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UW-RF alumnus, influential congressman leaves legacy

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U.S. Rep. Bruce Vento, Minnesota's delegate from the Fourth Congressional District for the past 24 years, and UW-River Falls alumnus, died Tuesday, Oct. 10 as a result of lung cancer.

Endlessly fighting to improve the environment and conditions for working people and the homeless, Vento continued to touch the lives of many until his death at age 60.

President Bill Clinton called Vento "a great teacher, a great Representative, a wonderful human being," according to The Associated Press.

Raised in the East Side of St. Paul, Vento was the second oldest of eight children. After graduating from high school in 1958 and receiving his Associate of Arts and Science Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1961, Vento transferred to UW-RF and acquired a B.S. degree in biology and a minor in political science. Vento would often return to UW-RF during his political career and give speeches, including one at the 1987 spring commencement.

Ray Anderson, professor emeritus at UW-RF, was a close, personal friend of Vento's and had Vento in six political science classes while at the University. Anderson said Vento had always held a special place for the University.

"He was always very proud of his education here," Anderson said, who retired in 1990. "Every chance he got to make a statement about our University, he did in glowing terms."

After leaving the University, Vento



Bruce Vento

taught science and history classes at Folwell Junior High School in Minneapolis for the next 11 years. His political career started in 1970 when he was elected to the Minnesota House of

Representatives from District 66A. After serving six years in the Minnesota State Legislature, Vento was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976 and served 12 consecutive terms.

Through his years as a congressman, Vento was committed to an array of different aspects of life and never faltered from them; many of these were fought hard by Vento because he never lost sight of his roots in St. Paul.

"He was the champion for... the working blue-collar men and women, senior citizens, the homeless, refugees, and immigrants," Anderson said.

"But his real legacy was the environment. His leadership and what he did for the environment were his No. 1 great contributions."

While serving as the chair for the Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Land for over 10 years, Vento was accountable for more than 300 laws that preserved the environment.

One of his greatest accomplishments for the environment, was the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act (1978) that preserved approximately 1.1 million acres of lakes and forests along the Minnesota-Ontario border.

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Racing at the minnow tracks

Homecoming events include Lip Sync, Cow Pie Bingo, Dazy Head

UW-RiverFalls Homecoming kicked off this week.

Monday, the medallion hunt got underway and the band Dazy Head Mazy, was entertaining students on the Student Center lawn.

Tuesday, cow pie bingo was featured on the Student Center Mall. A cow grazed the lawn and students paid \$20 for a square, and if the cow went to the bathroom on their square, the student was \$800 richer.

Wednesday, students began to cast their votes for their favorite royalty candidates. Also at 8 p.m., the lyp sync was held in North Hall Auditorium. The lyp sync competition is a popular event, as students filled the auditorium.

Thursday, royalty voting ended, and the "Fest Test Game" was held at Rodli Commons.

Friday, the medallion hunt ends at 4 p.m. Also, at noon there will be frisbee golf, and bocce ball on the Student Center Mall. At 8 p.m. the coronation and dance will be at Brandy's.

Saturday, the brat and beer tent opens up at Ramer Field at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m. it's game time with UW-RF vs UW-Oshkosh, with a bonfire at 8 p.m. at the amphitheatre.



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Josh Rusk, the homecoming royalty candidate for Alpha Gamma Rho, tries to win points at the minnow race Monday.

Hoping to change its image, focus more on academics, Theta Chi prohibits alcohol



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Theta Chi is going alcohol free after being encouraged to do so by the Theta Chi National headquarters in Indianapolis. The members want to be known for their academics and honors.

Paul Broz
Staff Writer

When people think of college fraternities they immediately think of the infamous movie "Animal House". They think of toga parties, non-stop beer drinking and an endless supply of trouble. A fraternity on the UW-River Falls campus is aiming to change this image. Theta Chi is going dry.

"Our fraternity is focusing on stressing academics, service, and having a honor society," said Theta Chi President Andy Eccleston, a senior majoring in political science. "We are not a glorified drinking club."

In 1996 there was a vote of the undergraduate chapters of Theta Chi to determine if they should ban alcohol on their premises. They agreed that by the year 2003 all chapters of Theta Chi would be alcohol free. Theta Chi is currently the only national fraternity to go dry by choice, according to Eccleston.

"We had to re-focus on what fraternities are all about,"

Eccleston said. "We wanted to make sure our members focus on our ideals and morals of the Greek order."

There are numerous benefits to being alcohol free for a fraternity: no liability issues if something bad happens to a person due to alcohol, their insurance drops considerably and there are no problems with local authorities.

The Theta Chi fraternity on campus has over 30 members. They are self-patrolled on the consequences of alcohol use, and have their own disciplinary actions against members who break their policy. The Theta Chi chapter at UW-RF is one of the more successful fraternities of more than 140 Theta Chi chapters on campuses across America, according to Eccleston. They were one of the chapters encouraged by the Theta Chi National Headquarters in Indianapolis, to go alcohol free before 2003 so that they could provide ample leadership to other chapters.

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Tuition may be on the rise

■ 2001-03 UW System budget proposal is in the works; request is intended to help improve Wisconsin's economy, supply funding for UW-RF's new student center

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While at the present time the UW System's 2001-03 budget proposal is just that—a proposal—it has the makings to increase the average annual tuition at all UW schools by at least 3.2 percent.

"The university—our students, our faculty and our graduates—is an investment in Wisconsin's future," UW System President Katharine Lyall said. "In return for that investment, we offer the state solutions to its most pressing problems."

Crafted by the UW System Board of Regents on Aug. 25, the proposal is highlighted by efforts to meet the Governor-prioritized issues of workforce development, teacher preparation and technology transfer.

"We have laid out a menu of choices in areas in which the university can deliver real growth dividends for Wisconsin," Lyall said. "As an educator, I believe that students are the best investment in the future that our state can make. As an economist, I believe that when fiscal times are tough, the best remedy is to grow the state's economy. That is the aim of our budget request."

Alongside campus-specific projects for UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Green Bay that occupy a healthy 26 percent of the whole, the proposal allots \$34.8 million, or 19 percent, to workforce development; \$30.8 million, or 17 percent, to maintaining quality higher education; and \$5.2 million, or 3 percent, to investing in K-12 teacher preparation.

But the biggest question surrounding tuition circumstances is an undetermined faculty salary. For every percent increase in salary for faculty and staff members, an accompanying 0.8 percent increase is tacked on to tuition. Add that on to the 3.2 percent increase, and there's a potential for tuition to rise even as high as 10 percent a year for the next three years.

"We don't know what the compensation increase for

faculty and staff will be, so there's no way of knowing (how tuition will increase) at this time," Chancellor Ann Lydecker said.

According to The College Board's website and its president, Gaston Caperton, four-year institutions across the country are experiencing tuition rises to an average of 5.2 percent.

In all, the proposal requests a \$179.9 million increase in the biennial UW System operating budget. It is only a .3 percent increase from the request for 1999-01.

Specific to the UW-River Falls campus are budget provisions for increasing opportunities for advising monies, increasing opportunities for students of color diversity and recruitment and retention issues, and an increase for internationalizing the campus, according to Lydecker. In facilities, the budget provides funding for the new Student Center, and more questionably in terms of being accepted, planning money for the new Health and Human Performance Building.

Also directly affecting the UW-RF campus is the inclusive support for an increase of 8,300 full-time-equivalent resident, undergraduate students system-wide by 2006-07, including double-digit increases at UW-RF, UW-Milwaukee and UW-Platteville.

Everything considered, the proposal is yet another effort for Wisconsin to improve its economic situation. It escorts the UW System—Wisconsin Economic Summit.

"Our neighboring states are investing in higher education, betting that information technology, electronic

commerce and biotechnology will supplement the farms and factories of today," Lyall said. "The UW System wants to help lead that economic transition. This budget proposal gives us the tools to do that."

The proposal is now gracing the state's Department of Administration, awaiting consideration as part of the Governor's budget, which is due to be submitted to the legisla-

ture sometime in February.

"We're just putting our budget before him, and saying we can't educate the workforce in the way it needs to be educated if we don't get this budget," Lydecker said.

Though the governor requested no more than a one percent increase, the UW System worked hand in hand with the governor's office to prepare this budget proposal.

"But you never should say that it's not going to be an issue. Budgets are always hard work," Lydecker said.

From the legislature, the state's budget will have to be approved and signed prior to the July 1 start of the new biennium (2001-03).

"Thanks to Governor Thompson and legislative leaders, the last state budget was the best in a decade for the UW System," Lyall said. "That trend needs to continue."

"As an educator, I believe that students are the best investment in the future that our state can make."

-UW System President Katharine Lyall

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Health Services and Pierce County Public Health Department are sponsoring a number of immunization clinics on campus during the semester. Clinics will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room. The next clinic will be held on Oct. 25.

UW-River Falls Cycling Club is open to anyone of any ability level who enjoys biking. Road, BMX and mountain bikers are welcome. The club goes on rides together and has members who mountain bike and BMX race. If you always wanted to race or are just looking for people to ride with call Shannon at 426-9557 or Becky at 426-4868.

UW-River Falls Bushwackers is a student-run, outdoor-related organization. Some of the activities the club participates in are camping, rock climbing, biking, hiking, ultimate Frisbee, paddling and backpacking, to name a few. No experience is necessary to join and some equipment is available to members. Club dues are \$5 per semester. Bushwackers meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Presidents' Room of the Student Center. For further information or questions, call 426-0902.

Get your Meningitis shot! There will be an immunization clinic on campus on Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. Meningitis shots will be \$65. Hepatitis B, Chickenpox, Tetanus and MMR will also be available free or at a reduced rate. For further information, call Student Health Services 425-3293.

EVENTS

UW-River Falls Career Services is sponsoring a number of informative workshops through Dec. 13. On Monday, a session on cover letter writing will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. On Tuesday, "Developing a Professional Portfolio" will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center. Wednesday, in the Kinnickinnic Room, "Job Search Strategies" will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 26, a number of events will be taking place. In the St. Croix Room, there will be "Interviewing Skills" from 6 to 7 p.m. In the Career Services Office, "Orientation to Career Services" will take place from 1 to 2 p.m., and a workshop emphasizing selection of graduate programs will be held in the Kinnickinnic Room from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The UW-River Falls Homecoming Concert will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of Kleinpell Fine Arts. The concert will feature the Concert Choir, Women's Chorus, University Chorus, Alumni Jazz Ensemble and Alumni Choir.

UW-River Falls Jazz and Symphonic Wind Ensembles will give a joint concert Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall of Kleinpell Fine Arts.

Textbook Services will be holding a discontinued textbook sale now through Nov. 17. Textbooks are available in all subject areas, with prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars a copy. If students wish to purchase books they have checked out, they can bring them to the textbook sale and receive a 20 to 40 percent discount.

UW-River Falls Plant and Earth Science Dept. is holding the 25th Annual Crop Show on Tuesday. Entry fee is \$2 per person with cash prizes for the top four placings in each class. Please refer to the posters around the Agriculture Science Building for classes. Samples can be brought to 217 Ag. Sci. by Tuesday. For further information, call Dr. Steve Carlson at 425-3345.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark A. Pursley Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce \$500 scholarships for the academic year 2000-01. Money will be awarded to college juniors and seniors majoring in psychology, sociology and social work. Students must be in good academic standing. Applications are available in the Financial Assistance Office and will be received until Nov. 15.

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin awards a \$500 scholarship annually to a student at a Wisconsin college or university. Minimum criterion is a paper written by a student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wisconsin. The paper is to be no longer than 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced, with a title page including the student's name, school, class and major. Deadline for entry is Feb. 10, 2001, with the winner announced in April. For further information, contact John Saemann, HC 1, Box 309, Florence, WI, 54121.

Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. is offering scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to students actively involved in a Lutheran church. Students must have completed their sophomore year and must carry a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Application deadlines are Mar. 1 and Mar. 15, depending on the scholarship. For further information, contact Thomas Heuer, Coordinator Outreach Programs and Services at 1-800-369-4636, ext. 416.

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship Excellence in Education Foundation will award scholarships to math, natural science and engineering students on the basis of academic merit. Applications can be picked up at the Financial Assistance Office, 122 South Hall. Application deadline is Feb. 1.

The Wisconsin Troopers' Association is offering six \$300 Memorial Scholarships to Wisconsin residents enrolled in two or four-year degree programs in criminal justice-related fields. Applicants must have completed 50 percent of credits necessary for completion of the program, and the criteria for decision will be cumulative GPA and an essay of no more than 400 words. The essays must describe the applicants, their future goals and why they decided to pursue a criminal justice or law-related degree. Application forms are at the Financial Assistance Office and must be submitted by Oct. 31.

MEETINGS

Lutheran Student Fellowship will be meeting this year at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights in Luther Memorial Basement. The topic will be different Christian denominations and their beliefs. For other information, contact Carrie Hanson at (715) 247-5968.

The Student Senate meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

College Republicans will meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix Room in the Student Center.

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.

National Coming Out Day promotes acceptance

Janel Nellen
Staff Writer

Students arrived on campus last Wednesday morning faced with messages chalked on the sidewalk, messages like "gay by nature; proud by choice," "hate is not a family value," and "love is love regardless of gender." The public suggested that students were celebrating diversity and reminded them that National Coming Out Day would not be overlooked by UW-River Falls.

National Coming Out Day is celebrated October 11 every year "to commemorate the 1987 march on Washington for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights, as well as the inaugural visit of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to the nation's capital" according to the Gay/Straight Alliance website, www.uwrf.edu/gay-straight-alliance/.

