me out of a public bar," Jason said. "They're not going to scare me back into my house, back into my closet just because of one incident. If they want to pull that crap at least I'll know they're coming this time."

One of the UW-RF students facing charges declined to comment on the incident, and the other could not be reached.

Assembly

From 1A

the best faculty development programs the University has as they interact with industry."

Katrina Larsen, director of the extended degree and distance education program, shared some of the successes the college has had in securing funding from USDA Challenge Grants for distance education. Recently the college, in cooperation with UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point and UW-Madison, has been awarded two grants to train faculty to use distance education facilities.

Larsen said that "next year we'll be offering an agriculture education class to Platteville, we'll receive an agriculture law course from Madison and a waste management course from Stevens Point. This is a way to share the faculty expertise of our universities."

Due to limited time not all people were able to testify. But Ott asked those who were not heard to share their topics with the Committee by writing or calling them. He said he hoped "the message came out that we are here because we do care about the support of agriculture education in the state."

The legislators toured the College of

Agriculture facilities. They viewed equipment obtained for food biochemistry and soils laboratories purchased with funds from the legislature for lab and classroom modernization.

They also saw the agriculture engineering computer-aided drafting laboratory, the food science pilot plants, and visited the state-of-the-art greenhouse where a tour was given by students.

The legislators visited the campus laboratory farm where they saw the existing dairy and equine facilities.

The College of Agriculture at UW-RF has one of the largest undergraduate enrollments among state-funded colleges of agriculture in the nation. The College has 14 undergraduate and two graduate programs. University enrollment is about 5,200 with almost 25 percent of those students enrolled in majors in the college. The largest major is animal science with 368 students.

College of Agriculture Dean Gary Rhodum was "pleased with the testimony and comments from students and faculty on the education program successes and needs."

Senate

From 3A

be in Student Center fees, which Halada said was directly affiliated with the proposed remodeling of the Ballroom area into offices and meeting rooms which will cost \$100,000. The proposed increase would be from \$125 to \$134.41, a 7.53 percent increase.

Segregated fees, as a whole, were proposed to increase from \$402.59 in 1995-96 to \$420 in 1996-97, a 4.32 percent increase.

General Services begins random towing

Sen. Charles Schultz told the Senate about a proposal from Gregg White of General Services to begin random towing of illegally-parked cars. The suggestion was made because of the number of students parking illegally despite repeated warnings and a record number of tickets, said Schultz.

Patton questioned Schultz about how White plans to select cars to be towed and whether his plan is fair.

"I think it's really, really poor," Patton said. "I think students are getting targeted in this one. I know faculty who are parking where they shouldn't be. And I would guess that nearly 100 percent are students' cars. I think we have a double standard here."

Patton added that the policy, in his opinion, was directed only at students.

"I think the only thing we're concerned about is towing students' cars," Patton said. "I think it's discriminatory."

Hunger

From 1A

60 percent and in Beijing, China, it is 52 percent.

"The United States is a major producer of their own food," Brokish said. "The percentage of income spent on food depends on how stable the country's economy is and the value of the dollar."

Brokish felt the hunger awareness event was very significant.

"A lot of people aren't aware of world hunger," Brokish said. "It's a time to reflect and be thankful for what we have."



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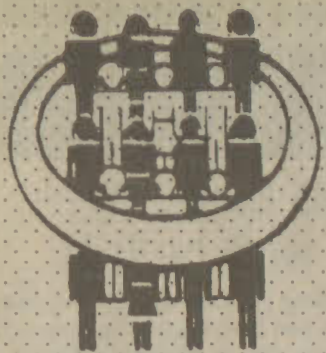
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UW-RF celebrates Black History Month

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African storyteller Vusumuzi Zulu entertains UW-RF students, faculty, and community members with tales of a stingy old tiger, a leopard king, and the Signifying Monkey.

African storytelling keeps traditions alive

JESSICA ROIAS
A&E Editor

Did you know that there once was a time when animals talked to each other? That the king of the jungle was once a Leopard who chose his successor by how far he could throw a spear in the air? Ever wonder about the saying "straighten up and fly right?" Or have you ever been tricked by a Signifying Monkey?

These are just some of the entertaining legends Vusumuzi and Nothanda Zulu shared with a room of teachers, students, and community members on Feb. 21 when they came to UW-River Falls on behalf of the African American Alliance to share their culture through storytelling. The stories kept the audience laughing, clapping and singing.

"Storytelling is not a spectator sport," said Vusumuzi. In the story about the greedy, stingy old tiger, the audience made a wind storm that scared the tiger into being tied up to a tree.

Through animated gestures, changes in voices and a genuine, obvious joy in telling tales the Zulus kept the large audience captive for an hour and a half.

The Zulus have been telling stories together for 24 years. "It's a means of propagating the culture and sharing who we all are," said Vusumuzi about why he continues to travel and tell tales.

The Zulus have been to conventions

all over the country meeting people, telling, and sharing stories. They have had their share of successes.

"In Kansas City this year she won the National Liar's Contest," said Vusumuzi about his wife, Nothanda. "So don't believe a word she says."

The audience pleaded to know the lie she won with. Without much convincing Nothanda told the story of her

ents were always old, perfect and have never made mistakes.

"Teach them differently," added Nothanda who said that telling stories of childhood memories is a great way to spend quality time with children.

"Story is a thing we all have a lot of," said Vusumuzi, who enforced the message of storytelling as an important part of raising children.

Attending the hour and a half storytelling session were Karen and Mike Wencl, along with their three kids and two neighbor kids from the River Falls community.

"I thought it was great," said Karen, who heard about the event through a speech communication class she is taking at UW-RF. "They like to hear stories because their dad is a storyteller," she said about her husband Mike. "He has told them one every night since they were born."

"I put meaning behind it, and teach them morals," Mike said about his stories. Some he makes up and some he hears or reads from books. He began to tell his favorite story about the man who saw what happens when we die. Before he could finish, his daughter came up and asked if she could finish telling the tale.

"Storytelling keeps the people you're telling about alive," said Vusumuzi. "We only truly die when we are forgotten."

Thanks to the Zulus and those who continue the tradition of storytelling, many heroes and legends will never be forgotten.

"Storytelling keeps the people you're telling about alive. We only truly die when we are forgotten."

-Vusumuzi Zulu
Storyteller

great uncle's cat who had a peg leg; the story kept the audience roaring.

Most of their stories were told in an upbeat urban way, which means they have taken the old stories and assimilated them to today's language and way of speaking. They involved the familiar, like explaining sayings and common knowledge, to the inspiring, like the story of Frannie Lou the Mississippi activist.

"We get most of our stories from books, other than the ones we are told," said Nothanda.

"Children believe that their parents are born old," said Vusumuzi. It intimidates children to think their par-

Cross-cultural communication challenging

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S&E Editor

Communication is a natural part of life. However, it can become challenging when different cultures come together.

African American speaker Michelle Lockhart explained the communication differences between blacks and whites in a speech to University students on Feb. 20 at Rodli Commons.

In her speech, Lockhart said that most communication problems occur between the two ethnic groups because of differences within the cultures.

She said that the African American culture is considered a high context culture, but the European American culture is considered a low context culture. She said that high context cultures use a lot of nonverbal clues in sending messages, and they rely on very personal forms of communication, which are vague.

High context cultures can tell how a person is feeling by looking at body language.

"They can look at your eyes, how you stand, and how you walk and they can understand," Lockhart said.

She said that African Americans use movement rather than words to express themselves. It's the most important part of their culture, she said.

"Movement is a total part of our expression," Lockhart said. "There's something about movement, especially with African Americans and Native Americans. It's their freedom."

Time is also flexible in a high context culture, said Lockhart.

"It's whenever you get there," Lockhart said. "I'll be early or I'll be late. Why? Because time doesn't matter."

In African American culture, time doesn't begin until you get there and it doesn't stop until you leave, she said. However, low context cultures, such as European American, require very clear descriptions and a high degree of specific information. The communication is more impersonal and thoughts are expressed verbally rather than through body language. Low context cultures need to measure everything, she said.

"That clock is your life," Lockhart said. "Everything is measured by the clock."

Personal space can also cause tension between blacks and whites, she said. According to Lockhart,

pointing a finger into an African American's face is a mistake because it invades their space. African Americans desire more personal space than European Americans.

According to Lockhart, these differences lead to high context cultures being labeled as non-disclosing, sneaky and less attractive by the dominant low culture.

