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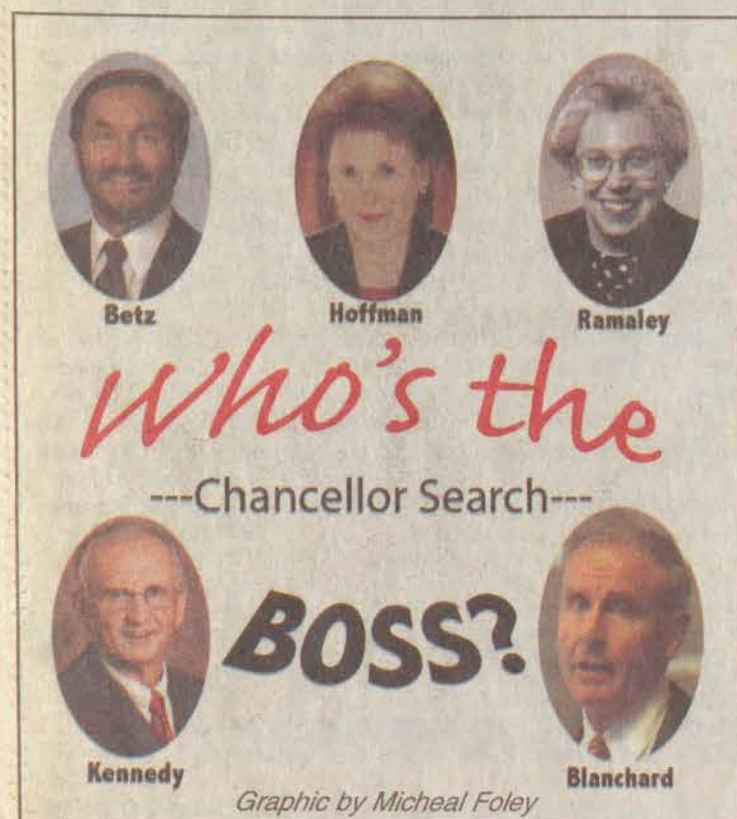
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Search committee chooses finalists



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Derrick Williams
Co-Editor

UW-River Falls is one step closer to selecting a new chancellor after the search and screen committee has pared down applicants for the position to five. Each finalist was scheduled to appear on campus this week.

Kendall Blanchard, Robert A. Kennedy, Sharon Hoffman, Judith Ramaley and Don Betz all had interviews scheduled this week to meet students and faculty.

"The point here is to give the candidate an opportunity to learn more about the campus and the campus to learn more about the candidate," chancellor search and screen committee chair Teresa Brown said.

Each candidate has a full schedule, which includes meetings with Interim Chancellor Virgil Nylander, Provost Virginia Coombs, Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement Bill Rost, all seven deans, the faculty senate, UW-RF academic staff, students and the River Falls community.

Hoffman, one of the candidates who was here on Jan. 23-24, enjoyed her time on campus visiting.

"The region is great, I love it," Hoffman said. "It is my home."

Hoffman is the only candidate with local ties to the region growing up in Minnesota and working at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

"They don't consider me a local because I left the area in 1983, but I am from St. Cloud and have spent a great deal of time in St. Paul and Minneapolis."

Ramaley, who was on campus Jan. 30-31, also enjoyed her time in the area despite not being familiar with the area.

"I am a mid-westerner by background," Ramaley said. "I really like the openness and warmth that I associate with this part of the country. It is really attractive to me."

Betz, who is scheduled to visit campus Feb. 3-4, is originally from Iowa, but isn't familiar with River Falls.

"UW-RF reminds me a lot of my school, Central Oklahoma, in that it is north of Oklahoma City and we have a lot of commuter students, but both schools grew out of a normal school mentality," Betz said.

While the itinerary for the candidates is

jam-packed, it doesn't get any easier, Brown said.

On Friday, Feb. 5 the 17-member search and screen committee will meet and consider all the feedback they get from campus. The committee will then submit their recommendations to the Special Regent Committee and UW-System President Kevin Reilly.

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Teresa Brown
Chancellor Search and Screen Committee Chair

"Once we have given the regents our recommendations, the five finalists will go to Madison on Monday and interview with the regents and President Reilly," Brown said. "Then the president and the regents will make the selection based upon our input and their inter-

views." The official announcement will be made Feb. 11 at the regents meeting. The person chosen by the regents will become UW-RF's 12th chancellor.

Candidates Kendall Blanchard and Robert A. Kennedy were unavailable for comment for this story.

RF professor anointed with advising prize

Eric Ebert
Assistant Editor

UW-River Falls physics professor Earl Blodgett recently received the 2004 Society of Physics Students (SPS), Outstanding Chapter Advisor Award.

According to the SPS Web site, the award is given annually to recognize an outstanding SPS chapter advisor, and was presented to Blodgett on Jan. 10, in Albuquerque, NM.

Blodgett was also nominated for the award in 2003 but did not receive it. Students and faculty at UW-RF nominated Blodgett again in 2004 by submitting a form and letters of recommendation.

"It is very satisfying," Blodgett said. "It's also kind of humbling."

The advising award consists of a citation of Blodgett's services and also an award of \$3,000. In addition, the award will also provide \$1,000 for both the UW-RF Physics department and SPS chapter.

Even though the award highlights his exemplary advising, Blodgett said he would not have gotten it without good students.

"You need good, active students in order for this to happen," Blodgett said.

Active students like UW-RF SPS chapter president Jeff Herfindal, helped make this

award possible.

"I took care of the nomination process," Herfindal said.

Herfindal took the responsibility of mailing all the recommendation letters to the national chapter before the end of last year. Along with the letters from other students and faculty, Herfindal submitted his own letter of recommendation.

Herfindal said Blodgett is not only a great teacher, but also a great person who has impacted many students throughout his career.

"He's so passionate about teaching and helping other students that you never forget him," Herfindal said.

Along with helping to run the chapter, Herfindal said

Blodgett helped make the UW-RF SPS chapter stronger through outreach programs. SPS helps to organize campus science days for high school students and brings physics majors closer together, Herfindal said. With the help of Blodgett, the UW-RF SPS chapter has won chapter excellence awards and other national recognition.

Yet despite all of the recognition for the SPS chapter, Blodgett's award will also help the UW-RF Physics department gain some national recognition, UW-RF Physics chair, James Madsen said.

"It's something that we can



Earl Blodgett

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DORM SHOPPING



Photo by Micheal Foley

Sarah Sample and Brittany Schumitsch check out a room during an open house at South Fork Suites Jan. 27. It was the last open house in the University's new dorm before rooms will be assigned for next fall.

Media downloading retains popularity with students

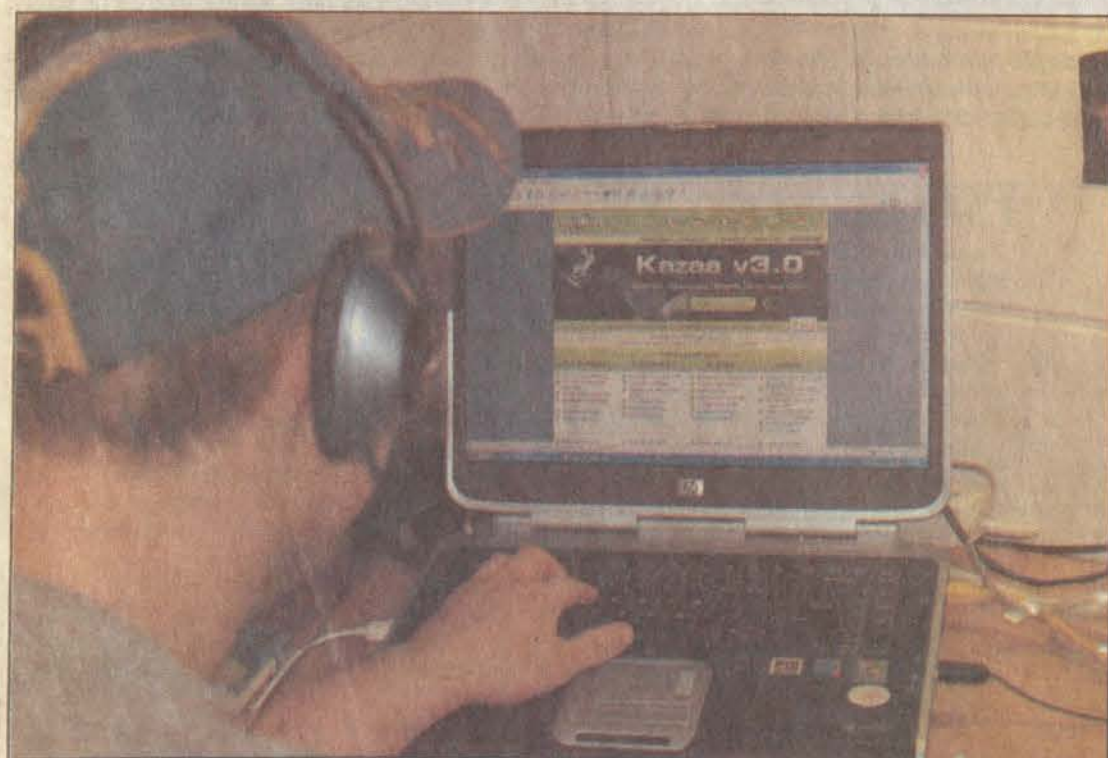


Photo by Micheal Foley

A student at Hathorn Hall uses Kazaa, a popular file sharing program that allows users to upload music and movies for free. This practice is illegal in the United States.

Brian Hogenson
Staff Writer

Despite mounting legal pressure to curb such behavior, downloading music online with such file-sharing programs such as Ares and Kazaa have become commonplace in our culture, especially among teenagers.

Two surveys of U.S. consumers conducted by E-Poll, an online polling organization, found that 50 percent of U.S. consumers have downloaded music online, including 70 percent of teenage consumers. When asked whether they consider such an act to be wrong, more than 47 percent of all respondents said "yes" but just 32.6 percent of teenage respondents said the

same.

File-sharing programs allow files to be shared by millions of users on the internet for free.

A sophomore food science major at UW-Stout who wishes to remain anonymous has downloaded over 460 songs and 22 movies using the file-sharing program Ares.

"I need music to listen to during my studies," the student said. "And there's free porn."

Students at UW-River Falls have a similar attitude regarding file sharing and downloading.

A freshman elementary education major that uses Ares to download music and movies doesn't see any problem downloading the files.

"I like it. Some people may

think that it's wrong but it's the same as if someone were to burn you a CD," the student said.

The UW-River Falls policy states that the FredNet and/or University Network may only be used for legal purposes and to access only those systems, software, and data which the user is authorized to use. Sharing access to copyrighted software or other copyrighted material (including music and copyrighted motion pictures) is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the copyright holder.

Enforcement of laws against downloading music are difficult to enforce, and the students don't feel like there's a lot being done to enforce the policy.

"I don't think that they are doing a great job enforcing it because there are so many people on campus doing it," the student said. "I haven't even heard about the policy."

"I have over two days of music

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LOCAL

Spring 2004-05 Graduation Information

This is crucial information for all seniors who will be graduating in the spring. If students plan on graduating in the spring you must go to the Registrar's Office, fill out a form, and pay \$40. The commencement ceremonies will be held May 14 in the Robert P. Knowles Building. There will be two separate ceremonies divided by the different colleges. Even if students won't be graduating until the end of the Summer 2005 term, they may still participate in one of these ceremonies. A minimum of 120 credits is required to participate.

All students going through the graduation must provide their own black cap and gown, but if students do not have one, they can be purchased through the University Bookstore. If they plan on going through the graduation ceremony the application deadline is Feb. 11, but you have until April 4 if you are not going through the ceremony.

Coach Carter brings his message to campus

With the anticipation of the new movie "Coach Carter" buzzing about River Falls, many students are planning on going out and seeing it.

But on Feb. 7 the real Coach Carter will be speaking on campus. Starting at 8 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium all students and faculty will have the opportunity to hear Carter speak.

