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South Hall renovation nearing completion

College and offices set to begin move into building prior to July 15 targeted completion date

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As the end of the semester draws near, the South Hall renovation project is coming to a close with plans to begin moving in new occupants over summer break.

Although the ongoing may not be noticeable from the outside of South Hall, project engineer Jim Murphy said the construction inside the building is actually somewhat "ahead of schedule."

"It's actually moving along quite well," Murphy said. "The construction is progressing in stages."

The first stage of construction consisted of the demolition of the first and second floor corridors of South Hall. The corridors had to be demolished and rebuilt before work could be done inside the offices and classrooms.

Currently the floors throughout South Hall are near completion. The second floor has received its final



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The Student Voice

Mark Wingad, of Giles Plastering in Cadott, Wis., plasters a wall in a classroom Wednesday afternoon on the second floor of South Hall.

polish and the first floor will receive its finishing touches within the next week.

The offices are also just waiting for the finishing touches, including electrical outlet covers, lighting and a coat of paint.

Electricians and painters have also begun work inside South Hall.

"Essentially there are only three main things left to work on," Murphy said. "The ceiling, the lighting and the electrical outlets are all finished items that are going to take a lot of time."

Finishing touches are already being put on rooms that have been

recently completed. Other detailed work left to be done includes putting in carpet and setting up connections for computers where necessary.

Murphy said if everything goes as planned, the building will be fully occupied by the end of November.

The College of Business and Economics will take up a majority of South Hall as it plans to make its move from North Hall between July 8 and August 12.

Others joining the College of Business and Economics include the admissions and football offices as well as public relations and the math

help center.

The janitorial staff will be taking care of moving difference offices into South Hall. They will also be taking care of those offices that will be moving from the Ames Building to different buildings on campus.

Custodial Supervisor Nate Beeman said he plans on getting the brunt of the moving done this summer.

"Hopefully we will get most of it done this summer," Beeman said.

"Although there will still be some people moving throughout the semester, we don't want to be moving things in the dead of winter."

Each individual office and/or department will be responsible for packing their own materials and making arrangements with ITS services to install their computers if needed.

The janitorial staff then plans to move the boxes over the summer months.

There are 24 janitorial staff members who Beeman said "will all get involved in some way or another."

Although no final decisions have been made as to who will go where, Beeman said he is trying to keep in touch with the different departments so everything goes smoothly.

After being relocated to the Ames building last semester, the Admissions Office will be returning to its original home in South Hall.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, director of admissions, said there are a few things he and the staff like about the Ames building, but he added that he prefers to be located in South Hall.

"Ames is not a very presentable building," Tuchtenhagen said. "There are a lot of places on campus we could be and South Hall is an ideal location. It's presentable in

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A 'hole' lot of digging



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Workers continued the underground sewer system replacement project on Walnut Street Wednesday afternoon. The project, which forced the city to detour downtown traffic around the intersection of Main and Walnut Streets, is scheduled to continue through July.

UW-RF students gather together for prayer vigil

Nicole Smith
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It started with one student who had one idea. It ended with countless candles lighting up a midnight sky in the UW-River Falls amphitheatre on May 2, the nationally recognized Day of Prayer.

UW-RF freshman Ryan Bench posed the idea of organizing a prayer vigil to a small group of students at the Bible study he and friend Diana Ammon lead.

"I was chilling in church and this guy was talking about the power of prayer," Bench said. "I can't explain why, but I just felt like I needed to do it."

One challenge faced by the group planning the vigil was finding a source to finance the day. Bench said the cause was greatly supported by members of Assembly

of God, a church located in River Falls and attended by many UW-RF students. Bench said that Wal-Mart and Shopko also played a part by donating candles to the Vigil.

In addition to the candles and a dinner provided for attendees, Bench said the vigil was an opportunity for fellowship.

"The vigil gave students a chance to come together with fellow Christians to just pray," Bench said. "The Bible says that when two or three come together in His name, He will be there, so this really gave Christians the chance to come together and know that He was with them."

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Equestrian teams participate at national competition in NY



Submitted photo

UW-RF sophomore Aubrey Hunt, left, received sixth place in the Caccione Cup competition last weekend in New York, while teammate and freshman Sarah Myhre competed in the Individual Novice category.

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With little saddle time, UW-River Falls students and members of the English and Western team competed in the national competition held in New York last weekend.

UW-RF had more members quali-

fy for nationals this year than in any previous year.

Sophomore Aubrey Hunt, English Team member, competed in the Caccione Cup, a prestigious Intercollegiate Horse Show Association award, where she finished in sixth place out of 27 participants.

The Caccione Cup competition

is a jumping and flat phase event with one person from 27 regions around the nation. Hunt qualified to represent region four.

"It was incredible," Hunt said. "The atmosphere and the caliber of judges and horses competing was amazing."

Hunt also competed in the Individual Open, jumping over fences to receive ninth place.

"It was very competitive, but not cut-throat," Hunt said. "Everyone seemed to want to learn about each others school organizations. It was a lot of fun."

Freshman Sarah Myhre, also a member of the English Team, said she had fun and that it was the biggest competition she had ever gone to.

She competed in the Individual Novice over fences and received a ribbon for participation.

"It was a great experience," Myhre said. "But it was very nerve-racking."

The Western Team competed as a team and a few members also competed individually.

The team received fifth place. Members include sophomore Trisha Keller; sophomore Jenny

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BRIEFS

ANNOUCEMENTS

Attention spring 2003 student teachers
During the next couple of months Dr. McCollum will hold informational meetings about student teaching. These meetings are held to clarify procedures for application to student teaching and to answer any questions. The last meeting will be May 1, 2002. Applications to student teach spring 2002 are due no later than May 15, 2002. Attendance at a meeting is required prior to application to student teach. (You need attend only one meeting). Please arrive promptly, sign in and remain for the entire meeting (above an hour).
Sign-up sheets with dates, times and locations are posted on the student teaching bulletin board on the second floor of WEB. We have limited seating for each meeting, so sign up early. If no one signs up for a meeting, it will be cancelled.

Graduating seniors
Graduation caps, gowns and tassels are available at the University Bookstore.

Final Grades
Effective Spring Semester 2001-02, final grades will be available only on the WEB. To access your grades, you'll need your student ID and four digit SOAR number. If you need a printed report, please see the Registrars Office home page. A printable form to request a grade mailer will be available at <http://www.uwrf.edu>.
If you have any questions, contact Judy George at 425-3231

EVENTS

"The Power of Nature: Music of Hilary Tann"
The UW-River Falls Concert Choir and St. Croix Valley Symphony Orchestra, along with the River Falls United Methodist Senior Choir, St. Patrick Catholic Church Celebration Choir and UW-RF music faculty members will join on May 14 to present "The Power of Nature: Music of Hilary Tann." The concert will be at 8 p.m. in the William Abbott Concert Hall in KFA.
The concert is free and open to the public but you will need a ticket to reserve a seat. Please call 425-3183 for ticket information.

River Falls High School's "Much Ado About Nothing"
William Shakespeare's comedy Much Ado About Nothing will be presented by the River Falls High School Drama Department on Thursday and Friday May 9th and 10th. Over forty students are participating in this full-scale production directed by Peter Donalds with assistant Deborah Del Mastro. Considered by many to be Shakespeare's finest romantic comedy, the play gained new popularity in the 1990's film version and its all-star cast including Keanu Reeves, Michael Keaton and this year's Academy Award winner Denzel Washington.
Show times for Much Ado About Nothing are 7 p.m. in the Doris Fuka Auditorium theatre. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Historic Preservation Week
Historic Preservation Week is May 11-19. This year's national theme for Historic Preservation Week is "Preserving the Spirit of Place" and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) of River Falls is sponsoring events and discussions promoting the milling industry of River Falls.
A visual history of area businesses and organizations will be on display at the River Falls Public Library as well as a display focusing on the milling industry in the area. Following is a list of events sponsored by the HPC for that week.
•River Falls Memorabilia, courtesy of Marge Stokke on display at the public library.
•History of Milling Industry Display on display in front lobby case in the public library.
•Visual history display located throughout the library
•Walking tours of historic areas of River Falls, meet in library lobby
-Saturday May 11 at 10 a.m.
-Sunday May 12 at 1 p.m.
-Saturday May 18 at 10 a.m.
-Sunday May 19 at 1 p.m.
•Discussion and education sessions, meeting room at library
-10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. house history tips on how to research your house's history.
-1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. restoration and rehabilitation discussion: tell us your story.
•Preservation Week contest
-Locate the historic homes pictured in a display at the library. Fill out the entry form with addresses and return to the library.

River Falls Ampitheatre
Friday May 17, the bands One Fluid Once and Gates Avenue will perform free. Sponsored by College Democrats.

Society of Physics students
SPS picnic will be held Wednesday May 15 at 4 p.m. in Glen Park. Cost \$2.00 for food. Sign up in 113 CSH by Monday, 13 if interested.

Airfest, Wisconsin's newest festival is flying to West Bend in June
The first professional air show to be held in southeastern Wisconsin in over a decade, the Southeast AIRFEST, is flying into the West Bend Municipal Airport on father's day weekend, June 15 and 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for youth (9-17) and \$5 for seniors (65+). For information go to sewarirfest.com or call 800-414-0065.

College of Educational and Professional Studies reception
The College of Education and Professional Studies Annual Awards and Scholarship Reception will be held on Thursday May 2. The awards ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. in Rodli River Room and the reception will follow immediately in the Blue Room.
Tickets for the reception will be available April 18 through May 2 in the COEPS Dean's Office in 203 Wyman Education Building. Tickets can be picked up at the Student Center Information Desk. There is no charge for the tickets, but tickets are required for all of those who attend, including parents and other family members.
The annual reception is to honor students who have earned academic honors, receive scholarships, receive the Chancellor's Award or have other college honors. We will also honor cooperating teachers, administrators and agency personnel. An invitation is extended to all students, faculty and staff in the college to attend the reception.

Library Gallery and Senior Student Readings
On Friday May 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the library gallery there will be a reception and gallery talk with photographer Rober Meier. Meier's work has appeared in The New Yorker and has been exhibited in the Milwaukee Art Gallery, The Contemporary Art Gallery in Oxford, Mississippi and is on permanent display in Tulips Restaurant in St. Paul.
After visiting the Gallery, come to the senior student reading at 3:30 p.m. in the library breezeway where graduating students will be presenting original poetry and literary prose.

MEETINGS

Business Association
Nothing to do on Mondays and are wondering what you could do with your time? Come be a "business shark" and join Business Association. We meet every other Monday night at 4:30 p.m. in the International Room in the Student Center. Contact Claire at claire.m.knaeble@uwrf.edu with any questions you might have.

African American Alliance
The African American Alliance meets Mondays at 4 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. All are welcome..

Gay/Straight Alliance
The Gay/Straight Alliance meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Kinnickinnick Room of the Student Center. All are welcome and meetings are confidential.

Anyone who has a brief meeting or event to be published in the Student Voice should submit it in writing to 213 South Hall by noon Monday.

UW-RF faculty take home awards

Schraufnagel named 2002 top advisor

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

The recipient of the 2002 Advisor of the Year award is Professor Stan Schraufnagel in the agricultural economics department.
Schraufnagel received his award at a ceremony last Tuesday where the Chancellor's Award winners and Teacher of the Year were also honored.
"It was a pretty special experience, receiving an award," Schraufnagel said. "Students and Faculty alike are impressed with both the award and it's recipient."
Chancellor Ann Lydecker also recognized the importance of the award. "The award recognizes the crucial importance of advising to the educational experience. Good advising helps our students to select the right program. The comments we received from graduating seniors and recent graduates is that Stan Schraufnagel excels at all these skills. He is an excellent choice for this award," Lydecker said.
Schraufnagel advises between 20 and 40 students a year. According to some of these students, Schraufnagel is always accessible to students, is professional and easy to talk to and is always ready to help out.
"If I am a good advisor, it would be due to my colleagues," Schraufnagel said.
Schraufnagel received his doctorate in agricultural economics from Iowa State University and has been a member of the UW-River Falls faculty since 1983. During his career at UW-RF, he has chaired the curriculum committee, Sustainable Agriculture Day, the public relations committee, and promotions and awards for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. He currently serves as executive secretary for CAFES in addition to teaching. He also spent six years as the advisor to the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.
Schraufnagel lives in River Falls with his wife, Mary Alice Muraski, who works in the computer science and information systems department at UW-RF, and 12 year-old daughter and 9 year-old son. He said his busy schedule doesn't have a negative affect on his family life or vice versa.
"Having a couple of younger children may make you a better advisor. Some of the problems advisees come in with don't come as such a surprise," Schraufnagel said.
Most of Schraufnagel's advisees are agricultural business, economics or studies majors.
"They're here to get an education that's going to result in a job when they graduate," Schraufnagel said.
Most of his advisees seek either jobs in businesses that deal with farmers such as loan institutions, elevators, fertilizer distributors, or may go back to take over their family farms.
He said he doesn't spend a lot of time on advising now that the official advising period has passed, but he does take a little time each week to deal with advising issues. Students are always welcome to come to his office with questions.
"My advisees know they can come to me on advising issues. I encourage them to make an appointment with me. I try to look at it as a professional situation," Schraufnagel said. "Before they come in, I take time to look at their DARs and schedule. I encourage them to take responsibility for their degree and their program."
Whatever their goal, Schraufnagel makes it his goal to help them reach theirs, even if they're not quite sure what that goal is.
"Part of being in college, I think, is maturing," Schraufnagel said. "I hope I help them along a little bit."