National Coming Out Day is a project of the Human Rights Campaign whose mission "envision[s] an America where lesbian and gay people are ensured of their basic equal rights."

GSA member Amanda Schumacher says that GSA is "not directly affiliated with [the Human Rights Campaign], but support their efforts in forwarding National Coming Out Day."

"I think one of our main goals is to raise general awareness of the pres-

ence of [lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender] students on our campus," Schumacher said. "I believe that some people who have an aversion to homosexuality think of it like it's some sort of monolithic force without any humanistic connection. But these same people encounter lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people every day in the

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- Wade Warner, GSA

is to help students through the difficult coming out process.

"GSA hopes to let other people on campus that may be in the closet or in the process of coming out know that there are other people like them on campus," Warner said. "The closet can be a very scary place and making the step to come out can be even scarier."

GSA also wants to educate the general public and advocate acceptance of homosexuals on campus.

"This day is all about helping people become aware and to help peo-

ple become more comfortable with gay and lesbian students," GSA member Jennifer Cullen said. "It's all about celebrating diversity. National Coming Out Day is a day in which we want to celebrate who we are."

Schumacher hopes that people won't see National Coming Out Day as a threat or an attempt to get "special privileges," but as an opportunity for LGBT students "to make a small step toward achieving the ability to express themselves in the same, everyday way as heterosexuals do without fear."

As part of National Coming Out Day, a conversation at the

Journey House Campus Ministry on Wednesday focused on the Bible and homosexuality, and centered around the chapter "The Bible and Homosexuality: the Last Prejudice" from Peter J. Gomes's book "The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart."

Thursday there was a chili dinner at the Journey House followed by the Matthew Shepard Memorial Vigil outside the Student Center. The vigil commemorated the two-year anniversary of a University of Wyoming student who was beaten

to death because he was a homosexual.

Rudy and Judy Schleusner from PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) spoke at the vigil about learning that their son was gay and what it meant to their lives.

Judy talked about what the Matthew Shepard murder implied to LGBT people: "Stay locked away in your suffocating closets and don't ever come out."

She then spoke about the importance of coming out of the proverbial closet. "There is a safer and more supportive environment than ever before."

"It is difficult to come out," Rudy said. "But it is important that you do come out."

The Schleusners were followed by an open mike during which both students and faculty spoke.

GSA Co-Chair Cullen Ryan reminded everyone that the vigil was not only for Matthew Shepard and the other LGBT people who had been killed.

"We have to remember all the people that this affects, not just gay men and women, but all hate crimes," said Ryan.

It began to rain and people huddled under the awning of the Student Center to light their candles and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Matthew Shepard, the student who didn't have to die.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Drinking fines decline

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Staff Writer

The number of underage alcohol consumption citations issued to UW-River Falls students considerably declined Oct. 5 through Oct. 14, as only four individuals received tickets. The resulting fines totaled \$632, compared to \$8,000 in fines issued between Sept. 30 and Oct. 4.

Five damage reports were submitted, with the estimated damages totaling \$2,750.

- Oct. 14: Gregory J. Olson, 21, was given a citation for obstructing an officer at 1041 S. State St. No. 44 and received a \$219.50 fine. In conjunction with that incident, Joseph D. Lorentz, 20, and Shelley M. Mortenson, 20, were issued citations for underage alcohol consumption and fined \$158 each. Four other individuals, none of whom were UW-RF students, were also issued underage alcohol consumption citations and issued \$158 fines.

- Oct. 14: Talia N. Olson, 19, and Allison E. Clemmons, 19, were issued citations for underage alcohol consumption at 1017 E. Cascade Ave. Both were fined \$158.

- Oct. 13: Paul M. Hartmann, 21, was issued a citation for public urination in an alley near the Methodist Church parking lot. He was fined \$96.50.

- Oct. 13: Jeremy S. Jones, 21, was issued a noise violation citation for an offense at 1428 Emory Circle and received a \$96.50 fine.

- Oct. 13: Christopher J. Lick, 22, received citations for operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited alcohol concentration and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. He was fined \$713.25 for the former and \$682.50 for the latter for total fines of \$1,395.75. Also, his driver's license was revoked for six months.

- Oct. 7: Cameron L. Dahm, reported damage to her car in E-Lot. The damage, which included a dent in the driver's side quarter panel, totaled an estimated \$500.

- Oct. 7: Tammy L. Giese, 19, reported damage to her car in O-Lot. The damage, which included scratches to the passenger side of the car, totaled an estimated \$200.

- Oct. 5: Joseph D. Wilker, 21, reported damage to a Synergistics Magnetic Card Reader at Frednet Services in Hathorn Hall. Damages totaled an estimated \$1,000. There are no suspects at this time.

- Oct. 4: Dan Asp, 39, reported damage to a fire alarm strobe in the hallway outside 422 Crabtree Hall. Damages totaled an estimated \$50.

- Oct. 4: Steve Stocker reported damage to a set of aluminum portable bleachers at the Knowles Recreation Center, at 1100 Athletic Dr. Damages totaled an estimated \$1,000.

European vacation



Submitted Photo

The group is from left to right: FIRST ROW: Rebecca Stevenson, Sarah Antczak, Jensina Jorgensen, Andrea Johnson, Ezra Zeitler, Kylene Walberg, Holly Edmundson, Karin Orada SECOND ROW: Leah Josephson, Larissa Schmitt, Holly Lotzer, Angie Reinhart, Tanya Krause, Deborah Gausman, Mark Dzuik THIRD ROW: Heather Wolfe, Marissa Vogt, Melissa Sonen, Patti Sue Schultz, Kelley Bergh, Erica Scanlon, Steve Pflipsen, Kyle Churness, Ben Winker, Alec Timmerman, Joe Kilsdonk, Jeannette Cleland.

The group is pictured in Paris at the start of the semester in early September. After five days together the students split up and traveled to their specific study sites before they reunite in early November in Barcelona. Students are currently studying in Ireland, Scotland, Britain, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Spain.

There will be an informational meeting about the Semester Abroad Program for students interested in studying abroad on Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Room 281 KFB at 7 PM. For further information, call David Heberlein at 715.425.3308 or Wes Chapin at 715.425.3318.

World Food Day focuses on famine, poverty

■ Teleconference informs students of women's role in combatting world hunger

Matt Rayburn
Staff Writer

In Wisconsin where there are plenty of food-producing farms and factories, many students don't take the time to think of how people are affected by world hunger. But on Monday, Oct. 16, UW-River Falls students and faculty took time to learn about famine and poverty.

Dr. Wes Chapin, assistant professor of political science and campus coordinator of the teleconference, said the event gave students educational information they cannot find in all classrooms.

"It let students talk about issues they may not normally consider," Chapin said.

"Living in the Midwest, we don't talk too much about food issues because we have a fantastic agricultural system."

Broadcasted live from George Washington University in

Washington, D.C., students and faculty participated in the 17th annual World Food Day Teleconference in the Regents Room of the Student Center. This year's teleconference theme, "Poverty and Hunger: The Tragic Link," featured a discussion by Professor Amartya Sen, the 1998 Nobel Prize winner in economics.

Designed to heighten awareness of world hunger, the three-hour teleconference was chaired by Ray Suarez, a senior correspondent for the PBS Jim Lehrer Newshour and host of National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation.

The format of the teleconference, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CST, included a one-hour discussion with Sen, a one-hour video and a one-hour question-and-answer period.

The one-hour discussion led by Suarez and Sen, featured the causes of world hunger and what can be done to help end poverty and world hunger.

To help break the cycle of hunger and poverty, Sen said people need to distinguish between famines and regular undernourishment, and face the issues as political challenges.

"There are isolated lessons to learn from different parts of the world," Sen said.

"We need to give credit to the opposition in keeping the voice of the poor alive."

Along with facing hunger as a political challenge, Sen discussed the importance of feeding children. "Vulnerability is very great when you're a child," Sen said. "You're open to infections and undernourishment."

By providing proper nourishment for children, Sen said countries would be investing in their futures.

"[The countries] would be saving the life of a child for 60, 70 years to come," Sen said.

Another point Sen spoke of during the discussion was the importance of women's empowerment in helping end poverty and world hunger.

"Nothing is as important as women's equity," Sen said. "The women's voice is important and needs to be heard."

Dr. Jackie Brux, professor of economics, who has worked and conducted research in Africa, Latin America and Asia, agreed with Sen that women play a vital role in helping end world hunger and poverty.

"Women are the primary food producers throughout the less developed world," Brux said. "They are also important producers of cash crops for sale and export."

By providing equal job and educational opportunities for women around the world, Brux said children are assisted.

"Studies show that anything that can be done to raise the productivity

and the income of women directly translates into improved health and nutrition for their children," Brux said. "Studies also show that improved education of women results in greater survival of their children, reduced fertility and greater likelihood that their children will be educated."

The one-hour video titled "The Land Poor: Working Together in a Battle Against Poverty," focused on the rural poor and how access to land and resources is difficult.

Tory Sletten, marketing communications major and international studies minor from Stillwater, Minn., said the video showed the unequal distribution of wealth in the world.

"It's all about land power," Sletten said. "The rich have all the land and are getting richer, but the poor are getting poorer and are starving on the small amount of land they have."

The last hour of the teleconference involved a question-and-answer period where students from around the world could call in a question.

Chapin remembered two years ago when a question asked by a UW-RF student was chosen to be answered by the panel.

"It gave UW-RF international exposure," Chapin said. "The question was viewed by 1,000 sites in 150 countries around the world."

Egg rolls, anyone?



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At the organizational games outside the Student Center on Monday, students participated in an egg rolling competition.

Mind your manners: Etiquette Dinner teaches social skills

Janel Nellen
Staff Writer

As part of UW-RF's annual Career Week, 140 people attended the Etiquette Dinner in Rodli Commons Monday to polish their social skills for future business gatherings and dinners.

The event began with a "mix and mingle" session during which Sally Berkholder, a career counselor for Career Services, talked about manners, introductions and small talk.

"Like it or not, good manners in the workplace are associated with competence in the business world," Berkholder said. "Sloppy manners are equated with lack of ability."

According to three separate research projects cited by Berkholder, "Success in getting, keeping and advancing in a job

depends 85 percent on 'people skills' and only 15 percent on technical knowledge."

The "mix and mingle" session gave opportunity for those in attendance to learn to properly eat appetizers in a business setting and how to socialize at a formal gathering.

Following the "mix and mingle" session, there was a formal dinner led by Director of Food Services, Rafael Conde.

"It's always good to get the basics of what you should and should not be doing," Conde said. "Good manners and graciousness are essential for success in business."

A five-course meal was served with walnut crusted chicken breast with tomato basil vinaigrette as the entree. Throughout the meal, Conde discussed the actual mechanics of proper etiquette and gave tips to

diners.

"If you're going to a new place that you've never been before," Conde suggested. "Try to research their menu."

This is particularly important with food you are unfamiliar with. The dinner and the social session were to help students forward their careers.

"This is about helping you develop self-marketing skills," Berkholder said.

But the most important thing, Conde said, is to "be yourself; try to relax and things will work out. Don't try to be something you're not."

Another Etiquette Dinner will be held Monday, Oct. 23 at 5:15 p.m. in the Blue Room of Rodli Commons. Tickets should be purchased in advance from Career Services and cost \$9.

FACULTY SENATE NEWS

Changes on the horizon for general education program

Melissa Bregani
Co-News Editor

Faculty Senate discussed several aspects of the general education assessment program Wednesday afternoon. According to the 2000-2001 edition of the University course catalog, the General Education Program is designed to develop essential academic skills, to acquaint students with their cultural heritage, and to provide them with a broad base of liberal studies in the humanities, mathematics and in the social and physical sciences. This program will serve as a foundation for study in a major.

The main motion, suggested by psychology professor Brad Caskey, was to divide the motion discussed at the Oct. 4 meeting into three parts: Assessments of the current General Education program, study of General Education goals and General Education Recommendations. The Senate approved this motion 10-7.

While discussing the General Education Assessment, many Senate members had different questions and suggestions about the proposed motion.

Dennis Cooper, professor of animal and food science, moved that the Senate substitute sections of the original motion focusing on reviewing general education goals with six new points, including giving the Assessment Committee the responsibility of assessing general education and giving the Academic Policies and Program Committee power to approve or disapprove the Assessment Committee plan.

Cooper feels that these six points, which were decided as a result of quite a bit of hard work on the part of the Academic Policies and Programs Committee, follow what the Senate outlined previously.

Senators also brought up for discussion the possibility of adding a timetable for these goals to be completed.

It resulted in a unanimous vote, calling for recommendations to be made to the Senate by May 2003.

Senate members also questioned the general education recommendations.

English professor Steve Luebke felt it would be to the benefit of students and faculty alike if professors teaching general education courses had some knowledge of them prior to their teaching.

"General education is the responsibility of all faculty," Luebke said.

The motion was denied 11-6.

Senators were confident that since there has been no adjustment to the general education program in 10 years, there should be some examination (on other campuses) of how the program is run. Many were in favor of including some study of general education.

Another motion put to the floor was the possibility of allowing the Academic Policies and Program Committee to rule in place of an ad hoc committee proposed in the original motion. Some senators disagreed with this, stating that there is already a dedicated group in place to attend to these matters, and that constant changing will cause problems.

The motion to amend this aspect was passed 16-2 and the motion to charge the Academic Policies and Program Committee with responsibilities of the ad hoc committee was unanimous.

Cooper stated that the general education recommendations should focus on change.