Wisconsin in Scotland applications due soon

For all students looking to apply for the Wisconsin in Scotland program, applications are due March 1 for the Fall 2005 semester, and April 1 for the Spring 2006. All applications can be done online at <http://www.uwrf.edu/wis>. If there are any questions please contact Meg Learman in the International Programs office in room 105 Davee Library.

Student film to be premiered on campus

UW-RF student Virginia Steffen's film "Her Own Truth" will make its world premier here at the UW-River Falls on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

Her film shows how the choices people make affect the way we live out our lives. Faculty advisor for the project, Ken Stofferahn, will open the evening with a few words before handing the night over to Steffen. After the movie, the audience is encouraged to stick around for a question and answer session with the crew and enjoy a small reception.

The event will take place in the William Abbott Concert Hall and is free to all.

REGIONAL

UW-System saves millions

The UW-System is doing its best to reduce many of its costs and make it more effective. The system saved more than \$15 million by cutting costs in more than 250 areas. This information was released by UW-System President Kevin P. Reilly on Tuesday, along with the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

Reilly made many cost cuts in his own administrative offices as well. He was willing to make any changes necessary to help cut costs across the entire UW-System.

Relay for Life back for another year

Relay for Life is looking for students and citizens from River Falls and the surrounding area to take part in their annual event on April 15 and 16, which takes place at River Falls High School. The first important date is Feb. 7 for a captains practice where more important dates will be named.

For additional information, or to donate funds email Sarah Smits at relay4life2005@hotmail.com or call her at (715)425-7205.

NATIONAL

Super Bowl commercial costs reach new high

With the Super Bowl coming up in a few days, the anticipation for the game along with many new commercials is present in many American households and workplaces.

Each 30-second commercial will cost as much as \$2.4 million. Kay Palan is an associate marketing professor at Iowa State and she said that "Almost as many people watch the Super Bowl for the ads as for the game itself."

Senator Clinton's speech sparks controversy

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech caused much debate at Canisius College in New York. Students and faculty were in uproar due to the fact that the college is affiliated with its Catholic views. Because Clinton is a democratic leader she has many views that oppose those of the Catholics. One of Clinton's main oppositions are those who are very strong in their pro-life opinions.

Before her speech Clinton had a fainting spell that was contributed to having a stomach virus, but was still able to give her speech. She said the faint was nothing to worry about, despite much talk about her health.

Her speech was about the role government played in health care. The former first lady has helped make many advances in health care since her election in 2000, including, helping to expand health care for the youth and the elderly.

Tuition costs spike across the country

Across the United States, tuition costs went up an average of 10 percent last fall. The average tuition cost at public, four-year colleges, such as River Falls, rose to \$10,636, and private colleges had only a 6 percent spike to bring their average cost to \$26,854.

Thirty-six states were graded an "F" when it came to college affordability, Minnesota was given a "C". The grade for Wisconsin was not stated. The highest grade given was a "B," which belonged to California.

With tuition rates skyrocketing, it is much more difficult for low-income students to afford going to college. Three hundred and ninety students dropped out of Prince George's Community College last fall and 70 percent were forced to do so because of financial burdens.

Schools such as Harvard try to give low-income students the opportunity to go there, get their degree and even graduate debt free.

Advanced placement tests are new fad

The trend of high school students who are taking advanced placement classes and tests are increasing year after year. The College Board said that all states are making huge jumps in the amount of students working for success on such tests and classes.

The tests are scored on a one-to-five point scale and anything above a three will give the student some form of college credit.

At Bowling Green High School 173 tests were administered and 75 percent of those tests received at least a three.

The advanced placement classes and tests have helped prepare thousands of students for their future college careers.

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STUDENT SENATE

New structure proposed for UC

Eric Quade
Co-Editor

Student Senator Nick Cluppert opened the Jan. 25 meeting with a presentation describing a new look for United Council. Under the proposal that Senator Cluppert and others have been working on for five years, the structure of UC General Assemblies would be altered to both better represent students and potentially improve the image of the organization.

"Right now, the UC president isn't a student," Cluppert said. "So by having a student president we would seem more credible."

The new setup would create a board of directors comprised of a president, vice president, four different four-year at-large positions, four different two-year at-large positions and 7 committee assignments. The president and vice president would serve one-year terms.

Students attending the GA would vote for all of these positions.

Positions students would not vote upon would be Legislative Issues, Women's Initiatives, LGBTQ, Multicultural, Academic, Shared Governance and Finance committees. Instead, an executive director

would manage the appointment of these positions.

Cluppert said this executive director would assume the staff management responsibilities that used to be in the president's job description.

"The [UC] president would be more of a figurehead," Cluppert said.

Instead of getting bogged down in staff management, the new presidential position could focus more on representing students before the Board of Regents and other forums.

Responsibilities for the new UC board members would include hiring, internal affairs, finance, staff review and strategic planning.

Senate-related news:

•Student Senate President Matthew Schuelke reported that instead of cutting financial aid checks for students, the University is looking into mailing debit cards to aid recipients. A state mandate is pushing this and similar moves, such as the payroll move to direct deposit.

Additional possibilities for these debit cards are to imbue it with many different functions.

"This card would be your life," Schuelke said. "It could be your key into buildings,

your ID."

Senator Joe Eggers said some other schools have tried these debit cards and have not had good luck with them.

•Skateboarders are on the minds of at least three senators. Senators Cluppert, Jeremy Zitzow and Lindsey Burdick are all working together to give skateboarders rights on par with rollerbladers, such as acceptable times and places for skateboarding on campus.

•Senators Eggers, Cluppert and Georgia Wagner are writing a motion to have Senate officially denounce the Defense of Marriage Act going through the Wisconsin legislature.

•UW-Stout and Whitewater are asking UW-River Falls to join them in suing the State for using student auxiliary funds to balance the budget. Students raise these funds for student initiatives, and the lawsuit would seek a complete reimbursement for what Schuelke and others called a "raid" of student funds.

•The General Education Committee is debating the wording in the citizenship portion inside the newly drawn up general education requirements. The Committee has finalized that gen-ed's will be more inclusive to fulfill the humanities and fine arts segments of the general education requirements.

Hostile amendment passes, supports immediate lawsuit of government

Eric Quade
Co-Editor

Passions flared at the Feb. 1 Student Senate meeting when a motion concerning support for a suit against the State of Wisconsin came up for discussion.

Senate President Matthew Schuelke and Senator Adam Koski drafted the original motion, which would have allied UW-River Falls with UW-Stout and UW-Whitewater's plan to formally sue the State for what Schuelke called a "raid" of student-raised auxiliary funds. But the Schuelke/Koski motion only gave support to the Stout/Whitewater suit if the State tried to dip into the auxiliary funds again in the future.

Senator Nick Cluppert, though, felt this last stipulation was too weak.

"I'd hate to see this Senate sit by and wait for this to happen again," Cluppert said.

To remedy what he viewed as a free pass for the State to continue its previous behavior, Cluppert offered a hostile amendment to strike the original motion's stipulation that the "raid" must happen again before the Senate would sign onto the suit.

Senator Joe Eggers felt the hostile amendment would do more harm than good.

"The way to show our representatives that we support what they're doing isn't to go over their heads like we don't trust them," Eggers said.

After more discussion, the hostile motion was voted upon and passed.

Senate-related news:

•A structural committee for the Student Senate gave a presentation of proposed changes to their structure. Under its proposal, at-large Senate positions would be de-emphasized in favor of college-based positions.

"Where now we [Student Senate] represent the campus as a whole, here Senators would represent their colleges, and be more in-tuned to the thoughts and concerns of their college," Cluppert said.

For example, UW-Eau Claire's Student Senate is completely constituency-based, meaning that in order to be elected, one must run for the positions available in one's college of study.

•Senator Jeremiah Zitzow reported that the plus/minus grading system proposal will be coming up before Faculty Senate in three weeks. Although a recent poll found 52 percent of students against the change and 43 percent for it, parties involved felt there was enough support to move forward with the proposal process.

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

History major may offer philosophy twist

Eric Ebert
Assistant Editor

In a program that has been put under strain this year by retiring staff, the UW-River Falls History and Philosophy Department is taking steps to provide a new program for students interested in philosophy.

According to a proposal, the new program would be a history major with a philosophy emphasis, which would allow students to have a major that includes a philosophy component.

The new program has been approved by the Academic Policy and Program Committee and is pending approval by the Faculty Senate. If the program is approved by the Senate it could be available to students as early as next fall, said philosophy professor Imtiaz Moosa.

"[At] this stage of the game there is not much to be done but wait," Moosa said.

Moosa said this new major will provide another philosophy alternative for students, aside from the minor that is already offered. Moosa says the new program is a way to get a degree with philosophy, as well as bring philosophy to a mainstream program.

"It's a way to sell philosophy," Moosa said.

UW-RF student Mason Johnson said his original intent was to become a philosophy major with a history minor, but because UW-RF doesn't offer a philosophy major, Johnson

instead became a history major with a philosophy minor.

"I was amazed when I couldn't major in philosophy here," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, philosophy gives people the ability to evaluate an argument, and without philosophy people don't get that skill.

"I think it's really important people study philosophy and it's a shame more of it isn't offered here," Johnson said.

History and philosophy chair Betty Bergland said that history and philosophy are closely aligned and is in support of the new program.

"It offers students another program, another major and that's a good thing," Bergland said.

Bergland says anyone with a liberal arts degree should have some exposure to philosophy. This new program may draw students who want some philosophy in their major to the history program.

"I think it might strengthen the history department as well," Bergland said.

And strength is something that has been needed this year for the philosophy side of the department.

With the retirement of one of the philosophy professors,

Moosa is the only remaining full-time philosophy professor on campus. Because of demand from students, this year the dean asked Moosa to teach five classes - an overload - instead of four, to accommodate students, Bergland said.

Retired philosophy professor David Peters has been teaching part-time this year and will return as a part-time professor next year, but Bergland said that there is no question that this is a problem.

"The minor program would be at risk if another full-time professor were not hired," Bergland said.

Moosa said he wants to make it clear why philosophy is important. Although philosophy creates critical thinking, Moosa said philosophy asks questions that other departments might be afraid to ask.

"In philosophy you can ask politically incorrect questions and afford to be radical," Moosa said.

According to Moosa there are certain questions people can ask that only philosophy can answer.

Along with asking those radical questions, philosophy also develops people's mental processes, allowing people to find solutions to problems, said philosophy minor, Lynn Zarembinski. Zarembinski says everyone should dabble in philosophy because it challenges your beliefs.

"It makes you rethink your values," Zarembinski said.



File photo by Eric Ebert

Imtiaz Moosa believes the new history major will provide students with another philosophy alternative and can bring philosophy to a mainstream program.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RFPD

for assaultive behavior following an underage consumption incident at Johnson Hall. Other suspects fled the scene. Police are investigating.

Isaac E. Nellessen was fined \$305 for tampering with firefighter equipment under UW-Code Chapter 18 at McMillan Hall.

Jan. 24
Elisabeth J. Thompson was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Stephanie A. Jirele was fined \$164 for an ID violation at Bo's 'N' Mine.

Jan. 25
Thomas M. Hengst and Donald B. Hamblin were each fined \$491 for procuring, selling or giving alcohol to a minor at Hathorn Hall.

Michelle T. Hessler was fined \$243 for underage consumption at Grimm Hall.

Jan. 28
Stefan A. Swenson was fined \$77.20 for an unlawful U-turn, \$736 for driving with a

blood-alcohol level greater than .08 and \$736 for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Swenson's blood-alcohol level was tested at .19.

Timothy J. Dean was fined \$243 for underage consumption.

Jan. 29
Vong Moua was fined \$250 for a prohibitive blood-alcohol content level and \$52.40 for violating absolute sobriety. Moua's blood-alcohol content level was tested at .08.

Jan. 30
Dustin G. Wiste was fined \$164 for shoplifting a muffin-sandwich from Holiday gas station. The merchandise was valued at \$1.68.

Christopher K. White was cited for speeding and driving without a valid license.

Jan. 31
Benjamin J. Plunkett was cited with a seat-belt violation.