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Stan Schraufnagel advises 20 to 40 students a year since joining the faculty on 1983.

Dedication, service pays off for Sievert

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

As the director of student life operations, Bob Sievert is responsible for overseeing a number of areas on campus-including Student Center operations, Hunt and Knowles, Food Service and Rodli Commons.
His dedicated service and contribution to UW-River Falls has earned him the Chancellor's Award for Excellence
Chancellor Ann Lydecker said the annual award is presented to "a non-instructional academic staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to the University."
Sievert said he was surprised to receive a phone call from the Chancellor herself, and even more surprised when she informed him he was the recipient of the award.
"My first reaction after the initial surprise was 'why me'?" Sievert said. "I didn't want to argue with her over the phone, so I was trying to mentally put things in perspective as she was telling me of the events leading up to the award."
The events leading up to the award began in 1970 when Sievert came to UW-RF after completing a four-year tour of duty in the United States Air Force. He was a flight member on a C-130 aircraft in 1969-70 in Vietnam. He finished his educational degree at UW-RF, and then he began his career at UW-RF in 1972 as a Residence Hall Director in May Hall.
In 1974 Sievert was chosen to become the Director of Facilities and Operations in the Student Center where he has remained for the past 28 years.
Lydecker said Sievert has "faithfully" served the University since he enrolled here as a student and has been "willing to accept new challenges



UW-RF Photo Services
Bob Sievert was a student at UW-RF before being named he Director of Facilities and Operations in the Student Center 38 years ago.

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-Chancellor Ann Lydecker

whenever presented to him."
She mentioned the various positions Sievert has had throughout his 30 years at UW-RF; he has been a resident assistant, a residence hall director, the facilities coordinator of Hagestad Student Union and Interim Associate Dean of Students.
"He has always been willing to add new responsibilities when asked," Lydecker said. "He has excellent management skills, is cooperative in taking on new assignments, communicates well and knows how to solve problems."
Although Sievert has been involved with numerous projects at UW-RF, he said the most memorable experience would be the current task of designing and building a new suite style residence hall, a new day care facility and a new student union building.
Sievert said the new facilities will "greatly enhance the student life environment on our campus," and working on the plans for the facilities is something he will fondly look back on after he retires.
Sievert said he loved that his job is based in a university environment and the fact that he is responsible for a "wide range" of tasks.
He has done everything from running a bowling alley, managing a "beer bar" called Rathskellar to driving a Zamboni. Each experience, he said, has been both rewarding and challenging.
Something Sievert has not yet done and hopes to do in the 2005-06 academic year is cut the ribbon on the new student union building.
While Sievert said that he has been "blessed by receiving an excellent education from UW-RF", he admits that some of the most valuable lessons he has learned at UW-RF resulted from the interaction he has had with the students, staff and supervisors with whom he has worked.
"I have learned that the art of accomplishing anything comes easier through a group effort, rather than through an individual effort," said Sievert.
He said the responsibilities he has as the director of student operations are "accomplished through a team of directors, professional staff and student workers and volunteers."
His primary responsibility, he said, is to "help coordinate and provide leadership to the overall area of student life facilities and operations."
Lydecker described Sievert as being a "true leader on campus" and a role model, two characteristics Sievert said he acquired by working in the University environment.
"UW-RF has been a tremendous place to work in that it encourages staff members to grow in leadership experiences and ability," Sievert said. "I would hope that students view the faculty and staff members on our campus as individuals who are committed to creating an empowering environment which encourages personal growth."

team. The involvement with students is one of the positive aspects of being a professor.
"Once you start interaction, it is a bit addictive and a fun part of the job," Kelm said.
Kelm believes students appreciate that his door is always open and he is accessible.
"Students feel they can talk to me about different things, whether it is classwork, a situation on their farm or for seniors who are weighing job opportunities," Kelm said.
As a professor, Kelm realizes the importance of availability of himself and other faculty members to students outside the classroom.
"We as faculty may think of these as interruptions of our job and our job is the one hour lecture we give," Kelm explained. "Those interruptions are our jobs more so than being in the classroom, or at the very least, go hand-in-hand."
One nominee in support of Kelm said "He's an outstanding educator, mentor and friend. These are only a few of the distinguishing assets of Dr. Kelm. He is a professor who challenges you to meet your goals, guides you to help you form your own decisions, and most importantly, listens to you when you need to talk. He is a true inspiration to the Animal and Food Science department, and most importantly, to students."
Kelm started teaching at UW-River Falls in 1998 after completing his Ph.D. at Iowa State with a degree in Animal Breeding and Immunobiology. Kelm teaches junior and senior-level dairy management courses, coaches the dairy cattle judging team which placed sixth in the nation last year and is co-advisor for the dairy club.

Kelm recieves Distinguished teacher award

Jeff Starck
Co-News Editor

Animal Science Assistant Professor Steve Kelm was named the 39th recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award at the University's awards ceremony on April 23.
Selected by graduating seniors and recent alumni, Kelm's likeness will be added to the distinguished teacher display in the Wyman Education Building.
"I was very surprised, especially when you never applied for it," Kelm said.
Despite winning one of the highest awards given by the University, Kelm's teaching style in the classroom is nothing out of the ordinary, preferring to stick to the traditional teaching methods.
"By far I'm more of a chalk and overhead kind of guy," Kelm said. "It is too easy to get disengaged (when watching power point) and tune out or are too busy scribbling away. I'm quite old school; probably 80 percent is on a chalkboard or whiteboard."
While writing on the chalkboard may be dated technology, there is nothing old fashioned about Kelm's method of teaching.
"I pull in as many practical applications as I can," Kelm said. "It is easier to relate to. Exam questions even focus on practical and real situations."
One former student thought Kelm's teaching style benefited him after graduation.
"He made students rise up to the



UW-RF Photo Services
Steve Kelm advised the dairy cattle judging team to a sixth place finish at nationals last year in addition to teaching.

challenge," Jim Felling, a 2000 graduate said. "He didn't just lecture. He made it applicable to life after college."
Kelm's success in the classroom comes from his ability to 'read' students.
"Every class is different, your content and style of presentation will vary," Kelm said. "If students are disengaged, you might as well stop. You need to get them engaged again and you might have to make that change on the fly."
Kelm develops his relationship with students through activities such as the Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Student Senate

Senate motion to increase attendance fails, addresses environmental issues

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

The Student Senate voted on several motions at their May 7 meeting.

A motion to give voting privileges to the Leadership and Development Programming Board (LDPB) chair and the Facilities and Fees chair beginning next year failed in a vote. The part of the motion many senators had a problem with was that it was written in part to ensure the attendance of the two chairs at all senate meetings, which have been suffering low attendance lately. They are only currently required to attend every other meeting. Senator Ryan Eilar spoke about his failed motion prior to the vote.

"Throughout these four and a half years that I've been on Student Senate, this is the first year that the board chairs have been absent from the meetings and I feel we are missing out on their input," Eilar said. "I think we would be better off with what they have to say and having them at the table with us would be more of an incentive for them to attend the meetings."

The opposition felt the negatives in the idea would outweigh the positives. "It might be an excess or an overload for the board chairs seeing as how they already have their own boards. The chairs are already required to come every other week," LDPB Board Chair Jared Liston said.

Senators echoed his concern.

"I have a problem using voting rights to entice them to come," Senator Jennifer Insdahl said.

The Senate failed a 12-7 motion that would have made UW-River Falls the tenth school in the UW System to address the need for a committee or program addressing environmental issues on campus and in the community. The motion would have created an Environmental Issues Committee and a director position for that committee as part of the effort to incorporate sustainable architecture at UW-RF. It would have needed just one more vote to pass.

Senator Ryan Perkl spoke about his motion and made a presentation entitled "A Need, Our Campus at a Glance" featuring many areas of campus, including the banks of the Kinnickinnic and the power plant, that appear in need of cleaning up.

"My reasoning for showing you this was to give you a sort of behind the scenes look at what is really going on on our campus," Perkl said.

He then presented a petition signed by 319 people on campus. He reminded the senate of the recycling audit performed by the Eco club, showing that UW-RF does not recycle as much as it could.

"There is a lot of room for improvement on this campus. This is an opportunity for us to be leaders," Perkl said.

Members of Eco Club were also present at the meeting in support of the motion.

"This committee will not only benefit the students from the Eco Club, but will benefit across campus. If environmental issues are important, then it's

really important to have this committee on the Student Senate," Eco Club member Jamie Tiessen said. "I would very much encourage you to vote in favor of that."

Other members also stressed the importance of the group.

"We feel there are a lot of environmental issues that are not being addressed by this university as well as others on the student level," Eco Club member Jeremy King said.

They, and other non-senate supporters, were only allowed to speak during open forum, before senate took up the issue, as part of parliamentary procedure. However, senators have been known to yield the floor to audience members in previous meetings.

Several Senate members were against the idea of forming a committee. Some didn't think it needed to be addressed at the senate level, others wanted to put the vote off until next year, some were concerned that the \$150 that a director is paid monthly would be a waste of money. Others didn't see a need for it altogether.

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adopted back in February to require all members of the Student Senate to sign a grade release form so their grades may be reviewed by the Senate President, Ethics Chair and Advisor. The new motion would require those officers reviewing the grades to sign confidentiality agreements. All Student Senators must maintain a 2.25 grade point average.

"I am in favor of this motion because otherwise senators have no way to protect themselves from anybody finding out their grades. People can have a pretty good memory when it comes to this stuff," Diversity Issues Director Melissa Baker said.

Also unanimously passed was a motion to allocate \$450 for an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Diversity Issues Committee to be held May 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Another motion passed was in opposition to the university wide proposal to enact a policy of parental notification regarding underage consumption citations. Senators echoed student concerns about the importance of having this type of policy.

"This isn't going to stop underage drinking," Eilar said.

"You parents have no control over your actions once you turn 18 anyway," Senator Emily Wenger said.

The Forensics Team was present to appeal to the Senate for \$3,300 in funding to pay their debts. Even after cutting costs they've often been unable to send team members to tournaments and pay their own expenses and use their own vehicles. The vote on this appeal will take place at the next meeting of the Student Senate as well as several other requests for monies from the University Reserve Account.

The last Student Senate meeting will be Tuesday in the Regent's Room.



Molly Montag/ *The Student Voice*

Eva Palma, of the Latino newspaper *La Prensa*, discussed coverage of the Latin American community by the media

Editor of Latino newspaper visits

Jeff Starck
Co-News Editor

The fourth installment of the Diversity and the Media seminar series brought Eva Palma, the editor of *La Prensa* to the UW-River Falls campus on May 2.

Speaking to a crowd of over thirty students and faculty, Palma shared her experiences as a student and a journalist as a Latin American and the media coverage of those people.

"Journalism is universal," Palma said. "You treat the information the same way; the who, what, where, when, why and how."

Palma, a native of Chile, started as a reporter for *La Prensa* in February of 2001. By September she was the editor of the year-old paper. The weekly paper is published on Thursdays and has a circulation of 15,000 in the Twin Cities. Eighty percent of the articles are written in Spanish, the remainder in English. For Palma, this suits her preference.

"I don't think we should be bilingual, our main readers are Spanish speaking people," Palma said.

La Prensa covers many of the Hispanic cultures in the Latin American community.

"We are not just a Mexican newspaper," Palma said. "We are just a community paper for Latinos. We try to cover everybody."

With a small staff, only one Spanish writing reporter, coverage is limited and often relegated to politics.

"We used to have Panama, El Salvador, Mexico and Venezuela correspondents, but the info was so old and not updated," Palma said.

Palma plays the dual role of editor and reporter and tries to achieve a balance of news for all readers of *La Prensa*.

"We are a bridge between the Latino community and the U.S.," Palma said. "Everyone wants to know about news, protests in Chile or Argentina. We try to satisfy all of our readers."

Perhaps some encouraging news for *La Prensa* was when she was approached by some to have more extensive Mexican coverage. This may suggest that many Mexicans are not happy with their paper and could lead to an increase in readers.