"And you sit there and start reading this stuff to children and they start believing that there is actually something wrong with that other culture.

And there isn't. They're just acting out what they are," said Lockhart.

Lockhart also said that eye contact can also cause problems between the two cultures. In the African American culture, Lockhart said that looking at someone the wrong way, "you can get cussed out and your eyes knocked out. So if you don't know how to look at someone, you don't look at them."

This can lead to problems when dealing with the European American culture where looking someone straight in the eye is desirable. She said that people get angry without eye contact because they feel that the other person is laughing at them.

Lockhart said that the best way to combat these stereotypes is through education.

"If you have friends who are from different ethnic groups, attend the speech and learn about the differences between blacks and whites, but she did express some reservations about it.

"It was good to learn about what to expect," Habisch said. "But do they think about what we expect?"

Habisch also said that Lockhart's description of European Americans is stereotypical. She said that some whites do care about how African Americans feel. Also, she said that not all European Americans communicate verbally. Some do use gestures and body language to communicate just like African Americans do.

Another audience member, Jeff Dale, also thinks that Lockhart's description of European Americans is stereotypical. He said that nonverbal communication is a very important part of how he communicates with others. He said that he uses a lot of hand gestures when he communicates.

Eric Small thought that Lockhart was very good.

"I wish I had a professor like that," he said. However, he was upset over the fact that only one of his professors announced the speech beforehand, and that very few European Americans showed up for the speech.

"Why do they (the University) always preach about diversity, but no one shows up for the speaker?" Small said.

Lockhart teaches African American Studies and coaches basketball at St. Cloud State University. She has a bachelor's degree in English Literature and African American Studies from the University of Minnesota and her master's degree from Hamline University.

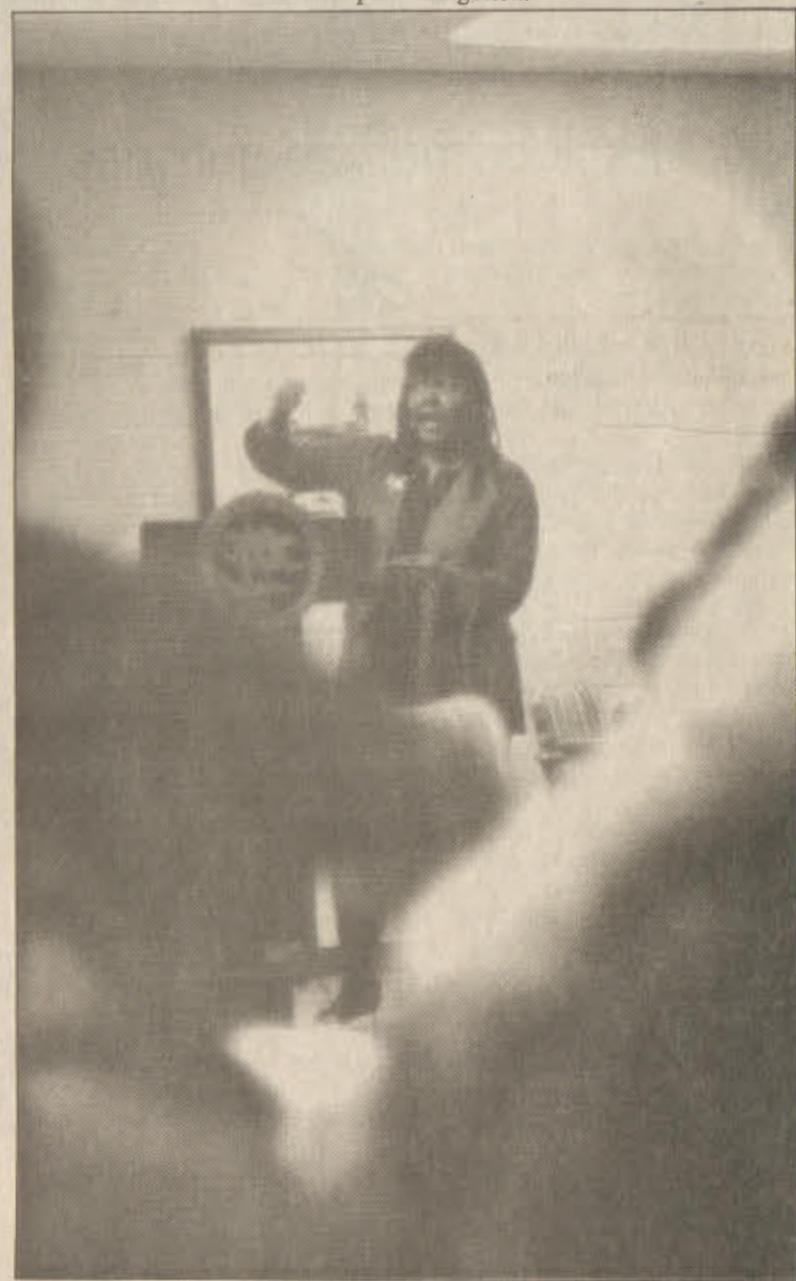
"If you have friends who are from different ethnic groups, learn about their cultures. Just sit and listen and do it with an open mind."

-Michelle Lockhart
African American speaker

learn about their cultures," Lockhart said. "Just sit and listen and do it with an open mind. You'll find out a lot about those cultures."

Another good way to learn about other cultures, she said, is to read books written by people from that culture. Lockhart said this will give people an understanding of what the other cultures think of themselves and who they are.

Reactions to the speaker were mixed. Audience member Hollie Habisch said she thought that it was a good idea to



Jamie Molitor Photo

African American speaker Michelle Lockhart made several points about the differences between cultures in her speech on cross-cultural communication.

MSO offers diversity and support for all races

ERIC DAHLBERG
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Designed to provide UW-River Falls members with academic, cultural, and social support, the Multicultural Services Office is offering cohesion and diversity to University members of color and members of all races.

To do this, the organization has invited many speakers to come to the University and has hosted educational workshops.

Organizations offered to university members though the Multicultural Services Office include the African American Alliance, the Asian American Student Association, the Latino Student Organization and the Native American Council; these offer help, input, and insights to members of the University.

"It (the African American Alliance) is kind of like a second family; it has helped me by being here at a majority white university," said Velicia Buchanan, an Elementary Education major from Milwaukee.

The African American Alliance also assists students with social and educational adjustment to UW-RF and the community, according to Colleen Jacobson, program assistant for the Multicultural Services Office which is located in Hathorn Hall.

The African American Alliance advocates the rights and concerns of students of color and provides cultural programming for the campus and community.

Buchanan also said she believes the University needs to improve the way it strives towards diversity.

"I think it (diversity) should be an all campus thing," Buchanan said. "Every organization and department on this campus should do activities that promote diversity."

The African American Alliance is the only organization during Black History Month sponsoring activities in honor of the event.

Currently the organization has eleven members, six of which are active.

African American Alliance member Kevin Cummings admits that the organization has given him opportuni-

ties to express himself.

"It has given me the opportunity to talk to other students, express and listen to some of their concerns," Cummings, a sociology major, said.

The organization also is responsible for picking out the movies on the campus channel during February, which is Black History Month.

There are several speakers coming to campus to speak about minority history. One of the speakers coming in March during women's history month is Dr. Wilma King.

King is a distinguished associate professor of African American history at Michigan State University. King has written the book, *Stolen Childhood: Slave Youth in Nineteenth Century America*. Critics have heralded this first book-length examination of slave

children in the pre-Civil War South.

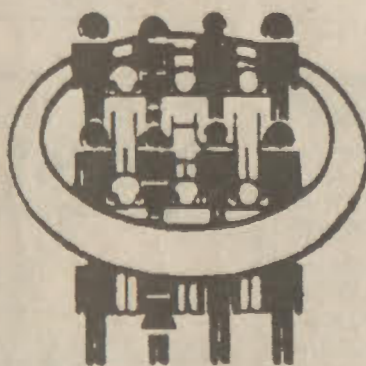
Other speakers include Yusef Mgeni, who came Feb. 8. Mgeni is currently the President of the Urban Coalition, which is a research-based public policy and advocacy organization that works

with low-income persons and communities of color in the areas of health.

Mgeni spoke about the elimination of hunger and poverty, education, issues of race, technical assistance and capacity-building. Mgeni was sponsored by the political science department.

Michelle Cornelious-Lockhart was another speaker sponsored by the African American Alliance. Cornelious-Lockhart spoke on the communication of other cultures.