Compiled by Micheal Foley
Photo Editor

Jan. 19

Eric J. Bloms was fined \$367 for second-offense underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Jan. 22

Lutsen M. Adrian was fined \$336 for assaultive behavior and \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Stephanie A. Stewart, Gary A. McWilliams, Shaun W. VanAcker and Sarah J. Stachel were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Johnson Hall.

Cindy K. Dzienkowski, Bryan W. Thiermann and Benjamin T. Neibaur were each fined \$243 for underage consumption at Crabtree Hall.

Jan. 23

Bryce A. Lindquist was fined \$429 for resisting or obstructing an officer and \$336

Class offers glimpse into owning privatebusiness

Sara Tischauser
News Editor

UW-River Falls was awarded nearly \$100,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to create a Pig to Plate program, which offers curriculum in direct marketing of agricultural products.

Agricultural economics assistant professor Brenda Boetel and Gary Onan, animal and food science professor, are teaching Direct Marketing of Agricultural Products (Agricultural Economics 490) this semester.

Onan and Boetel submitted a proposal for a USDA Challenge Grant and received \$99,715 from the USDA. The University provided matching funds worth \$140,266. This money is provided not in dollar form, but in the form of the professor's salaries, classroom space, paper and other supplies.

Boetel said the idea behind applying for the grant was to give students the chance to gain experience in direct marketing.

This course is meant to "teach students to direct market agricultural products and is coming out of a request, demand for students," Boetel said.

Students in the class attended the Midwest Value-Added Agriculture Conference in Eau Claire on Jan. 28.



Photo by Micheal Foley

Next fall the Pig to Plate program will be marketing pork products from the University swine herd.

Lindsey Thell, a senior agricultural education major in the class, attended the conference and found the speakers to be helpful in preparing students to start their own business.

She said there were sessions on how to fill out grant proposals to fund a business, how to make a business profitable and how to create a product the customer wants.

"[The conference] got us excited and thinking how we can improve individual businesses," Thell said.

One of the major aspects of the course will be for students to make a marketing plan. The marketing plan includes a preliminary story (objectives, goals and strategy statement), market analysis of product, market analysis of competing product, market analysis of regulations, price, financial evaluation, market analysis of customer base, market analysis of market size and location, promotion, and monitoring and measurement.

Onan said it is important for students to learn which products are appropriate for direct marketing.

"You need to know what differentiates your product from competitors, what makes your product special," Onan said. "This is a key ingredient in direct marketing.

The hope is that students can take what they learn in class and use their marketing plans to actually market their own products, Onan said.

"This is one of the most practical classes if you ever want to own your own business," Thell said.

Next fall, another course is going to be offered to give students hands-on experience in direct marketing. This course will be a practicum in direct marketing, Onan said.

Planning for the fall class has already started and within one to two months the plan is to establish Falcon Farms, which will be the marketing agency used this fall, Onan said.

Falcon Farms will be used to market pork from the UW-RF swine herd, Boetel said.

Right now, Onan said the plan is to make a board of directors (consisting of officers from interested College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) organizations) and then coming up with possible plans for the marketing of pork products.

"We are going to start exploring marketing options for this fall," Onan said.

Onan said that the board of directors will come up with three possible marketing approaches, which will include how to present the product to buyers and through what venue the product will be marketed.

The final decision of what approach to take will be left up to the students in the class next fall, Onan said. The hope is for the class to market pork products by the 2005 fall holiday season.

The fall class will be available to students who have had the Direct Marketing of Agricultural Products class or have consent from the instructors.



Photo by Derrick Williams

Brenda Boetel teaches students in the Direct Marketing Agricultural Products how to start their own business.

Health service program increases safety awarenesses

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

The UW-River Falls chapter of BACCHUS and GAMMA is looking for new members to help get the program back on its feet. Until recently, this program was not available on campus because of lack of interest and participation.

According to the Web site, www.bacchusgamma.org, BACCHUS, an acronym for Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of

University Students, and GAMMA, an acronym for Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol is a student organization aimed at increasing awareness not only on alcohol, but also on tobacco, safer sex, violence prevention and safety, among other things.

"I think having this organization would kind of expand on what Student Health Services does right now," said Liz Ablett, BACCHUS and GAMMA peer educator.

"There's been a lot of criticism of health educa-

tion in general on campus, so this is an area where we can boost that up and get more people interested in it and listening to it."

BACCHUS and GAMMA, peer-to-peer education organization, plans to "let the word out" by taking advantage of other organizations on campus like sororities, fraternities, residence halls to spread their knowledge, according to BACCHUS and GAMMA advisor Kevin Syverson.

The program has been running through the Greek system on campus in the past and organizers plan to

continue to do so. However, students do not need to be involved in a fraternity or sorority to join BACCHUS and GAMMA.

"We are looking for anyone interested in helping work on alcohol related issues on campus, and BACCHUS and GAMMA kind of provides that umbrella organization to fall under and provide lots of resources to take advantage of for a BACCHUS and GAMMA member," said Syverson.

Students interested can contact Ablett at elizabeth.ablett@uwrf.edu or call Syverson in

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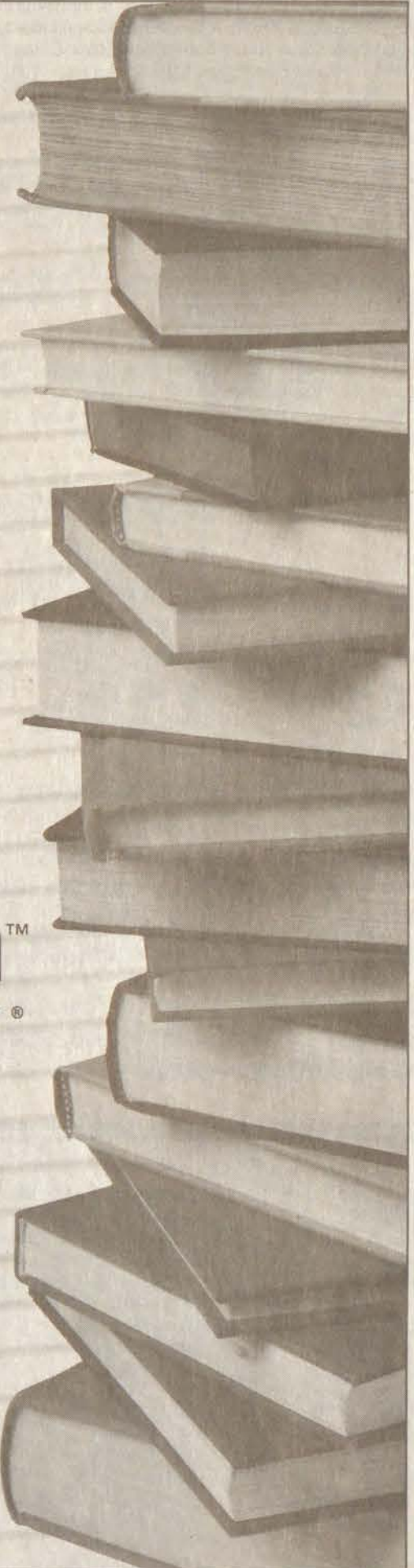
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EDITORIAL

Snow removal upsets wakers, daily commuters

Efficiency, productivity, and a job well done are qualities UW-River Falls as an institution attempts to pass on to students and, to a lesser extent, its faculty. Institutional oversight and poor city maintenance, however, often lead to holes in the city's snow removal program. Recent snowfalls have shed blinding light on some issues UW-RF and the city of River Falls have in the snow removal program, leading to annoyance and frustration for students and city residents.

The sidewalk that runs along the one-way behind North Hall is required by law to be plowed or shoveled, but it's often left under a mound of snow eight inches tall. The east-west walking path that lies along the wooded south end of campus also remains unplowed, making it hard for students to walk or bike to school during the winter months.

Where things are plowed, glare ice pervades. A spattering of salt or dirt can be seen at a few, particularly dangerous intersections and other areas on campus, but most of the ice sheet remains intact atop the sidewalks and roads on campus.

The city of River Falls fares just as problematic. Sidewalks are shoveled but access to those sidewalks is blocked by mounds of snow left over from the plows. This makes it hard for pedestrians to cross roads without traversing dangerous mountains of ice.

In addition, plowing has been shoddy at best within the residential neighborhoods north of campus where many students park. Massive snow piles block parking spaces in an area where spots are ready at a premium.

Finally, snow and ice accumulation has exacerbated drainage problems. These half-frozen pools are often found at sidewalk/roadway intersections and pose a particular threat to the handicapped trying to navigate their way across.

These issues can be explained away with budgetary rhetoric, claiming that a lack of funding has made it difficult to plow everything on campus or in the city. While budgetary reasons are legitimate, the fact that basic pedestrian crossings are nearly impassable is an issue that is impossible to explain away.

The simple fact remains: pedestrians should be able to walk a path from campus to the Lab Farm without snowshoes. Pedestrians should be able to cross Maple Street without needing climbing ropes. Commuters should be able to park on the street without needing four-wheel drive.

When funding to academic departments is cut, graduation rates don't suffer. It is up to the respective administrations of the school and the city to provide adequate access to sidewalks and parking despite the budget cuts that have been suffered.

Chancellor search lacking outside input

Even after the recent election in Iraq, Americans at UW-River Falls are bypassing their democratic processes and allowing the government to run itself without valuable citizen input.

While Iraqis risked life and limb to make their lives a little better, the students at UW-River Falls showed little in the way of interest when given the chance to interact with their potential new University leader.

At the chancellor finalist visits, the Rodli Blue Room or the Student Center Presidents' Room were filled with faculty and staff who knew what was at stake and came with questions and open ears.

The students who attended the listening sessions were, for the most part, required to be there for a class. They weren't there because they were interested in making a difference in the future of their educational institution.

On the flip side, a handful of students made the effort to engage the finalists in interesting conversation. While these students helped put a positive face on the student body, the overwhelming message to the next chancellor will be that UW-RF students don't care and won't make a fuss if something doesn't go their way.

In addition River Falls community members showed poor support for the candidates, which doesn't view well for a community that is highly dependent on the University.

Other than faculty and staff, the campus and community has deprived itself of a critical voice in the upcoming chancellor selection. Although Ann Lydecker is irreplaceable, now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to not only get to know our new chancellor, but also have a voice in the selection process.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recourse from Ramen charge

In regards to the student who does not get her facts correct before accusing someone: I am writing this not because I am the faculty member, but because I am a friend of the faculty member. This person is very likely to be accused of stealing. In fact, there was no theft. The person only went over to the table to swap out a package of ramen noodles. This person had ramen moments before had put several packages of Ramen Noodles to be sent to the food shelf. This person had brought in several packages and had dropped them on the table, keeping them on their lunch. When this person realized the one that was kept was the same as lunch the day before, it was swapped, not stolen.

This person did not steal it, they just swapped it out with one that they had there only minutes before.

I would like to know if Heidi followed this person down the hall and back. Heidi saw this person "take the Ramen Noodles while sitting on one of the couches, then she could not see this person with the noodles and, depending on the couch she was sitting on, she may not have even been able to see the faculty member with the noodles. This person cooked food in the psychology lounge microwave, which is nowhere near the couches the hall study area near the stairs.

This faculty person has a lot of work in the Psychology department for the charges. To accuse this person, publicly, without getting all the facts first, is wrong. I think this person deserves an apology from both the paper and Heidi. Next time, check your source and facts, please.

Chris Berger
Student

Food Shelf pilfer proves false, student sorry

I would like to write a letter of apology in regards to the letter that appeared in the Letters to the Editor column of the December 10 issue of the student voice. I believe the alleged

"sticky-fingered faculty member" that prompted the disgust of student Heidi Gilbertson is me, not one of the psychology faculty.

First of all, I am not a faculty member. Second, I did not simply take an item from the table for the food shelf, cook it and eat it. The items in question were packages of Ramen Noodles. I had donated several packages of Ramen Noodles from my personal supply in my office to the food pantry. I later realized I had donated the flavor I had planned to eat that day. I then brought the flavor I had eaten the previous day to the table, and exchanged it for a different flavor. I then took it down to the psychology student lounge, cooked it, brought it back to my office and eventually ate it.