La Prensa addressed major events and celebrations for all cultures. Special sections for Hispanic Heritage month in September, Christmas, Cinco de Mayo, and other big events for Hispanic community serves as an information tool as well as publicizing the event.

"We try to present Latino community to the Latino community, show people what is really going on with the Latino community," Palma said.

Palma's view of Latino coverage in other media, especially television, is rather negative.

You don't see the Latino community in the media," Palma said. "They just publish the bad things. When I read something about the Latino community it is about sports or economics. A couple of times I have seen some on culture or the presidents, like the situation in Argentina."

Palma suggests knowing your readers will improve mainstream media.

"What is the point of having a paper if no one reads it?" Palma said. "If you observe how the reader reads your paper, you have a better idea how to cover news."

Members of the Latino community approach Palma for further coverage and looks for more Spanish-written coverage. Daily Palma must dig through press releases and other notices that never make the paper.

"I go more for quality of information," Palma said. "If it's not worth it, don't publish it."

Students left the seminar with a better understanding for Latino media.

"I found it interesting that they have their paper 80 percent Spanish/ 20 percent English," senior Angie Schumacher said. "I think it's cool because if I'm walking downtown and I pick up the newspaper, I can understand a little bit of what is going on in the community."

Department of Residential Services

Student Work Crew Summer Employment Application

Begins: May 28, 2002

Ends: August 23, 2002

- \$7.25 per hour/40 hours per week for the entire summer.
- Two afternoon positions available.
- Double room at reduced rate.
- Those students who work full time from May 28 through August 23 will receive an additional \$100 lump sum payment on their last check. If they have worked previous summers for Residential Services, the lump sum payment will be \$150.

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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New organization allows students to look at contemporary, historical issues

■ International Strategy Organization explores issues by using variety of simulations

Khrysten Darm
Staff Writer

A new club has recently been formed at UW-River Falls. The International Strategy Organization is a club that is open to everyone in all majors, and its purpose is to allow students to learn more about contemporary and historical issues. The students explore these issues by using economic, diplomatic, military and other strategy simulations.

Wes Chapin, assistant professor of political science and director of the club said that he and some students had been talking about starting up this kind of organization throughout the semester.

"We now have 14 students from all majors," he said. "There are actually only three members who are political science majors."

The president of the organization is Jason Reeves, a sophomore majoring in political science. Other officers include Megan Clarke, a junior majoring in journalism, and Dan Knutson, a sophomore majoring in agricultural education.

There was a similar organization that was around in the 1980s and continued into the early 1990s. Ed Peters in the history department ran this organization and the club met occasionally. The popularity of this club died out in the 90s, but it now has resurfaced in a different form.

The long-term interest is not just military strategy focus, but also economic simulation, and diplomatic simulation. Knutson said that he joined ISO because it sounded interesting to him.

"I thought that it would be an interesting experience, and something to do with my free time," he said.

Currently, ISO is not a recognized club by UW-RF. To be recognized and to have use of campus facilities, the club has to go through student governance to get approval.

Chapin said that every student organization has to get their constitution approved in order to be recognized by UW-RF.

"It's helpful when recruiting new students to be recognized by the University," Chapin said.

Chapin also said that the club is fun and useful.

"Whether we are having a stock market simulation or a World War II simulation, participants will learn more about what really did happen," he said.

"I think that students learn more about historical events by acting them out. The students get to observe historical elements, but they also get to explore contemporary elements."

-Wes Chapin, International Strategy Organization director

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Knutson said that his main advantage of belonging to this organization is "the opportunity to play thought-based games that are fun."

"Later on we will have competitions to test our skill levels at those games," he said.

Chapin said that about a month ago he sent out a campus-wide e-mail to all students, inviting them to join the organization.

"At least one student a week has gotten back to me expressing some sort of interest in ISO," he said. "There seems to be a lot of student interest."

Campus Security

Another harassing phone call received

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

A Sony CD player valued at \$250, a CD case valued at \$20 and 120 CD's valued at \$900 were stolen from a 1990 Olds Calais April 26 in L-Lot. The passenger window, valued at \$124, was also damaged.

A wall clock valued at \$50 and four window screens valued at \$100 each were stolen April 29 from Grimm Hall.

Misuse of telephone services was reported April 29 at Parker Hall. Heidi L. Hargreaves, 21, reported receiving harassing calls from www.pincity.com.

Ryan W. Smisek, 19; and Justin M. Rihn, 20, both received \$213 citations May 1 for underage consumption at McMillan Hall. Rihn also received a \$213 citation for an ID violation.

Molly A. Pavsek, 22; and Sarah T. Nimmer, 22, both received a \$286 citation May 4 for selling alcohol to a minor. The incident occurred at 123 Main St. (Slapshots).

A pine tree valued at \$35, a peach tree valued at \$20 and two plastic pots valued at \$2 each were stolen May 4 from the greenhouse.

Anne M. Spanbauer, 22, was given a \$162 citation May 5 for the theft of a traffic sign at the 300 block of Walnut St. The sign was a "no parking from here to corner" sign.



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3 moms, 3 stories: Sarah, Stephanie, Stacy tell theirs

Teresa Schmitt
Co-photo Editor

She walks down the aisle of a grocery store with twins and a double wide stroller, searching for supper for the week. This weekly routine usually takes a few hours just to get the children ready and in the car. As she returns home she settles the children to sleep, finally having one hour to open her backpack and study for her biology exam the next morning.

Can you imagine babies, college and a job? This kind of lifestyle seems to be growing, although no one knows by how much.

One day of the year daughters and sons give their mothers little presents to show their appreciation. This day is Mother's Day. The hard work, stress, trials and tribulations most mothers, young and old go through are not always realized. Many mothers in this country work hard to raise their children and educate themselves at the same time.

"I always wanted to graduate from college," said Sarah Galbavy, 20, a sophomore at Edgewood College in Madison Wis. "I know it is the best thing for me and my children."

Galbavy became pregnant with twins in the second semester of her freshman year of college one year ago. Her decision to raise her eight-month-old daughter Jada and son Kaleb while attending college wasn't a question.

"I knew that I'd have to manage my time and keep my priorities straight," Galbavy said.

For Galbavy it has been a challenge. Edgewood is a small private college with no day care program. She lives with her fiancé and her two children in Beaver Dam, Wis. She makes the hour commute to school at least five times each week. While she is at school her fiancé works, so Galbavy brings the children to school with her.

"Thank goodness for friends and family to help watch them," Galbavy said.

Galbavy coordinates her class schedule with a few of her friends so when her friends don't have class they can watch the children.

Edgewood is planning a new daycare program, said Galbavy, but it still might be a few years.

Even with the hectic schedule of raising twins and going to college, Galbavy also works every weekend at a restaurant in her local town, and still maintains a B average.



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Sarah Galbavy holds Kaleb, one of her twins, on her hip while she cooks dinner.

Different kind of stress

Teresa Schmitt
Co-Photo Editor

When most students are stressing over homework, exams, and having enough money for pizza, student mothers usually have other things on their mind.

Having gone to college one year before having her twins, Sarah Galbavy was able to see what college life was all about. She said that could be one of the reasons it is sometimes overly stressful.

"Sometimes when the schedule doesn't work out and no one can watch my children, I have to miss class," Galbavy said. "That's when I really feel stressed. I know how it could be, but I wouldn't give these two up for anything."

With eight-month-old twins, sometimes it's difficult to find time to study, even if Galbavy's fiancé is there to help.

"Some nights there just isn't time to study," Galbavy said. "If Jada isn't crying, then Kaleb is."

For Stacy Lacktorin the studying and stress situation is quite different.

"I don't really get too stressed out about studying. Alanna is at an age where she likes to work on her letters and numbers. That keeps her occupied long enough for me to usually get some good studying in," Lacktorin said. "The main thing I stress about is money. But isn't that true for every college student?"

Each situation differs from the next; sometimes money isn't the biggest problem. For Stephanie Flood, time is what gives her stress.

"I do get stressed about homework, but I really worry and stress about not spending enough time with Emma Jean," Flood said.

- 5 Tips for Student Parents**
- Find time for yourself!
 - Prioritize your time so you can spend as much of it with your child but also be successful in your studies.
 - Give your child as much attention as possible.
 - Include your child in your school activities if possible.
 - Don't give up! You're not alone. Join a parenting group.

"At times it is hard," Galbavy said. "There just isn't any time to do homework or study like I want to. Lately it seems as though my grades are plummeting."

Grades plummeting is hardly the case. Galbavy usually gets 90's on her exams. On her most recent exam she received an 89.

"Some people doubted whether or not I'd go back to school," Galbavy said. "I'd just like to prove to them and myself that I can do it."

The opportunity to prove something is sometimes the case with student mothers, but mainly they want to make a good life for themselves and their children. Nearly everyone who goes to college wants to achieve a better life for his/her children. These students just deal with the children part earlier.

Sophomore Stacy Lacktorin, accounting major, has a five-year old daughter Alanna who attends the University daycare center on a weekly basis.

At a time when most college students are still sleeping, the day starts at about 6 a.m. when Lacktorin and Alanna get up to get ready for school.

"Getting ready in the morning is really a hassle," Lacktorin said. "Alanna always wants to wear what she wants to, even if it's shorts and there is snow outside."

Alanna is dropped off at the daycare at 7:30 a.m. and Lacktorin, a full time student, starts her classes. In between classes she works at the daycare doing lunch prep work and helping with the morning snack. She also works at the Academic Success Center on Wednesdays.

At the end of the school day, Lacktorin picks up her daughter at the daycare at about 4:30. Then they go home, eat supper and both do their homework.

"Being a mother never really interferes with being a student or the other way around," Lacktorin said. "I guess I'm just used to raising Alanna. It doesn't really seem as hard as it might."

Stacy and Alanna spend most of their weekends out and about.

"I really try to get her into cultural things such as going to museums, touring old houses and site-seeing stuff," Lacktorin said. "Alanna really gets into history stuff so I try to show her as much as I can."

Lacktorin even tries to include her daughter in her studies.

"I took an astronomy class and every night when I studied I'd point out the different stars to Alanna and she really got into it," Lacktorin said.

While Lacktorin depends on the University daycare system and Galbavy depends on friends and her fiancé, Stephanie Flood of Maplewood, Minn. depends on her parents.



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Sarah Galbavy spends time playing with her eight month old twins, Kaleb and Jada, after a long day of classes.

Flood and her four-year old daughter Emma Jean live with Flood's parents.

Flood is a full time student at Century College in Maplewood, Minn. and is majoring in nursing. She attends school during the day and works nights while her mom or dad watches Emma Jean.

"I think I wouldn't have gone to college without input from my parents," Flood said.

With her hectic schedule Flood tries to spend as much time with her daughter as possible. This affection can be seen on Flood's arm where Emma Jean's name is tattooed.

"She's the best thing that has happened to me," Flood said.

Earning the Degree: College and Motherhood



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

Having twins changed Sarah Galbavy's life her freshman year of college. However, she has managed to raise them with the help of her fiancé, while still attending college classes full time and holding a part time job. Since her college doesn't offer a daycare program, her friends have helped her out by coordinating their schedules in order to watch the twins between their own classes.

UW-RF offers on-site daycare to student parents

Teresa Schmitt
Co-photo Editor

As the school year comes to an end, most students end it with more knowledge and experience. The daycare on campus will also end successfully with more knowledge and experience after finishing its first year under University supervision.

Angela Kaiser, daycare director and education professor, spent all summer painting, cleaning, throwing away garbage and rearranging the 13-year-old daycare facility located in the ground level of the Ames building.

The campus daycare focuses on student parents.

"If there is a student who wants their child at the daycare they will get priority for their child before a non-student parent," Kaiser said. "Students also get a discounted price for daycare services."

Running a daycare especially for students is a greater challenge than the average daycare.

"If you have ever read about being a daycare director, actually doing it is totally different," Kaiser said.

After being asked to head the daycare last

spring, Kaiser said she would take the job only if the program was entirely University run.

"All but five of the 37 staff are students of the University," Kaiser said. "Even the janitor is a student."

Bright colors and toys are found in each of

"A campus daycare is entirely different from a regular one; we work with a lot of students who have odd schedules for school," Kaiser said.

To get the discounted price and priority over non-students, students must carry at least six credits. Kaiser said there is a long waiting

list.

Stacy Lacktorin says the reason for the waiting list could be because she loves the daycare program so much she suggests it to anyone who asks.

"It is just so convenient," Lacktorin said. "It's right on campus and if there is an emergency they have your class schedule and can contact you very easily."

Each room has different goals, themes, and set curriculums, each led by a Limited Term Employee who holds a bachelor's degree.

Some of the different themes the pre-school section works with have included dance instruction, firemen and police officers.