Two more speakers the African



WOMEN'S TRACK HOSTS MEET

The women's track team hosted the Falcon Open Feb. 23 with many individuals competing very well. The meet was held in preparation for the conference meet at UW-Oshkosh.

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DAIRY CLUB ATTENDS MEETING

The Dairy Club recently traveled to South Dakota for the annual Midwest Regional Student Meeting where they went to informational sessions and heard speakers.

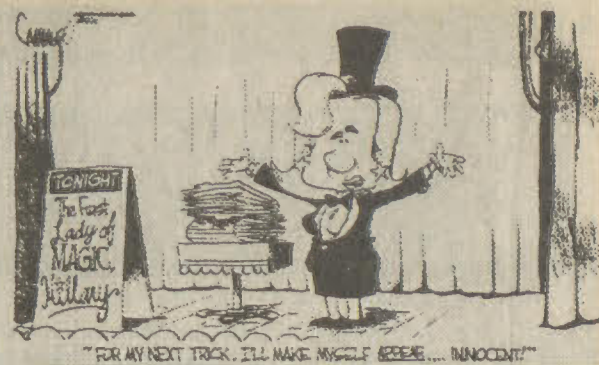
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JAZZ ALL DAY LONG

Several area high schools participated in the jazz fest held at UW-RF on Friday, Feb. 23. UW-RF students and faculty critiqued the area performers.

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Skiing the "Birkie" is no easy task



"I would soon find out if I was up to the challenge of testing my skills against some of the world's toughest terrain."

The Super Bowl of cross country ski racing took place last Saturday in Northwest Wisconsin. The annual February event is better known as the American Birkebeiner.

The "Birkie" is North America's largest cross country ski race. Skiers from 21 different countries and every state in the union took part in this year's event. The 52-kilometer skiing marathon drew a record 7,502 participants, and I was one of them.

I became interested in cross country skiing last year as I was looking for a winter activity to participate in. I got hooked on the sport as soon as I strapped on the skis.

Entering the Birkebeiner was the furthest idea from my mind last winter, though. I struggled with my skiing technique and felt I never would be able to finish something like the Birkie. But, thanks to some prodding from my brothers, I decided to enter the granddaddy of all North American cross country ski races anyway.

I spent much of the summer and fall training for the Birkebeiner. I would try to run or bike at least five times a week in order to build up my endurance for the race. Sit-ups and push-ups were also part of my regimen.

When winter rolled around and the snowflakes began to fly, I tried to ski at least three days out of the week. I worked on everything from gaining more speed to charging up hills. I also participated in two ski races in order to get experience for the Birkebeiner.

The weeks leading up to the Birkie passed quickly, and before long, the day had arrived. There I was, standing at the starting line outside of the Telemark Lodge near Cable last Saturday with hundreds of other skiers in my wave waiting for the gun to go off. I would soon find out if I was up to the challenge of testing my skills against some of the world's toughest terrain.

Minutes later, the gun was fired, and the multitude of skiers and I began to wind through the beautiful Chequamegon National Forest on the 40-foot trail. I'm sure we were quite a sight to the thousands of spectators who watched us take off into the woods.

I felt real good at first as I trekked my way over the slushy snow. Thankfully, I had put warm weather wax on the bottom of my skis the night before.

About two hours later, I arrived at the finish of the Kortelopet, or the halfway point of the Birkebeiner. I still wasn't feeling tired, and after scarfing down a banana, orange slice and roll and gulping down some energy drink at the food station, I set off to complete the second half of the race.

Unfortunately, exhaustion hit me at the 30 kilometer mark. My arms and legs felt like rubber. I didn't think I could go any further, but something in the back of my mind told me to keep skiing.

I trudged along with the rest of the skiers who were starting to feel the same way I did. I wasn't concerned about what place I would finish or my time. I was strictly focusing on just finishing the race.

I skied to Lake Hayward and was now only three kilometers away from the finish line on Main Street. I thought I could for sure complete the race

Olson•2B

Falcon hockey team shuts down St. Norbert

Defensive play, goaltending keys to River Falls' sweep of Green Knights in NCHA semis

JAMIE MOLITOR
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There couldn't have been a better time for the UW-River Falls Falcons hockey team to pick to sweep the St. Norbert Green Knights.

After the two teams split their previous two meetings, including the last regular season series, the Falcons swept the Green Knights 3-1 Feb. 23 and 3-1 Feb. 24.

The Falcons won the games with some excellent defensive play and solid goaltending from sophomore Jeff Heil and freshman Brady Alstead. UW-RF also shut down the Knights power play, holding them 0-9 on the weekend, including 0-6 on Feb. 24.

"We were well prepared and very focused all weekend," head coach Dean Talafous said. "That's what it takes to win championships. Friday we played well, but Saturday we played even better. It's the first time I have seen them play that well."

"The special teams is very key for us. We don't score many goals in five-on-five situations, so most of our scoring comes from special team situations."

With the sweep, the Falcons improved to 22-4-1 overall and will host the NCHA Championship series Friday and Saturday night at Hunt Arena.

Hockey•2B



Falcon forward Ryan Alstead and a St. Norbert player battle for the puck in the two teams Feb. 23 NCHA semi-final game at Hunt Arena.

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Several school swimming records fall at conference

JESSICA ROJAS
ASSISTANT A&E EDITOR

The UW-River Falls Falcons swimming team returned from their conference meet last weekend with 16 new school records and a coach who was named WWIAC women's coach of the year.

"It was an excellent meet," Coach Doug Naylor said. "Everybody dropped time from last year."

Taking conference for both the women's and men's division was ever strong UW-Eau Claire, which swept the women's division with a 361 point lead. Coming in second in the women's division was UW-La Crosse, who jumped ahead of UW-Stevens Point on the last day with 602 points. Stevens Point came in a close third with 594 points, UW-Oshkosh swam to fourth with 406, River Falls finished fifth with 388 and UW-Whitewater came in sixth with 311.

In the men's division, Eau Claire finished with 894 points, and Stevens Point came in second with 733.5 points. La Crosse rounded out the top three with 630 points. Whitewater

finished fourth with 397.5 points, and River Falls placed fifth with 351. Oshkosh took sixth with 231 total points.

"Our best performance yet," Fifth-year coach Naylor said.

Swimmers Chrissy Quinlan and Cara Jarnberg swam two qualifying times and will be anxious to find out if they are invited to swim at nationals in Atlanta, March 14-16. Quinlan qualified in the 100 breast stroke, and Jarnberg qualified in the 200 free. Both swimmers set school records in the events.

"We feel good about Cara's chances," said Naylor, who added that Jarnberg qualified last year but didn't go to nationals. "She's faster this year."

"We're on the bubble with Chrissy," Naylor said about his freshman swimmer.

"They'll be pretty anxious coming and swimming without knowing," Naylor said. Quinlan and Jarnberg will be the only two in the pool practicing until the announcements are made.

Highlighting the weekend for the

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Women's hoops ends year with close loss

BRETT LONGDIN
ON-LINE EDITOR

It can only be described as deja vu.

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team's season came to an end Saturday in predictable fashion. For the ninth time this year, a Falcon game was decided in the final minute. And like four other times this season, Saturday's verdict was not in River Falls favor.

The Falcons battled back from a 16-point first half deficit to take the lead with 1:09 to go. However, the lead was short-lived as UW-Stevens Point's Mame Boario answered the charge and connected on her third three-pointer of the evening to help the Pointers to a 59-55 victory.

"It was a very interesting game," head coach Dave Schuchter said. "We were down by 14 at halftime and we really made a nice run at it."

Both teams came out of the blocks red hot. But like many times this year, the fast start halted for the Falcons. After trailing 8-7 just three minutes into the game, Stevens Point put together a 21-6 run to close out the half and had a comfortable 14-point lead at

intermission.

Whatever Schuchter told his team at halftime lit a spark under his young Falcons as they rebounded from a 15 percent shooting percentage in the opening half to shooting a blistering 50 percent in the second.

The main cog in the Falcon offense was Tracy Handrahan who lit-up Berg Gymnasium with 26 second half points to bring River Falls back into the game.

And while the offense was scoring points, the defense also stepped it up. A stifling zone defense stymied the Pointers into a poor shooting performance. Neither team could gain the edge at the charity stripe with River Falls shooting a sub-par 55 percent (11-20) from the line, while the Pointers connected on only 47 percent of their free throws (10-21).

Right from the outset of the second half, the Falcons chipped away at the lead, and with 8:48 to go the game was knotted at 41.