I had no intention of stealing food from the mouths of the needy. I apologize sincerely if Heidi or any other student did not see the incident in its entirety, did not know the story behind it and were disgusted by what they thought happened.

I consider myself an honorable staff member and student of University of Wisconsin-River Falls and would never knowingly take from those that are less fortunate than myself.

Furthermore, I know from personal experience the importance of contributing to the food pantry, as I have been in the position of not knowing when I would have my next meal or where it would come from.

The faculty of the Department of Psychology are some of the most sincere, honorable, giving and kind people I have ever had the privilege of knowing and working with, and I am ashamed and embarrassed that they have been wrongly accused of doing such a thing as was described in the Student Voice.

In order to ensure that this kind of misunderstanding will never happen again, I simply will do as I have done in the past and donate cash.

Again, I apologize to the entire UW-River Falls community most sincerely for any misinterpretation of my actions or intent.

I sincerely hope that this does not negatively impact anyone's willingness to donate to the Food Shelf.

Denise Hughes (Shambour)
Staff/Student

Clean record calls for respect not stereotypes

I have found more parts of this world to be bitter and misunderstanding. Today I confess my wrongs of yesterday. I have been cited for supplying alcohol to a minor, a currently unaffordable toll to my pocketbook, but more importantly a greater toll on my own morality. Innocently, it all began Jan. 25 with an exhausting day filled with disappointment and running errands that seemed unproductive. Like other days of this sort, I partook in cheap whiskey to help relax the evening.

A friend of years past stopped by for a visit and after an offer from a sharing person, she also had a few drinks. I was completely aware that she was underage, but, for some reason, never questioned my actions in this event. Our dorm door was wide open. Innocent conversation carried on between us, occasionally interrupted as friends passed by. Eventually we parted ways to visit other people and the fun, relaxing moment was over.

Hours later, about to crawl into bed, I'm visited by Campus Security. Apparently, in very vague words, I had been reported supplying alcohol to a minor. Never once did I question my friend that she had maybe found some trouble and given up my name. I was puzzled as to who of my friends and neighbors that passed the door that evening would have called me out on this matter. I speak for my friend, that neither she, nor I, were anything more than barely influenced by our alcoholic intake. In fact, I had a hard time believing that anyone could have noticed her under the influence.

Through the whole conversation at hand, I remained calm and professed my truths. I was impressed with Campus Security's professionalism and how they handled the situation. Then the officer had the audacity to question my honesty twice, directly in front of me. The question was if I had had any prior offenses. After finally agreeing with the second dispatcher's response in complete disbelief, I was sited for my first offense. I was disgusted that

after telling the complete truth about the entire evening to him and hearing his almost assumed and very generic accusation, that he still felt it necessary to question my honesty.

Perhaps I was raised in a more polite manor, but if I had been on the questioning end of that situation, I would have at least had the courtesy of applying my double-checking methods outside of the vicinity of the person I was accusing.

After the officers had left and I had exploited the story to my now very curious neighbors, I crawled into bed and began to apply an hour of thought to this matter. I was in the wrong. I willingly accepted the citation and made it clear to myself and the officers that even if the fine hadn't been so hefty, this would still be my last violation of this law. In fact, it will become the beginning of an uncomfortable feeling in this dorm. I feel that I cannot act freely without being closely scrutinized by a few people in my living vicinity. I am unsure why. I do not profess my poorer habits on anyone who's never accepted them. Often times my maturity exceeds that of those who scrutinize me. I am a standout, but I do not intend to be an idol for anyone. I stand out to be recognized and remembered. Besides the janitorial staff, I am one of the elders in a society of merely high school super seniors. For that I should be a good example, and prior to last night, I felt that I was one. I do not intend to be the bad egg from now on. I plan to continue my impressive streak of doing little wrong because that must be hated most by those who scrutinize me and wish for me off this island.

Three last things to mention. I hope Campus Security officers have more respect for the average student in future consultations. I hope those who idolize me will pay more attention to the most important details.

And I hope those who scrutinize me will worry less about my maturity and more about their own.

Don Hamblin
Student

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Clinton, "Cops," staying classy *At your service*

Choosing an interesting, thought-provoking topic to write about in a weekly newspaper column isn't an easy task. In fact, some writers say finding a topic is the most difficult part of the writing process. If I was a perfect writer living in a perfect world, then I would write about something that's important to everyone that makes you think and perhaps let out a chuckle from time to time. But I am far from a perfect writer and this is far from a perfect world. However, I will try my hardest to keep you entertained, I hope you enjoy my thoughts. Let's bring back that imperfect world that I mentioned earlier. Recently, George W. Bush was inaugurated for a second term as president. Though I couldn't bear to hear him deliver his inaugural speech live, I did read a transcript of it on the Internet. Besides the usual false promises and wishful thinking that clutter his otherwise insubstantial



BEN JIPSON

speeches, I did find one noteworthy point. About 80 percent of his speech was devoted to the United States' involvement in Iraq. Ah yes, the infamous war that's received more criticism than former president Clinton's love life. It made me think of the presidential election held last November when about 20 percent of Americans chose "moral values" as the issue that most influenced their decision at the polls. Now, I haven't figured out what is meant by "moral values" and more importantly, Why these "moral values" became synonymous with "conservatism" or "Republicanism." I can assure you, invading a country and killing innocent civilians on false premises isn't moral. I would hate to spend this entire article griping about what the president and his cabinet, half of which have since abandoned ship, have done to upset so many Americans, so I'll

touch on the later issue of defining "moral values." It's not as easy as it seems, so let me, instead, share with you some ways to experience immorality. First off, everyone must experience a 1,000--plus mile Greyhound bus ride, preferably through the Deep South. All that stands for immorality can be heard, seen and smelled on those buses. One could find children swearing, raunchy couples making out and the stench of soiled diapers during the trip from Baton Rouge to Montgomery. Wrong. Youth basketball tournaments are another great example, especially fifth and sixth grade. There are more adults throwing around the F-word than a Colin Farrell talk show interview. It's usually directed at the officials, but sometimes it's at the coaches or the athletes on the floor. I thought those events were designed to promote good sportsmanship and fair play.

"There are more adults throwing the f-word around than a Colin Farrell interview."

Instead, children are learning from this immoral behavior. Finally, I'll share my last bit of immorality. If you want to realize how good your life is and how sick and immoral some people can be, watch an episode of Cops. Every male that is taken into custody always seems to have lost his shirt and excessive alcohol consumption is almost always involved. The immorality flows through these television "stars" like the grease flows through their mullets. It's disgusting to watch, but I dare you to try to change the channel before they bust the crack house. There you have it: a look into modern American politics and morality (or immorality). The two are so complex one would have never thought to look for the answers on "Cops" or on a Greyhound bus, but the answers were sitting right next to you, reeking of B.O. Keep your eyes and ears open and stay classy, River Falls.

Hey, who's ready to hear more about politics?! Yeah, me neither. After struggling through a semester of Kerry vs. Bush in the student paper, I decided to turn in an application to the Voice in hopes of being able to write about anything--avocados, squid, bad band names, dumb jokes, whatever crosses my warped little mind. Termed "news you can use" by our esteemed editors *snicker*, I was in. Which means I suppose I do have to give tips for college living. Not a problem. I can do that. I have no problem reviewing restaurants, shamelessly hawking my favorite stuff and helping make your college experience easier and hopefully more amusing. The whole purpose of me writing this column is to get in touch with the campus. I really want to hear from River Falls students and professors. I'd like to use this column as a springboard for River Falls personnel to get out whatever word they need to get out. Advice, birthday wishes, bad department humor, anything! Tell me what you want to hear about and I'll dig up whatever I can for you. Hey, we at the Voice run a full service operation here. Finally.



AMY SHOBERT

Well, I was all excited about my very first news-you-can-use tip when I decided it would be prudent to check it out first, before anyone blew up their microwave. I hate microwave popcorn. It's greasy, way too salty and half the time most of it doesn't pop. According to this tip I found, one can microwave 2 tablespoons of popcorn in a paper lunch sack for 2 and 1/2 minutes and get plain, yummy, microwave popcorn. I had some success. I didn't blow up my microwave and the popcorn popped, but some of the popcorn burnt. Well, crap. I can't give out half a tip. So, if you do try it, try it at your own risk and tell me what you got. Maybe my microwave just has a personal vendetta against paper lunch sacks. So I looked up more microwave tips. I found you could steam any veggie in a couple tablespoons of water. I also found one can cook eggs, as long as you don't cook them in the shell, poke the yolk so they don't blow and grease the cup you use. Well, screw that. Eggs and veggies? If you're like me, at this point you're thinking, "I'll order pizza and be done with it". I agree.

Power of chi includes pizza

If you are looking for an interesting, pertinent column in the Student Voice - stop reading this now. No, seriously just stop reading. If you are unfortunate enough to know me, or see me around campus, you have probably noticed the large amount of rubber bands on my right wrist. I started this bizarre habit roughly three years ago when I worked at an architecture firm. I noticed that when the rubber bands from the rolled up drawings ended up on my wrist, things went better for me. Not big things; just little things. Catching green lights, not losing my keys, or finding good parking spots to name a few. I call it my chi, for lack of a better term. That was the beginning. It has evolved since then. Now, if I don't pick up certain rubber bands, or break current ones, I will get bad chi for a week. If it is someone else's fault then we both get bad chi for a week. It sounds crazy, but if you didn't heed my warning at the beginning, you might as well keep reading. Here is why I am not crazy. I can prove it. I was skiing a couple years ago and while

getting dressed I broke a rubber band. At this point I wasn't completely sold on the idea of bad chi, just good chi (bad chi was just weird). While trying to do a flip in the terrain park, I hit the back of my head, giving me a concussion. I chalked it up to nothing more than a coincidence. I had gotten a couple concussions before the bands. No big deal. Another mild concussion followed that summer when I was wakeboarding. I broke a band when I fell once and didn't notice. The second time I fell, however, I fell face first, slapping into the water at over 25 miles an hour. That sucked. What's worse, my brother and then girlfriend (a nurse) did nothing but throw ice cubes at me from the cooler. When they realized I was hurt they knew they could not pull me out of the water by themselves, so they called my friend who could. He dragged me through the parking lot to the truck and left me there, sleeping for four hours while they burned up the rest of the gas in the boat. Good plan. More recently and not involving a concu-



A.J. OSCARSON

sion of any kind was over J-term involving my car. Now, I understand my car is old and an eyesore, but I am fine with it because I can rely on it to start and go at anytime. On the morning of the seventh day of bad chi, I thought I was in the clear. That is until my car did not start before a game of poker (a game I quickly lost due to the bad chi). I went out and looked at it later figuring I could fix it and show my dad I could work on cars the way he always wanted me to. Turns out I can't and I don't care. So I broke down and brought it to my dad. He opened the hood and poked around. Finally he looked up at me with that disappointed look in his face. I thought it might have been the spark plugs that I never changed or the oil I never changed but it was worse. He pulls me over to the engine and points to the inside of the air-filter, but it wasn't the air filter that was bad. It was the fact that there was a slice of pizza in my air-filter. Pepperoni pizza. How do you explain that to anyone? You would have to put the hood of the car up, take the casing off the air-filter, then place the pizza in there then put it all back together again. I just looked at him and said, "Bad chi..." then he left, presumably to double check with my mom that I was actually his kid.

"I started this bizarre habit roughly three years ago when I worked at an architecture firm. I noticed that when the rubber bands from the rolled up drawings ended up on my wrist, things went better for me."

Alcohol answers as same crap cure

The year 2005 is now upon us and a familiar phrase comes to mind. "Same crap; different pile." I find myself sliding into the same rut commonly referred to as "Cabin Fever." Since arriving here, I've found alcohol to be a convenient means of distraction, but with a low paying, non-tip job, this is becoming more of an albatross than recreation. Dropping twenty bucks at Emma's every night doesn't leave much money for little things like food and rent. This brings about a need for a new form of entertainment. I know a lot of you probably look forward to winter because you've grown up here your whole life and are able to do things like ski or snowboard. I, however, lived a good majority of my youth in more southern locations where winter is a slush-fest rather than a wonderland of fluffy snow and freeze-your-ass-off temps. About the only winter sports I'm good at now is bitching and slamming any type of alcohol you put in front of my face. In my own defense, this past week I finally got the opportunity to partake in the great outdoor activity that is ice fishing. There is nothing like huddling around a hole drilled in two feet of ice when its -10 degrees out hoping that something is alive down there and it'll be hungry enough to bite into some metal prongs. Anyway, can you really pass up an excuse to indulge in the High Life prior to 7 a.m.?