"We have to think of it as a global issue," Cooper said. "People don't realize there is also a microoperational level."

Cooper felt the Senate was paralyzed.

"After 10 years, it seems reasonable that we're making changes," he said. "We need the approval to make the move operationally and globally."

The next meeting is Nov. 1 in the Alumni Room of South Hall.

Wisconsin's swing votes key in presidential campaign 2000

■ Diverse voting population prompts candidates to spend much time, money campaigning in state

Scott Wente
Staff Writer

This year's presidential race is close. A recent Gallup Poll showed Texas Republican Gov. George W. Bush with 47 percent of the national vote and three percentage points ahead of Democratic Vice President Al Gore with a little more than two weeks until the Nov. 7 election. Both candidates know that in order to win they need votes from key, Midwestern swing states such as Wisconsin.

In the past 14 years, Wisconsin voters have repeatedly swung back and forth between the Democratic and Republican parties. Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson, a fixture in Wisconsin politics, is in the middle of his fourth consecutive term, while both U.S. Senators, Russell Feingold and Herb Kohl, are Democrats. In the last three presidential elections, the majority of Wisconsin has gone Democratic.

However, that is not an indication of what the people of Wisconsin will vote come Election Day.

"That's typical of the way people split their vote in America," said Dr. Kathy Dolan, a political scientist at UW-Milwaukee. "The polling that has been done within the state does not show a clear leader."

The recent trend of Wisconsin voters to lean towards one party or the other, depending on the political position being voted upon, has required both Bush and Gore to spend a lot of time and money campaigning in this state. Both candidates have made several trips throughout the Midwest, appearing in other key swing states such as Michigan and Ohio, but Wisconsin seems to be the epicenter of their midwestern campaigns.

Both parties have found that making a quick stump speech in Madison or Milwaukee and leaving Flyover Land to campaign in electoral-heavyweight states such as California and Florida will not reward them with Wisconsin's 11 electoral votes.

"They know Wisconsin is an important element in their overall

strategy," said Rod Hise, the executive director of the Wisconsin Republican Party.

Wisconsin has an intricate political make-up. Large cities such as Madison and Milwaukee tend to vote Democrat while smaller cities and suburbs have a strong conservative following.

Both parties have targeted the Fox River Valley, a section of the state from Green Bay to Oshkosh, and its many political fence-sitters. The Fox River Valley majority voted to re-elect President Clinton in 1996, despite the abundance of religious conservatism in this area.

In an effort to woo the religious right, Gore spent more money in the month of September for television advertising in the Fox River Valley than in any other area in the country, with the exception of Scranton, Pa. In response to Gore's inundation of commercials, Bush has targeted this area, and the state as a whole, with his proposals on issues such as taxes and education.

"The Bush Campaign is paying extra attention to education in Wisconsin," Hise said.

"Trying to get new voters, minority or majority, is a good thing."

- Kathy Dolan, political scientist, UW-Milwaukee

Not only are the candidates focusing on issues relevant to the voters of Wisconsin, they're also looking at voter demographics, especially in Milwaukee. This industrial, blue-collar city has seen a tremendous influx of Hispanics in recent years. Voter turnout among the Milwaukee Hispanic population is one of the lowest for the area, but those that do vote tend to check the Democratic ticket.

This would seem to favor Gore, but his opponent is from Texas, a state with one of the highest Hispanic populations in the country. This may be enough to swing the Democratic Hispanics to the right, but the fact that they are getting more voters out to the booths is just as important, says Dolan.

"People have assumed the Hispanic population is in the Republicans' favor," Dolan said. "But trying to get new voters, minority or majority, is a good thing."

Though Gore and Bush are the two front-runners in this year's election,

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader is also in the presidential hunt. According to most polls, the third-party nominee has around 4 to 5 percent of the national vote. This statistic doesn't concern the Democrats and Republicans as much as the need to attract the independent voters that may lean to either side.

The 1998 National Election Study asked voters whether they consider themselves Democrats, Republicans or independent. Twenty-nine percent classified themselves independent.

However, that doesn't suggest independents in Wisconsin will necessarily vote for a third party candidate, said Davida Alperin, associate professor of political science at UW-River Falls.

"When they say they're independent, they're not saying they're more likely to vote for people who aren't Democrats or Republicans," Alperin said.

Many college students consider themselves independent voters and are often critical of the two main political parties. The UW-RF College Democrats and College Republicans are trying to increase student interest in this year's elections and, at the same time, are trying to lure the school's independents to their respective parties.

Hannah Vick, the College Republicans chair, has urged independent voters to check out their webpage, www.uwrf4bush.com, as a way to learn about the candidates. "We (College Republicans) were hosting a watching of the first debate at the Falcon's Nest...and a couple of people did stop by that were undecided," Vick said. "The main thing I told them was to get on the website and see who represents their views best."

The College Democrats are also meeting and talking with some of UW-RF's independent voters. Dan Singel, the organization's vice president, said the College Democrats have worked to pull independent votes towards their candidate by expressing concern for a vote for a third party candidate in this particular election.

"If you're a liberal, this is not the time to make a protest," Singel said. "I do see the value of an independent vote, but it must be done wisely."

Whether the candidates target key Wisconsin demographics, communities or college students, it is apparent that the real task is to sway the independent vote in their favor; a task that, according to the polls, neither Bush nor Gore has successfully accomplished up to this point.

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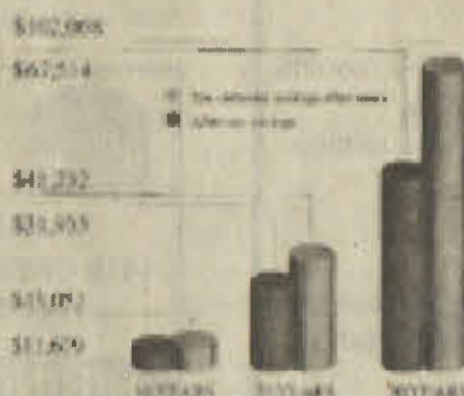
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Where does your money go?

East, West Area Councils give students a voice in funding issues

Kathryn Houge
Staff Writer

Do you know who approves funding for your programs and housing concerns on campus? Do you know about upcoming events on campus? How can you control these aspects of your university life?

"Students cherish what can make life improve," said Terry Willson, Associate Director of the Leadership Center.

Student influence starts at the hall council level. "We think the students in a building should control their building," Willson said. "That's why the Area Councils and Residential Living Committee are so prominent in campus funding issues."

"Students in the UW System are very empowered," he said.

Since the fall of 1998, two area councils made up of representatives elected by hall councils have decided how much money to give to programs like the Coffeehouse Series, Back Yard Blowout, Johnson Hallapalooza, Stratton Hall Formal, Beach Bash and Easter Egg Hunt.

"Their fingers are in a lot of things on campus," said Chris Tenold, West Area Council Coordinator and Advisor.

Hall residents, councils, community leaders, resident assistants and hall managers can request money in amounts of \$50 or more, for smaller programs also. For requests smaller than \$50, students need to look to other sources like hall councils.

This year, West Area Council (WAC) controls approximately \$14,000 for student programs and East Area Council (EAC) controls about \$12,000, said Mike Stifter, West Area Coordinator and Advisor.

The WAC represents five residence halls: Johnson, Stratton, Prucha, May and Hathorn. The EAC represents four residence halls: Crabtree, Parker, Grimm and McMillan.

Every Tuesday at 6 p.m., the councils meet separately in Hagestad Student Center before their joint meeting in the St. Croix Room to discuss campus-wide activities.

"The organization as a whole is important" for the students, said EAC chair Chris Babcock. "Not any one project is the most important."

A programming mantra

"We've had a really good, steady flow" of funding requests this year, Tenold said. "We need a zero balance. That's my mantra."

If there is leftover money at the end of the year, it probably means that the councils did not support enough programs, he said.

WAC chair Many Helling agrees that sponsoring a large number of programs is important.

"It helps freshmen get involved in campus life," she said. Then they see that Area Council sponsored the events and that gets them interested in participating in Area Council, she said.

Wednesday, Oct. 11, the Joint Area Council approved \$6,525 for the Coffeehouse series on campus. They agreed that West Area Council will contribute 60 percent of that (\$3,915) and the East Area Council will provide 40 percent (\$2,610). This Wednesday, the WAC treasurer said that those numbers might change a little bit, so that WAC pays 55 percent and EAC pays 45 percent.

That night, WAC approved \$200 for a make-your-own sub get together for a third-floor

Stratton event to be held Oct. 18, and \$84 for subs at a Friends/ER night for residents from second east Stratton to discuss community standards on Oct. 12. They also approved \$127.35 for an Oct. 25 Prucha lobby pizza and movie event and \$143 for 21 Prucha residents to go on an Oct. 25 hayride.

WAC denied a Sept. 25 request to be reimbursed for their 2000 Sex Week event because the request was submitted after the event.

"Deciding to enforce the rules we set for ourselves" is one of the hardest aspects of Area Council, said WAC representative Alissa Green. A senior with a pre-vet major, Green rewrote six drafts of the WAC and EAC constitutions (they are identical) last year. It's tough sometimes for council members to say no to funding a "good program," but they have to if it's submitted late, she said.

Halloween

This Tuesday, Joint Area Council approved spending \$39 on flyers to advertise the residence halls' annual Trick-or-Treat night. Kids in grades K through 5, plus some of their older peers and parents, will trek through the halls on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to get goodies.

"That's been a long-standing community service project," Willson said.

The Halloween subcommittee will send letters to local schools soon to advertise the event.

The councils discussed a voluntary rating system that halls can post to tell parents how scary the décor may be.

Grimm Hall's haunted house will remain open until 8 p.m. on trick-or-treat night.

"Where's your RHA?"

Many universities have a single residence hall association and visitors ask Willson "You don't have an RHA?"

"We actually have two," Willson said. The West and East Area councils and Res Life are UW-RF's RHA.

"We wanted to spread experiences to include more student representatives," he said.

"This is a non-traditional organization," Willson said. "We're different than most universities."

Before there was Area Council

"It's (the Area Councils) a structure that works pretty well," said Stifter. "It's pretty unique to this campus."

But where did it come from?

Five years ago, through dean's office initiatives called "Reach for the Future" and "Student Affairs 2000," 14 departments under the Dean of Students were consolidated into three: 1) the Student Leadership and Programming Center, 2) the Academic Success Center and 3) the Student Services Center. Its goal was to reduce the amount of money spent on personnel and increase the amount spent on classes and class equipment, Willson said.

At the same time, as part of a "Student Governance 2000" initiative, the Student Senate appointed an independent task force to review "student shared governance and make sure students are organized in an efficient manner," according to a November 15, 1995 letter written by former Student Senate President Christopher Patten. At that time, he was president of the Senate and chair of the Task Force on Shared Governance.

The changes were geared toward a more effi-

cient system for students to be involved in decisions about campus issues and funding.

"To reorganize student affairs, we had to reorganize student government," Willson said. "It was like 'What came first, the chicken or the egg?'"

"Summer of '94 was when it was hatched," Willson said.

In the fall of 1994, the idea was presented to the rest of campus. Student Senate assisted its birth.

"Student Senate is the representative body for all students, and is charged with the responsibility of organizing students to ensure that our voices are heard," Patton wrote.

Before the Area Councils, a joint residential hall association determined funding for all the programs, policies and physical facilities on campus. Its concerns included roofing, custodial care, and new residence halls.

With the "Reach for the Future" program, UW-RF Inter-Residence Hall Committee (IRHC) divided into the Area Councils (East Area and West Area) and the Residential Living Committee (Res Life).

IRHC was "the community living aspect of the University," Willson said.

Those days were fun too

Willson talks about some of the traditions IRHC started.

They sponsored the annual Kickoff Dance each fall during orientation week, usually in the ballroom that is now the Leadership Center. Now the entertainment committee pays for it.

The Johnny Holm Band has made annual visits here for over 20 years now. This year Holm's Oct. 3 performance was postponed until November.

The IRHC film series was on 16mm film in the North Hall Auditorium instead of on channel 10. Viewers could buy series passes or individual tickets. Now Res Life pays for it.

IRHC was responsible for items like putting condom machines in residence hall laundry rooms, replacing the polished tile in residence hallways with carpeting, and putting phones in all the rooms. About 20 years ago, residents used community phones at the end of the hallway.

"We have to work around the age of the buildings," Willson said about upgrades like the FredNet system that is now in every residence hall other than Hathorn. But "the actual exterior structure is sound." It would take a major tornado to damage them, he said.

The new halls will have apartment-like suites, probably with ID card access like UW-Eau Claire recently built, he said.

A final note from advisers

Both Stifter and Tenold focus on what they can do for the student representatives.

"If there's anything I strive for in an advisory or supervisory role, it is avoiding hurdles," Stifter said. He's there to answer the Area Councils' questions about monetary concerns.

"An advisor has more of a bird's eye perspective to help them (students) through the process," he said.

Tenold agrees and says that the student representatives do a good job.

"The biggest thing about Area Council is that the people who are involved really want to be involved," Tenold said. He's impressed by their commitment to a "little or no reward" job.

Jammin' to the music



Molly Montag / The Student Voice
Dazy Head Mazy kicks off Homecoming outside the Student Center on Monday

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Senate prepares for professor evaluations

■ New faculty handbook and chancellor inauguration also discussed

John Goss
Staff Writer

The Student Senate is working toward administering professor evaluations and discussed the current status of the evaluations at its meeting Tuesday night in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Also discussed at the meeting were the new faculty handbook, the Leadership Development and Programming Board's new applications (LDPB), University of Wisconsin Day, the chancellor's inauguration week and installation, the Violence Against Women program (VAW), and the Student Senate budget.