"The movement lady comes first after lunch," Alanna, Lacktorin's daughter, said. "She's my favorite."

Overall, the same teacher every day is one characteristic Lacktorin and many other parents there enjoy.

"It's nice that my daughter can have the same teacher every day and build a relationship," Lacktorin said. "I also get to know the teachers as well and have built my own trust with them."

Now after almost completing its first year under the University management, Kaiser is looking to hire a new director to help get ready for a new building.

Kaiser said a new daycare building will be completed by fall of 2003 and is going to be where the basketball courts south of Crabtree Hall are now located.

"Every day I drive by the courts and see a bunch of people using them," Kaiser said. "I feel kind of bad, but maybe they will build some more courts. But the daycare will be a great benefit to the University."

"It's right on campus and if there is an emergency they have your class schedule and can contact you very easily."

-Stacy Lacktorin, mother

the three rooms at the daycare.

At about 3 p.m. in the toddler room the lights are off and nap time is in session. While the toddlers are sleeping the pre-school room is buzzing with wide awake children enjoying play time.

The infants are also playing but some of them sleep in a separate part of the room.

The daycare, with its three sections, serves about 64 children and 53 families. The hardest part, Kaiser said, is filling slots and arranging schedules.

Life's too short, make the most of it!

With the end of the school year approaching rapidly, I am excited, as many of you are, for the end to be here. No more classes, homework, or tests...for awhile.

What a nice thought. Then there are those of you who will be walking across the stage on the 25th and bidding adieu to your days at UW-RF and looking toward the future. Congratulations to all of you.

It's funny, how at the end of anything, you have a tendency to look back and reflect on all the memories, good and bad, acquired over that time...or at least I do.

This year has been a huge one. We were awe-struck with 9-11. Many of us mourned the loss of three of our UW-RF students. We saw and experienced the impact of war, politics, and budget cuts.

Then there were all the endless possibilities for love, friendships, grades, and life changing epiphanies.

A culmination of events and experiences is now drawing to an end. For some of us, it's just for the summer and for others, this chapter in the book of life is done. Whichever it is, I urge you to take some time to reflect and appreciate it all.

Why you might ask? Well, this weekend I was reminded of just how finite and short life really is. How we take so much for granted and we shouldn't. How we really under appreciate all the gifts that we are given in this lifetime.

This weekend I attended the funeral for my best friend's dad. It was a sad but very powerful experience.

I guess the reality is as a child it is expected that in any ideal situation you would bury your parents, but the timing is always too soon, the event is always unexpected, and you've never done or said all that you needed to say no matter how long they are on this earth.

Fortunately, unlike my friend and possibly some of you, I have never had to experience such a loss.

However, going home for this

so. We miss out on great friendships, life experiences, valuable lessons and moments because we are focused on the great enterprise of "me."

We are so caught up in our own worlds that we forget to enjoy the world and people around us. Why? Well there are a plethora of reasons: time, priorities, arguments, pettiness or a mixture of all of them and so on. It's quite ridicu-

shoes for a moment, I can only imagine the things that she would want to say or do with her dad that now she can't, but we can.

I don't know all of your stories, but I do believe that in everyone's life there is someone that is held in special accord. I urge you to let them know how you feel because none of us know what tomorrow holds.

A quote that I once read comes to mind, "Approach life with urgency, I tell you. If you knew that today was your last day on earth and you had one phone call to make. Who would you call and why aren't you doing so? Again, urgency!" -Unknown.

I am not saying to live life in fear and paranoia, but to live each day to the fullest with no regret. Life is too short to do anything but.

So say thanks to those who need thanking, forgive those who need forgiving, apologize where needed, and enjoy your life to the fullest.

With that in mind and this being my last column, thank you all for taking time to read my thoughts this past semester.

Enjoy the last few days of class. Take every opportunity to hang out with your friends and loved ones.

Don't forget, it's Mother's Day on Sunday. Good luck on all of your finals. May the stars shine bright for all of you graduates. I commend you on your accomplishments (especially John, Molly, and Jana.) And Scott, thanks for letting me be your glorified stalker. You are one awesome superhero.

To all of you, I bid adieu for there are some phone calls I have to make! Have a great day.

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"I was reminded of just how finite and short life is. How we take so much for granted and we shouldn't."

funeral or even just receiving the news that her dad was gone, made me want to go home and hug my parents as well as everyone who meant anything to me. I also fully realized and put into perspective the true fragileness and preciousness of life.

I share this for the simple reason that we all receive daily gifts and often we fail to take pleasure in them because we are too caught up in our own fast paced lives to do

lous actually.

I know that this column won't save the world or entirely solve the problem of self-absorption or the depreciation of the true beauty in life, but maybe it'll make a few of you think for a moment of the value of our lives. To appreciate all the people and things that enrich each of us as a person and to take time to say and give thanks for them.

Putting myself in my friend's

Chickens have it harder than we think

Today's topic is...well there really isn't any central theme today. We will start off by examining some investments I have made, which have virtually wiped out nearly all \$54.71 worth of my life's savings.

We will then move on to the fly on my new pants, which will be of interest to anyone who has seen me in the men's restroom recently.

Finally, We will conclude with some enlightening information about chickens, something you won't want to miss.

SOME DOOZIE INVESTMENTS

I recently balanced my checkbook, which is something I do on occasion, such as when I get letters from the bank informing me one of my checks bounced.

After briefly dipping into the negative digits, my total balance made an amazing upswing into the black. Or is it the red. It really doesn't matter, because \$1.39 is all the money I have left, and quite frankly, black or red, I don't think that is enough.

I'm not sure exactly where I went wrong, but it could have been a recent spate of bad investments.

The worst investment I have made recently, not including my college education (Like THAT will ever pay off), is "gasoline".

I have this habit of buying gallons of gasoline at a time for ridiculously high prices, despite the very real possibility that water, which can be obtained for free from any garden hose, could be just as effective as a fuel source.

As far as I can tell, both water and gasoline are liquids, which is enough to convince me of water's potential value as a fuel source.

If anyone has succeeded with water or any other liquid substance, such as Budweiser beer, as a fuel source for their car please let me know via a Letter to the Editor.

The gas station attendants have always willingly taken my "Scooby Doo" checks, despite common sense telling them that anyone who has "Scooby Doo" checks probably has a really low checkbook balance. I blame them for being so naive.

Another commodity I trade heavily in is frozen pizza. I think this is perhaps the best investment I have made to date, as measured in overall tastiness. I snap up some Roma's Original Crust pepperoni pizzas nearly every time I enter a grocery store.

TROUBLE AT THE URINAL

I recently bought a new pair of pants. Because I tend to look at little else besides the price tag when I am in a clothing store, I overlooked the fact that these pants had a button-up fly, as opposed to the more traditional zipper fly.

This has presented some problems at the urinal, because I have a hard time undoing the buttons. I used to be able to open my fly in under a second, but now I stand there for many, many seconds fumbling around trying to undo these buttons.

To the casual observer, it may appear that I am having difficulty locating "Mr. Happy" in my pants. I imagine them to be thinking, "Is it THAT small?"

It looks like nothing short of bending over and actually looking at my groin area to see where the buttonholes are will speed this process up.

I have a feeling that would not go over too well in the men's restroom.

ME: (Nearly doubled over with both hands on my groin.) "Where ARE they?"

GUY AT THE URINAL NEXT TO ME: (Averts his eyes to the ceiling thinking, "THEY??")

CHICKENS AND STUFF

Recently, in a class where the word "vagina" was spoken with alarming regularity, I was surprised to learn that if the left ovary of a girl chicken is removed, her right ovary becomes a testicle, and the girl chicken becomes a boy chicken.

There has got to be a story, or a joke, or a snide comment SOMEWHERE in this bit of information, but I personally don't want to take the blame for it.

ERIC HENNING



"I was surprised to learn that if the left ovary of a girl chicken is removed, her right ovary becomes a testicle."

Of course, now that I have fallen on hard times, Roma's may think their pizza has suddenly become very unpopular.

I urge you all to go out and purchase as much Roma's pizza as possible to keep this great company's morale up.

By way of warning, I would just like to state that Tombstone's so called "pizzas" are disgusting. Roma's all the way baby.

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Truth is stranger than fiction

Although it is my personal opinion that columnists for the *Student Voice* should refrain from providing too much personal reflection in their columns, I've decided to stray away from that just this one time because, well, sometimes strange things just happen.

On Thursday afternoon I received a message on my answering machine. This is not a unique occurrence, but the message was a bit strange. What follows is an exact transcript of that telephone message.

"Uh, hello Mr.... Mr. Johnson. My name is Alejandro and I am calling to you from Bogota, Columbia. I work for Caracol Radio Networks, and we understand that in February you published a, um, paper on pornography in an online newspaper called the, um, Student Voice. Mr. Johnson, we are wondering if you could provide us any information about several photographs of Anna Kornikova naked that have been sold to Penthouse magazine, or if you could put us in contact with the photographer."

Alejandro left a number that he could be reached at, and a lot of questions. There was some merit to Alejandro's call, as I had published a column about John Ashcroft and mentioned the word pornography. But still, what was a radio network in Columbia doing reading the Student Voice, and how much do they know about me?

SCOTT JOHNSON



Mr. Johnson, we are wondering if you could provide us any information about several photographs of Anna Kornikova naked that have been sold to Penthouse."

There is a general understanding that members of the press lead slightly more public lives than the general population, but it becomes somewhat unnerving to receive international calls from strangers.

Finding my information online was a simple three-step process for Alejandro. All he had to do was log on to the UW-RF Web site, click the Find People icon, and then type in my name. If he wanted, Alejandro could have decided to call my parents and ask them if they knew where to find nude pictures of Anna Kornikova. Wouldn't that have been delightful.

As technology advances and becomes increasingly accessible, personal privacy online becomes exponentially more important. Over 25 percent of victims in cases of identity theft between the years 1999 and 2001 were between the ages of 18 and 30, with 55 percent under the age of 40. Coincidentally, this is also the demographic that uses the Internet most frequently. Victims of identity theft often encounter many problems later in life, including being turned down for loans, jobs, and credit cards. When background checks are run, their names turn up as aliases for convicted felons. It often becomes nearly impossible to regain their good name.

This is not to imply that Alejandro was interested in securing a Visa Platinum card under my name. However, if he wanted to, the University just made his task that much easier. He now has my full name, permanent address and phone number, local address and local phone number. It is at least enough to open up a Blockbuster account, and I have no one but the University to thank.

I am sure that there would be a swift and decisive change in the handling of information if the university faculty began receiving calls about naked tennis stars during their office hours, but if students are the only ones at risk, well it seems that the University does not mind.

Hey Readers!
If you love us say so.
If you hate us tell us.
We love getting letters to the editor.
Send us one at B102 Ames by 3 p.m.
Wednesdays.

Senate President says good-bye, reflects on year

Dear Campus and Community of UWRF,

My year as your President of Student Senate is coming to an end. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful time I have had. This year I have worked extremely hard to better our campus, and I loved every minute of it.

I believe in the students of UWRF. You have the ability to change the University and make it a better place for you and future students. Students have an incredible power, and it is my hope that we utilize that power.

The budget for the UW System will always be something we will need to be aware of. It is not something that will go away after a decision is made. However, if we, as students, band together we can alter the outcome in our favor. Take a

minute or two and contact your legislature and share your opinion of the budget. It is our responsibility as members of this society to be active in the democratic process. If we don't share our opinions, if we don't vote, if we don't get involved, keep education affordable and accessible. We have brought forth issues on the environment, the status of women, LGBTQ issues, and others to the forefront of the thoughts of students, faculty, staff and administration. However, the most

important thing I have learned this year is resolve. It is easy to give up, especially when we are dealing with issues that can't be solved in a day, giving up seems easiest. However, nothing happens when we give up. Victories are not won in a day, and they are only fleeting. Change is forever, if we are determined to keep fighting

for it. My advice to all of you is not to give up. Whatever you believe in, regardless of the obstacles before you, keep working at it. The progress you make will make a difference in the world.

I will no longer be your President of Student Senate, but I will not stop fighting for what I believe in. I believe in fighting for students, and there is nothing that will stop me from pursuing affordable and accessible education. Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be your president. I will treasure the memories and lessons that I have gained. Next year, rely on your senate—that is why they are on this campus.

Sincerely,
Cora M. Opsahl
President 2001-2002
Student Association Student Senate

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Letters to the Editor

Readers give thanks to friends, bring issues to light

To the editor:

Dave Misselt's column in the May 2 issue of the *Voice* staggeringly misrepresents the presentation given at UW-RF by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer.

Contrary to Misselt, Nelson-Pallmeyer's talk had nothing whatsoever to do with socialism. It was instead about the immorality of using pernicious institutions like the euphemistically named School of the Americas to torture and oppress the "losers" in the global game in which we pride ourselves, in Misselt's revealing phrase, "the winning team."