MIKE SONN

Nevertheless, I still find myself looking past this cold expanse of time dreaming about better days that involve flip flops and Bob Uecker. I do have some things to look forward to, which I will kindly mention. These are my final two semesters of what has proven to be quite the college experience. Maybe I'll be able to create some kind of movie or book deal that will help pay off all these fines I've accumulated. Also, I'm planning a trip to Europe in May on my own to find out if the grass is greener on the other side, like all the College Republicans seem to like to remind me of every other day. Regardless with all good things, there are the bad because without the sour the sweet just ain't as sweet. Graduating in December brings about the cold, hard reality of actually having to grow up, not drink myself to a stupor on Tuesday nights, or attend a class based solely on the fact it is my only one with an attractive female. Furthermore this year, not unlike the past four, our campus won't be polluted with the sound of music we'd all actually like to listen to. On a lighter note, every new year brings about opportunity; you just have to get past the redundancy to see it. So here's to 2005 giving me the chance to receive citations I never knew existed, drink amounts of alcohol that would be fatal to those surveyed by our university, and spend time with my liberal, hippy, peace-loving friends on the other side of the pond.

Warning: comfort zone breached

It strikes me as funny--the way I believe we'll act in a given situation, only to find things don't always work the way we plan. Sometimes it's the most unexpected person, the scrawny, fish-eyed dork, perhaps, who can barely keep his thick glasses from sliding down his nose, who delivers. I ponder this as I consider my past experiences with diversity. The other day my brother Joe said, "A ghetto is an area that is comprised mainly of one race." My mom responded, "So does that mean Rice Lake is a ghetto?" I suppose if you come from a town that is 97.7 percent white you can only imagine how it would feel to be the minority. It's a lot easier to imagine something than to actually be put in the situation. Unfortunately, when daydreaming, I tend to leave out the fact that I have an introverted per-



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sonality. In reality, it's hard for me to get to know someone when I'm the majority, much less when I'm the minority. As I reflect on my first experiences as a minority, I find myself wondering how anyone can stand it. It is a rather intimidating experience. For one of the first times in my life I was insanely aware of my light skin color as I attended a meeting for the Asian American Student Association. However, it wasn't just the color of my skin that made me feel different, my sexuality did, too. As a new member of the Gay Straight Alliance, I remember thinking, "This is a gay STRAIGHT meeting you can be here. Calm down." For some reason I had a terrible urge to ask everyone what their sexual preference was. Fortunately, I resisted the urge and didn't offend anyone. But the fear of insulting someone can be enough to keep a

person from getting to know others. Mainly because I grew up without much diversity around me, I've always been a little awkward around people different from me. First times evoke a feeling of vulnerability. It's like Yoda always said, "Fear leads to anger, anger leads to hatred." Vulnerability scares people; everyone wants to feel in control. We fear what we don't understand. Fortunately, at the Asian American Student Association meeting I was eventually able to move past my startling observation and have a great time. I actually had a better time than I've had at a few predominantly white meetings and it wasn't just the icebreakers we played. The group had a

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bond and was excited to welcome me into it. They embraced my differences. As I thought about this my mom made a good point, "We have to be careful we're not being intolerant of the intolerant, too." This skewed my perspective. I have to remember that some people have had their way of thinking or believing for a very long time and to find out what they based their whole perspective of life on might not necessarily work anymore is an earth-shattering revelation. It requires questioning a lifetime of thinking. A quote spoken once by the great president Franklin Delano Roosevelt comes to mind, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

What is your favorite winter activity?

Gary Schwingle, junior
"Dangerous Sledding."

Hayley Thompson, sophomore
"Snowboarding."

Stephan Grandpre, junior
"Hockey Games."

Nicole Mortense, freshman
"Snowtubing."

Photo poll by Theresa Theobald

Men's hockey defeats number one Yellowjackets 2-0 in weekend battle

Mike Klees
Sports Information

The Falcon men's hockey team displayed their defensive prowess during a weekend home stand, in which they did not allow a goal.

The Falcons knocked off St. Scholastica on Friday night and UW-Superior, the number one team in the nation, on Saturday night.

Despite losing 4-1 last weekend against Superior, UW-RF was able to reorganize and beat the Yellowjackets.

"We made a few adjustments over the week," said Falcon head coach Steve Freeman. "We played with a lot more energy."

"The Falcons began the home stand on Friday with a rematch against St. Scholastica; a team which UW-RF beat 4-2 in come from behind fashion last weekend.

The Falcons dominated the Saints, both in scoring chances and shots, much like they had in

the last matchup, but they were unable to put Scholastica away. Freshman Josh Hansen, the brother of junior Nate Hansen, playing in his first game for the Falcons, put UW-RF on the board midway through the first period. The rest of the game was a goalie showcase with the Falcon's Dan Meneghin and the Saint's Tyler Johnson making save after save.

Freshman Tyler Dahl was able to score with five seconds left in the game after a fight gave the Falcons a 5-on-3 power-play. Meneghin had 25 saves to give the Falcons a 2-0 victory.

"We moved the puck very well," said Freeman. "We were very pleased with our team defense and our goaltending was great."

On Saturday night the undefeated Yellowjackets came to Hunt Arena looking to keep pace with St. Norbert in the NCHA.

After a scoreless first period, the Falcons took control of the game in the second period, scor-

ing two goals.

Senior Steve Moe and freshman Matt Jackson tallied the goals for UW-RF and the defense held off Superior for a 2-0 victory.

Junior Andy Scanlon had 36 saves for the Falcons and got his first shutout of the year. The Falcons team defense was excellent for the second game in a row and the penalty kill shut out the Yellowjackets in eight tries.

"When you get back to back shutouts you have to be happy with that," said Freeman.

The two victories improved the Falcons record to 14-5-2 and they are currently in third place in the NCHA. They are two points behind the Yellowjackets and five points behind St. Norbert, whom the Falcons will face on Friday. That game will be in De Pere and get underway at 7:00 p.m.

The Falcons will then travel to Lake Forest on Saturday night to take on the Foresters at 7:30.



Photo by Corey Hargreaves
The Falcons brought down the number one nationally ranked UW-Superior Yellowjackets. The Falcons out scored UW-Superior 2-0 in the match, moving UW-RF up to the eighth position in the national rankings.

Women's basketball topples No. 1 Titans

Andrew Sinykin
Sports Information

The Falcon women's basketball team was defeated Tuesday night, 60-53, by Superior. Superior came into the game at the bottom of the conference standings. The loss comes only three days after the Falcons defeated conference leader, Oshkosh, at home.

The Falcons and Yellowjackets traded baskets early in the first half and the Falcons took their largest lead of four with 9:50 to play. Moments after the Falcons took the lead, Superior's Shannon Johannes knocked down a three to bring the game within one.

In the second half the Falcons pulled back ahead behind a two point shot by Melanie Preiner and a three by Miranda Biteler. The Falcons held a 23-21 lead. The Falcons were not able to hold a lead for the rest of the ball game. The Falcons came within three before Superior went on an 8-3 run to gain an eight point advantage. Every time after that, whenever the Falcons got close, Johannes knocked down a three to increase the Yellowjacket lead. Superior finished the game with a 60-53 win.

The Falcons were led by Erin Effle who finished the game with 11 points and seven rebounds, Megan Lindman came off the bench and scored eight points and picked up four rebounds, while Biteler and Preiner both finished with seven points and four rebounds. Preiner led the team with six assists and three steals.

The Falcons shot 34.5 percent from the field while Superior shot 35.6 percent. The difference in the game was decided behind the three point line. The Falcons shot 21.7 percent from three while Superior shot 46.2 percent on 5-13 shooting. The Falcons outrebounded Superior, grabbing 38

boards, while limiting the Yellowjackets to only 32. Superior scored 22 points from the free throw line. They shot 71 percent. The Falcons shot 77 percent on 10-13 shooting from the stripe.

The Falcon's faced off against two of the top teams in the WIAC conference this past week.

The big story of the week came on Jan. 29, when the Falcons faced off against conference leader UW-Oshkosh. The game remained tight from the opening tip-off, with neither team holding a lead of more than five throughout. Earlier this year Oshkosh defeated the Falcons 82-62 at UW-O.

This time the Falcons managed to fend off their conference foe and defeat the Titans 50-48.

Effle led all scorers with 23. She also finished with 10 rebounds, three steals, three blocks and three assists. Traci Reimann scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds, shooting 4-5 from the field.

The Falcons were down late in the second half, when Melanie Preiner hit a three with 5:17 to play, tying the game at 46-46. Moments later Effle scored on a lay-up to put the Falcons up for good.

The Falcons out rebounded Oshkosh, pulling down 42 boards and scoring five second chance points, while limiting the Titans to 35 and zero second chance points. The Falcons turned the ball over 18 times, while the Titans relinquished possession only 12 times.

The win helped keep the Falcons in the top half of the conference standings, which, if maintained, would lead to home court advantage for the Falcons in the WIAC conference tournament in late February.

The Falcons, now 13-7 overall and 6-6 in the WIAC, will next host UW-La Crosse on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Tip off is set for 7 p.m. at the Karges Center.

Complex receives facelift

Chiefs make Hunt/Knowles upgrades reality

Corey Hargreaves
Sports Editor

UW-River Falls is in the process of making some additions to the Hunt Knowles complex.

The biggest addition to the facility will be the new locker rooms.

The locker rooms will feature wooden lockers measuring three feet wide and 30 inches deep. These locker rooms will also be carpeted and the structure of the rooms will have a higher ceiling compared to those at the complex right now, according to the manager of the Hunt Arena and Knowles Center, Steve Stocker.

"The locker rooms are a pro-style design," said Stocker. "We have the help of a professional team, but our students have always been kept in the forefront."

The new addition for the complex is possible through money from the University and the Kansas City Chiefs, who train at UW-RF for three weeks during the summer. Additional money that the two groups have not provided, roughly 70 percent, will come from the Wisconsin tax payers according to Stocker.

"Without the Chiefs on board, we did not have the funding to complete this project," Stocker said. "They are here for three weeks out of the year, the rest of the time it is for our use."

The main question is how will the average student benefit from the addition to the complex?

What most people don't know is that when there is a home football game for the Falcons, or there is an event like the freshmen weekend, all of Knowles Center is shut down. Students are unable to use to complex during these times.

"With the new addition, the teams will be taken out of the field house and centered in the new locker rooms," Stocker said.

For the students, this opens up extra time for other sports training, or to simply get some exercise.

"They are talking about putting in a sport court for volleyball and basketball," sophomore Kathryn Krtnick said. "It will be easier to go into Knowles and just play."

"The new additions really benefit the athletes," sophomore Nick Hall said. "It will be nice for the football team to have the new lockers."

Along with the locker rooms, new offices will be added to the

buildings.

"These offices will be mainly used for the athletic trainers and staff that work out in the complex, that didn't really have an office before," Stocker said.

Also, the hockey teams will receive a specific room to sharpen their skates.

"The teams currently use the hall to do their skate sharpening," Stocker said. "The new sharpening room will take them out of the hall and give them a smaller facility."

The new addition, particularly the new locker rooms will also be used for recruiting opportunities.

"Once this project is completed, we will have the best locker rooms in the conference," Stocker said.

"This alone will benefit the University and its athletic programs."

The new addition currently consists of exterior walls, with interior walls almost complete.

"We are trying to beat the cold, so the work can stay right on schedule," Stocker said. "So far we are right where we want to be."

The completion of the new addition is set for July 1, two or three weeks before the Chiefs are set to arrive.

Men's basketball continues to come up short despite hard play against conference competition

Nathan LoCascio
Sports Information

The River Falls men's basketball team lost a WIAC road game, 74-65, Wednesday night at UW-Superior. The loss puts the Yellowjackets in eighth place in the conference with a one game lead over RF on the final WIAC Tournament spot.