Boario, who finished with a team-high 24 points, refused to let her team die as she took command of the Pointer offensive attack by utilizing her penetrating ability.

With 1:09 remaining Missy Johnson

scored off an offensive rebound to give River Falls its first lead since the score was 8-7. But Boario proved her all-conference worth by giving the Pointers the lead by burying a shot from the top of the key.

"It was a tough three she hit and it's one of those shots that break your back," Schuchter said.

The Pointers were able to connect on their free throws over the final 47 seconds to seal the game.

"It was like night and day between the first and second half," Schuchter added. "I was very happy with the comeback. It was a great effort."

Handrahan capped her career in style, by finishing with a game-high 29 points, and Johnson, who is the Falcons' future, added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The loss dropped the Falcons to 8-17 overall and 4-12 in the WWIAC—not exactly what the first-year head coach anticipated.

"We had the ability to compete and I thought we'd be a .500 team," Schuchter said. "We did some really good things throughout the season, but the Superior loss set us back."

"It's time to move on and look forward to next year."

Men's basketball team falls to Stevens Point in season finale

MARK OLSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Unable to overcome the absence of their big man, the UW-River Falls Falcons men's basketball team closed out their 1995-96 season with an 80-74 loss to the UW-Stevens Point Pointers Feb. 24 at Karges Center.

Falcons center Matt Chitwood, who scored a career-high 31 points against UW-Superior just three days earlier, was unable to play because of strep throat.

"One of the big keys was no Matt Chitwood," Falcons head coach Rick Bowen said.

Without the inside presence of Chitwood, the Falcons looked to the outside shooting of Luke Madsen. The senior's accuracy almost led the Falcons to victory.

Madsen, playing in his final collegiate game, made eight three-pointers in the contest to set a new school record. The 6-3 forward finished with a game-high 28 points.

"He finished his career well," Bowen said.



Luke Madsen

The Pointers countered the Falcons with a balanced scoring attack, enabling them to escape with a six-point victory. Four UW-SP players finished in double figures.

Guard Chad Meschke added 19 points for the Falcons, and Tony Fisher chipped in with 13. Meschke also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds

and had three assists.

"It was the type of effort that I was very proud of," Bowen said. "They played hard and they played well. They gave everything they had."

Despite their youth, the Falcons (13-12 overall, 5-11 WSUC) finished in a respectable sixth place in 1995-96 conference play and proved to be competitive all season, which has Bowen optimistic for next season.

"There are some positives to build on," Bowen said. "I'm real excited about the future."

"I hope it's just the start of a couple of great years."

The Falcons-Stevens Point game was close throughout. In the first half alone, there were 12 lead changes and nine ties. The Falcons held a 36-35 half-time advantage.

UW-RF forged its way to the one-point lead in part by making free throws. The Falcons were 9-9 from the line in the first half. UW-Stevens Point was just 1-4.

The second half was much like the first in that the lead changed hands often, 13 to be exact. There were also five ties.

"It was a very entertaining, well-played ballgame," Bowen said.

The lead first changed in the second half when Pointers center Mike Paynter started the period with a dunk that gave UW-SP a 37-36 advantage.

The Falcons reestablished themselves with an 11-5 run that gave them a 47-42 lead. Madsen made three three-pointers during the stretch.

Back came the Pointers, though, and by the 9:23 mark, they led 56-53.

The Falcons quickly tied the game at 56-56 on a Madsen three-pointer, and then UW-RF went on to open up a 66-62 advantage with 3:37 remaining. A pair of three's by Madsen and one by Meschke were the keys to the Falcons gaining back the lead. UW-RF managed just two points over the next three minutes, though.

Stevens Point took advantage of the Falcons drought. The inside-outside combination of Paynter and guard Brad Hintz was too much for UW-RF to handle. The duo combined to score 11 points, and they gave UW-SP a 73-68 lead with 42 seconds left.

The Falcons got as close as 76-74 when Mike Zielski made a jump shot

with 7 seconds remaining. Stevens Point sealed the game, though, by hitting four free throws in the final seconds.

Stevens Point (80)
FG-A FT-A TP: Austin 4-7 0-0 11, Paynter 3-8 1-4 7, Jauch 0-3 1-2 1, Richardt 2-4 1-2 6, Hintz 7-13 4-4 21, Diemer 2-4 0-0 5, Denniston 4-7 0-0 10, Danielson 4-5 6-8 15, Westrum 1-1 0-0 2, Blessington 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-53 13-20 80.

River Falls (74)
Meschke 7-15 3-4 19, Beeler 0-2 0-0 0, Cummings 1-2 0-0 2, Madsen 9-18 2-3 28, Fisher 4-11 5-13, Reich 0-0 0-0 0, Zielski 4-7 0-0 8, Cooper 1-1 0-0 2, Ward 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 26-57 12-14 74. Halftime: River Falls 36, Stevens Point 35. 3-point goals: Stevens Point 11-18 (Austin 3-4, Hintz 3-4, Denniston 2-3, Richardt 1-2, Diemer 1-2, Danielson 1-2, Paynter 0-1), River Falls 10-21 (Madsen 8-15, Meschke 2-4, Fisher 0-1, Ward 0-1). Rebounds: Stevens Point 30 (Austin 8, Danielson 6), River Falls 29 (Meschke 8, Cummings 5). Assists: Stevens Point 16 (Richardt, Hintz 4), River Falls 13 (Meschke, Fisher 3). Fouls: Stevens Point 18, River Falls 18. Fouled out: none. Turnovers: Stevens Point 15, River Falls 14.

FALCON PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Men's basketball: Guard Luke Madsen finished his senior season in style. The 6-3, 195-pounder had eight points and five rebounds in the Falcons 83-72 win over Superior Feb. 21. In his final collegiate game against Stevens Point Feb. 24, Madsen scored 28 points. He was 9 of 18 from the field, including 8 of 15 from three-point range. The eight three-pointers is a school record.

Women's basketball: Forwards Tracy Handrahan and Missy Johnson both had great games for the Falcons last week.

Handrahan scored 53 points, grabbed seven rebounds, had four assists and three steals. She scored the winning points at the buzzer with a 12-foot jumper against Superior. She scored a team-high 29 points against Stevens Point. She was 18-53 from the field, including 10-30 from three-point range. She was 7-7 from the line.

Johnson had three double-doubles. Against Macalester she had 12 points and 17 rebounds. She had 27 points and 18 rebounds against Superior and 11 points and 12 rebounds against Stevens Point. She finished with 50 points and 47 rebounds. She was 21-38 from the field and 13-21 from the line.

Swimming: Women-Chrissy Quinlan had some strong swims for the Falcons. She won the 200 breaststroke, finishing the event in 2:31.86. Quinlan also swam a consideration time for nationals in the 100 breaststroke. She won't find out until later this week if she'll go to nationals. "We are on the bubble with her," Coach Doug Naylor said. Quinlan was also involved in all four of the relays that set school records. Men-J.T. Moon came in first in the 100 backstroke with a time of 54:17. "J.T. was on four relays that set school records," Naylor said. Moon also swam to a third place finish in the 200 back with a time of 1:59.28.

Women's track and field: Field-Jen Pontius provisionally qualified for the national meet in the shot put. She won the event at the Falcon Open with a toss of 41-3. Track-Heidi Simonsen set a school record in the 200 meters at the Falcon Open. She finished the race in 27.71.

1996 NCHA Final Standings

Team(overall)	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
River Falls (22-4-1)	16	3	1	33	64	36
Bemidji (16-7-4)	13	5	2	28	87	71
Superior (18-8-3)	12	6	2	26	91	59
St. Norbert (12-13-3)	10	8	2	22	88	73
Eau Claire (10-16-1)	7	12	1	15	60	80
Stevens Point (11-14-2)	7	12	1	15	59	76
Lake Forest (6-16-2)	6	13	1	13	56	65
St. Scholastica (5-20-0)	4	16	0	8	46	91

Upcoming NCHA Games

NCHA Finals
Friday-Saturday, March 1-2
Superior at River Falls, 7:05 p.m.

Last Week's NCHA Results

Semi-finals
Friday, Feb. 23
River Falls 3, St. Norbert 1
Bemidji 6, Superior 1
Saturday, Feb. 24
River Falls 3, St. Norbert 1
River Falls wins series, 2-0
Superior 3, Bemidji 1
Superior 2, Bemidji 0 (mini-game)
Superior wins series, 2-1

Brothers making impact on Falcon hockey team

JAMIE MOLITOR
SENIOR EDITOR

Throughout the years there have been some famous brothers in hockey. The Howe brothers, the Esposito brothers, the Hansen brothers and the Alstead brothers.