Nelson-Pallmeyer's point is that there really are no winners in a game in which "winning" itself morally corrupts.

As Nelson-Pallmeyer correctly noted, according to the Center for Defense Information, military spending accounts for 50.5 percent of the 2002 U.S. Federal Discretionary Budget (this does not include Social Security, paying down the national debt, or other expenditures over which the President has no control).

This year we'll spend an obscene \$396 billion on the military, more than all of the rest of the world's military budgets combined. These figures and more are readily available on the Center for Defense Information Web site (www.cdi.org).

Misselt's willful distortions of Nelson-Pallmeyer's figures are far less troubling than his gross dismissal of the reality of environmental degradation brought about by global warming.

Misselt's faith in government and business (especially post-Enron) is touchingly naive: "Ask yourself this: Why would any business intentionally set out to ruin the one and only earth there is? Why would our government conspire with big business to ruin the environment?" One would think that Misselt had never heard of greed.

I sincerely doubt that George W. Bush Jr. consciously intends to make the planet unlivable for his great-great-grandchildren, but his allegiance to the big oil and coal companies who put him in the White House guarantees that he'll place their interests above those of the environment.

It's logically consistent that Bush should back out of the Kyoto agreement to control greenhouse gases in light of his extremely compromised position as representative of the very industries whose products are a major source of the problem.

The U.S. generates the largest amount of CO2

emissions of any nation on earth. Australia, cited by Misselt as another non-signer of the Kyoto Protocol, ranks with the U.S. as an over-the-top polluter.

Even *Time Magazine*, hardly a left wing publication, unequivocally acknowledged global warming in its April 9, 2001 cover story.

That debate is dead; nearly every reputable climatologist in the world has affirmed the fact of global warming, even though a few scientific hacks on energy industry payrolls have garnered a disproportionate share of media attention in denying the obvious.

The global temperature is rising. The melting of the glaciers and accompanying warming of ocean temperatures have already taken a measurable toll in arctic animal populations as well as the coral reefs of the Indian Ocean.

The people on one Pacific Island nation, Tuvalu, is being forced by rising sea levels to evacuate to New Zealand. It's only beginning.

Time put it this way: "Humanity embarked unknowingly on the dangerous experiment of tinkering with the climate or our planet. Now that we know what we're doing, it would be utterly foolish to continue."

Come on, Dave, wake up and smell the ozone burning.

Thomas R. Smith
River Falls

To the friends of Michael Johnson:

I don't have your individual addresses or remember all of your names, but I must tell you that seeing you at Michael's prayer service touched my heart. He was liked/loved by so many people.

We hope you all are doing well in college. Michael loved going to college at River Falls. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Michael's Mom
Linda Johnson

To the editor:

When I left drawing class last Tuesday, I was deeply saddened. We had just finished collaging and I walked by a huge trash can filled with paper.

I walked by and wondered why in the world there was not a paper-recycling bin in a drawing room of all places. Paper is thrown away left and right in drawing class. I believe it is inexcusable that there is not the proper receptacle for recycling paper in this classroom.

The important issue I would like to address is

paper recycling. I am bringing this to your attention because by printing an article in the *Student Voice* to increase student and faculty awareness you could help change this critical situation.

Even though paper recycling may seem like a small issue to some, with more than six billion people on this planet, now more than ever, every single decision we make ripples out.

We have the knowledge, we have the technology, but we still do not quite get it. It is kind of like people who start smoking cigarettes now, with everything that we know about how horribly addicting and death-causing cigarettes are. Deciding not to recycle paper is as stupid as starting to smoke cigarettes in this day and age.

It is critical that we raise our consciousness as college students. It is easy to get caught up in this fast-paced lifestyle and flip up our blinders to things around us.

However, if we flip up those blinders now, when life gets more difficult, we may never be able to take those blinders off. Even worse than that we may forget they are even on.

I once heard Julia Butterfly say that if we cannot make environmentally conscious changes on campuses where most of our leadership has come from throughout history, where on earth are we going to make those changes?

Think of all the trees sitting in garbage cans on campus right now. A piece of paper does not come from nothing—it is a tree; it is water; it is energy; it is a species that just lost its habitat.

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It is just so obvious. It is our obligation to take care of the place that we live in. It is not hard to recycle, we must make the decision to take responsibility for our actions and decisions.

Making sure that every classroom and office has a paper-recycling receptacle is one wonderful step toward raising our consciousness and deciding to care about our actions.

If you are interested in learning more about paper recycling there are several Web sites available on the Internet. In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency offers some information about recycling. Contact them at (312) 353-2000.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth M. Gengembre

What is the first thing you think of when you wake up in the morning?



Kelly Whiteside, Freshman
"What's for breakfast?"



Andy Devich, Sophomore
"Oh my goodness did I skip class?"



Cordell Wesselink, Sophomore
"I want to go back to bed."



Ralph Stole, Junior
"Jeepers, I wish I was at home building a barn."



Sheila Hill, Freshman
"Where's the snooze button?"

Horses

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Delange; freshman Andrea Nelson; freshman Amanda Arndt; and sophomore Martine Bredl.

According to English Team coach Peter Rayne, both the UW-RF English and Western teams advanced to the zone competition by winning the Region four championships.

In individual competitions many members from the Western Team placed or received a ribbon of participation.

Sophomore Trisha Keller received third place in the reining competition.

Freshman Heather Reichert received seventh place in the Individual Advanced Western Horsemanship competition, while freshman Amanda Arndt received second place in the AQHA Intermediate Western Horsemanship competition.

Nelson and Bredl received participation ribbons for their events.

Hunt said that all of the partici-

pants and members of the Western and English Teams compete with little or no practice compared to other competing schools.

"Our program doesn't allow us to practice and ride 20 or more hours a week like most competing schools do," Hunt said. "It's a really great feeling to know we are still right up there in competition without as much practice."

Although UW-RF has a large number of horses for the equine program, Hunt said that they still don't have enough for the IHSA members to practice.

"Most of these horses are already worked six to eight hours a week," Hunt said. "They can't get worked any more than that."

Still, with limited resources the teams and individuals work hard and have won a lot of competitions and events to get to New York.

Rayne said: "These individuals and teams are poised to succeed and move on to the national competition because of many hours of hard work and a commitment to achieving excellence by all of the IHSA members."

South Hall

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many ways and it has more parking access for students."

Tuchenhagen said he wasn't too concerned about how being shuffled back and forth between buildings would affect the admissions office.

He said that the Financial Assistance Office and other offices would be affected more due to the fact that a big responsibility of the Admissions Office is to direct students to other places, where as other offices depend on students knowing where the office is located and visiting it frequently.

While the admissions staff is looking forward to returning to South Hall, one thing Tuchenhagen said the staff would miss is the big window looking out towards KFA.

Tuchenhagen said that although the windows in Ames provide a nice view, they do pose a bit of a problem for the admissions staff.

"The problem with the windows is that they don't provide enough private office space," Tuchenhagen said. "We need that privacy for private phone calls and other things."

Completion of the South Hall renovation is tentatively scheduled for July 15, but it is still uncertain



Ryan Brinks / The Student Voice

The face of worker Rick Wilbur is hidden as he uses stilts to plaster above the doorways in the second floor of South Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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Vigil

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The event included several different forms of prayer and worship, including a prayer walk where approximately a dozen students walked around campus with lit candles, stopping before each building and leaving it with a prayer.

"The prayer walk was an awesome part of the night because it was a great opportunity to come together and lift up campus," Ammon said.

UW-RF freshman Antonella Vitale was thankful for the opportunity to participate in the vigil.

"We all had the opportunity to come together, worship as one

under the stars and experience God in a new light," Vitale said. "It was a valuable experience because it helped us to realize that no matter who we are or where we come from we can all grow in God's love together."

The vigil was a new experience for some in attendance, and according to one attendant it was an eye-opening look at the power of prayer.

"I thought it was really cool and very powerful," freshman attendant Megan Burns said. "It's cool to see people just praise God, and it gave me a chance to get closer to Him."

The night ended with an hour of worship set to the acoustics of students Mark Nelson and Tim Prince. Candles were laid artistically on the cement ground in the design of a

cross as approximately forty students sang praise songs. Embracing one another, some with hands clasped, others with eyes closed, Bench described this picture as the true purpose of the evening.

"Just coming together with everyone that was there, and knowing that it was for one goal, for one purpose," Bench said. "We didn't have to worry about what people were going to think, we were just there for us and God."

Ammon hoped passersby took notice of the vigil.

"I hope we touched someone," she said. "Even if it was just one person walking by who was compelled to think twice about what Jesus did for them, than we accomplished something."

UW-RF Women's Golf Team

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What is the answer to the "Answer?"

This week Allen Iverson has rebutted the claims from his coach and the media that it hurts to be the "Franchise Player." In his press conference on Tuesday he said, among statements laden with expletives, that he is the best player on the planet, and he is the franchise player. He also said that when the team loses, it's Larry Brown and AI's fault. He doesn't like it, but he says he will accept

DAN SCHULTZ

that. Is he really accepting that role?

The statement that the franchise players need to do more has continued to circulate around the NBA and even here at the collegiate level. How much more can Kevin Garnett, Allen Iverson, and Tracy McGrady do? All three went out in the first round with complaints coming from the media that they need to do more.

T-Mac carried his team into the playoffs and still put up good numbers. Kevin Garnett has put up great numbers in the playoffs and during the season but has heard time and time again to shoot in the fourth quarter.

However, it's a statement that is a double edged sword. Garnett shoots too little, but Allen Iverson shoots too much. If KG shoots more and costs the team the game, he is ridiculed for not passing more. AI is given this treatment all

of the time. AI is now under scrutiny for his lack of participation in practices, claiming his absence "doesn't hurt his teammates, personally," but does that disregard for team chemistry hurt the team itself? Iverson does admit that he has things that need to get better in regards to his game. But the individual mentality has killed teams before. Look at the 1984 season: Magic Johnson was ridiculed for his poor performance and nicknamed "Tragic" Johnson. Michael Jordan, for years, was ripped for not helping his teammates get better and was projected to never win a title. Isaiah Thomas was told he was too short and small to be good in the NBA. There have been others prior to Iverson that have had to run the gauntlet of media barbs and thorns.

This scorn of ball players also affects players at the local level. The UW-RF men's basketball team suffers the same problem. Rich Melzer, the heralded forward

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Baseball, fastpitch conclude seasons

Baseball fails to make playoffs; Softball falls in pigtail contest

Sports Information

The Falcon fastpitch team lost a 4-3 decision to UW-Platteville and were eliminated in the first game of the WIAC Tournament played last Friday, after dropping a doubleheader to Concordia University last Wednesday.

UW-RF scored three runs on six hits and made no errors. The Falcons scored one run in the second and two in the fifth. UW-P scored four runs on 12 hits and made one error. The Pioneers scored single runs in the first and fourth innings and two in the fifth.

Tiffany Blumer led the Falcons at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a run scored. Emily Vogt was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Melissa Turbak was 1-for-3 with one RBI and Angie Garin had the other RBI. Abby Keene was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Meghann Mulligan had the other Falcon hit and finished 1-for-3. In the second, Vogt singled with two out and stole second. Blumer singled and Vogt scored UW-RF's first run on an error by the right fielder. In the fifth, Blumer led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Lindsey Becker. Keene singled and advanced to second on the throw while Blumer advanced to third. Garin then reached on a fielder's choice with Blumer scoring and Keene going to third. Garin then stole second. After an out, Turbak singled to score Keene. Garin also tried to score on the play but was thrown out at the plate.

UW-P was led by Michelle Skaden and Wendi Siedschlag, who each hit homers. Skaden hit a solo homer in the first and Siedschlag hit a solo homer in the fourth. Siedschlag also doubled home a run in the fifth.

Amy Brooke took the pitching loss for the Falcons. She worked four and two-thirds innings and allowed nine hits and four earned runs. She walked one and struck out three. Leah Vanderploeg worked the final two and one-third innings and allowed three hits. She walked one and struck out one. Steph Wood got the win for UW-P. She worked five and one-third innings and allowed six hits and three runs - two were earned. She walked one, and struck out one. Tiff Flesch worked the final two and one-third innings to get the save. She didn't allow a hit and struck out two.

The fastpitch team lost two games to Concordia University earlier in the week at Ramer Field.

CU won the first game, 3-1, and the second game, 3-2.

In the first game, the Falcons had one run on seven hits and made one error. CU scored three runs on four hits and made four errors. UW-RF scored its run in the second while CU scored all three of its runs in the seventh. Garin and Anna Poulter were both 2-for-4. Vogt was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Blumer was 1-for-2 and Becker was 1-for-3. Brooke went the distance on the mound and took the loss. She allowed four hits and three earned runs. She walked just one and struck out eight.