Superior established the lead early in the first half with a 10-2 run in the first 3:42. River Falls answered with a 12-0 run to take a 14-10 lead with 10:44 left in the half. The Yellowjackets went on to outscore the Falcons 29-12, resulting in a 39-26 Superior lead at the half.

In the first five minutes of the second half the Yellowjacket lead would balloon to 20 points thanks to a 12-5 run. River Falls battled back shrinking the Superior lead to seven points with just under five minutes to play and five points with 1:19 left. In the final minute and a half the Falcons missed five out of six field goals while the Yellowjackets sank six out of their last eight free throws.

Statistically River Falls shot 23-59 from the field, 9-23 from three point land and 10-12 from the free throw line. Superior shot 26-49 overall, 7-14 from beyond the arc and 15-26 from the line.

Superior out rebounded RF 37-28 on the glass. River Falls won the turnover battle by committing only 10 and causing 13.

Individually senior guard Jeff Holt set a career high in points for the second week in a row. On Wednesday versus Superior the senior finished with 27 points. The only other Falcon to finish in double figures was sophomore guard Hans Hoeg with 14 points. Hoeg as well as freshman guard Ryan

Thompson led the Falcons with four assists each. Hoeg also grabbed a team high five boards.

The Yellowjackets had four players score in double digits. Leonard Cobb led the way with team highs in points, 23, and rebounds, six. Leron Reed and Bayiha Floyd Nyemeck both dished out a game high six assists while Reed scored 17 and Nyemeck put in 12.

"We played very hard both games but not quite well enough," River Falls Head Coach Rick Bowen said. "We were very competitive against two top teams in the conference."

On Jan. 29 it was all about the three pointers for the Falcons. River Falls held a 25-24 lead at halftime thanks to seven three pointers, four from senior forward Jeff Holt who led all scorers with 14 points at the break. The Falcons scored their first 21 points on threes and held their largest lead, 18-10, with 9:06 to play in the first. The Titans responded with a 15-7 run to close the half and pull within one.

The second half went back and forth. River Falls went on an 8-2 run to hold their largest lead of the second half at 42-36 with 9:44 to play. UW-O responded with an 11-0 run to take a 47-42 lead with just under eight minutes left. Oshkosh hit 10-12 free throws in the final five minutes to secure the 65-59 victory.

Three Titans reached double digits in scoring. Jim Capelle led all with 16 points, Andy Jahnke put in 12 points and Kerry Gibson scored 11. Gibson also had a game high four blocks to go with eight rebounds. Jahnke grabbed a game high nine boards.

On Jan. 26, the Blue Devils led the entire way with the only tie coming two minutes

into the game when it was 2-2. From that point Stout went on a 7-0 run to take a 9-2 lead with 12:53 left in the first half. With River Falls shooting 29.6 percent from the field in the first and the Blue Devils shooting 42.3 percent, they had a 30-19 lead at half-time.

The second half was a different story with the Falcons opening up with a 15-8 run in the first five minutes to draw with in four, 34-38. The Blue Devils answered with a 14-3 run of their own to build their lead up to 15 points, 52-37, with just under 12 minutes left. River Falls refused to go away, battling to within one point, 56-57, with a 19-5 run and 6:24 left on the clock. The remaining minutes saw the Stout lead balloon to nine points and deflate to two points, but ended up at eight points thanks to the Blue Devils sinking five out of their final six free throws in the last two minutes.

Individually, the night and week belonged to Jeff Holt. The Falcon's Player of the Week set a career high against the Blue Devils with 18 points and then topped it by scoring 25 on Saturday versus Oshkosh.

Other Falcons scoring in double digits on Tuesday were sophomore guards Eric Kossoris with 16 points and Hans Hoeg with 12. Kossoris also grabbed a team high five rebounds. Senior guard Dan Torrez and freshman guard Ryan Thompson each snatched a team high three steals. Thompson also dished out a team-high four assists.

The Blue Devils were led by Jacob Nonemacher's 16 points, Ryan Stangl's 14 points and Adam Chandler's 13 points. Chandler also had a game high six assists and Nonemacher grabbed a game high seven boards. The only other Stout player to score in double figures was Terry Farmer with 12.

The Falcons welcome UW-La Crosse into Karges center on Feb. 9, for their next game. Tip off is set for 7:00 p.m.

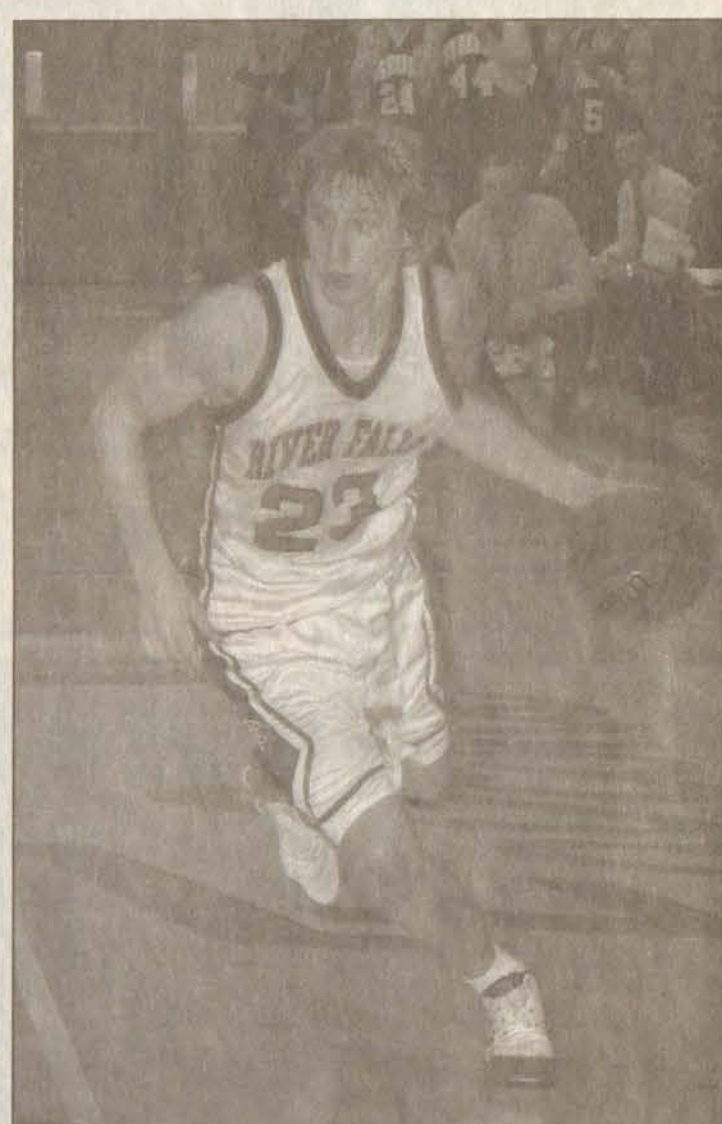


Photo by Corey Hargreaves
Hans Hoeg dribbles the ball around a UW-Oshkosh defender. Despite the Falcons' effort, the team came up short against the Titans, 65-59.

SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball
WIAC Standings

Stevens Point (17-2)	9-2
Platteville (13-5)	8-2
Oshkosh (15-5)	8-3
Stout (12-5)	7-3
Whitewater (13-6)	5-6
Eau Claire (12-8)	5-6
La Crosse (5-14)	2-8
UW-Superior (11-9)	2-8
River Falls (6-13)	2-9

Feb. 2 results
UW-River Falls..... 26 39 - 65
UW-Superior..... 39 35 - 74

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assist.-Steals)
Holt 27-6-1-2, Thompson 3-2-4-2,
Torrez 9-2-2-1, Hoeg 14-5-4-1, Kelly 2-
1-2-0, Kossoris 2-0-0-0, Lucarevic 4-2-
0-0, Maas 0-1-0-0, Hall 0-2-1-0,
Coffman 4-5-0-1

Jan. 29 results
UW-Oshkosh..... 24 41 - 65
UW-River Falls..... 25 34 - 59

Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assist.-Steals)
Holt 25-7-1-1, Thompson 3-0-2-0,
Torrez 11-2-0-2, Hoeg 12-5-3-1,
Lucarevic 0-1-0-0, Kossoris 3-2-0-0,
Hall 0-1-2-0, Kelly 3-2-5-0, Coffman 2-
3-0-1

Women's Basketball
WIAC Standings

Stevens Point (16-4)	8-3
Stout (15-5)	8-3
Oshkosh (17-4)	8-4
Eau Claire (14-7)	7-5
River Falls (13-7)	6-6
Whitewater (13-8)	6-6
La Crosse (10-9)	3-7

Platteville (10-9) 3-7
UW-Superior (4-16) 2-10

Feb. 1 results
UW-River Falls..... 18 35 - 53
UW-Superior..... 21 39 - 60

Biteler 7-4-3-0, Preiner 5-5-6-3,
Reimann 7-4-0-2, Effie 11-7-1-3, Astedt
0-1-0-1, Melgaard 4-4-4-2, Cordes 5-2-
0-1, Lindman 8-4-1-1, Nakaikke 0-0-0-1,
Marquardt 6-4-0-1

Jan. 29 results
UW-Oshkosh..... 27 34 - 61
UW-River Falls 20 32 - 52

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

Biteler 2-3-1-0, Preiner 5-2-3-2,
Reimann 9-7-1-0, Effie 23-10-3-3,
Astedt 0-4-0-0, Melgaard 4-8-3-0,
Sticha 0-0-0-0, Lindman 6-3-0-0,
Marquardt 1-1-0-1, Nakaikke 0-1-0-0

Men's Hockey
NCHA Standings

St. Norbert (17-2-2)	9-0-1
UW-Superior (14-1-6)	7-1-2
River Falls (14-5-2)	7-3-0
UW-Stevens Point (9-9-3)	4-5-1
Lake Forest (8-12-1)	4-6-0
UW-Stout (8-9-4)	1-6-3
St. Scholastica (5-12-4)	2-7-1
UW-Eau Claire (8-10-3)	1-7-2

Jan. 29 results
UW-Superior..... 0 0 0 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 0 2 0 - 2

1st period

(no score)
2nd Period
01:37 RF - Moe 3 (Usher)
03:52(pp) RF - Jackson 8 (Sikich, J.
Hansen)

Third period
(no score)

Jan. 28 results
St. Scholastica..... 0 0 0 - 0
UW-River Falls..... 1 0 1 - 2

1st period
10:29 RF - J. Hansen 1 (Dahl, Larson)

2nd period
(no score)

3rd period
19:55(pp) RF - Dahl 7 (Jackson,
Harstad)

Women's Hockey
NCHA Standings

UW-Stevens Point (17-2-0)	7-0-0
River Falls (9-10-0)	4-3-0
UW-Superior (12-4-1)	3-2-0
UW-Eau Claire (10-6-1)	1-3-1
Lake Forest (7-7-3)	0-3-1
Finlandia(3-12-0)	0-4-0

Jan. 30 results
St. Mary's..... 0 1 0 - 1
UW-River Falls.... 3 1 4 - 8

1st period
00:19 RF - Paulson 9 (Baron, Wallace)
14:36 RF Hurley 7 (Jensen)
19:57 RF Paulson 10 (Wallace)

2nd period

06:08(pp) STRW - Loftus 2 (Madden)
08:42(pp) RF - O'Keefe 8 (Wallace)

3rd period
05:53 RF - Buehner 1 (Anderson,
Wallace)
07:05 RF - Bruggeman 3 (Jensen,
Hurley)
13:36(pp) RF - O'Keefe 9 (Baron,
Paulson)
16:15(sh) RF - Paulson 11 (O'Keefe)

Swimming

Jan. 29 results
Men
River Falls 99
St. Mary's 53

Falcon top finishers
(place, name, event- time)
1. UWRF, 400 Medley relay - 4:17.61
1. Goetsch, 1000 free -10:44.85
1. Fritchen, 200 free - 2:02.04
1. Hawke, 200 IM - 2:13.40
1. Smaagard, 100 Butterfly - 59.39
1. Keyser, 100 Back - 1:02.75
1. Goetsch, 500 Free - 5:13.85

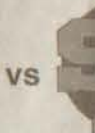
Women
River Falls 106
St. Mary's 87

Individual results:
Top Falcon finishers
(place, name, event- time)

1. UW-RF, 400 Medley Relay- 4:22.26
1. Foster, 200 Free- 2:11.98
1. Deters, 50 Free - 25.75
1. Schultz, 200 IM - 2:21.86
1. Clark, 100 Butterfly - 1:07.20
1. Schultz, 100 Free - 57.81
2. Schultz, 500 Free - 5:54.97
2. Merchant, 100 Back - 1:16.70

SHOWCASE HOME GAME

Women's Hockey



UW-RF vs UW- Stevens Point

4:05 p.m. on Feb. 5
at Hunt Arena

The Falcons (4-3-0) NCHA (9-10-0) overall, will face UW-Stevens Point (7-0-0) WIAC (17-2-0) overall, Saturday at Hunt Arena beginning at 4:05. The Falcons are in second place in the NCHA, behind the Pointers, the #4 team in the nation.