Student Affairs and Academic Services Director, Jaime Kirkpatrick met with Meg Swanson and Gorden Hedahl, Dean of Arts and Sciences to discuss professor evaluations. According to Kirkpatrick, Hedahl is supportive of the evaluations and will support the Senate in trying to get the evaluations.

Swanson is also supportive of the professor evaluations but is unsure if the idea will pass a Faculty Senate vote. However, if the change does not pass through Faculty Senate it is possible that the Student Senate will administer its own evaluations.

David Chell, the Shared Governance Director discussed the new faculty handbook. According to Chell the last faculty handbook was date 1992. The faculty handbook has information for faculty to

include faculty senate as well as information about committee spots. The new handbook is being put before faculty senate Vice President, David Trechter.

According to Chell the UW-River Falls has shared government applications for all university committees. The LDPB has done their own application with an explanation of what the committees involve. Chell said he is looking to do that for F - n - F, student senate committees and other university committees.

UW Day is scheduled for March 7, 2001 from noon to 8:30 p.m. in Madison, Wis. The chancellor, as well as representatives from the UW-RF will attend Kirkpatrick said. There will also be a reception with dinner and entertainment.

Student Senate President, Amy Jurgens spoke briefly about the chancellor's upcoming inauguration week and installation. According to Jurgens the installation is set for April 28, 2000, which will include a ceremony and other events.

According to Jennifer Straub, the Violence Against Women program was just passed last week. The VAW provides funds for rape victims by donating to centers and shelters as well as educating people about non-violence. Straub said this is a good thing for women all over.

Finance Director, Jennifer Mundt discussed the 433 and 501. According to Mundt the 433 is the Senate's account, and is their operating budget used to purchase anything in the office such as supplies and united council events. The 433's budget is currently at \$24,441.13.

The 501 according to Mundt is there in case something "bad" happens. This money is reserved for a major problem that might arise like a fire in a building. The 501's budget is currently at \$155,217.76.

The next meeting of the Student Association Student Senate will be Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

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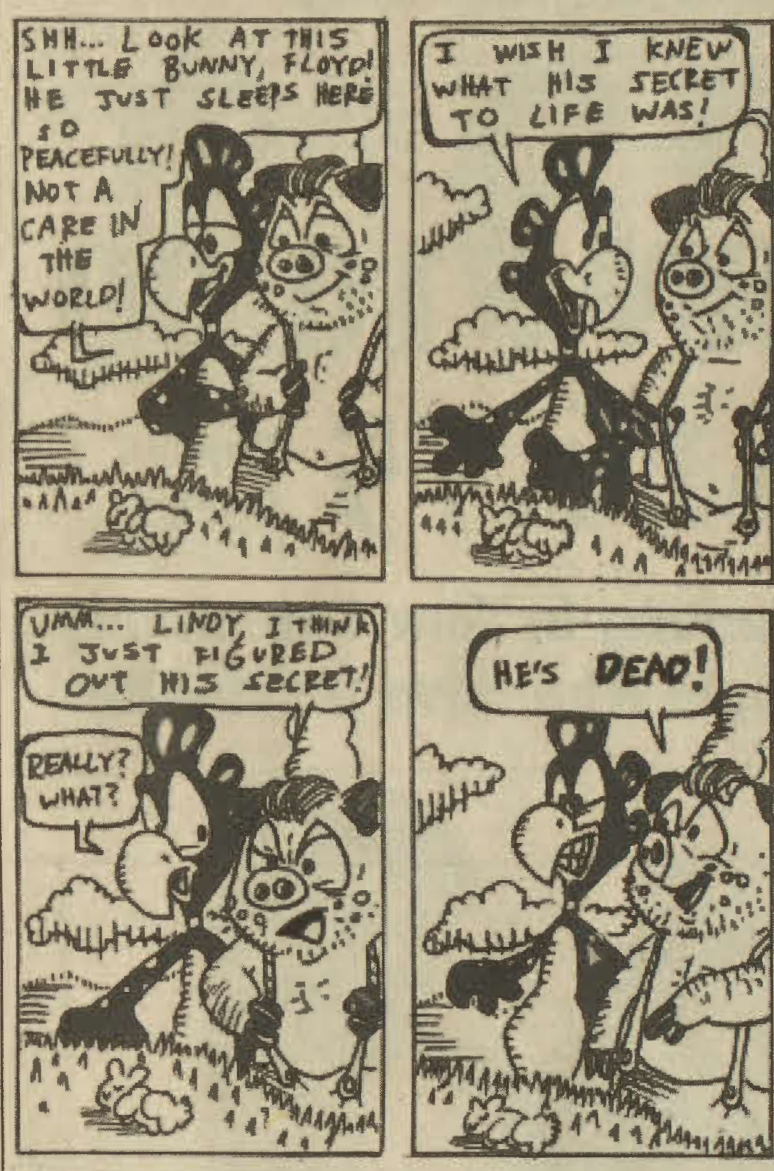
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Repress the Greeks

MATT MCCONICO



"It is important to remember that because you can do something doesn't mean you should or have to do something."

Topic #1 – There's barley in them there cupboards!: The UW-River Falls Panhellenic Council will soon be having a proposal come up regarding drinking. The Panhellenic Council is the umbrella group that oversees sorority actions on campus. The Leadership Center's quick description includes sponsors of all-Greek or all-female Greek socials and fund-raisers. The proposal that the council will be looking at will bar all official sorority events from taking place at any non-dry fraternity house, whether drinking is involved or not. A dry fraternity means that a fraternity does not have any alcohol in the frat house at all. Of the official UW-RF frat houses, only one is dry. What that means is that only one frat house may have fraternity-sorority events. That is enough of a reason for people to be against this proposal. But that is kind of why this proposal is being made.

Panhellenic Council President Leah Palmer says that one of the main reasons that this proposal is on the docket is for letting the Panhellenic Council support that more fraternities go dry. I think it is wrong that this umbrella group will bar individual sororities from doing what they may or may not want to do. In my mind, this is very much like a "state's rights issue," with the Panhellenic Council representing the federal government and each sorority representing a state. Why isn't there

just one big sorority? The answer is pretty obvious – each sorority is different. The internal culture of each sorority is different; some sororities may be okay with officially going to a wet house. Other sororities may only be for going to dry houses.

Each sorority should be able to make the decision on going to dry frat houses on their own. This umbrella ban on wet frat houses would only encourage a "senior skip day" mentality. In nearly all high schools, once the end of school is well within sight, there is a day when most seniors skip, hence the name senior skip day. But senior skip day has to be unofficial. Schools can't encourage minors (and the fact they are minors is key) to skip school. The senior skip day mentality would come from unofficial events and parties. If the goal of this proposal is to reduce the number of official sorority events, then it will be a successful proposal. But, I don't think the Panhellenic Council wants to reduce the number of sorority events.

There is a national movement towards fraternities going dry; all UW-RF sororities are dry. If the Panhellenic Council wants to support all fraternities going dry, there is an easier and better way to do this – the Panhellenic Council can just pass a resolution saying that they support fraternities going dry.

See "Greeks" on page A6

Abortion destroys moral fiber of society, defies God

After the presidential debate on Tuesday night, I was flipping through the channels to hear how the journalists felt each candidate fared. On one station I came across two women discussing abortion. One of the women described abortion as "the right of women to control what happens to their own bodies." The more I watched, the more I was concerned about how warped these women's views were.

I agree with women who say that they should have a right to make decisions that affect their body. However, once you're pregnant, your decision isn't one that affects your body but one that ultimately measures the weight and value of another human's life. The time to choose whether or not you want to have a baby is before you become pregnant.

Money-hungry doctors, media, lawyers, and politicians have done a good job of reducing abortion down to a simple means of disposing of an "unwanted pregnancy." But don't be fooled – abortion is not a means of birth control. It is infanticide, and there are serious consequences – physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually – for all involved.

If a woman decided to discard an infant after it was born, it would not be called an abortion, it would be murder. Is that same baby any less human mere days or even weeks before it is born? After all, the baby has its own brain, its own heart and feelings, even its own ability to feel pain. Why should it be any less murder to end an unborn child's life?

Many abortion supporters bring up the case of a woman impregnated by rape or incest. Rape and incest cases make up a small fraction of all abortions performed in the United States. Though I am against abortion for any reason, I don't think those cases – which are the exception to the rule – are the bulk of the problem.

According to Abortionfacts.com, 19 percent of all abortions are performed on girls 19-years-old or younger. Almost six percent of all abortions are

induced on women who have already had three or more abortions. These figures suggest abortions are performed as a convenience for those who are repeatedly careless, not as an emergency need.

Abortion has become our scapegoat – our way out of trouble. It's evident by the way we refer to a pregnant girl as being "in trouble." In the minds of today's society, life is no longer something to celebrate, but a burden we have to deal with – an annoy-

should you ignore it in the name of tolerance?

The obvious argument is that by preaching any behavior-limiting messages, like abstinence or anti-abortion, the "religious right" is trying to press their beliefs onto others. But by rallying for abortion, you are pressing your beliefs on them.

It's the same Catch 22 that faces Christian parents across the nation. The government says it's illegal to teach creationism in school or to allow prayer at

public functions. Those same laws, however, allow anti-creation teachings to be taught to young children as fact. These evolutionary teachings are themselves a religion – one of atheism and humanism rather than monotheistic faith in the God of the Bible. Children are instead taught that we all came from microorganisms millions of years ago and that we've mutated over time to become a tolerant universe of people.

I guess I'm not fully evolved because I can't tolerate the idea of the citizens of this great nation being so blindly led by those who would have us believe that abortion is a "right."

When our forefathers declared our independence, they laid forth the plans for a nation that would be "indivisible under God." The division that we see in this country today stems from the fact that there are those who would have us forget that

God has anything to do with our freedom or rights. That's why they've tried to take away reminders like our Pledge of Allegiance.

In our Declaration of Independence, it says that all Americans are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

The people of this nation were never intended to legislate who can or cannot be born. That right comes from God. Until people begin to stand up for what is right and reject the lies we are fed, we will never see unity in the United States.

KRISTOPHER JENSEN



"The division that we see in this country today stems from the fact that there are those who would have us forget that God has anything to do with our freedom or rights"

ance we have to bear, an unfortunate risk we are exposed to when we explore our "sexual freedom."

Abortion on demand has taken on the role of freeing men and women of the responsibility of their actions. It has transformed sex into a leisure activity. It is just one more example of society creating a crutch for the weak.

As a society, we are hell-bent on being tolerant. We have tried to become an all-embracing nation, willing to accept anything anyone might do. The shift towards complete tolerance has left those with moral fiber and religious upbringing struggling amongst those who are searching for the happy medium. But if something goes against your central beliefs, why

EDITORIAL

UW-RF's homecoming offers a week of total fun

Homecoming festivities have been going on all week. There has been lyp sync contests, minnow racing, and the one event that caught our attention was cow pie bingo.

This event would have been impossible not to catch our attention due to the fact that when we walked in front of the Student Center we saw a big, black and white cow grazing the grass and basi-

cally doing nothing except for walking a few steps here and there.

The contest consisted of the participants buying a bingo square for \$20, and then if good ol' Betsy decides to defecate, the lucky winner cashes in on \$800.

Just from walking by once in a while, it always seemed like there were quite a few people watching and waiting for

the \$800 moment.

This got us to thinking about what other campuses in the UW-System would have cow pie bingo as part of their homecoming festivities but couldn't really think of any. Well, this means UW-RF is unique or just strange.

Since homecoming is slowly coming to an end, take advantage of the events that are still left. There are a few events

left on Thursday with the dance on Friday. Then, get out and cheer on our football team on Saturday. It's the Falcons facing UW-Oshkosh in the big game. Kick-off time is set for 1 p.m.

After the game, a bonfire will be held at the amphitheater around 8 p.m.

There's plenty of to do, so no excuses for boredom this weekend.

Letters to the Editor

Homosexuality not diverse Go vote

I am writing in regards to the recent controversy over diversity on campus. The word "diversity" seems to be one of those all-encompassing, touchy-feely buzzwords that people like to use to make themselves sound like they care or have a purpose in life. The word has a variety of meanings and is politically correct in nearly every sense. However, I am concerned that it has taken on an incorrect meaning, and that is when it is used in reference to homosexuality. My understanding of diversity is that it is implemented to acquaint certain "non-diverse" groups with differing opinions, cultures, etc. to provide those "non-diverse" groups with an opportunity to grow, accept, and tolerate those who are different.

A moral issue such as homosexuality seems to be quite incompatible with such an agenda. The difference between someone who supports homosexuality and someone who opposes it is still the only difference between two opinions. However, the belief that we must accept, welcome, and tolerate homosexuality is assumed to be the correct one. Those who advocate tolerance refuse to tolerate the promotion of the belief that homosexuality is wrong. Thus, they are intolerant just the same. Those who want to discuss and promote religion have a very limited forum to do so and are at the very least persecuted. However, the newly-founded "religion of acceptance" is preached all over campus. For instance, our tuition and fees are being spent on social engineering programs such as "Building Bridges

Across Our Community" (even the title reeks of Clintonian double speak) with its presentation "When the Gays Move into Mr. Roger's Neighborhood." (I'd give the time and date, but I don't want to plug the event any more than it already has been.) Apparently, someone from on high has decided that we must all conform to a preconceived set of social standards (i.e., that we must accept homosexuality in all facets of our culture.) and has taken the liberty to spend our money on such lascivious filth as having two homosexuals discuss their lives together "in a humorous and non-threatening way." Pardon me, but if I wanted to know anything about the anatomy and usefulness of the rectum, I would ask my doctor.