Actually most people probably haven't heard of the Alstead brothers, unless they follow UW-River Falls Falcons hockey. The Alsteads, Ryan and Brady, have been making an impact on the team at their respective positions.

Ryan is a 5-10, 185 pound forward, and Brady is the 5-8, 160 pound freshman goaltender who has been sharing the nets with sophomore Jeff Heil.

There isn't much competition between them, according to both, but they have left their mark on Falcons hockey.

"Both have been a big plus to the team," Coach Dean Talafous said. "Both of them bring a good attitude to the program."

Ryan played with the Falcons last

year. He isn't one of the glamorous forwards on the ice, but he goes out every night and grinds it out in the corners.

"He's a tough kid," Talafous said. "He's an everyday kind of player. He is an emotional player and plays hard out there."

Ryan is having another solid season for River Falls. He has two goals so far this year. Last year Ryan ended up with five points on two goals and five assists. His biggest goal was a game-winning goal against Bemidji St. in the semi-finals of the NCHA playoffs.

Ryan said that he is happy with his performance so far this year and that he's only going to improve.

"I'm playing well," Ryan said. "I'm playing my role and with more experience playing in this league, I'll only get better as the year goes on. The kind

of team we have this year makes my job easier too."

Brady has played in fifteen games and has an 11-3 record, allowing just 19 goals. He has posted two shutouts and has a 1.32 goals against average and a .952 save percentage. He leads the NCHA in goaltending.

"I know its been good so far," Brady said. "I give a lot of credit to the rest of the team. Without this caliber of team, I wouldn't be playing as well as I am."

Both played together for a year at

Wayzata, High School in Minnesota, and they said things were pretty much the same then as now.

"When we're out there he's not just a brother, he's also a friend and a teammate," Brady said.

Ryan said that when they played together for Wayzata, he watched out for his younger brother a little more. But with the way the Falcons play, he doesn't have to do that as much.

When they are off the ice, they share some of the same activities as well. Both of them lift weights, mountain bike, and both of them can be seen sporting some sort of Harley-Davidson apparel and arguing over who is better looking.

That question may be fought over between the two of them forever, but they will not argue that they like it at River Falls and are sticking around to help the team search for another national championship.

Talafous feels the same way.

"What we have is two kids who are team oriented and their attitudes are the biggest plus to the team," Talafous said.

Falcon women's track looks ahead to conference meet

CHAD URDAHL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The UW-River Falls Falcon women's track team hosted the Falcon Open Friday, Feb. 23 in their final tune-up before the conference meet at UW-Oshkosh this weekend.

One of the Falcons who was unable to prepare herself for the upcoming meet is Mel King. The junior from Spring Valley, Minn. injured a knee injury while playing intramural basketball.

Head coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner says she is uncertain how this will affect her career.

"Runners don't need the lateral support as in other sports," she said. "Efficiency is important, and with any type of surgery you risk losing that."

According to Kropp-Wagner, it has yet to be determined if surgery will be needed.

"This is a terrible injury that will hurt us for the conference meet,"

Kropp-Wagner said. "It is worse for her, though."

According to Kropp-Wagner, King will be missed in the 4x400 meter and 4x200 meter relays as well as in middle distance runs.

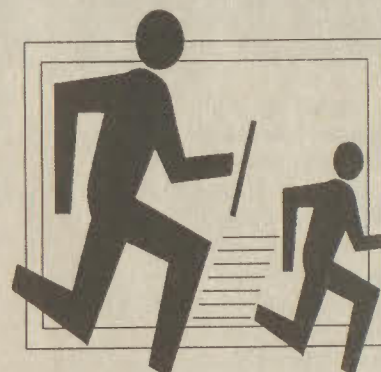
"She is about the last person we could afford to lose," she said.

Another Falcon who has had some injury trouble has been Heidi Simonsen. The freshman has been nursing a strained hamstring, but that didn't seem to slow her down in the meet at Knowles Center. Simonsen set a school record in the 200 meter dash. Her time of 27.71 put her in third place overall. Simonsen also finished fourth in the 55 meter dash, running a 7.60.

Karianne Wold turned in a nice performance as well. Wold ran a 9.20 in the 55 meter high hurdles to finish fourth. That was just off the 9.18 she ran in the preliminaries to gain a personal record. In the high jump, the junior earned a second place spot with a jump of 5-3. In the long jump Wold notched a season best 16-6 3/4 to land her in fourth place.

Missy Walz placed in a couple of events as well for UW-RF. She finished third in the triple jump with a 35-1 3/4 effort. In the 400 meters, she turned in a season-best 1:01.67, which was good enough for third place.

"She ran a real nice race," Kropp-Wagner said.



Hockey/ Score three unanswered goals in game two to earn sweep

From 1B

UW-Superior will be the Falcons' foe. The games begin at 7:05 p.m.

This will be the first time since 1988 that the Falcons will host the NCHA Championship and the first time that the Falcons will host it since Talafous has been head coach.

Superior split its series with Bemidji St. last weekend. The Beavers won 6-1 in the opener, but the Yellowjackets won the following night 3-1. Superior then took the mini-game 2-0 to advance to the championship against the Falcons.

"They are the No. 2 ranked team in the West," Talafous said. "I'm sure they feel they're every bit as good as us. They might even feel that they are better than us. They're playing as well as us."

"Both teams are anxious to play this weekend, and right now we are at the top of the game."

The 'Jackets were the only team to hand the Falcons a shutout (1-0) on the season. That came back on Jan. 5

after River Falls won the previous night's contest 5-3.

The winner of the contest will gain an automatic bid to the NCAA Div. III playoffs.

Falcons 3, St. Norbert 1

It is typical for the first few minutes of a game for two teams to get a feel for each other.

This was not your typical game. Jeremy Jeanette notched the Falcons first goal and swung the momentum in favor of UW-RF after just 28 seconds of play.

The Falcons never looked back after that.

Brian Savage split a pair of defenders to score the eventual game winner at 13:12 of the first period. Brian Wilson picked up a power-play goal at 10:29 of the third period to give the Falcons a 3-0 lead and complete control of the game. St. Norbert's Rob Smillie had the only Knights goal of the evening.

Jeff Heil had a sensational night in nets for River Falls, making 24 saves on 25 shots on goal, including 14

saves in the third period. Roby Gropp made 26 saves on 29 shots on goal for St. Norbert.

"It was nice to see Jeff play well," Talafous said. "He's been playing better the past two weeks. It was nice to see the old Jeff Heil. We need that to win in the playoffs."

"We played well, but we sat back in the third period some, and they controlled the puck more than we would have liked."

St. Norbert 0 0 1-1

River Falls 2 0 1-3

First Period: RF Jeanette (Johnson, Wilson), :28. RF Savage (Smaza), 13:12

Second Period: no scoring

Third Period: RF Wilson (Smaza, Melton), PP, 10:29. SN Smillie (Sanford, Henrikson), 12:08.

Shots on goal: SN 25, RF 29. Saves Gropp (SN) 26, Heil (RF) 24. Power plays: SN 0-3, RF 1-4. Penalties: SN 4-8, RF 3-6.

Falcons 3, St. Norbert 1

St. Norbert started out with an early 1-0 lead after Scott Jewitt scored when he split a pair of Falcon defenders,

but the lead did hold.

River Falls picked up the momentum from the previous night and scored three unanswered goals to take the sweep.

Cort Lundeen redirected a Joe Smaza slap shot on a power play with about eight minutes left in the first period. Mike Schauer notched the eventual game-winner at 19:08 of the first period. Bill Matzke got into the mix when he capped off the scoring at 1:43 of the second period.

Brady Alstead stood tall, turning away 26 of 27 shots, 12 of which came in the third period. Gropp saw 40 shots and made 37 saves.

"Saturday night we didn't sit back," Talafous said. "We were the aggressor and didn't give them the opportunity to score. We had to raise our game to a different level. To win in the playoffs we had to raise our level of play, and we saw that on Saturday night."

Swimming

From 1B

Falcons was their outstanding relays that each earned a school record.

In the men's division, the 100 back seemed especially lucky for the Falcons. JT Moon and Brian Kuehne swept the first two spots of the event. Moon won the event with a first place time of 54:17 and a new school record. Kuehne swam a close second with a speedy 54:52 time.