VARSITY SPORTS WEEK

Friday, Feb. 4

Women's Hockey vs. Eau Claire, 7:05 p.m.
Men's Hockey at St. Norbert, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Women's Hockey vs. Stevens Point, 4:05 p.m.
Men's Hockey at Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
Track & Field at MSU-Mankato Open, TBD

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Women's Basketball vs. La Crosse, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Men's Basketball vs. La Crosse, 7 p.m.
Women's Hockey at St. Olaf, 7:05 p.m.

TOP PERFORMERS



Andy Scanlon
Hockey



Lou Paulson
Hockey

Scanlon made 36 saves in the Falcons' 2-0 victory against #1 ranked UW-Superior. The shutout was the first of the year for Scanlon and the fourth of his career.

Foward Lou Paulson led the Falcons in an 8-1 victory against St. Mary's. The junior had three goal and one assist in the win. It was the first Falcon hat trick on the year.

Swimmers mighty at St. Mary's meet

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon men's and women's swim teams won dual meets at St. Mary's Saturday afternoon.

The men won, 99-53, and the women won, 106-87. The Falcon women finished 4-3 in dual meets this year and it is the first winning season for the team in five seasons, according to Coach Bill Henderson.

For the women, the 400 medley relay team of Maggie Olson, Marissa Merchant, Rachel Clark and Kelly Deters placed first in 4:22.26. Sarah Foster won the 200 free in 2:11.98 and Deters won the 50 free in 25.75. Laura Schultz won the 200 IM in

2:21.86 and the 100 free in 57.81. Clark won the 100 fly in 1:07.2.

For the men, the 400 medley relay team of Dan Kessenich, Anthony Yarusso, Ryan Hawke and Tom Fritchen placed first in 4:17.61. Brandon Blaisdell won the one-meter diving in 194.85. Chad Goetsch won the 1000 free in 10:44.85 and the 500 free in 5:13.85. Fritchen won the 200 free in 2:02.04. Hawke won the 200 IM in 2:13.4 and Ryan Smaagard won the 100 fly in 59.39. Mike Keyser took the top spot in the 100 back in 1:02.75.

The Falcons will next compete in the WIAC Meet at UW-Whitewater from Feb. 17-19.

Coach Carter to visit UW-RF campus

Nick Koeheler
Staff writer

What might an inspirational leader tell student-athletes for motivation?

"Average is just not good enough. Period!"

This is just one piece of philosophy that Coach Carter follows. Carter says this to students to motivate them and help them realize their full potential.

Coach Carter will be speaking in the North Hall Auditorium on Feb. 4 at 8 p.m.

Doors are scheduled to open at 7 p.m., and Student Senator Jeremy Zitzow advises students to arrive early in case people from the surrounding area come to see the famous

coach.

"Many people I've talked to are really excited," Zitzow said.

"It's nice to see someone people will remember in the years to come," said May Hall Residential Assistant Jim Bierling.

The movie 'Coach Carter,' starring Samuel L. Jackson, is also coming to the River Falls Theatre and will begin showings on Friday, February 4.

"We have a unique opportunity here. We are able to go see the movie, and then see the real Coach Carter speak on Monday for free!" Zitzow said.

Coach Ken Carter coached basketball at the Richmond High School in Richmond, Cali.

from 1997-2002.

Carter made news when he benched members of his unstoppable basketball team so they could improve their grades.

In 2000, Carter traveled 80 miles on a kick scooter from the high school where he taught to the state capital to raise awareness for better education.

Carter has appeared on "The Today Show," the "Evening News with Peter Jennings," CNN and has also been featured in People magazine.

"It's a joy and honor to have someone of that magnitude present," student Karwee Marshall said.

Visit www.coachcarter.com for more info.

Women's hockey shows strength in weekend match against St. Mary's

Tara Sowle
Sports Information

The Falcons delivered an 8-1 wallop of a victory against St. Mary's in a weekend competition Jan. 30.

Lou Paulson came out aggressively and got the scoring started just 19 seconds into the first period. She was helped with assists from Leah Baron and Jenny Wallace.

At 14:35 Kelly Hurley decided to get in on the scoring with some help from Kelly Jensen and 20 seconds later Paulson came in to throw one more in the net with Wallace giving another assist.

In the second period St. Mary's made their first and last appearance on the scoreboard with a power play goal scored at 6:08. Lindsay O'Keefe answered with a power play goal of their own at 8:42 with an assist from Wallace.

Molly Buchner started things in the third with a goal at 5:53 with assists from Jensen and Wallace. Wallace had a total of four assists for the game.

Bruggeman scored next at 7:05 with assists from Jensen and Hurley.

O'Keefe made the most of a power play opportunity and took the puck to the goal at 13:36 with assists from Baron and Paulson. Paulson, scoring her hat trick goal, put up the final point on a short-handed goal at 16:15 with an assist from O'Keefe.

Cranston liked the way his team played, but felt it took the two periods to warm up since they didn't have practice the day before.

"We played a good third period," Cranston said. "We really buried some pucks and we haven't been doing that."

Their next game is against UW-Eau Claire on Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Hunt Arena.

Track and field teams square off at Stout's Blue Devil Invite

Sports Information
UW-River Falls

The Falcon men's and women's track & field team competed in the Blue Devil Open at UW-Stout Saturday. No team scores were kept.

For the women, Amy Piersak placed fourth in the 55 in 7.66 and she placed seventh in the 400 in 1:04.44. In the high jump, Laura Murphy placed third with a leap of 1.58 meters. Vicki Cooper placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of 12.21 meters and she placed eighth in the weight throw

with a 11.68 meter effort.

For the men, Clint Christy led the way with a first place finish in the long jump with a leap of 6.49 meters. Lance Wiersma placed second in the high jump with a leap of 1.88 meters. Jason Phillippi placed fourth in the 3000 in 8:57.73. Darrin Young placed fourth in the 55 hurdles in 9.53 and Eric Olson was fourth in the shot with a toss of 13.17 meters. Dustin Jolicoeur placed eighth in the weight throw with a 11.92 meter effort.

The next competition is next week at Mankato.

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Chancellor search not only screening on campus

Nick Koecheler
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls has been hunting for new professors. Professors to fill spots vacated by retirement, leaves of absence or resignations. The positions are for tenure-track positions. Some of the positions have been vacant for two or more years.

The College of Arts and Sciences has been on a rigorous search to fill 10 positions. Applicants have been hired to fill the vacant positions in the Political Science and the Physics departments.

The final applicants will come to River Falls and tour the campus. They will then meet the Dean of the college which they are applying for. The applicant will also meet some students and even come prepared to teach part of a class.

The Political Science department launched a search at the end of last August. Recruiting began around Labor Day, and the interviewing process was completed during finals week of last semester.

The math department has been searching for a replacement for Ed Mealy who retired last year. According to the Math department search chair Don Leake, there have been more than 200 applicants in the process of filling Mealy's place. The final three candidates are scheduled to be on campus for an interview at the beginning of February.

The English department has four searches by four different committees to fill their vacancies. The committees have been sifting through the 242 applications that the English department has received.

"I don't think any department has ever had four searches at the same time ... It's a lot of work," said program assistant in the English department, Sheri Fowler.

Currently there are 16 tenure positions in the English Department. According to the Chair of the English Department, Marshall Toman, there should be 24.

"We hope after this spring we will have 20 tenure-track positions," said Toman.

Some of the positions were frozen due to the budget shortfalls at the University.

"We have been trying to be flexible and help the students out," said Toman concerning the shortage of professors.

"We want to be one of the first to offer them a job ... we want them [applicants] to choose UWRF because they want us," Toman said.

In addition to the search for new professors and a new chancellor, there is also a search for a new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Gorden Hedahl, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is resigning from his position so he can return to teaching full-time next fall.

"I'm looking forward to being able to focus as a teacher," Hedahl says.

All candidates hired are scheduled to start next fall.

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downloaded," said another freshman student. "I don't see anything wrong with it. It's fine. Just do it."

When asked if she thought the school did anything to enforce the rules, she said, "No, not really."

So what, if anything, can or should be done about file sharing on campus?

FredNet's network administrator, Jason Schmidt says that the school doesn't really do any of its own enforcement regarding file

sharing and copyright laws, although it would be possible to prevent it.

"If we wanted to, we have a device that sits on the network between the residence hall and the internet that manages the bandwidth," Schmidt said. "With that device we could basically shut down all the peer to peer download applications. We don't. For the most part we're not in the business of trying to determine what is legal and what is not legal for people to be doing."

FredNet has gotten copyright complaints from the Motion Picture Association of America, among others.

"Almost daily it seems like a few each day where they're complaining that a computer is providing for download to someone else off campus for music, movies or whatever," Schmidt said. "We take action based on that."

Allowing others to upload copyrighted files from your computer is more of a black and white issue under copyright laws.

"If you allow others to upload what you may own legally, allowing other people to upload that from you is very illegal," Schmidt said.

Until further notice, Schmidt says it's up to the students to follow copyright laws regarding music and movies.

"We don't try to make any determinations there I mean, we're not the police."

BLODGETT from Page 1

point to," Madsen said.

The award is also a testament to the activeness of the students and the enthusiasm of professors, Madsen said. It provides something that few other schools can say they have: a nationally recognized advisor.

"The students recognize the commitment Earl has made to them," Madsen said.

Madsen said the award is a way for SPS to give something back to Blodgett.

Even with all the work

involved with the SPS organization, Madsen said Blodgett is always looking to see what is next.

"He's truly doing what he always wanted," Madsen said.

Along with advising the local SPS chapter, Blodgett is also a zone counselor for one of 14 SPS zones in the country. But even with all of the recognition and success that Blodgett has helped SPS attain, he remains humble about the award.

"I think it's more important that it's recognition for the University," Blodgett said. "It reflects well on the department and it reflects well on the University."

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Students enjoy a day at the beach as part of Experience Greece 2004. They are (standing left to right) Mandy Cummings, Danielle Lang, (seated) Jolene Homier, Jennifer Olson and Amy Welsh.

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Finding right diet depends on tastes

Are you thinking about going on a diet? Hold on, try this: put your hand on your stomach and see how much flesh you can grab.

Okay, now you're thinking about dieting, which is good because that is today's topic. Dieting can be confusing, what with the calories and cholesterol and carbs. Fortunately, there are dozens of diet plans out there to help you. Unfortunately, it's tough to know which ones are "fad" diets that only exist to shamelessly exploit your insecurities about your physical appearance by selling overpriced, specially formulated fat-zapper pills that claim will transform you into a Victoria's Secret model, and which ones will simply take your money and run. That is why I did some extensive research on many diets, by which I mean I spent five minutes searching Google.

But first let me tell you that dieting is not the answer to getting a perfect body. To get a perfect body, and most experts will agree with me here, you should be born a super model.

With the exception of the cast of the "O.C." and Heidi, nobody is born with a perfect body. Does that mean we have to be content with our love handles and bubble butts? Heck no. We can take control of our destiny and eat healthy foods and exercise. Of course, the problem with healthy foods is they taste like celery sticks, not Oreo cookies. And the problem with exercising is it's a lot of work and you might break a sweat or something. So forget about taking control of our destiny and let's look at some popular diets.