The reason for these types of presentations, aside from gaining toleration and acceptance, is to promote homosexuality as an "alternate lifestyle" and to win as many converts as possible. Due to basic principles of reproduction, homosexuals cannot produce a child and raise them up to be homosexual. (It seems as though even nature has a bias against homosexuality.) Thus, they must promote their ideas with presentations to gain a following.

The bottom line is that those who believe homosexuality is wrong on religious grounds are supposed to keep quiet and tolerate their money being spent on immoral programming. They are disallowed a public forum due to the religious nature of their views. Furthermore, they are continually confronted with the issue of "gay this" and

"gay that" and if they speak against the current politically correct regime, they are branded as bigots and haters. However, those who advocate tolerance and acceptance are provided with public funds to promote their "religion of acceptance." Religion is a fitting label due to the fact that it is a matter of faith as to whether homosexuality is wrong or not. One's belief stems directly from his view of life itself and whether God made him. If God made you, which he did, he has every right to tell you how to live and behave.

To clarify my position, I DO NOT HATE homosexuals. I know many of them and do not dislike them as people. However, I am becoming very tired of the double standard that exists when it comes to discussing matters of morality, religion, etc. One view is presumed to be correct and those who disagree had better keep their mouths shut or be branded as intolerant bigots.

Lastly, I would like to say that if the agenda of diversity includes homosexuality, then it will always have staunch opposition from myself and other like-minded people who have been browbeaten into submission and are afraid to speak up for fear of being sued for harassment. This all-out assault on biblical morality must be stopped. Bible-believing Christians, if you do not defend their rights and beliefs, they will continue to be trampled on and made to none effect.

Patrick Coughlin

Gore and Bush are nearly even in the polls. The election will be determined by a dozen swing states. Wisconsin is one of the more important swing states because we have a significant 11 electoral votes. Only a handful of votes will determine if Gore or Bush wins Wisconsin. In an election this close, Wisconsin matters a lot, which means your vote matters a lot.

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Dan Singel, volunteer for Student Vote 2000 Campaign

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Vento/ liked by many

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Vento also fought for federal assistance to clean up the Mississippi River's riverfront.

"His work on environmental issues as a whole were phenomenal," said former UW-RF Chancellor Gary Thibodeau. "He was the one that started legislation that we now take for granted. He was very focused on environmental issues."

Vento was also a strong advocate in helping the homeless. In the early 1980s, Vento drafted the national Homeless Assistance Law to help shelter those living on the streets.

"For a congressman to be concerned about this (the homeless) isn't seen that much because (they) don't constitute a very large voting block," Thibodeau said. "But he was concerned about their welfare, and that kind of cut to the core of what he stood for: he was committed to the people."

Vento's stance on issues remained strong until his death. Earlier this year, Vento's 10-year struggle for the Hmong Citizenship Act, a bill that would expand U.S. citizenship for Hmong veterans from the Vietnam War, was passed. During his current term, Vento served on the Resources Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands; the Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans; the Banking and Financial Services Committee; the Subcommittee on Financial

Institutions and Consumer Credit; and the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee.

"Bruce had certain values and principles and remained faithful to them during his entire political career," Anderson said. "Political interest groups such as developers, loggers, mining companies, ranchers and business interest groups could not influence his votes."

From all his hard and devoted work, Vento received many awards and recognitions through his years as a congressman. Among others, Vento was acknowledged with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from UW-RF in 1986. Nominated by Anderson, the award is the highest honor that the University can bestow on alumni.

Vento will forever be remembered through his work and the people he touched. The elementary school in St. Paul he attended was renamed in his honor, and Vento's seat in the House will remain vacant until it is filled during the general election on Nov. 7.

"He had integrity and was committed to his position in public life," Thibodeau said.

"He was very eager to serve as a public figure. Congress lost a great man."

Anderson agreed.

"He meant a lot to a lot of people," he said. "Our friendship began during his student days at UW-RF and continued until his death. I was very proud of him."

Greeks / no rule needed

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Then the Panhellenic Council can let each sorority act as its own entity and individually decide on wet versus dry houses.

Another reason behind the proposal introduced by the Panhellenic Council is because it would help with "risk management." There are two risks that the Panhellenic Council hopes to decrease, and both are very related. The first issue is trying to decrease the likelihood of any negative trauma towards sisters that is alcohol-related. The second issue is the fear that if something happens to a sister at a party involving alcohol, the fraternity AND sorority may get into trouble. This includes university trouble, public opinion trouble, and legal trouble. The first worry about sisters being in bad situations is noble. But I think people in college generally are living on their own. They pretty much can make decisions when a situation is good and when a situation is bad. If a situation is bad, then leave. If something unfortunate does happen, report it, and let the legal system take care of it. The second worry regarding trouble is just a load of fear-based actions: the fear that sororities may not be seen positively; the fear that a sorority may be suspended or put on probation by UW-River Falls; and the fear of a lawsuit. These fears shouldn't take this serious of an action. It is just cowering to people's fear of other not liking them.

Here's the big problem with this logic - there is no alcohol involved in any sorority-fraternity functions. But if there is no drinking of alcohol involved in these official parties, then why are these anti-alcohol rules needed? I've never seen a can of beer or a bottle of whiskey fly off of a counter and attack an innocent bystander. The reason why this proposal is flawed is that the proposal is set to solve a problem that doesn't exist. It is like mom saying to the kid "eat your peas before you can get the dessert." There is no reason that the peas and dessert are connected; but you have to bow to one to get the other.

Any thoughts for me? E-mail me at: matthew_m@mail.com

Theta Chi / only fraternity to go dry at UW-RF

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"When I look at Greek societies I think of academics and honor. We needed to get down to our basic principles," said Vice President Dave Chell, a senior majoring in secondary math education.

"We had to change the public's image. We needed to defy the stereotypes."

Theta Chi has become more heavily involved in dances, intramural sports, the Winter Carnival, Greek

Week and they are a key component to Homecoming week.

"Theta Chi is not against drinking for people of the legal age, we just don't want it on our premises," Eccleston said. "We fill the gap for other social activities."

Although all sororities on campus are alcohol free, Theta Chi is the only one out of five fraternities that is alcohol free. They are trying to set an example that will lead to a broader understanding on what college is really about.

"We have had a lot of success being alcohol free," Chell said. "It eliminates risk."

Theta Chi has reaped the rewards for being alcohol free. It has made fraternity life much better without the pressures of alcohol, according to Eccleston.

"It's the best decision I've ever made," said member Alan Frederick, a sophomore majoring in accounting. "I would do anything for my brothers."

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It's time to believe

I guess it was inevitable, really. I couldn't just let Troy's anti-Vikings sentiment go unretaliated. I have to admit, though, that I had my doubts at the beginning of the season. So I just waited for Culpepper, Green and the crew to prove or un-prove all the hype. My conclusion: the Vikings have as much potential to be Super Bowl-bound as St. Louis does.

Yes, potential is the key word. If anyone can frustrate Culpepper for

RYAN BRINKS

a full half, the Vikings will be in trouble. But I think he's making huge strides, and that's evident in his rising quarterback ranking. Or maybe it's because the Yankees are doing well (Culpepper was actually drafted by the Yankees in 1995 before committing to football).

We'll definitely see when the Vikings face off with Buffalo this weekend. The Bills flaunt the second-best

defense in the NFL, and if the Vikes roll through with relative ease, I believe they'll be able to stand their ground against St. Louis come December. Yes, the Rams. Sure, they have a very explosive offense, and they can do some real damage. And don't get me wrong, Kurt Warner is a great guy and an outstanding athlete, surrounded by one of the league's best rushers and a killer wide-out combo. But the fact remains that St. Louis has yet to stop any offensive threat whatsoever, and Minnesota is the essence of offensive threat.

No opponent has failed to score at least 24 points against the Rams. In fact, the 2-5 Seahawks scored 10 more against St. Louis than any other game they've played. You want more? The 49ers and the Falcons, both 2-5 teams, have run the score up on the Rams. Even the 0-7 Chargers managed to put 31 points on the scoreboard.

If we break it down, Robert Smith at least equals Marshall Faulk. In both the NFL rushing rankings and my personal opinion, Smith is the better man. The guy makes things happen. Sometime, somewhere, it's inevitable. And his 170-yard performance in Chicago dropped him in the sole position of Minnesota's all-time leading rusher.

In notoriety, I have to give Moss and Carter the nod, but when it comes to skill and talent, Bruce and Holt are no lackies. Actually, I believe the tandem rank higher than their Viking counterparts in a number of receiving categories. Basically, however, they're pretty even.

So it comes down to quarterback. I won't even try to downplay Warner. But I think Culpepper is crossing the horizon of reliability. It takes more than a normal quarterback to go from zero starting experience to number four in the NFL in passing over the course of only six games. People continue to expect him to fall apart any game now, but every game he has gotten stronger and stronger.

Buffalo will be a test, as will Indianapolis at the close of the regular season, and you can't count

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65-44?

Football wins in shootout

Troy Mallat
Sports Editor

EAU CLAIRE - The UW-River Falls football team has a history of high-scoring affairs with UW-Eau Claire. It was just last year when the Falcons beat the Blugolds 38-34 after a Blugold drive was stopped at the one-yard line as time ran out. In 1989, head coach John O'Grady's first year, the Falcons won 47-44.

The 5,800 at Carson Park on Saturday saw just as much scoring ... in the first half. The Falcons won a 65-44 shootout to the Blugolds after taking a 48-30 lead in a first half that resembled a track meet more than a football game.

"That was very similar to other shootouts we've had with them, but that was ridiculous," O'Grady said.

The two teams set or tied four conference records. They set a conference record with 109 combined points; the old record was 96. The 1,286 yards of total offense for both teams was also a conference record. The Falcons set a conference mark with 788 total yards, and the Blugolds tied their own record of scoring the most points for a losing team.

The Falcons 622 yards rushing missed beating their own record by 20 yards. They rushed for 642 against UW-Superior in 1989.

The Falcons took full advantage of a Blugold defensive scheme where there is no free safety.

"They're playing a style of defense we've had a tough time against for a couple of years," O'Grady said. "But they don't have a free safety, so anything in the middle of the field can potentially be a big run, like (fullback Andrew) Krueger's first touchdown."

After the Falcons stopped the Blugolds on downs on their first drive, Krueger busted a 75-yard touchdown to make the score 7-0 with 13:01 left in the first quarter.

The Falcons were able to get big yardage from their fullbacks all day. Krueger rushed for 197 yards on 15 carries. He also added touchdown runs of 62 and 31 yards in the first half. Rob Ohman had 151 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown, an 88-yard stroll in the first half.

But in the first half, Eau Claire always had an answer to stay in the game.

After a 12-yard touchdown pass from Cory Mueller to Nick Scribner made the score 14-0, the Blugolds scored twice in 2:30 minutes. Running back Darrell Souhrada scored from 75 yards out to cut the lead in half. Then, the Falcons fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, and quarterback Brian Rasmussen found Jerod Wollan for a 14-yard score to tie the game at the 8:13 mark of the first quarter. Rasmussen hit Wollan for a 54-yard touchdown later in the half.

The Falcons quickly took the lead back when Mueller found a streaking Mark Shepherdson down the right sideline on their next possession for an 80-yard touchdown. The Falcons would never let go of the lead after that play.

Shepherdson added 116 yards on the ground on eight carries. He also added 63- and 1-yard scoring runs.

The Blugolds remained close, scoring on a 1-yard run by Souhrada with :21 left in the half to cut the lead to 48-30.

O'Grady knew the game wasn't over yet.

"People say it was a lot of fun," O'Grady said. "It ain't a lot of fun. We came in and talked at half, and thought we'd have to score 70 to win this one. That was out goal to get 70. We figured they couldn't score 71 to beat us."

That logic proved to be true. After the torrid first half, scoring was at a much slower pace in the second.

One reason was the Falcons' time of possession. Holding the ball for just 13:20 in the first half, the Falcons kept the ball for 24:07 in the second half. That kept the ball from the Blugolds' star Souhrada.

The senior who came in rushing for almost 180 yards a game was held to 122 on 17 carries a two scores. He had just one carry for five yards in the second half.

Instead, they put the ball in the air. Rasmussen went 22-56 for 388 yards. He threw four touchdowns, but

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Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Forward Shereen Vakili battles an Eau Claire player for the ball in Wednesday's 7-0 loss to the Blugolds at Ramer Field.

Soccer offense remains dormant

Matt McConico
Sports Correspondent

This week the Falcons (2-11, 2-3) took on two non-conference teams. They played one of the best teams in the Midwest, as they lost to Gustavus Adolphus (11-2) 6-0 on Oct. 11. The Falcon's second game was at Luther College (11-5-1), the Falcons dropped that game 1-0.

On Oct. 15, the Falcons traveled to Decorah, Iowa to take on the Luther Norse. The only goal in the game came from Jen Shinbori with under three minutes left in the first half. Luther attempted 43 shots, but only seven of those shots were on goal. Goaltender Jeni Zumburge was able to stop six of the seven shots on goal. Zumburge was also kept alert with the 17 corner kicks from the Norse.

The Falcons attempted nine shots for the game; Gina Schumann and Robyn Pavel got shots on goal.