In the second game, UW-RF scored two runs on five hits and made no errors. CU scored three runs on 12 hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored single runs in the

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Tiffany Blumer tags a UW-Stout baserunner during the April 25 doubleheader at the Ramer Field complex. The Blue Devil was safe, but Stout lost both games to the Falcons.

Fastpitch: the final out of 2002

Jess Perry
Editor-in-Chief

The UW-River Falls fastpitch team ended their season on a disappointing note with a 3-4 loss to UW-Platteville in Friday's pigtail game for the WIAC conference tournament last weekend in La Crosse, which left the Falcons eliminated.

"We were very competitive; we were right there. Nobody wiped us out, and I think that's a critical thing to look at."

— Head Coach
Faye Perkins

The Falcons fell short of their expectations as they set a goal of winning 25 plus games at the beginning of the season. They ended with a 15-18 overall record. However, this record does not reflect the way the Falcons competed during the season, according to the coaches.

"Our overall record of 15-18, I really don't think accurately reflects our season. Of the 18 losses, 10 of the losses were by one run and three of the losses were by two runs," head coach Faye Perkins said. "So

we were very competitive; we were right there. Nobody wiped us out, and I think that's a critical thing to look at. I guess overall I was happy with the play of the team, but unhappy with the outcome."

Assistant coach Becky Ahlbrecht's thoughts echoed those of Perkins.

"I truly felt that our overall record did not reflect the solid play we had throughout the season," Ahlbrecht said.

At the beginning of the season, the Falcons sat down and set product goals and process goals for the 2002 season.

One product goal that the Falcons did accomplish was winning 5 of 8 games in Florida, which according to Perkins was one of many season highlights. This trip included a first game come-from-behind win in which the Falcons scored six runs in the top of the seventh to take a 7-6 lead. The game final was 9-7 against Augsburg College. The Florida trip also had two games, against Elmhurst and Mt. Vernon, where the falcons walked away with 8-0 wins.

The Falcons also exceeded their team batting average goal, which was set at .250 and ended at a .278 average. In comparison, the Falcons' opponents' batting average was .265.

"Any time your batting average can be better than your opponents', it's a definite benefit," Perkins said.

However, Perkins felt that the biggest thing the Falcon players did this season in exceeding her expectations was through meeting their

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Sports Information

The Falcon baseball team won two of five games last week, and finished just one game out of a WIAC playoff spot.

On Sunday at UW-Superior, UW-RF played three games. They won the first game, 7-5, but dropped the last two games, 4-3 and 6-1.

In the first game, a 7-5 Falcon win, UW-RF had seven runs on nine hits and made no errors. UW-RF scored four in the first inning and single runs in the second, fifth and seventh. UW-S scored five runs on 11 hits and made three errors. They scored twice in the third and three times in the fifth. Scott DeWyre led the Falcons at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a run scored and three RBIs. He hit a two-run homer in the first inning. Nathan Brom was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Ryan Nickell picked up the win on the mound. He worked six innings and allowed 10 hits and five earned runs. He walked one and struck out four.

In the second game, a 4-3 win by UW-S, UW-RF scored three runs on six hits and made three errors. The Falcons scored twice in the first and

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Track and field team seventh in La Crosse

WIAC conference meet



Darcy Thull / Submitted Photo
Falcon freshman Katrina Spears clears a hurdle in the 400-meter hurdles at the WIAC meet last weekend in La Crosse.

■ **Tempered veteran Kady Kleven leads the Falcon team with another top-notch field performance**

Sports Information

River Falls native Kady Kleven won first place in the high jump at the WIAC Meet to lead the Falcon women's track & field team to a seventh place finish. The meet was at UW-La Crosse Friday and Saturday.

Kleven led the Falcons with a jump of 5'-2-1/4". Jill Janikowski had a second-place finish in the javelin with a toss of 105'-6". Jen Leis placed third in the hammer throw with a 154-foot effort. Sarah Thull placed fifth in the heptathlon with 3,848 points. Nicole Pronschinske placed sixth in the

long jump with a leap of 17'-9". Haylee Hall placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 130'-7". Pronschinske placed seventh in the triple jump with a leap of 36'-2-1/4". Katrina Spears placed seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:08.68. Jen Leis placed eighth in the discus with a throw of 129'-2". Cassie Arts placed eighth in the pole vault with an effort of 9'-6-1/2". Pronschinske also placed ninth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.99 seconds. Amy Nelson placed ninth in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 39:49.01. The Falcon 4x800-meter relay team placed sixth in 10:04.63. The 4x100-meter relay team placed seventh with a time of 50.93 seconds, and the 4x400-meter relay team placed seventh with a time of 4:06.97.

La Crosse won the team title with 250 points, followed by UW-Oshkosh, 173; UW-Stevens Point, 143; UW-Eau Claire, 86.5; UW-Whitewater, 71; UW-Stout, 50; UW-RF, 47; UW-Platteville, 27.5; and UW-Superior, 10.



Molly Montag / The Student Voice
Senior Angie Garin is poised for a hit against Concordia during last Wednesday's doubleheader at the Ramer Field complex. Garin went 2-for-4 in game one.

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for the Falcons, fills some of the same shoes as the professionals mentioned above. He has been the talk of the league since coming to the WIAC. Reporters have praised him for shooting big baskets down the stretch and putting the team over the edge, but at the same time, he has been ridiculed by the conference media for wanting the ball too much and taking bad shots. Media in the league have numerous times projected Melzer to be one of the best that ever played in the league, but he lacks the mental toughness and composure. There

have been opposing broadcasters lucky to leave with their lives out of Karges Arena for their ridicule of Melzer and rumored past problems with Coach Rick Bowen. He is well liked in town and on campus. Melzer is a guy who loves an angry opposing crowd and feeds off emotion during the game. He loves to prove people wrong, much like Dennis Rodman did while a Bull and plays to the crowd like Lamar Odom or KG. He is a guy much like the other mentioned above that you hate to play against and wouldn't pass on taking in an instant. Melzer's improvement has been ten-fold over the course of the

past two seasons. But once again, with the losses of Kent Becker and Ed Johnson, Melzer will be one of the top stories going into media day, and the microscope will zoom in a little closer to his play and his team's success. The same question of the role of your team's star play continues. Which is better, a player who is a producer and sacrifices his own game to make his team better or a player who can take a game over for better or for worse? That is my take, I am out! Email: daniel.j.schultz@uwrf.edu

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Fastpitch

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second and fourth innings. CU scored single runs in the second, third and seventh innings. Mulligan was 2-for-3 with a run scored and two RBIs. She hit a solo homer in the second. Turbak was 1-for-2 with a run scored. Poulter and Leah Vanderploeg also had hits. Vanderploeg took the loss on the mound in relief. She worked four and two-thirds innings and allowed seven hits and one earned run. A. J. Decker started and allowed five hits and two earned runs. She walked three and struck out one. The Falcons finish their season with a 15-18 overall record.

Conclusion / The Seniors, the All-WIAC

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process goals. "I thought that the team had a very positive attitude; they were focused and committed," Perkins said. "They were definitely a cohesive team, and sometimes those goals are more important than the goals of winning games and winning conference." The Falcons also fielded a very young team this season. "We had several freshmen playing key roles on the team," Perkins said. "And I think that was a highlight to see how they progressed." Perkins also felt that team unity was a highlight this Falcon season. "I definitely think that this was one of my lowest maintenance teams as far as dealing with issues - personal issues, and team conflict issues - that generally arise during the season," Perkins said. "But this team got along very well, worked well together and definitely was a pleasure to coach."

we had a lot of inexperienced youth on the team, and I think we played great considering that." Perkins feels that with that year of experience, the close games will go the Falcons' way next season. "Again we lost those 10 games by one run, and I think next year, with our experience, that will change," Perkins said. "I think we will win those close ones, and we will be a more confident team with that year of experience." Next year however, Perkins feels that this year's youth will make for a stronger team. "There is nothing you can do except play, and so that won't be a weakness next year," Perkins said. "They've had that experience now and we're ready to take the next step." Perkins felt that a major strength of this year's team was how well they worked together and supported each other to the end. "A season like this could have been very frustrating and could have

Falcons, said this about the season and their teammates: "This year's record had no reflection on our talent as a team. A lot of freshmen had to step into big roles and fill big shoes. We felt we played well together, and we all gelled as a team and had a lot of fun this year. Thanks for all the great memories. We love you!"

All-Conference Garin and Turbak were named to the WIAC All-Conference first team and Brooke and Becker received honorable mention. Turbak started every game this season at second base and led the team with a .386 batting average (up from .261 last season), a .485 slugging percentage and a .426 on-base percentage. She led the Falcons in runs (19), doubles (6) and triples (2). She went 39-for-101 at the plate and was second on the team in RBIs (14). She stole six bases in seven attempts. She finished the season with 83 put-outs and 58 assists, and

- compared to the 55 stolen bases that we had as a team! We will miss Lindsey's leadership and heart." Brooke, who was one of the team's three pitchers, led the team with 94 innings pitched. She had a 6-7 record and recorded four shutouts. She finished with a 2.09 ERA in 18 appearances. She led the Falcons with 70 strike-outs and allowed just 24 walks. At the plate, she hit .317, going 13-for-41. She scored one run and had two doubles. She had six RBIs. Brooke had seven put-outs, 28 assists and a .946 fielding percentage. She was named to the first All-WIAC team in 2000 and 2001. "Once again, Amy proved that she is one of the top pitchers in the WIAC. Her ERA was the seventh lowest in the WIAC - and that's against some very tough competition," Perkins said. "This season, Amy really added to the offense of the team with a .317 batting average."

Looking to next season Even with the loss of the three seniors, the coaches feel that the Falcons are in good shape for next season. "The Falcon offense will be very tough next year," Ahlbrecht said. "I look forward to an ever-so-confident lineup that will be looking to make base hits and power hits as well." With another year of experience behind the young players, Perkins is confident the Falcons will be a competitive force next season. "I'm very excited about who we have coming back and the prospects for next season," Perkins said. With the diamond empty until 2003, the Falcons can only look ahead to the future. "This team definitely had a lot of heart. They handled the game play very well," Ahlbrecht said. "I do believe this team did not hold back anything when they played. I think of one word when I think of the 2002 team and that is 'will-power.'"

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— Head Coach Faye Perkins

torn the team apart," Perkins said. "In some situations like this, people start blaming each other, start blaming the coaching staff, and start questioning each other, and I didn't see that at all with this team."

The Seniors The Falcons will lose three seniors after this season, and Perkins said she really appreciated their contributions to the Falcons. Catcher Lindsey Becker, pitcher A.J. Decker and center fielder Angie Garin will be leaving a deep hole up the middle of the Falcon field, according to Perkins. Becker is leaving behind big cleats to fill behind the plate, according to Perkins. "Lindsay Becker provided a sound base for our leadership," Ahlbrecht said. "We will have big shoes to fill next year without her presence; we will truly miss her on the diamond." On the mound, Decker will also be missed next season. "A.J. is one of the most dedicated players that I've coached and really contributed on the mound this year," Perkins said. Decker is a very coachable athlete and is willing to make the adjustments to succeed as a pitcher and hitter, Ahlbrecht said. "A.J. is truly one of the toughest ball players I have ever played with and coached," Ahlbrecht said. "Her intensity and the will to get the job done will be missed." Perkins said the team is really going to miss Garin's speed and leadership in center field. "Angie Garin, I look at as diverse. She goes from gymnastics to softball and attains two hits in her first start," Ahlbrecht said. Ahlbrecht said Garin is a very competent hitter who is willing to work on all parts of her hitting, and she was very much a threat in the lineup this season. "She is a power hitter that provided energy for our team and produced runs for us when we needed to score - a true athlete with excellent leadership by example skills in the outfield," Ahlbrecht said. Becker, Decker and Garin, looking back on their last season with the

had a .928 fielding percentage (up from .896 last season). "As a sophomore, Melissa made huge improvements," Perkins said. "This year, her team-leading .386 batting average was the 11th highest in the WIAC. She was a solid No. 3 batter in the line-up. As Mel continues to get more experience and becomes more confident, she will be one of the top WIAC players." Garin, who played center field, played in 28 games and started 25. She finished with a .316 batting average. She was 25-for-79 at the plate with five doubles, a triple and a team-high two home runs. She had 12 RBIs and scored 15 runs. She had a .481 slugging percentage and a .349 on-base percentage. She stole eight bases in 13 attempts. In the field, she had 28 put-outs and two assists, and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. She was given honorable mention to the All-WIAC team last year as well. "Angie had a great final season with the Falcons - both offensively and defensively," Perkins said. "Defensively, in center field, Angie was perfect - not one error in 30 chances. Offensively, Angie adjusted well to wherever we put her in the batting order - ultimately ending up as the leadoff batter. At this position, she provided consistency and speed. We are definitely going to miss Angie next year." Becker, the team's catcher, started and played in 32 games. She finished with a .231 batting average. She was 18-for-78 at the plate with 10 runs scored. She had one double and two RBIs. She had a .341 on-base percentage and a .244 slugging percentage. She led the team in walks (12) and stole two bases. In the field she had 164 put-outs, 38 assists and a .971 fielding percentage. She picked one runner off base and threw out 15 of 30 would-be base stealers. "Lindsey 'The Wall' Becker was a definite leader on the team. As our catcher, she called a great game, worked extremely well with all the pitchers, and protected the plate like no other catcher in the conference," Perkins said. "Lindsey only allowed 15 stolen bases for the entire season

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

May 10-16	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Women's Track	at La Crosse Open 3pm						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Tiffany Blumer Softball (Fr., Albany, Wis.)