"It was a lot of fun," Naylor said about the three-day conference meet at Stevens Point. "After the last event, I sat on the bleachers and caught my breath. I was really worn out."

Naylor received WWIAC coach of the year honors. The award is voted on by all the coaches as they arrive at conference.

"It means a lot when it's voted by your peers," Naylor said.

Olson

From 1B

now, but then a stiff breeze kicked in, and I was skiing into the teeth of it. I came to a virtual standstill, barely moving my legs and arms as I went over the lake.

Finally, I rounded the corner that led to Main Street in Hayward. Thousands of fans had lined the snow packed street, and they were still there as I flailed down the road. I wanted to put on a good show for the people, so I found enough energy to pass another skier on the street. I eventually crossed the finish line and shook my head yes when a volunteer asked if I was alright.

I had completed the race in 5 hours, 1 minute and 6 seconds. The time was good enough for 2,794th place. Silvano Barco of Italy skied the trail in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 15 seconds to win the Birkebeiner and the \$7,500 prize money.

The Birkie is truly a spectacle. The training one does for the event is well worth it. I've never had a greater sense of accomplishment in my life than when I managed to finish the Birkebeiner, and I'm already preparing myself for next year's race.



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State Assembly of Ag visits UW-River Falls

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STAFF WRITER

"Students from the College of Agriculture are the most involved students we have on campus. They are the most involved students in the community," Student Senate President Chris Patton said.

Patton got a chance to see his words proven as the State Assembly Committee on Agriculture and Sen. Alice Clausing and Rep. Sheila Harsdorf, R-River Falls, members of the state legislature representing this area, heard testimony from over 20 students, faculty and community members at its public hearing held in the Student Center ballroom on Feb. 22.

"It (the hearing) went extremely well," Gary Rohde, Dean of the College of Agriculture said of the meeting. "It was a very successful event."

Students and others filtered in and out of the room the entire length of the four hour long hearing and because so many were willing to walk up front and voice their opinions, the assembly was forced to set a time limit on the meeting and apologized to those who didn't get a chance to speak.

"It was an excellent turnout of students and faculty," Rohde said. "There were more students than we expected."

Rohde also said that the assembly appreciated the enthusiasm the students have and the close relationship they have with the staff.

"Attending this college, I get that hometown atmosphere, like everybody is one big family here," Scott Werlein, an ag business major told the assembly during his testimony. "The only thing that holds you back from succeeding here at this college is your-

self."

Along with hearing what the students like about the college, the assembly also got to hear complaints, most notably, the lack of computers available on campus. Several students who spoke in front of the committee addressed this issue.

"We have access to the technology; we just need the hardware to use it," said

for our staff. I don't have one in my office," Ott said.

According to Rohde, the complaints over the computers are all part of the general argument about a shortage of funding, an issue that many of the students felt was the main reason the assembly was invited here. Even though there are plans and funding in effect to help meet the needs of students needing computers, the students' willingness to come forward helped to reinforce the need for funds to the assembly.

Another major item brought up before the assembly was two proposals; one was a proposal before the Board of Regents for an 80-cow free style milking facility, and the other was for a new dairy teaching center on campus.

Both of these will cost the state money, but both would improve the agriculture program, especially the milking facility, which would replace the existing facility that was built in the 1950's.

The College of Agriculture currently has an enrollment of 1315 students along with 22 graduate students. This makes up approximately 25 percent of the students attending the University. According to Rohde, this is one of largest enrollments for an undergraduate college in the United States.

Within the last 15 years, the amount of the state budget that went toward higher education decreased from 14-15 percent to 8-9 percent despite an enrollment increase of about 25 percent within the last six or seven years, Rohde said.

"We believe that we owe it to our students the obligation to assist them," Rohde told the ag assembly. "We need money to support the kind of effort I am talking about here."



Mike Reisinger, one of the first speakers in front of the assembly after the meeting.

According to Reisinger, having a computer lab would make the College of Agriculture "more consolidated" and would give the students an area where they can talk and exchange ideas.

"With the way that technology is going, I think that there should be a computer in every classroom, everywhere," said Cathy Larson, ag education major. "There should be a computer on your desk. You should have lap tops with you now."

"I think that we're finding that the whole state of Wisconsin has a shortage of computers," Rep. Olsen said. His statement was supported by Assembly Chairperson, Rep. Al Ott, R-Forest Junction.

"When he (Olsen) says we have computers, he means we have computers



Michele Johnson photo

Two dairy cows look haphazardly over a steel rail fence. They are kept at the UW-River Falls Lab Farm.

UW-River Falls Dairy Club tours South Dakota

STEVE HELMER
STAFF WRITER

Go west, young man, go west! This is the motto the UW-River Falls Dairy Club could have used Feb. 8-11 when it went to its annual Midwest Regional Student Affiliate Meeting. The meeting was held by the American Dairy Science Association (ASDA) at South Dakota State University.

At the meeting, according to advisor Dr. Perry Clark, 46 members of the Dairy Club met with 12 other dairy clubs from the upper midwest in a two day conference that included a business meeting.

The club participated in breakout sessions where they shared information with the other dairy clubs. Ideas about fundraising, recruitment and other ways to improve their organization were discussed. The group

toured the local dairy farms, and as part of the closing banquet Saturday night, the dairy club listened to the president of South Dakota State give a lecture.

"It was the best meeting I have ever been to, by far," said Dave Strebe, fourth year dairy club member.

Strebe also said that he really liked the speaker because he was able to relate true stories of his life with the future of the dairy industry.

"He was awesome," Strebe said. Melinda Bohlinger, dairy club president, agreed with Strebe and said the speaker said a lot of things that tied in with the role the students play with the industry.

"He showed us we own the dairy industry now," Bohlinger said. "We are responsible for it."

Among other things, the field trip gave the older members a chance to meet the new freshmen.

According to Bohlinger, the fresh-

men often don't get active in all the activities because they feel left out and don't feel like they are actually a part of the group. The trip to the ASDA meeting gives them a chance to become more comfortable with their role in dairy club.

"We do a lot of bonding," Bohlinger said about the trip.

"You see the people every month at the meeting, but you never really get the chance to talk to them," said Erica Shaw, freshman. "It was a good opportunity to meet them. They (the upperclassmen) really make you feel like part of the group; age doesn't matter."

The trip offers a chance of growth for new students.

"There is a lot of potential for upcoming years," Strebe said about the freshmen. "They are quite a decent bunch of underclassmen."



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STUDENT VOICE

FEBRUARY 29, 1996

Christy Nelson

The World's Oldest Profession



"Despite the overall unpopularity of their profession, hookers are undeniably intriguing figures."

I was going to write about actress Elisabeth Shue's movie career this week, just because I think she's, well, pretty cool. Upon researching her past endeavors however, I realized that they were not nearly as intriguing as her current Oscar nominated role in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Don't get me wrong, I loved her early work in films like "Adventures in Babysitting" and "Cocktail." But she seemed to go relatively unnoticed (except for being Andrew "Melrose Place" Shue's sister) until her critically acclaimed performance in "Leaving Las Vegas." Why is it that her "Vegas" role is one to finally earn this very talented actress some praise and respect? One word: prostitution.