The Gusties came to River Falls and scored early and often. Gustavus Adolphus scored for the third time just 15:30 into the game. Six players scored each of the Gusties six goals. Renee Beaudry and Heather Pearson each got two assists on Gustie goals. The

Eau Claire blanks UW-RF

The Blugolds scored four goals in the first half en route to a 7-0 win over the Falcons at Ramer Field.

Apryl Jennrich made 12 saves in a losing effort.

Gusties put 14 shots on goal, Jeni Zumburge tended goal and made eight saves. The Gusties attempted 16 other shots.

The Falcons had three shots on goal, two from Robyn Pavel and one from Bobbi Pahl. But the shots couldn't make it past the platoon of Gustie goaltenders, Linnea Carlson and Michelle Kurtz.

Next for the Falcons are three conference games in a row. They are also the last three regular season games. Platteville (1-14, 1-5) and Whitewater (12-3-1, 5-2).

Stevens Point (13-4, 7-0) has already clinched the WIAC regular season championship. The WIAC post-season championship tournament begins on Oct. 24 with the quarterfinals round. If the tournament began today the Falcons would play at Eau Claire.

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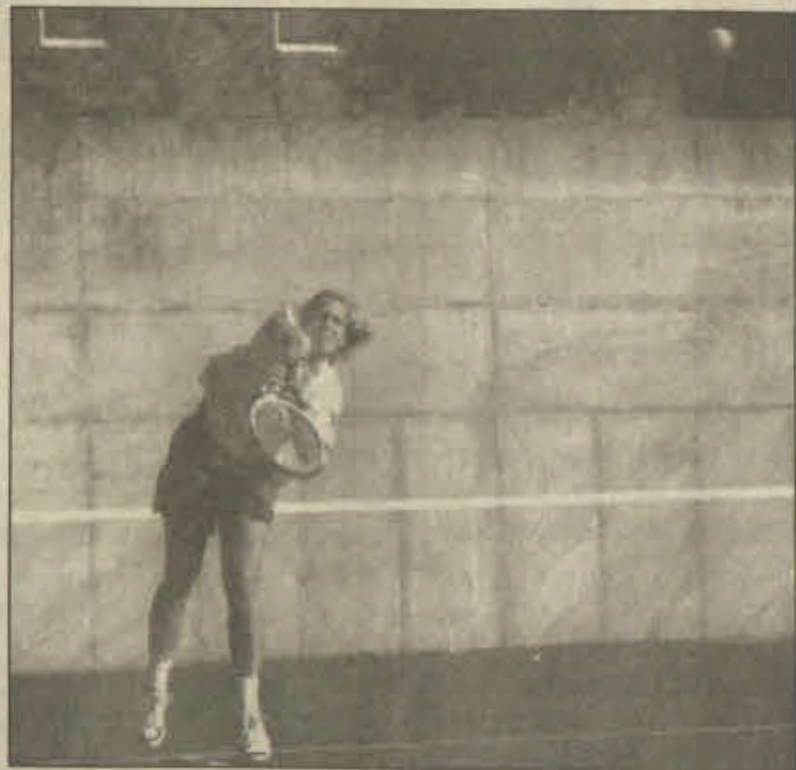
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What: Oshkosh (2-4, 1-3 in the WIAC) at River Falls (3-3, 2-2) Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. at Ramer Field (Homecoming).

Last week: Oshkosh's Homecoming was a rude awakening as the Titans lost to UW-Platteville 28-24. Oshkosh gave up 399 yards to the Pioneers spread offense and scored two late touchdowns to make the score seem closer than it actually was.

The Falcons were involved a barn-burner at UW-Eau Claire where they set the record for total yards in a game with 788.

What to watch: Familiarity. The two teams met in a non-conference affair earlier in the year with the Falcons winning 34-0. Oshkosh will no doubt have many adjustments to make, but seeing the Falcons once is an advantage.



Molly Montag / The Student Voice

The Falcons couldn't serve up a win against the Blugolds.

Blugolds golden against netters

Paul J. Cruz
Sports Correspondent

UW-River Falls ended its regular season on a blue note, dropping a 9-0 decision to a golden UW-Eau Claire squad Saturday in a WIAC matchup in Eau Claire.

The undefeated Blugolds swept all 15 sets played and won 97 of 135 games played, as the Falcons fell to 10-5 overall, 2-4 in WIAC play.

"Obviously, we knew Eau Claire was tough," Falcon coach Lee Lueck said. "We were hoping to

give them a little better competition, but they have no holes in their lineup whatsoever."

The closest UW-RF came to obtaining victory was at No. 1 doubles where Meghann Mulligan and Lindsey Oberg dropped a close 9-7 decision to the Blugolds' Molly Cope and Andrea Muellner.

UW-RF will culminate its season this weekend, when it competes in the WIAC Tournament, to be held Saturday and Sunday in Madison.

"If we can come in near the middle of the pack, I'll be happy," Lueck said.

Ryan Brinks
Assistant Sports Editor

Riding the coattails of Melissa Mattson's record-breaking 1,360th career kill and Holly Olson's imminent claim to UW-RF's career assist record, the Falcons went 4-1 on the week, topping conference rival Stout in a five-game duel and climaxing to a near-upset of the nation's number three Washington University of Missouri this past weekend on Illinois battlegrounds.

But opposed to what one might think, even the knowledge of those milestone accomplishments was missing the entire weekend. In fact, Mattson didn't find out until early this week.

"Our focus now is to really concentrate on the team and how the team is doing, and work forward from there," head coach Patti Ford said.

So the celebration will wait, at least for a couple weeks. Mattson surpassed the previous UW-RF all-time career kills record of 1,359, set by Anna Schmidt while she graced the Falcon court from 1993 to 1996, early on against Washington University last Saturday. Her 18 kills that match bring her to a current 1,374 career kills with at least ten games to go yet this season.

"She's a player that is unbelievably unselfish when it comes to the game," Ford said. "She just does her task and continues to improve every single day, even though she's nearing the end of her career."

Olson, as well, is reaching a milestone in her career as

a setter. Becoming only the second Falcon to ever reach 5,000 career assists, which she did against Stout a week ago Wednesday, Olson's 204 assists over the weekend lock her in a position only 14 away from breaking the Falcons' career assist record, currently held by Amy Holm of the '93-96 era with 5,240 assists.

And only a week before last, junior Joy Nicholson notched her name in the 1,000 career kill list and moved into fifth on the career kill list since then.

With such talent abounding on the Falcons' roster, it's no wonder they continue to lead the WIAC in the chase for a repeat conference championship.

A week ago Wednesday, though, the Falcons faced a much-improved Stout crew that forced the match to five games.

"Stout came at us just a little bit more aggressively, providing a little more balance in their offense (than the two teams' previous meeting)," Ford said. "Stout is traditionally a good defensive team, but they also were able to put a lot of offense into the game."

Dropping the first game 15-7, the Falcons came back to take games two and three, but couldn't finish off the Blue Devils in four.

"In game five, we were really strong," Ford said. "We walk into game five, and we know that we can fight it out with the best of teams. Still, we were lucky to walk out of there alive."

The Falcons jumped on a little bit of an opening over

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THIS WEEKEND

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What: River Falls (20-8, 6-0 in the WIAC) at Oshkosh (21-5, 4-1) at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20.

What to watch: The Titans only conference loss came to the hands of a four-game loss to UW-Eau Claire. They are led Jane Copenhaver with 379 kills and Kristi Kujak's 295 kills. The show is run by setter Christina Southworth, who has 1,193 assists. Falcon Holly Olson has 1,275 assists on the year.

What: River Falls (20-8, 6-0) at Whitewater (26-1, 5-0) at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21.

What to watch: The Warhawks are ranked second in the nation after the September 20 poll. Twenty-three of their 26 wins came in three-game matches. Their only loss came to top-ranked Central (Iowa). They are led by the Erickson twins, Melinda and Allison. Melinda has 299 kills.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL		
WAC STANDINGS		
Stout (6-0)	W	4 0
Whitewater (5-2)	L	3 1
La Crosse (3-3)		3 1
Eau Claire (3-3)		2 2
River Falls (3-3)		2 2
Oshkosh (2-4)		1 3
Platteville (2-4)		1 3
Stevens Point (0-6)		0 4

Oct. 14 results
River Falls 20 28 10 7 - 65
Eau Claire 14 16 8 6 - 44

Scoring Summary:		
1st Quarter		
10:01 RF - Kruger 75 yd run (Toninato kick) 7-0		
10:45 RF - Scribner 12 yd pass from Mueller (Toninato kick) 14-0		
11:44 EC - Souhrada 75 yd run (Atkinson kick) 14-0		
12:11 EC - Wollan 14 yd pass from Rasmussen (Atkinson kick) 14-14		
13:05 RF - Shepherdson 80 yd pass from Mueller (Toninato kick) 20-14		
14:00 RF - Ohman 88 yd run (Toninato kick) 28-14		
14:22 RF - Kruger 62 yd run (Mueller run) 28-14		
14:44 EC - Atkinson 23 yd field goal 28-17		
15:01 RF - Shepherdson 63 yd run (Toninato kick) 34-17		
15:05 RF - Wollan 54 yd pass from Rasmussen (Atkinson kick) 34-24		
15:08 RF - Ohman 88 yd run (Toninato kick) 40-24		
15:10 RF - Kruger 31 yd run (Toninato kick) 46-24		
15:11 EC - Souhrada 1 yd run (Atkinson kick) 49-30		
2nd Quarter		
10:01 RF - Toninato 29 yd field goal 49-33		
10:50 RF - Scribner 7 yd run (Toninato kick) 56-30		
11:44 EC - Crutchley 32 yd pass from Rasmussen (Bergeron pass) 58-38		
4th Quarter		

12:16 RF - Shepherdson 1 yd run (Toninato kick) 65-38		
5:53 EC - Foemmel 26 yd pass from Rasmussen (Rasmussen pass failed) 65-44		
WAC Individual Leaders		
Rushing TM	CI	G Att-YdsAvg TD
1. Souhrada EC	Sr	6193-1019 5.3 10
2. Wurth WW	Fr	7 187-942 5.0 10
3. Bundgaard ST	Fr	6 115-538 4.7 5
4. Ohman RF	So	6 78-510 6.5 2
5. Warren WW	Jr	7 132-577 4.4 9
6. Kruger RF	Sr	6 88-484 5.5 6

Passing TM		
CI	A-C-Yds	TD
1. Beversdorf O	Jr	195-102-1389123
2. Rasmussen EC	Jr	199-89-1214 9 7
3. Youngbauer LC	Sr	159-90-1149 6 9
4. Bergard WW	So	106-59-759 4 1
5. Krause SP	Fr	126-55-596 4 4
6. Mueller RF	Sr	41-19-421 2 5

Receiving TM		
CI	GRec-YdsTD Y/G	
1. Gagner PLT	Sr	6 29-481 3 80.2
2. Vielerh O	Sr	6 29-420 4 70.0
3. Kostrewa LC	Sr	6 22-371 4 61.8
4. Tenhagen WW	Jr	7 27-393 0 56.1
5. Foemmel EC	So	6 23-336 3 56.0
6. Crutchley EC	So	6 20-319 2 52.2

Interceptions TM CI INT Yds TD

1. Kamps O	Jr	5 53 0
2. Moe ST	So	5 39 1
3. Wolter WW	Sr	5 20 0
4. Dewey ST	Fr	4 28 0
5. Nelson PLT	So	3 66 1
6. Portilla LC	Jr	3 43 0

Volleyball WAC STANDINGS

	W	L
River Falls (20-8)	6	0
Whitewater (26-1)	5	0
Oshkosh (21-5)	4	1
Eau Claire (17-6)	3	3
Stout (20-9)	3	3
La Crosse (14-10)	2	3
Platteville (18-6)	1	4
Stevens Point (10-17)	1	5

Superior (4-19)		
Oct. 13 results (Benedictine (Illinois))		
River Falls	11 15 15 15	
North Central	15 11 5 12	

000-1-1-2-1		
Oct. 13 results (Benedictine (Illinois))		
River Falls	15	15 15
Loras College	12	8 9
River Falls (kills-%-set-ace-digs-bike)		
Lundberg 0-000-0-0-0-2, Saxton 0-000-0-2-6-0, Hyland 9-148-0-0-1-3, Mel. Mattson 13-321-0-1-2-2.5, Braun 0-000-0-0-3-0, Brune 9-156-0-1-5-1.5, Mich. Mattson 4-444-0-0-0-0, Olson 4-1-000-57-2-10-1, Ellsworth 1-1-000-0-2-12-0, Halverson 0-000-0-1-3-0, Nicholson 15-125-0-1-15-2, McKee 7-000-1-1-2-1		
.533-1-0-4-1		

Oct. 14 results (Benedictine (Illinois))			
River Falls	10	15	15 15
Cal-Poly Pomona	15	6	3 10

River Falls (kills-%-set-ace-digs-bikes)

Lundberg 0-000-0-0-2-0, Saxton 0-000-0-1-9-0, Hyland 9-148-0-0-1-1, Mattson 15-375-0-0-3-2.5, Braun 0-000-0-0-4-0, Brune 15-154-0-1-9-2, Olson 2-200-55-1-9-0, Ellsworth 0-000-0-1-3-0, Halverson 0-0-1-000-0-1-4-0, Nicholson 19-421-0-0-19-2.5, McKee 9-533-1-0-4-1

0-3-11-0, Hyland 3-000-0-0-0-3
Mattson 8-200-1-0-2-2.5, Brune 10-194-0-2-5-15, Olson 1-200-43-0-16-0
Ellsworth 0-(-.333)-0-0-4-0, Halverson 0-000-1-4-15-0, Nicholson 19-366-0-22-1, McKee 9-412-1-3-10-0.5