Tiffany Blumer

Blumer led the Falcons in their season-ending loss to UW-Platteville Friday in the WIAC tournament pigtail game. She went 2-for-3 on the day and scored one of three UW-RF runs. Blumer also had a solid performance May 1 against Concordia, going 1-for-2.



Dan Kretovics

Dan Kretovics Baseball (So., New Richmond, Wis.)

Outfielder Dan Kretovics (So., New Richmond, Wis.) helped the Falcons to two wins in five WIAC games last week. He was 4-13 at the plate for a .307 average. He scored three runs, had four RBIs and walked three times. He knocked in all of the Falcons' four runs in the team's 4-2 win at La Crosse.

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once in the fifth. UW-S scored four runs on 10 hits and made five errors. UW-S scored single runs in the first and second and two in the fifth. DeWyre was 2-for-4 with a run scored. Brian Bosch was 1-for-3 with a run scored and one RBI. He hit a solo homer in the fifth. Josh Eidem took the pitching loss. He worked 5.1 innings and allowed 10 hits and four earned runs. He walked two and struck out five. In the third game, a 6-1 UW-S win, UW-RF scored one run on seven hits and made one error. UW-S scored six times on 11 hits and made one error. UW-RF scored their run in the sixth. UW-S scored one in the first and five times in the sixth. DeWyre led the Falcons, going 2-for-3 at the plate with one RBI. Bruce Grandits took the pitching loss. He worked 5.2 innings and allowed 10 hits and six earned runs. He walked two and struck out three. Earlier in the week, the Falcons split a WIAC doubleheader at UW-La Crosse. UW-RF won the first game, 4-2, and UW-L took the nightcap, 9-6. In the first game, UW-RF scored four runs on eight hits and made one error. UW-L scored two runs on seven hits and made three errors. UW-RF scored a single run in the first and three in the eighth. UW-L scored single runs in the first and third innings. Eidem went the distance on the mound to get the win. He allowed seven hits and two earned runs. He walked just one and struck out six. Dan Kretovics was 3-for-4 and knocked in all of the Falcon runs. His big hit was a three-run homer in the eighth. Eric Bartholomew was 1-for-4. Brom was 1-for-5 and scored twice. In the second game, UW-RF scored six runs on 10 hits and made two errors. UW-L scored nine runs on 15 hits and made three errors. UW-RF scored once in the fourth, three in the fifth and two in the eighth. UW-L scored three in the third and two runs in the second, seventh and eighth. Brom was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBIs. He hit a three-run homer in the fifth. Eidem was 2-for-4 with a run scored and one RBI. Bartholomew was 1-for-5 with one RBI and Bosch was 1-for-4 with a RBI. Patrick Farrell took the loss on the mound. He worked three and two-thirds innings and allowed 10 hits and five earned runs. He struck out two. UW-RF ends their season with a 14-25 overall record, and they were 11-16 in the WIAC.

SCOREBOARD

Fastpitch

May 3 Results UW-Platteville 100 120 0 - 4 12 1 UW-River Falls 010 020 0 - 3 6 0

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Angie Garin cf		4	0	0	1	0	1
Anna Poulter rf		2	0	0	0	1	0
Melissa Turbak 2b		3	0	1	1	0	1
Amy Brooke p		2	0	0	0	0	0
Leah Vanderploeg p		1	0	0	0	0	0
Meghann Mulligan 1b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Emily Vogt dh		2	1	1	0	0	0
Tiffany Blumer 3b		3	1	2	0	0	1
Lindsey Becker c		2	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Keene lf		3	1	1	0	0	1
Holly Olson ss		0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		25	3	6	2	1	3

May 1 Results Concordia 011 000 1 - 3 12 0 UW-River Falls 010 100 0 - 2 5 0

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Angie Garin cf		3	0	0	0	0	0
Anna Poulter rf		3	0	1	0	0	0
Melissa Turbak 2b		2	1	1	0	0	0
Meghann Mulligan 1b		3	1	2	2	0	0
Emily Vogt dh		2	0	0	0	0	1
Amy Brooke dh		1	0	0	0	0	1
Lindsey Becker c		3	0	0	0	0	2
Amanda Jo Decker p		1	0	0	0	0	0
Leah Vanderploeg p		1	0	1	0	1	0
Emily Evans 3b		1	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Keene lf		1	0	0	0	0	0
Nikki Harberts ph/lf		2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		23	2	5	2	1	4

May 1 Results Concordia 000 000 3 - 3 4 4 UW-River Falls 010 000 0 - 1 7 1

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Angie Garin cf		4	0	2	0	0	0
Anna Poulter rf		4	0	2	0	0	0
Melissa Turbak 2b		4	0	0	0	2	0
Amy Brooke p		3	0	0	0	1	0
Meghann Mulligan 1b		3	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Vogt dh		3	1	1	0	0	0
Tiffany Blumer 3b		2	0	1	0	0	0
Lindsey Becker c		3	0	1	0	1	0
Abby Keene lf		3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals		29	1	7	0	6	0

Baseball

May 5 Results UW-Superior 100 005 00 - 6 11 1 UW-River Falls 000 001 0X - 1 7 1

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Sam Gillison 2b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Dan Morgan ph/2b		1	0	0	0	0	1
Nathan Brom 3b		3	1	1	0	0	0
Scott DeWyre cf		3	0	2	1	0	0
Brian Bosch 1b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Dan Kretovics dh		0	0	0	0	2	0
Josh Eidem rf		3	0	0	0	2	0
Eric Bartholomew lf		3	0	0	0	2	0
Greg Jacobs c		3	0	1	0	0	0
Aaron Greisen ss		2	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		24	1	7	1	2	5

May 5 Results UW-River Falls 200 010 0 - 3 6 3 UW-Superior 110 020 X - 4 10 5

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Aaron Greisen ss		4	0	0	0	0	3
Nathan Brom 3b		4	1	1	0	0	0
Scott DeWyre cf		4	1	2	0	0	0
Dan Kretovics dh		4	0	0	0	1	0
Eric Bartholomew lf		4	0	1	0	0	0
Brian Bosch 1b		3	1	1	1	1	2
Ryan Scherz c		3	0	0	1	1	1
Nick Follen rf		3	0	0	0	2	0
Sam Gillison 2b		2	0	1	0	0	0
Josh Eidem p		0	0	0	0	0	0
Bruce Grandits p		0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		31	3	6	2	2	9

May 5 Results UW-River Falls 410 010 1 - 7 9 0 UW-Superior 002 030 0 - 5 11 3

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Andy Becker ss		2	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron Greisen ss		1	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan Brom 3b		4	1	2	0	0	0
Scott DeWyre cf		4	1	2	3	0	0
Dan Kretovics dh		3	2	1	0	1	1
Eric Bartholomew lf		3	1	1	0	0	1
Brian Bosch 1b		4	1	1	1	0	1
Greg Jacobs c		4	0	1	1	0	1

May 1 Results UW-River Falls 000 130 002 - 6 10 2 UW-La Crosse 023 000 22X - 9 15 3

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Andy Becker ss		3	2	1	0	0	0
Nathan Brom 3b		4	2	2	3	0	0
Scott DeWyre cf		3	0	0	0	0	1
Nick Follen cf		0	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Kretovics rf		1	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Eidem ph/lf		4	1	2	1	0	0
Eric Bartholomew lf		5	0	1	1	0	2
Brian Bosch 1b		4	0	1	1	0	1
Greg Jacobs c		4	0	0	0	2	0
Aaron Greisen dh		4	1	1	0	0	3
Sam Gillison 2b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Ryan Scherz ph		1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		36	6	10	6	1	9

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May 1 Results UW-River Falls 100 000 030 - 4 8 1 UW-La Crosse 101 000 000 - 2 7 3

UW-River Falls	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
Andy Becker ss		4	0	0	0	0	2
Nathan Brom 3b		5	2	1	0	0	0
Scott DeWyre cf		5	1	0	0	2	0
Dan Kretovics rf		4	1	3	4	0	1
Eric Bartholomew lf		4	0	2	0	0	1
Brian Bosch 1b		2	0	0	0	1	1
Ryan Scherz c		3	0	0	0	1	1
Aaron Greisen dh		4	0	1	0	0	0
Sam Gillison 2b		3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		34	4	8	4	2	8

Win - Eidem 2-0 Loss - Hemauer 1-2 Save - None

Track	Results May 3-4
WIAC Meet (at La Crosse)	
La Crosse	250
Oshkosh	173
Stevens Point	143
Eau Claire	86.5
Whitewater	71
Stout	50
River Falls	47
Platteville	27.5
Superior	10

My most embarrassing moment

A column by Kevin O'Brien, whose face still turns red when he sees a telephone pole

During my senior year of high school, our speech teacher asked us to do a speech about our most embarrassing moment. While other people struggled to come up with something they could exaggerate about, I just sat back and remembered Memorial Day Weekend 1995. It was during that weekend that I had gotten way too close to one of my good friends, Toby. We had both developed a reputation as wise-cracking smart asses, and the cracks finally caught up with our asses, so to speak. When it was over, our wrists were soar, our asses were windblown and our adolescent attitudes were deflated.

Like the toilet trilogy, this story also starts and ends at my cabin near Brainerd. Ever since I was very young, my family has lived next door to Bill and Arlyce Shook, and their daughter Stephanie and son Andy. The Shooks and O'Briens were long time friends, with both sets of dads in law enforcement and both moms in nursing. But the similarities stopped with the parents, Stephanie and Andy were 5 to 7 years older than my brother Colin and myself, which always created some awkward differences. When we were still laughing at fart jokes, they were inviting dates up to their cabin. When we were still catching a sugar buzz off of Mountain Dew and Pixy Sticks, they were throwing keggers. When they were in college..well, you get the point.

This age gap first became evident when Stephanie was in high school, and my brother and I were just starting middle school. One weekend, my brother, myself and our friends started spying on Stephanie, who was having a co-ed party without parental supervision. We would circle the cabin, look in the windows and yell "Hickey Patrol" whenever we saw some possible premarital promiscuity (that was our "official" name for necking and heavy petting.) For us, it was like being little secret agents (we actually had fake badges). Plus we actually had something to do when watching the campfire got boring. But for her, it was a major cramp on her mojo. This went on for the better part of one summer, but we eventually matured enough to leave her the hell

alone. But, that was just the background for the real story. (Notice foreshadowing for later revenge motive.)

Fast forward to the end of middle school. My friend Toby and I are out on the dock fishing and are feeling a little bored with catching and releasing baby sunfish. Now, you have to realize that Toby is one of the most witty, sarcastic, insulting, clever people I have ever encountered. We noticed that Andy Shook and his large friend Scott were about to throw one of their lady friends in the water as a joke. At the last second, they showed her mercy and set her down. Without really thinking, I yelled across the water toward the Shook's dock: "What a couple of girly men!" What now sounds like a really lame and clichéd insult triggered a war that would last for three or four summers.

The events that happened that day would be repeated with several variations over many different weekends. My friends would say or do something to piss off Andy and his friends, and they would use their considerable mass to wrestle us to the lake and throw us in the water with our clothes on. If we were being particularly annoying, they would dunk our heads under water until our legs stopped twitching. But we kept asking for it. In those few years, we shot bottle rockets at their trucks, teepeed their cars,



Non Sequitar Photo. This picture has nothing to do with the story. This is actually Kevin with Dave Misselt's dog Sha Sha. If you want to see the real photo that goes with the story, e-mail me at ko58@uwrf.edu and I will send you the photo via e-mail. It is too nasty even for *The Student Voice*.

threw a stink bomb in their boat, and insulted everything from their weight to their choice of women. One time, I remember Toby ringing a bell, and telling Scott that his pig slop was ready. Nevertheless, the punishment was always the same: we were dragged to the lake and thrown in.