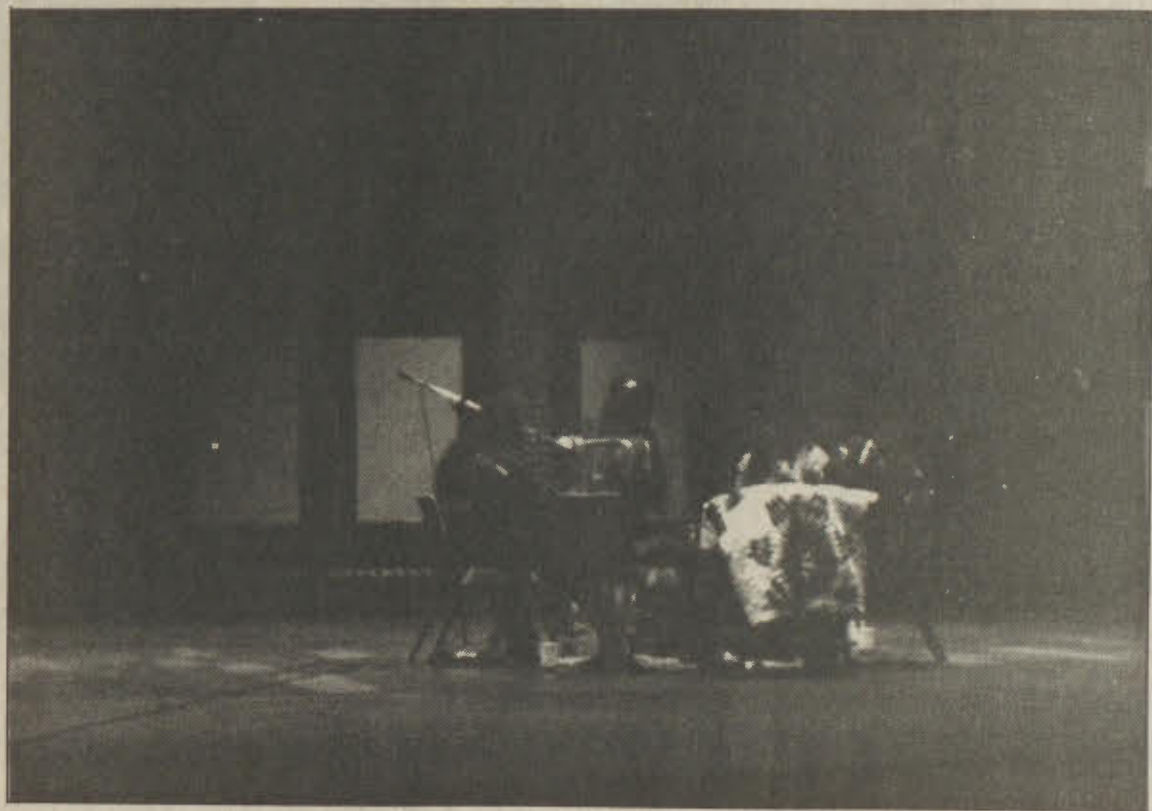
While the story revolves around Nicolas Cage's character, a self-destructive alcoholic, Shue's portrayal of a Vegas hooker is the show stealer. It is a very multi-dimensional and thought-provoking character, and Shue manages to make her credible.

Despite the overall unpopularity of their profession, hookers are undeniably intriguing figures. Even in the real world, hookers have attracted a lot of attention, whether it be good or bad. In recent times we've seen Divine Brown and Heidi Fleiss being thrust into a celebrity status after getting caught with their pants down. Also, you can hardly turn on your TV these days without coming across a panel of prostitutes. They make for great talk show guests because of their stories of family problems, drug addictions and anecdotes of life on the street. They seem almost larger than life. They are already great characters for film as their lives are a strange mixture of comedy and tragedy, even before the help of a screen writer. What could be more dramatic and entertaining than someone who has sex for money and faces violence and the possibility of imprisonment every night?

I think that is why these tragic figures show up on the screen so often. We've seen these strong yet strangely innocent young women on the screen for decades. As early as 1929, actresses like Gloria Swanson were taking it to the streets and coming out smelling sweet. Swanson, in "Sadie Thompson" was the first woman to be nominated for an Oscar for portraying a prostitute. Through the years, many major actresses such as Helen Hayes, Jane Fonda and Liz Taylor have all won Oscars for their call girl rolls.

Nelson-5B

The Red Drum Woman Singers find their beat at UW-RF



Julie Dorn Photo

The Red Drum Woman Singers performed in Abbott Concert Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. The event was sponsored by the UW-River Falls Native American Council and was free to the public.

Letterman continues to wage the battle in late-night ratings war

IAN SPELLING
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New York - David Letterman has been up, down and even sideways, but he's always been there, in the game, fighting for a laugh. And, chances are, he always will be.

Lately, of course, Letterman's "Late Show" has been duking it out with both Jay Leno's revitalized "Tonight Show" and the still-potent "Nightline," and through it all, Letterman has tried to simply do what he does best. As part of an effort to let the TV viewing world in on the fact that his best remains better than the rest's, Letterman went prime-time Feb. 19, with his hourlong CBS "Late Night Video Special 2." The show was devoted to remote segments, the ones in which the intrepid Letterman leaves the ice-cold confines of the Ed Sullivan Theater seeking laughs on the streets of New York City.

So it is then that Letterman, one of TV's more elusive interview subjects, is on the phone talking about his recent "Late Show" special and other topics of interest.

"Over the years, even going back to the morning show (he did in the 1980s), there have been certain people who have been guests on our show who have been very nice to us and have always wanted to go out of their way to be cooperative and helpful in producing something that would be a memorable moment.

"From the very beginning, the guy

who was probably the best at this, although there have been many others, has been Steve Martin," notes Letterman, talking from his Manhattan office after taping an evening's show. "I can remember almost every one of his appearances with us. The videotape Steve did with us this time, he came in two or three nights before he was an actual guest on the show and also the day of his guest appearance. This is a huge, huge star who had one play to production and another play opening that very weekend. Yet, he had time to come in and work with us. I'm so pleased with that

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-David Letterman

piece. It's things like that that make me think there's still hope for show business."

In the segment, Martin does a spoof on a documentary-style, behind-the-scenes look of what goes into a "Late Night" appearance. The video segment focuses on Martin's elaborate plans to prepare for the appearance-down to measuring his derriere to see if it would fit in the guest chair.

(Martin's post-appearance confession in the segment: "The cup. The cup just didn't feel right to me.")

The end result is something Letterman says he is excited about.

What Letterman is not very excited about is the upcoming HBO cable movie, "The Late Shift," based on Bill Carter's popular book, which delved behind the curtains of the late night war between Letterman and Jay Leno.

"I've not read the book. I talked to Bill Carter when he wrote it. In talking to Carter it helped me formulate a timeline of points of interests along the way that I enjoyed remembering and talking about," he explains. "When that process was over for me I had no interest in the book. I have less interest in the motion picture. As I have expressed in the past, it's the biggest single waste of film since my wedding photos. To me, it couldn't be more pointless.

"I could understand if Jay or I were both dead. Then, OK, here's a fond remembrance, or look at what idiots these guys were. But we're still alive. I've seen clips of it and the guy playing me, they've got him in red hair! I'm thinking, 'Wait a minute! There's no videotape available on me?' We've done 2,000 shows! Nobody ever thought, 'Maybe if we get a tape...Ah, red hair is close enough. Screw it. Let's go with red hair.'"

Dave's critique doesn't end there. "And it goes on. There's one scene where everybody's at my home, and I'm telling you that would never happen. That was completely inaccurate.

Music department hosts jazz festival for area students

LEANNE TORGESEN
A & E Editor

Approximately 200 high school and junior high school students invaded UW-River Falls on Friday, Feb. 23. They weren't here for a campus visit day, rather they took part in the The St. Croix Valley Music Educators Association jazz festival hosted by the UW-RF music department.

The students, all from area schools and members of jazz ensembles, arrived at Abbott Concert Hall in Kleinpell Fine Arts to offer up their work as musical ensembles for critique from clinicians, said David Milne, assistant professor of music at UW-RF.

The day began at 8 a.m. with a morning full of clinics and wrapped up with a concert at 1 p.m., said Milne.

On hand were several professionals in the jazz field, ready to critique and offer suggestions to the young players, said Milne. Among these were two music educators from the Twin Cities: Bob Stacker of Augsburg College and Jim Ten Bensel of Macalaster College, said Milne.

Milne is very supportive of the festival.

"It's a non-competitive festival. It's non-competitive for a number of reasons. It's intended to be primarily a learning experience rather than one of one-up-manship. Students have a wide range of ability levels. They get a good honest evaluation of their playing and hear some very fine groups. UW-RF is happy to host it."

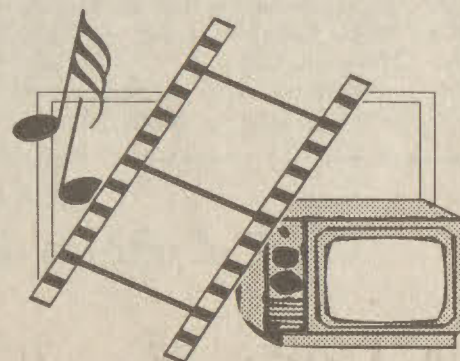
The festival at UW-RF was directed by Milne, Harvey Halpaus, director of instrumental music at Ellsworth Junior High and Carl Meincke, music educator at Hudson Middle School.

Halpaus, a UW-RF graduate who has been teaching in Ellsworth for 28 years feels the festival is a good opportunity for students.