River Falls (kills-%-set-ace-digs-biks)		
Lundberg	0-.000-1-1-13-0,	Saxton 0-.000-0-0-11-0,
Hyland	1-.000-0-0-0-0-	
Oct. 14 results (Benedictine (Illinois))		
River Falls	6 15 15 2 16	
Washington Univ	15 12 6 15 18	

Oct. 15 results (Benedictine (Illinois))

River Falls (kills-%-set-ace-digs-bikes)		
Lundberg	0-000-1-13-0, Saxton 0-000-0-0-11-0, Hyland 1-000-0-0-0-0,	

Mel. Mattson 18-432-0-0-2, Brune 14-279-0-0-8-1.5, Mich. Mattson 0-000-0-0-1-0, Olson 1-500-49-2-13-0.5, Ellsworth 0-000-0-0-4-0, Halverson 0-000-0-0-13-0, Nicholson 12-4-049-3, 16-1, Hinz 2-000-1-0-2-0.5, McKee 8-412-0-0-8-1.5		
WAC Individual Leaders		
Hitting Pct. TM	G	Kills-E-Att Pct
1. Copenhaver O	77	379-85-687 428
2. Mattson RF	102	411-88-828 390
3. Kujak O	86	295-84-586 360
4. Kaiser PLT	85	269-73-587 334
5. Erickson WW	72	207-51-512 305
6. Draeger EC	55	200-63-478 287

Kills TM		
CI	G	No. K/G
1. Copenhaver O	Sr	77 379 4.92
2. Mattson RF	Sr	102 411 4.03
3. Erickson WW	Jr	75 299 3.98
4. Draeger EC	Sr	55 200 3.64
5. Palmer ST	Jr	104 375 3.61
6. Nicholson RF	Jr	102 350 3.43

Assists TM		
CI	G	No. A/G
1. Southward O	Jr	86 1193 13.87
2. Olson RF	Sr	102 1275 12.50
3. Hemple EC	So	70 808 11.54
4. Elund LC	Jr	85 968 11.39
5. Dettman WW	Jr	70 759 10.84
6. Bogenschutz ST	Fr	102 1091 10.70

SOCCER		
WAC STANDINGS		
Stevens Point (13-4)	W	7 0
Whitewater (12-4-1)	5 2	
Eau Claire (10-4)	5 2	
Stout (8-7)	5 3	
Oshkosh (12-3)	4 3	
River Falls (12-11)	2 3	
La Crosse (3-11)	2 5	
Platteville (1-14)	1 5	
Superior (0-12)	0 8	

Oct. 15 results

River Falls		
Luther College	0 0 - 0	
Luther College	1 0 - 1	

Scoring Summary:		
1st Half		
42:35 LU Shinbort (Borhearding)		
Oct. 18 results		
Eau Claire	4 3 - 7	
River Falls	0 0 - 0	

Scoring Summary:		
2nd Half		
51:15 EC Vandenhoevel (Welle)		
69:06 EC Thompson (Johnston)		
87:50 EC Blaszyk (Fry)		

TENNIS		
WAC STANDINGS		
	W	L
Eau Claire	6 0	
La Crosse	5 1	
Oshkosh	4 2	
Whitewater	3 3	
River Falls	2 4	
Stevens Point	1 5	
Stout	0 6	

Oct. 14 results		
Eau Claire 9, River Falls 0		
Singles		
Cope (EC) def. Oberg (RF), 6-0, 6-0		
Hickman (EC) def. Mulligan, 6-1, 6-2		
Stafford (EC) def. Anderson, 6-4, 6-3		
Mueller (EC) def. Gray (RF), 6-4, 6-3		
Nellis (EC) def. Metzger (RF), 6-4, 6-1		
Tauer (EC) def. Fredrickson, 6-0, 6-3		

Doubles		
Cope-Mueller (EC) defeated Mulligan-Oberg (RF), 9-7		
Hickman-Stafford (EC) defeated Anderson-Gray (RF), 8-2		
Tauer-Huppert (EC) defeated Metzger-Verbeme (RF), 8-2		

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

	Oct. 20-26, 2000	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Football			Oshkosh* 1 p.m.					
Volleyball		at Oshkosh* 7 p.m.	at Whitewater* 1 p.m.					
Soccer		at Platteville* 2 p.m.	at White-water* 1 p.m.		WAC Tourney			
Tennis		at WAC Tourney	at WAC Tourney					
Cross Country	at Stout 4 p.m.							
Swimming	Oshkosh 6 p.m.	at Eau Claire 1 p.m.						
Men's Hockey	at Marian 5 p.m.	at Marian 2 p.m.						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Melissa Mattson

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Volleyball

(Sr., Alden, Minn.)

A 76 kill week broke UW-RF's career kill record at 1,374, besting Anna Schmidt's (93-96) 1,359. "It's a tribute to her, with all that she's done, she continues to reach milestones. She's been in the program, taken a day-by-day approach, and she's a real good model for everything (she does) out there."



Mark Shepherdson

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Football

(Sr., Burlington, Wis.)

Shepherdson rushed eight times for 116 yards and two touchdowns (63 and 1 yard scores), and he caught one pass for 80 yards and a touchdown, averaging 14.5 yards per carry in the Falcons' shootout with Eau Claire.

Swim team starts solidly in Mankato

Sports Information

The Falcon men's and women's swimming teams opened their seasons with some outstanding times and finishes at the Minnesota State Mankato Pentathlon held Saturday.

Kim Hart won the 50 breaststroke with a time of 34.1 which was two seconds faster than her best time last year, according to Coach Doug Naylor. Katie Schneider won the 50 fly in 28.28 and Jessica Plumley won the 50 free in 26.0.

Bryant Hardy paced the men's team with, "five solid races," said Naylor. "In all it was a great first meet for us. We swam great," Naylor said. The Falcons will host UW-Oshkosh at the Karges Pool on Friday starting at 6 p.m. Saturday the Falcons are at UW-Eau Claire for the Co-Ed Relays.

Volleyball

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Stout and held them back to go on to victory 15-10.

Then, returning to the battlefields of Illinois, the Falcons engaged in a test of strength against teams they hadn't seen before in the Benedictine Tournament last weekend.

According to Ford, North Central College was a steady ball club, and the Falcons handed them a four-game decision. Loras College wasn't as strong, falling to the Falcons in a 3-0 match, but they were probably pretty good caliber.

On Saturday, UW-RF put away California State Polytechnic University, Pomona-Pritzner, who won their pool Friday, in a 3-1 match highlighting Nicholson on both sides of the net.

"We had some strong play, obviously ending with the Washington five-gamer," Ford said.

In the tournament championship game, the Falcons were reacquainted with the Bears of Washington University in St. Louis, ranked third in the nation behind Central College and UW-Whitewater. Coming into the match, the Falcons had a 1-1 record against the Bears this year, and it showed.

Handed a 6-15 loss in the first game, the Falcons rebounded and came back to grab the next two. Unfortunately, as has been the case many times this season, the Falcons were unable to put the match away in game four. Instead, Washington assaulted the Falcons in a 2-15 game.

"We kind of got smoked in the fourth game, but we battled back in the fifth," Ford said.

Then, in a dramatic back-and-forth struggle, the two teams hiked the decision past 15 until the Falcons gave out, losing the match 3-2 on a 18-16 fifth game.

"It was a great volleyball match, and it really did come down to who made two mistakes in a row," Ford said. "We kind of wore out. We missed a serve and had difficulty passing the last serve."

Regardless, the Falcons were underdogs, and it only helps them prepare for the challenges that will define them as WAC contenders: this weekend's match-ups with Oshkosh and Whitewater.

"The win would have meant a lot more than the loss did. We played them to five games," Ford said. "It will affect us, but we really have to take care of business against Oshkosh and Whitewater to really stand out in the conference. That's going to play a bigger part of it."

Oshkosh's only WAC loss is to Eau Claire, a team the Falcons have split a pair of games with. The Titans do have a non-WAC loss to Whitewater, but the Falcons will have trouble if they look too far ahead.

"I think we're prepared, but what needs to happen this week in practice is a focus only on Oshkosh," Ford said. "There's a little bit of reverse thinking process (on the part of the players); they can't wait to play Whitewater. We can not overlook (the first game), for the caliber of team Oshkosh is."

Whitewater is going to be a situation where if we win, it's obviously great strides, but if we lose, it's not detrimental either, because we're one-two in the conference," Ford said.

The Warhawks' only defeat this season came against the nation's best, Central, in a 3-1 match in late September. They have consistently stayed at the number two spot in the national rankings.

"Oshkosh is a team like Eau Claire and Stout. They're going to put their best effort forward against River Falls. There's really only one game we need to focus on. First and foremost, that's Oshkosh," Ford said.

Brinks / Vikings

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Tampa or Detroit out just yet. But through them all, I think the Vikings have the step ahead.

Furthermore, if Washington continues to struggle offensively, the Rams may just make it to December undefeated. Tentatively pending the outcome of Minnesota vs. Buffalo, I think you need to consider both offenses, Rams and Vikings, nearly unstoppable. So

the reality of it all may well be whoever comes to play that Sunday afternoon, or home field advantage, or mental mistakes, or momentum. You can call it whatever you want. Regardless, the Vikings have as much potential to be Super Bowl-bound as the Rams do.

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Rubalcaba's 'Inner Voyage' brings him to River Falls

Scott Wente
Staff Writer

Cuban jazz pianist Ganzalo Rubalcaba isn't very familiar with western Wisconsin, much less UW-River Falls. The 36-year-old musician has spent the last four months touring the world. He's played clubs and concert halls throughout Europe, Brazil and the United States. But after his intimate concert last Thursday at UW-RF's Abbott Concert Hall, one would have thought he's played here many times before.

Rubalcaba has successfully combined elements of the Classical, Latin and Afro-Cuban music genres to create his own, unique sound. Last Thursday, he saturated the hearts and souls of those in attendance with his emotional ballads, Latin rhythms and gutsy piano solos.

Rubalcaba played straight through a six-song set that included work from his new Blue Note Records album, *Inner Voyage*, as well as his own interpretation of a well-known jazz standard, "Caravan."

As the lights dimmed, Rubalcaba entered the stage along with his bassist, 21-year-old Carlos Henriquez, and world-class jazz drummer, Ignacio Berroa. Skipping introductions and small talk, Rubalcaba sat down at the piano and began a solo that silenced the audience. Berroa and Henriquez eventually joined in, but it was Rubalcaba that stole the first piece.

His smooth play could have soothed even the most despondent of listeners.

Rubalcaba studied classical piano from 1971 to 1983 before forging into the free and experimental genre of jazz. The knowledge and talent he attained from his Classical studies was evident during the second piece; a ballad that left one to believe the piano is an outlet for his innermost feelings and emotions.

Not only does Rubalcaba challenge his audience to follow his musical themes but he also challenges his fellow musicians, especially Henriquez, to play at his level. In an interview prior to the performance, the bassist admitted that he has to work hard to play with Rubalcaba.



Photo courtesy of Blue Note Records
Ganzalo Rubalcaba

"Every group has its own level and Ganzalo is pretty much at the highest level," Henriquez said.

Rubalcaba's talent and versatility was evident as he routinely changed the pace and momentum of the music. As they completed the third piece, the pianist focused his attention towards Henriquez and smiled. In return, the bassist wiped his forehead with a towel and let out a sigh of relief.

Although it seemed Rubalcaba was playing at a level his fellow musicians could only aspire for, they too have been around the musical block. Drummer Ignacio Berroa has played percussion for several jazz greats, including piano legend McCoy Tyner and one of the most talented jazz trumpeters of all time, Dizzie Gillespie.

While Berroa brings age and experience to Rubalcaba's trio, Henriquez brings youth and dedication.

At the young age of 13, Henriquez was playing the acoustic bass at The Juilliard School in New York. He moved on to work with the modern-jazz great, Wynton Marsalis, and the highly-respected Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Regardless of his past, touring with the Cuban pianist has been

a learning experience of epic proportions.

"Ganzalo has been one of the best leaders I've ever worked with, as far as how he interprets the music," Henriquez continues, "I mean, he's very good. I'm learning a lot."

In the fifth piece, Berroa played a solo that gave the audience a small peek at his incredible drumming talent, as if only to tease them and say, "The best is yet to come."

Indeed the best was yet to come, as they ended the set with a Latin-twist to the classic "Caravan." Henriquez had waited all night for a chance to display his ability to carry a bass solo, and in this song he proved he could do so. It was Berroa's drum solo, however, that literally

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Metro artists open up

Art Crawl allows for interaction with local artists

Matt Rayburn
Staff Writer

On Friday, Oct. 13, over 170 artists and galleries opened their studio doors for Lowertown downtown St. Paul's Art Crawl. The Art Crawl, which is a free, self-guided tour of studios for the public, allowed visitors to view artwork and meet local artists.

Sponsored by the City of St. Paul, the Minnesota Museum of American Art and many others, this year's Art Crawl theme, "Art You Can Live With," featured paintings, photography, sculptures and much more for the public to enjoy.

The event, which lasted from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, and 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, gave art enthusiasts the chance to ask artists about their work and their experiences.

Virginia Mohr, an oil painter who has been showcasing her work at the Art Crawl for four years, said the Art Crawl gives people the freedom to meet artists and view artwork without feeling pressured.

"The crowd that comes feels intimidated by galleries," Mohr said.

"This is the time and place where they can relax and don't have to buy."

Artists from all ages and backgrounds exhibited their work to express the vital role art plays in society.