But on Memorial Day Weekend 1995, Andy and his friends were tired of chasing us around. They wanted a definitive end to the conflict. After they saw Toby and I putting Vaseline on their car door handles, they chased us into the woods, where we were able to hide. Soon after, they assembled a good squad made up of my brother, his friends, and some local hicks from next door. They even used my own dog against us.

At the same time, they were getting very drunk off of cheap beer. Eventually, they followed us through the backyards of other cabins, and the Neighborhood Watch took effect as lights started turning on and people started looking out their windows. I decided it was time to give up and accept my usual punishment. But this time, they weren't going to abide by the 8th Amendment; the penalty would be both cruel and very unusual.

They grabbed Toby, and pushed him up against a nearby telephone pole. That's when I noticed the ball of twine in Andy's hand. Before I could ask any questions, I was tied to the pole with my

arms around Toby in a position that two male friends should never be in together. But our mouths were still going. We started a Batman and Robin routine, saying things like "If you could just reach my utility belt" and "Holy alcohol, Batman, they're drunk!" In retaliation, they had one of the neighborhood girls pull our pants to our ankles, leaving our skivvies rustling in the late May wind. If that weren't heinous enough, they finished the job by wrenching our underwear so far into our anal cavities that it looked like we were wearing thong bikini bottoms. Since we were looking so friendly, they made us sing the Barney song ("I love you, you love me").

That's when Stephanie got her revenge. She heard the commotion outside and walked up with her camera in hand. She was nice enough to give us our own little photo shoot. We had a couple pictures by ourselves, and one that looked like we were two deer that had been strung up by Andy and his friends. She promised to keep the pictures for her brother, who threatened to release them at our high school if we ever caused any more problems. After burning a few strands of our twine with their lighters, they left us on the side of the road to pick apart the rest, strand by strand. Twenty minutes and 100 f-bombers later, we were free.

Needless to say, that was the final battle of the Shooks and the O'Briens. Toby and I went on one other mission to retrieve the film, but that ended in disaster. As she had promised that night, Stephanie brought the photos to my high school graduation party. But, by this time, Toby and I had made the story famous with our "most embarrassing moment" speeches. So, the next time you get all red faced about slipping on ice or letting a bugger slip out of your nose, just be glad that you're not getting tied to a telephone pole with your friend on the side of a country road.

One more column, and it's gonna be a doozy....You better hope that you didn't piss me off during the last four years...E-mail at me ko58@uwrf.edu with embarrassing stories or suggestions for my manifesto next week....

Voltaire brings artistry to music, beauty to love

Megan Stephens
Music Reviewer

Do you like satirical lyrics set against gypsy acoustics? Have you had revenge fantasies after being dumped (and who hasn't)? If so, do I ever have the album for you! It's the new Voltaire album, *Boo Hoo*, which will be in stores on May 14. It's a mixture of bitterness, sorrow, regret and revenge, all set to gypsy melodies, with Voltaire's trademark satirical humor.

Voltaire is an artist on the Projekt label out of New York City. Projekt hosts a lot of goth, dark wave, and ambient artists, stuff you really can't find anywhere else. All of the artists have very unique sounds and are not mainstream, which is nice because you don't end up liking the same bands as everyone else, but it can pose a problem because albums tend to be hard to find. If you can find a Projekt album outside of the website, consider yourself lucky.

Voltaire falls into the gothic category, but it's not the kind of goth most people picture. Although he does have his share of dark lyrics and vampires, many of his songs are about love. Granted, they are mostly about getting back at the lover who did you wrong, but the element of love is there.

On his new album, Voltaire gives love the finger. The songs were written after a 12-year relationship ended, and Voltaire got an album's worth of material out of it. In the song "I'm Sorry," he sings about how you feel after being

dumped. Life is going fine and then everything crumbles, but maybe if you say you're sorry, everything will be okay.

The song on the album that really shows Voltaire's goth side would have to be "The Vampire Club." It's also one of the more humorous songs. It's especially funny if you know any Goths. It talks about the Pirates who came to the Vampire Club and ruined the night with a fight. Fangs were lost, capes were torn, canes were broken and top hats were broken by pointy boots. If you thought that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, wait until you see a Goth scorned. But rest assured, the Vampire Club is still around. The message of the song is that, while a gaggle of Goths is peaceful, just wait until the Ravens come!

One of the other good breakup songs on the album is the song "Hello Cruel World." Just the opening chords tell you that this is a song for the sorrowful. After being dumped, who hasn't felt like the world was out to get them? Voltaire sings that the world waited so patiently to torture his soul and ruin his life, but he won't let it get to him; the world is stuck with him.

While the words themselves can be fun, the melodies behind them really are beautiful. They have an old-world, gypsy sound, filled with violin, cello, bass, drums, and trombone. Voltaire has three other albums, and they all have the same sound, but that doesn't make it boring. Some of my friends think that all of the songs sound the same, but they don't take the time to hear the words. Each of the albums are a fun time, and I really recommend taking a listen. You never know what you'll like if you give it a chance.

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Horoscopes

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Staff Psychics, who have more baggage than an airport

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You've depended on other people for your whole life and now that you are alone, you have no clue what you are doing. You need to "find yourself" as so many people have told you. Take a bottle of whiskey, a bag of pot and some Pink Floyd and just start driving. You'll be amazed at what you find.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Trust is a hard thing to come by these days. Take everything you hear with not a grain, but a barrel of salt. Your cat has even begun to deceive you. The sneaky freak talks bad about you every chance he gets. Don't believe what he says. Cat food isn't good for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Just because you're pissed off at the world doesn't mean you should go out and get pierced. You're upset so much that by the time you are 28 you're going to leak out of your chin when you piss. Try something else like punching through glass or someone's face.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The sex shows going on in Amsterdam are hotter than ever. You're recently single and on the prowl. You need to buy yourself a ticket and hop on the next plane to Europe. The folk in the states aren't giving it up so what you need to find is a doped up hooker so they can't see your face.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You have a little friend named Ron who will always stand by your side when your other friends let you down. His last name is Bacardi. Just make sure you don't end up with a liter bottle in the middle of a Wednesday afternoon wandering the streets of River Falls. You'll put the town bum out of a job.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Cute little pet names may seem like a way of showing your affection, but they make other people sick. Sugar bee and snickerdoodle sound more like types of candy than terms of endearment. Try sexy b**ch or horny ho, then people will really know what you are talking about.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

College life is tough sometimes, especially when you are approaching finals. Just remember that this is much better than busting your hump at some dead end part-time job. In the four plus years you are here, you will learn more about the world than all your friends who are toiling pointlessly at a gas station or fast food restaurant. Classes are not that only place to learn things, though. Try learning something from someone different from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Don't give up on your studies because you are starting to feel overwhelmed. Remember that summer is only a few weeks away and that all the hard work you are doing right now will pay off in the long run. College is all about learning how to balance the massive amount of work you have to do with family, friends and fun. Buckle down and stay strong.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

If your normal vices are not working to make you relax this week, maybe you should look to something more spiritual to keep you in line. Whether it's Zen Buddhism or Born Again Christianity, you need to look beyond this world of sex, booze and drugs and seem something that is more lasting. As long as you have faith in something, the worldly temptations will never overcome your inner peace. "Free your mind and your ass will follow."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

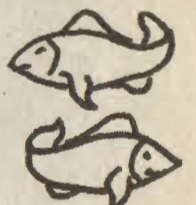
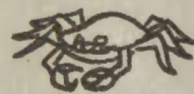
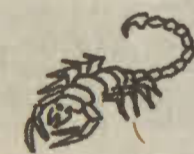
Wait for awhile and you may find what you are looking for. Patience is hard to maintain sometimes, but it is the only way you will find what you need. Too much of today's world is based on quick fixes and instant satisfaction. Instead of going for the easy route, take your time, and put in the extra effort, and you will find what you are looking for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

E-mail can be a great way to express those feelings you can't say out loud. No one else can read what you have to say, and you can erase whatever you wrote before anyone else sees it. Just make sure you address the e-mail to the right person, or else you could really mess up your social life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Summer is only a couple of weeks away, and if you still haven't found a job or internship, keep trying. The worst thing you can do in college is go into summer break without a plan. Just keep sending out applications and make sure are always "networking" with people in your field of choice. Finding a job is like finding a mate, you may have to settle for less.



Theater department offers another *killer* production



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice
Cordell Wesselink and Amie Williams are celebrating at the end of the final pose of the play.

Chris Anderson
Staff Writer

Most playgoers will probably enjoy the Masquers Student Theatre Organization's presentation of "Agatha Christie's Murder is Announced," as it's put on for its second weekend, even if they are not steady fans of murder-mysteries or the works of Agatha Christie.

However, if you really abhor stories about elderly ladies assisting in solving murders you may want to steer clear of this production.

"Murder" is about a small group of people currently living at the Blacklock Residence who are informed by an advertisement in the local paper that someone will be murdered at their address later in the evening.

Someone does indeed die that evening and everyone goes from potential victim to potential suspect, and the police, largely personified by Inspector Craddock (played by Cordell Wesselink), with the audience, have to figure out who did it.

The case is also worked on by recurring Agatha Christie character Miss Marple (played by Amie Williams), an elderly lady with a knack for sleuthing, who just happens to be a friend of the Blacklock family. Some may think, that if the audience listens carefully to the dialogue they'll be able to deduce whom the murderer is.

However, "A Murder is Announced" contains

enough plot twists to throw off even the most perceptive audience members. Numerous times during the scenes where the Blacklock family background was discussed I thought it was to make the plot twists more obvious to audience members who were having difficulty solving the case. However, when the plot twist scenes came, I was even taken by surprise because the outcome was completely different from what I expected.

Spirited acting all around also helps the play. The major characters seldom, if ever, overact if they have something to hide and the supporting characters, largely there for comic relief although they could also be the murderer, deliver plenty of laughs without coming across as too annoying.

"A Murder is Announced" does contain some of the staples frequently seen in murder-mysteries, such as the coincidental relationship between Miss Marple and the prime suspects, Miss Marple being a little more effective at finding clues than the police, and characters quipping morbid groaners. However, none of these staples are clichéd to death (as they often are in murder-mystery movies and TV shows) making "A Murder is Announced" decent and entertaining.

"A Murder is Announced" runs this weekend May 9, 10, 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office in Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Tickets cost \$3.00 for students and seniors and \$7.00 for adults. For more information call 3114 on campus.

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When are my Finals?!!

Spring 2002 Final Exams May 20-24

Monday, May 20

7:45-9:45 English 241, 242, 243, 244, 245
10:15-12:15 If first lecture was on M/W/F at 3:00 or 3:35
1:00-3:00 if First lecture was on M/W/F at 11:00
3:30-5:30 if First lecture was on M/W/F at 1:00
6:00-8:00 Monday Evening Course

Tuesday May 21

7:45-9:45 for English 020, 101, 111, 112, 115 and Interdisc.
Capstone-Science 497
10:15-12:15 If first lecture was on M/W/F at 8:00
1:00-3:00 If First lecture was on T/R at 8:00 or 8:45
3:30-5:30 If first lecture was on T/R at 10:00
6:00-8:00 Tuesday Evening Course

Wednesday, May 22

7:45-9:45 if first lecture was on M/W/F at 12:00
10:15-12:15 if first lecture was on M/W/F at 2:00
1:00-3:00 If first lecture was on M/W/F at 9:00
3:30-5:30 If first lecture was on T/R at 2
6:00-8:00 Wednesday Evening Course

Thursday, May 23

7:45-9:45 if first lecture was on T/R at 9:00 or 9:35
10:15-12:15 if first lecture was on M/W/F at 10:00
1:00-3:00 if first lecture was on T/R at 12:00 or 12:35
3:30-5:30 if first lecture was on T/R at 3:00 or 3:35
6:00-8:00 Thursday Evening Course

Friday, May 24

7:45-9:45 if first lecture was on T/R at 11:00
10:15-12:15 if first lecture was on T/R at 1:00

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****Unfaithful (R)**
Weekdays 4:30 Evenings 7:00, 9:30

****The Rookie (G)**
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:45
Weekdays 4:20 Evenings 7:15, 9:45

****The New Guy (PG-13)**
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:15, 2:30
Weekdays 4:45 Evenings 7:10, 9:20

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PLAY DATES May 5 - 15
HOT LINE 386-9697

Changing Lanes (R)
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:15, 2:30
Weekdays 4:15 Evenings 7:00, 9:40

Life or Something Like It (PG-13)
Sat/Sun Matinees 12:15, 2:30
Weekdays 4:45 Evenings 7:00, 9:20

Murder By Numbers (R)
Sat/Sun Matinees 1:00
Weekdays 4:15 Evenings 7:10, 9:40

The Scorpion King (PG-13)
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