"We bring in top professional music educators to inspire students. The evolution of jazz education is a tremendous movement."

Nine bands, from schools in River Falls, Ellsworth, Hudson and New Richmond participated in the festival, said Halpaus who thought the festival was a success.

"It was really excellent. One of the best ones we've ever had."



There's another scene at my home, where I'm relaxing on the weekend and I'm wearing a tennis sweater out in my backyard, and throwing soft balls at an archery target. It's just like, 'Dave's a little simple. Here's a little game he's invented for himself that he likes to play at home.' My God! So, God bless the folks at HBO. I hope they increase their subscriptions, but I'm telling you something, let's just go to the moon next time."

Back in the early 1980's, when Letterman was on NBC and followed the legendary Johnny Carson. Letterman's show was the thing to watch for college students, virtually required viewing. Yesterday's students are today's employees and parents. So who's watching "The Late Show" these days? Has the 80s audience grown with him? Are today's younger audiences turning him in as avidly as those of a decade ago?

"The serious way to answer that is demographically," he responds. "And

from the research we get, despite the fact that we're not doing as well as 'The Tonight Show' in overall households, we still win all the key demographics. Night in and night out we can get our ass kicked pretty well, but still, all in all, in the mayhem, we're winning the most desirable demographic groups.

"I saw some information a couple weeks ago, and it said 62 percent of college people watching TV at night are watching our show."

While Letterman has heard all the complaints what his show was in a rut, that CBS's low rating are hurting him, that his performance at last year's Oscar ceremony damaged his reputation, and that he's lost his edge, he's not panicking. Instead, he prefers to just do his things and wait for the tide to turn back in his favor.

"What I'm thinking and feeling is that all things considered - our problems (new directors, writers, etc.), the network's problems (anemic ratings, few big-names, in-house guests), everybody's problems (anybody's guess), 'The Tonight Show,' 'Nightline,' with all of these things put together as bottom-line forces in our welfare-we still think we're doing O.K. We're doing the best we can. If you wonder when this war will be over, you're going to go nuts. So, we're just doing what we can. We're just trying to have fun, rake in a couple of bucks. It's still fun. I guess I'm too dumb not to still be having fun."

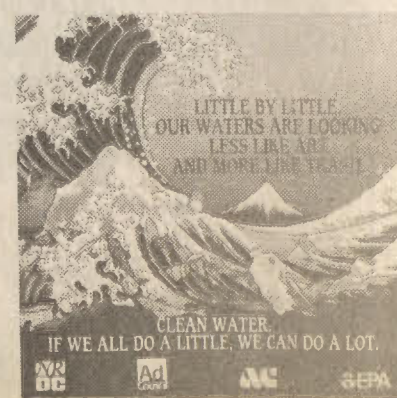
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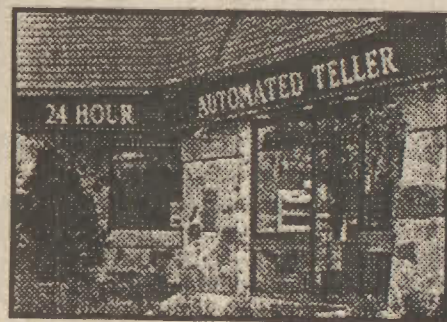
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Buzz knifed Jasper, scooped up Bert's body and the dead cop's and flew outta there before the other pig got back to the scene.



Then it was off to the ER to get Jasper's hand patched up. That lady cop tagged along to ask us questions. I told her everything I could remember, but Haddie, who knew so much before,



Jasper and I went back to the loft we share to crash, but when we got there the place was trashed. Those f@%ers got our address outta my wallet and came over with a warning.



That was the last straw! It was time to go on the offensive and the place to start was back at the Coca-Cafe. Haddie seemed to know so much about this crew she's gonna share that info.

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From 4B

The role of the prostitute is often a coveted one by many actresses. They look at it as a great vehicle to show off their acting talents. And, for the most part, those who play these characters well do achieve a lot. Playing a hooker, as I've mentioned, won many actresses nominations as well as awards. It has also allowed somewhat type-cast actresses to show their range. Another important thing that playing a prostitute can do is carry an actress to superstardom. For example, ask yourself where Julia Roberts would be without "Pretty Woman." Then again, where might Elizabeth Berkley be without "Showgirls?" I guess it can go either way.

Movies have in the past been met with a lot of criticism for depicting prostitution in too positive of a light. If you remember, "Pretty Woman" was one such movie that was thought to glamorize the sex industry. I tend to think that most young girls hear more about the positively terrifying aspects of prostitution than they do about the very rare happy endings. I mean honestly, how many hookers do you think

actually happen upon a millionaire that looks like Richard Gere, gives them money to buy clothes on Rodeo Drive, and then gallantly rescues them from their life on the street? If that's the normal ending, where do I sign up?

Elisabeth Shue is up against a lot of talented film veterans in the best actress category, including Sharon Stone for her portrayal of a prostitute in "Casino," so her chances of taking home a statuette are a bit slim. But, even if she doesn't win an Oscar this year, her gutsy and compelling turn as a lady of the evening should fuel her future career offers.

TRIVIA QUESTION: In "Pretty Woman" what song did Julia Roberts belt out in the hot tub?

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER: Sally Field it the two-time Academy Award winning actress who said, "You like me. You really like me!" in one of her acceptance speeches.

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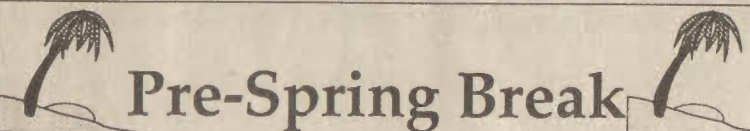
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Time to slow down - life has many speeds. Take time to look at the little things or they'll be gone too soon. This weekend: Keep your eyes open and both hands on the wheel.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Flirt up a storm, but be careful not to take it too far or consequences may sting. One might learn a lesson from the birds and the bees. This weekend: Go ahead, apply your new-found knowledge.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

That mountain last week has turned into a mole hill and eventually simmers into an ant hill. Keep up your strength-eat your Wheaties. This weekend: Finances are horrid, do yourself a favor and crawl under a rock.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Sizzle your way to success - but cool down on monopolizing conversation. Study for that upcoming test and you'll have nothing to worry about. This weekend: Let your conscience be your guide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)

Go shopping, treat yourself to that long overdue fashion update. Bye-bye bell-bottoms! Time to delve into your inner thoughts and emotions. This weekend: Bust out the sensitive side.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Now that things with your buddies are back on track, go out and yuck it up with 'em! Broaden your martial arts interests. See a movie, read a book, take a Tai Kwan Do class. This weekend: Grab a Shamrock Shake at McD's.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

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SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Now that spring is just around the corner, get out and exercise. That's not air in your spare tire. Money matters look good but keep on the frugality kick. This weekend: Dress up for that important function.

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Although you may not be required to file, you may want to in order to get back any excess withholding or if you qualify for earned income credit (EIC).

In addition, even though you may not be required to file a federal return, you may be required to file state as state requirements differ.

Should my parents claim me or should I claim myself?

Actually, this is not a choice. If your parents paid over one-half of your total support, they are entitled to claim you. If they are entitled to, but do not, you still may not claim yourself.

We are two college students who

were married in October. How do we file?

As long as you were married on or before Dec. 31, you are considered married for that tax year. You may file "married filing joint" or "married filing separate." Generally, "married filing joint" will be more advantageous.

I'm a student in Wisconsin and I work here, but I'm a resident of another state. Am I required to file a Wisconsin return?

You will need to include any income you earned in Wisconsin on your home state return (If your home state has a state income tax.) Depending on the amount of your income from Wisconsin, you may be required to file a Wisconsin tax return.

Even if you are not required to, you may wish to if you want to receive a refund of any Wisconsin tax withheld.

Is my student loan taxable? How about work study?

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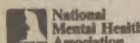
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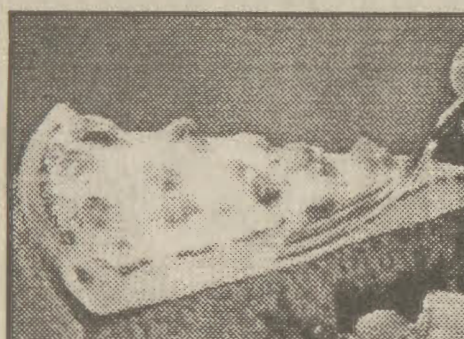
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