Amy McKnight, a Cubist oil painter and sculptor originally from Cavalier, ND, said the Art Crawl is important in exposing current artists' styles.

"By letting the community see so many types of art, the Art Crawl shows where our generation is, and where it is going," McKnight said.

Walking through the many buildings and floors of the studios and galleries, visitors felt welcome as artists shared not only their works, but also snacks, beverages and their personal experiences with art.

Craig Barry, a ceramics art student from Minneapolis, said the Art Crawl was a relaxing and worthwhile night-out.

"The artists make you feel right at home," he said. "They're more than welcome to take the time to talk to you."

After one enjoyed the artwork, the Clouds in Water Zen Center located in Northern Warehouse at 308 Prince St., gave visitors the opportunity for meditation and reflection. Also, The Center for Youth Expression, located in the Tilsner Artists Cooperative on Broadway St., let writers and poets share their work during open mic sessions. Several restaurants and coffeehouses were also open for Art Crawl participants to take a breather and enjoy local music at its best.

Not only is the Art Crawl a good experience for the public, but the artists also feel it is beneficial to them.

Nick Germano, who works with many different mediums and turns photographs into art, said the Art Crawl is fulfilling to artists.

"It's a nice change of pace," Germano said. "It is good for an artist's self-esteem."

John Kalmon, who makes art out of recycled wood products and has been participating in the Art Crawl for five years, said each year the visitor attendance numbers keep rising.

"It seems like every year we top ourselves," he said. If you missed the fall 2000 St. Paul Art Crawl, the spring 2001 St. Paul Art Crawl dates are April 20 and 21.

Following the Leader

Once upon a time, I used to be in charge of this paper. I had some good times - nobody could tell me what to do, and I like to pretend that the paper didn't suffer because of it. I surrounded myself with people who would agree with me. And aside from outside problems with a girl or three, the semester went pretty smooth (let's forget about that whole "L.C. investigative piece" that someone put my name on). And the whole experience taught me one thing: being in charge automatically makes you responsible for each and every person in that group, and that usually sucks.

Having said that, I think that

every person on this campus in a position of power is under appreciated. I know from experience dude, if you know what I mean. Think about it: I'm sure you've all played organized football, and in any given situation the quarterback can be blamed if something goes wrong. This is a metaphor: leaders can be "throwing incomplete passes."

through this situation, which should make the rest of you feel better.

Time to get serious, especially this year, since we're all voting for (Gore) the new leader of the free world. Most of the time, leaders are chosen by a partially democratic process or by everybody else's apathy (only one person runs). Does this give you the right to criticize? Not really.

I can understand fundamental differences in opinion, but too often it comes to be that any arguments are at least partial character assassinations.

Or just because "I don't like you, so why should we agree?" This (college) is the time of one's life when it should become obvious that the best way to accomplish stuff is to agree and disagree with ideas, not with the person presenting them. This is the time to realize that not liking an idea because your adversary

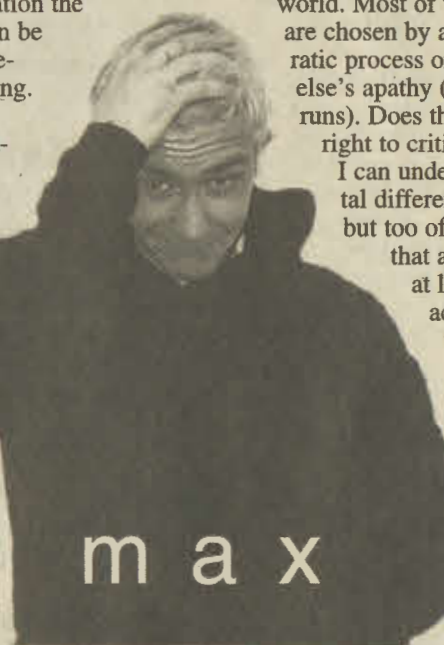
likes it is, like, so third grade. Far be it from me to advocate maturity, but some of the politics on this campus make me sick.

On the other hand, it IS incredibly entertaining to antagonize someone in a position of power. Girlfriends are fun to antagonize as well, or at least I'm told that they are. I'm nice to mine all the time.

Made it this far in the column? Congratulations! I stumbled my way through another issue. Enjoy the homecoming festivities this weekend, but if someone offers you pickle juice, don't drink it. I'm also looking for a good house party, so e-mail me at max.k.date@uwrf.edu if you hear of anything. Don't worry, I'm not a cop.

"making bad reads," or "acting like complete f'ing idiots," but who gets to "hold the Lombardi trophy" in the "locker-room?" Who gets to "go to Disneyland?" That's right. What the hell was I talking about? Digression, apologies.

Okay, so you've got to give some juice to anyone who is brave enough to try and get people to agree on this campus. For the love of God, have you ever witnessed a Student Senate meeting? Some of them disagree just because the meeting might run too smooth if they don't. Why does this happen? Here's a theory: everyone on this campus has dated (or slept with) everyone else. Because of this, all of us have large stockpiles of ex-significant others that either we can't stand or who can't stand us (mostly the latter). If you try to get involved in any campus org, it's like "Oh sh*t. I've gotta work with her? Time to make her job hell." Maybe this is just me who goes



"...too often it comes to be that any arguments are at least partial character assassinations."

likes it is, like, so third grade. Far be it from me to advocate maturity, but some of the politics on this campus make me sick.

On the other hand, it IS incredibly entertaining to antagonize someone in a position of power. Girlfriends are fun to antagonize as well, or at least I'm told that they are. I'm nice to mine all the time.

Made it this far in the column? Congratulations! I stumbled my way through another issue. Enjoy the homecoming festivities this weekend, but if someone offers you pickle juice, don't drink it. I'm also looking for a good house party, so e-mail me at max.k.date@uwrf.edu if you hear of anything. Don't worry, I'm not a cop.

Whatcha doin' for homecoming?



Dave Headrick, Senior
"Start drinking at about nine and mostly party all day."



Jeanne Stocker, Senior
"I'll probably go to the game on Saturday, if we wake up by then."



Ben Neeser, Sophomore
"I was thinking about going home. I'll probably watch the Vikings on Sunday."



Emily Jenkins, Sophomore
"I'm going to Madison for their homecoming."



Doug Delamiter, Sophomore
"It's anything like last year, I'll probably start drinking at about nine in the morning, then go to the football game."

"Part of my charm is my incoherence. Ahs anyone."

-Max Date

Glover brings attitude to Lip Sync

Rocky Hulne
Staff Writer

A packed North Hall Auditorium was booming Wednesday night due to the annual Fall Fest 2000 Lip sync contest. The contest included 17 organizations and featured the same M.C. as last year's event, comedian Tiny Glover.

Twenty minutes before the contest even began it was sheer madness in the crowd. There were fraternity and sorority cheers yelled out back and forth, as well as many bells chiming in the crowd.

When Tiny Glover was introduced, he got a huge response from the crowd and got the event rolling right away. He posed for a mock photo shoot for people taking pictures of him in which he was in some suggestive positions.

Glover got the crowd fired up the way he mentioned Johnson Hall would not be participating in the event. "We have no Johnson!" Glover yelled.

Then, after calling the chancellor cute, Glover said "I'm not coming back next year, am I chancellor?"

He continued on with a 10-15 minute comic routine that drew good crowd responses. He told jokes about his troubles with raising his kids, along with a few jokes about college.

Sigma Tau Gamma was the first group to perform. They lip synced to the song "Thriller" with a Michael Jackson impersonator and three zombies doing a dance routine. Block and Bridle got the crowd laughing with their version of "The Ring of Fire." They had a setup where there were five campers all eating Mexican food and taking continuous trips to their "outhouse." The song ended with toilet paper being blown into the audience. Grimm Hall did a classic song with "Be true to your school." They had a setup of cheerleaders and football players dancing to the music.

Theta Chi was a well-received group as they dressed up like the Blues Brothers. The crowd began to clap

along with the song "Rolling, Rolling, Rolling." One of the funnier moments of the night came when Alpha Gamma Rho was about to perform. There where two hunters and three men dressed like dogs on the stage when "Calender Girl," the song meant for McMillan Hall began to play.

The crowd erupted in laughter. "Calender Girl" was quickly stopped and the song that was intended for AGR, "Who let the dogs out" began playing.

The song that received the biggest cheer was the South Park version of "Come Sail Away" by Phi Sigma Kappa. It had the whole South Park group and Kenny was even killed during the song. Most of the crowd even gave a standing ovation during the song.

Jenny Sweet, a senior, and hall manager of Prucha Hall said "I think the best received was Phi Sigs with 'Come Sail Away'." Another well-received song was Prucha Hall's version of "Summer Nights."

The setup was the same as the movie "Grease", except everybody cross-dressed. After their show, two of the guys who were dressed as women chased Glover to the corner of the stage. Glover finally recovered and made it to the front of the stage.

"That reminds me of my prison days," Glover joked. The cross-dressing earned Prucha Hall some respect. "Prucha Hall was the bravest," said Mindy Haas.

The other participants in the contest included: May Hall, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Tommorrow's Educators, Parker Hall, Crabtree Hall, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Theta Sigma, Ph Mu, and Alpha Omicron Pi.

"I think this will continue to be the most popular (homecoming) event," Haas said.

Most of the performers gave a lot of efforts towards their songs. There were many props and costumes used.

"It's nice to see a lot of energy, all the groups put in a lot of work," Jenny Sweet said.

The results of the contest will be released Friday, at the coronation.

Rubalcaba / good pianist

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igned the song into an intense Latin jam. He proved why he's played with jazz legends, but at same time his percussion blended perfectly with Rubalcaba's piano playing. As they all rejoined to finish the song on an exhaustingly energetic note, Rubalcaba pulled his attention from the piano keys and looked at the other two musicians as if he was asking, "Can you guys handle this?"

The audience, approximately 360 students and citizens, definitely handled it; they stood up and gave their approval of Rubalcaba as he announced each musician's name, bowed and left stage.

"This was the most fantastic jazz that I've ever heard because of how free and rythmically diverse it was," said UW-RF Jazz Ensemble drummer, Mike Cain, as he waited after the performance for a chance to meet the musicians.

Reed Grimm, a sophomore at Ellsworth High School

and also a drummer, echoed Cain's approval of the concert.

"It was really fast and really exciting," Grimm said. "I don't know what to say; I guess 'crazy' would be the word to explain it."

The Ganzalo Rubalcaba concert was sponsored by the Wyman Series, a student organization whose mission is to provide cultural and performing arts programs to the campus and the community.

Wyman Series director Kaye Schendel was pleased with the performance, which was free to UW-RF students and \$5 for non-students.

"I thought the concert was well received by those in attendance and was of exceptional quality," Schendel said.

The Wyman Series continues on October 24 with a book signing and reading from Larry Watson, the author of *Montana 1948*.

The play is about... 'stuff'

Sara Masson
Staff Writer

Romeo, Romeo, where for art thy pizza box...pizza box?"

Beginning on Oct. 26, at 8:00p.m. a company of 16 UW-River Falls students will present a show called, "Stuff: You Are What You Own." This production will give the theater goers involved a different look at how theater can be.

According to the press release about the show, the actors will, "incorporate music, movement, and puppets in to a nontraditional evening of entertainment." They will do this through improvisation and theme exploration.

The cast wrote the sketches for the show itself. "We went with themes and ideas for sketches and then did a variety of improvisations to help develop some of the ideas for the scenes. The students then went away and did the writing on their own," said Ken Stofferahn, the director of the show and a professor at UW-RF.

The theme of the production is based on research, writings and findings about Affluenza. According to the press release, "'Affluenza' states the PBS television special, 'is an unhappy condition of over load, debt, anxiety, and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of more.' Affluenza turns the good life into the goods life."

The fact that the students involved in the production basically wrote the whole show themselves, with the help of Stofferahn and the guest artist, Joshua Will, is what makes this show very different from the average theater production. The whole show is basically all of the ideas of the actors put together.

Another very unique aspect of this production is the improvisation that takes place through out the entire show. For those of you reading this who aren't theater

buffs, improvisation is basically unrehearsed acting that comes along to the actors as the scenes progress. In an average show there is usually some amount of improv, as the theater insiders like to call it, but improv is what this whole show is basically made up of. "The show is a lot of improv, the actors are basically writing the show as they go along," said Angie Schumacher, the publicity assistant for the show.

Although there were a few complications with the writing, and the preparation for this show, the set backs there were really were very minor ones, that were easily overcome for the skilled student acting group. "We were lucky, in that we created a vast amount of material and had to make choices. However, this is a new style of creating theater for many of the students here at the university. From time to time the whole group struggled with the non-traditional process," said Stofferahn.

Apart from the small problems that the group encountered, this has

been a very fun learning experience for everyone involved. "This experience has been great! It has not been your typical rehearsal process, in a sense that we had to first create the show before we could start rehearsing. For me, this has been a really positive and fun experience," said Carrie E. Nelson, one of the actors in the show.

For all of you who are thinking to yourselves, "this sounds kind of weird," give it a try. "This is not an 'ordinary production' like shows we have done in the past. This show is based on improv and is compiled of a bunch of different sketches. I guess you could say it's kind of like 'Saturday Night Live'...except we are funny," said Nelson. The show is "different", but definitely shouldn't be missed. "It is a different kind of show, it is just our peers making up stuff as they go along. It should be very funny though," said Schumacher.

"Stuff: You Are What You Own" runs Oct. 26-28 and Nov. 2-4.

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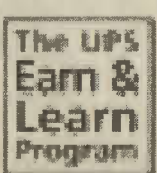
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