The Cabbage Soup Diet is popular amongst people who like cabbage. What you do is eat cabbage soup for seven days straight.

One web site touting the diet has this testimonial: "Even though I ate like a pig on this diet, I lost 13.5 pounds in no time at all - most people lose 14 pounds in 7 days!"

This web site has a specific menu for each of the seven days. For example, on Day One, you are supposed to eat cabbage soup, plus all the fruit you want except bananas. This seems like blatant discrimination towards bananas, until you see that on Day Four the only thing you are allowed to eat is bananas and cabbage soup. Sounds good to me.

The South Beach Diet is a diet that has become very popular, probably because the name gives the impression that somehow a beach is involved. And where there is a beach, there might be hot, bikini-clad women. This has nothing to do with losing weight, but it is a major selling point nonetheless. In fact, what you do in this diet is eat sand. Just kidding! Seriously, this appears to be a very complex diet, involving three stages and something called a Glycemic Index. The only thing I know for sure is bananas are NOT allowed.

The Atkins Diet is yet another diet on the market, though I'm not sure it will catch on here in America. A man named Dr. Atkins came up with an ingenious plan that allows you to eat as much meat as you want. His thought was that if you eat as much bacon and pork rinds as humanly possible, you'd die of a heart attack by the time you're 35. Then you don't have to worry about dieting. Not surprisingly, Dr. Atkins is deceased.

There are dozens more diets out there, including Slimfast, Jenny Craig, and whatever Anna Nicole Smith is on. As for me, I'm going straight to the grocery store, where many dieting products are sold, and buying some Oreo cookies.



ERIC HENNING

Tipping etiquette reminder

Indispensible service industry employees appreciate, expect tips

Eric Henning
Offbeat Editor

Everybody knows college students have tight budgets and don't like to spend more than they have to. Even so, tipping should not be overlooked. Bartenders, pizza deliverers and hairdressers are a few of the professions where a tip is appreciated, if not expected. Not surprisingly, college students often get a failing grade for their tipping habits.

Pizza delivery drivers expect to be tipped when they make a delivery, said Kathy Bries, a delivery driver for Domino's. The expected normal tip is \$2 to \$3.

"We automatically expect to get ripped off when we go to the dorms," Bries said. Drivers usually don't receive more than \$1 when making a delivery to dorms and sometimes are not tipped at all, Bries said.

Bries feels the service a delivery driver provides is not much different than that of a waitress. Whereas a waitress brings your food from the kitchen, a distance of several feet, a delivery driver brings a hot pizza directly to your front door. It is simply common courtesy to tip delivery drivers, Bries said.

Like waitresses, drivers are not being paid much. In addition to paying minimum wage, Domino's pays its drivers 50 cents a delivery, Bries said.

Bartenders also expect a tip, but the amount expected is as individual as the bartender. A \$1 tip is considered average at most bars. Bo's N' Mine bartender Lisa James looks for a tip of 10 to 15 percent of a drink's price. The Corner Saloon's bartender, who wished to remain anonymous, expects to receive \$1 for \$12 worth of drinks. The bartender of a local establishment that wished to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation from the Internal Revenue Service, notes that though his average tip is \$1, often students will pay for a \$3.75 drink with a five dollar bill and leave him the change.

Bartenders are providing a service similar to that of waitresses, and if it is quality service, bartenders should be tipped accordingly, said the Corner Saloon's bartender.

"If you're laughing and having a good time, that's what I'm here to do," he said.

Tina, a hairdresser at Donna's Hair Fashions, doesn't expect a tip, but one is appreciated. Fifteen to 20 percent of the job is a nice tip, she said.

Though it seems logical that college students would have a reputation for poor tipping habits, this is not always the case. Students that work in the food service industry are known to be good tippers, both James and Bries said. Tina has received generous tips from students upwards of 25 to 30 percent.

"Sometimes people with not a lot of money tend to be the ones that tip the best," Tina said.

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The Pizza Guy

He brings a pizza to your front door, or at least to your dorm. Show him some love. Give him a tip.

What's expected: \$2 to \$3

What's common: \$1

—What, you don't have another dollar? Come on, open your wallet a little.

What's inexcusable: \$0

—Oh, that is really sad. For shame.



Bartenders

They serve you drinks and pretend to actually like you. That kind of courtesy is not free.

What's average: \$1/drink
A good guideline: 10 to 15 percent of drinks cost



Hairdressers

They stick thier hands in your hair. Without complaining. Do the right thing and tip them.

What's appreciated: 15 to 20 percent of the job



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Local vineyards endure climate, prosper

Patricia Bruhn
Staff Writer

Cheese is not the only product aged by Wisconsin farmers. They have also found ways to tame the native wild grapes to produce award-winning wines right in their own backyards.

Twenty-four vineyards dot the Wisconsin landscape, and according to the Wisconsin Wine Growers Association, they are producing award-winning wines and are recognized by vinticulturists in California and Europe.

Although most of the Wisconsin wineries are small owner-operated businesses, the wines they produce are diverse. Like many northern states, Wisconsin can trace its wine history back to the early 1800s, as German immigrants settled the territory and brought their wine-making traditions with them.

Of course, the brutally cold winters were a challenge for those interested in cultivating grapes. However, those who persevered were rewarded. They produced Rieslings and whites, as well as wines made from hardier, mature grape stock such as Marechal La Foch (a French-American hybrid), St. Croix, St. Pepin, Swenson Red and LaCrosse.

Elmer Swenson, a farmer and self-taught vinticulturist who died last year at 91, proving further that there is longevity in eating grapes and drinking wine, is regarded as the "real pioneer who started it all almost 50 years ago," said Jim Luby, University of Minnesota fruit breeder.

"He created some of the Upper Midwest's finest modern varieties of grapes that not only stand up to brutal Upper Midwest temperatures, but also to wine connoisseurs," Luby said.

Swenson's perseverance and hard work to produce grape varieties hardy to Wisconsin, such as St. Croix and Swenson reds, St. Pepin, La Crosse and Kay Gray whites, have paid off.

"The hybrids he grew over the years he would share with anybody," said secretary of the Minnesota Grape Growers Association, John Marshall. "He was a treasure for us all."

One of the vineyards benefiting from Swenson's grapes is the Oak Ridge Vineyard in Richland Center. It is one of Wisconsin's largest vineyards with 15 acres and 9,000 plus vines. The wine is processed and bottled on site.

"We grow 35 varieties of grapes, three of which are Swenson's," said Oak Ridge Vineyard's wine-maker and grower, Barb Dvorak. "We also grow four acres of the very hardy Marechal La Foch variety. It is our biggest crop."

It produces a blush and Oak Ridge's signature red, which is a "very nice dry wine," Dvorak said.

According to Dvorak, the vineyard produced 21,000 pounds of grapes last fall, which will age in stainless steel tanks for the next few months. This wine will be ready for drinking in May or June 2005.

Wollersheim Winery in Prairie du Sac and Cedar Creek Winery in Cedarburg also grow Swenson's varieties.

The Wollersheim Winery, established in 1972, is the largest vineyard in Wisconsin. It is located on a national historic site selected by European vintners more than 150 years ago. The vineyard, comprised primarily of French-American hybrid grapes, sits on 23 acres of scenic hillside overlooking the Wisconsin River. The winery has won

numerous prestigious awards for its wines and has been recognized and named a "Premier Producer" by the L.A. County Fair Wine Competition.

"The 'Premier Producers' are consistently among the very best wines entered in the competition and set a pattern of excellence that sets them apart from all the rest," said wine competition chair, Bob Small.

At Cedar Creek Winery, nestled in the old world ambiance of the Cedar Creek Settlement, is a restored 1860s woolen mill that was once the largest west of the Alleghenies.

Swenson's LaCrosse, St. Pepin and Marechal La Foch grapes account for about 15 percent of the grapes used to make their signature estate wine, Hillside Blossoms. Cedar Creek Winery's retail manager, Connie Niebauer said.

"It is made of 100 percent Wisconsin-grown grapes," said assistant retail manager Jay Alger.

Although the grapes are grown at Wollersheim's vineyard, they are fermented and bottled at Cedar Creek Winery.

"We age some of our wines in traditional European casks and bottle them here at the winery," Niebauer said.

The European casks, built in Ohio about 100 years ago, were installed in 1972. Each has a capacity of approximately 2600 gallons, Niebauer said.

Wisconsin vineyards have come a long way and they are still learning and experimenting.

"It is an ongoing process," Luby said. "It takes both a good wine maker and good grapes to make a good wine. You can't have one without the other to produce a good wine."

Winter break not so restive for some

Many students use J-Term to take additional classes, travel overseas

Katrina Schmidt
Staff Writer

Following finals week, J-Term is a time for many students to relax and do anything and everything imaginable that is not related to school. On the other hand, some students take advantage of J-Term to get a few credits closer to graduation. So what did UW-RF students do for the 22 school days before spring semester 2005 officially started?

Some used their time to travel abroad to places like China, Egypt, Ireland and Puerto Rico through the UW-RF International Program.

"I spent J-Term in Ireland. It was an amazing time; everyone should look into the program if you haven't done it before," said Molly Buck, a UW-RF senior, graduating this spring.

Some spent time at home catching up with family and friends, and recharging for spring semester.

"J-Term is a good time to see and catch up with the family you have been missing for the semester and get in touch with friends that have been away, as well," senior Nathan M. Hiles said.

Others took the opportunity to take classes at a less stressful time. There were more than 50 classes, including classes abroad, independent study courses, and regular lab and lecture courses offered for students to enroll in.

"The J-Term class cut my break short, but it went by pretty fast and I was happy to have another class out of the way and be that much closer to graduation," senior Sara E. Long said.

Many students also use their time over J-Term to work at various jobs, since working a lot during a regular semester is often difficult. Having a healthier cash flow is also a nice change for many students.

"I used the time over J-Term to work at Afton Alps, since I can't do it as much during the semester, which is fun since I get to see a lot of friends from River Falls who come skiing and snowboarding when I'm at work," junior Pam Sojka said.

Not quite ready to be back at school? Spring break is only 45 days away, including weekends.

Off-Campus Entertainment

Carrot Top

7:30 p.m. Monday, 2/7
Mystic Lake Casino Hotel
Prior Lake, MN
\$22 - \$29

Lewis Black

7:30 p.m. Sunday, 2/13
Pantages Theatre
Minneapolis, MN
\$37

Modest Mouse

6 p.m. Sunday, 2/27
8 p.m. Monday, 2/28
First Avenue
Minneapolis, MN
\$22

Lyle Lovett, Joe Ely, John Hiatt, Guy Clark

8 p.m. Wednesday 2/9
State Theatre
Minneapolis, MN
\$49 - \$55

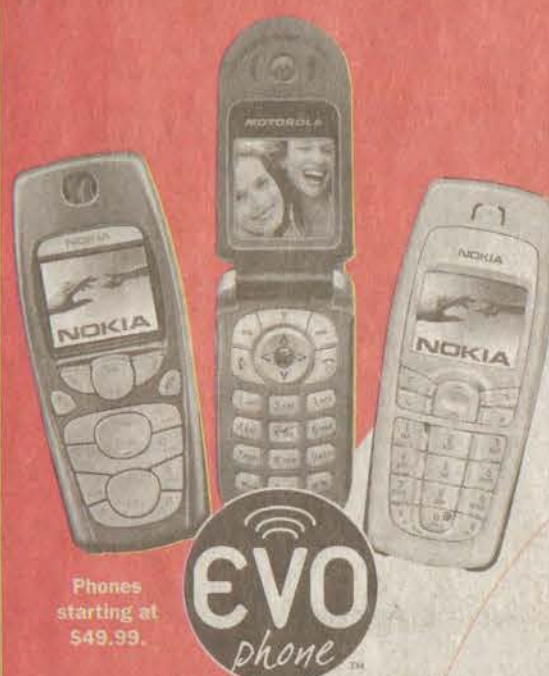
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5 and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2/26
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