

Men's basketball preview

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The *Student Voice* will not be published next week. The next issue will be Nov. 29.

Prepare to pull some teats

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Falcons shoot down air attack



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

The Falcon defense forced five turnovers including three interceptions to lead UW-River Falls to a 38-13 win in the WIAC finale against pass-happy UW-Platteville at Ramer Field last Saturday afternoon.

Palmer 'regretfully' resigns as Student Senate president

Steve Frank
Staff Writer

Confirmed rumors of Student Senate President Steve Palmer's resignation took center stage when the Senate convened Tuesday evening in the Conference Room of Hathorn Residence Hall.

During Palmer's weekly President's Report, he told everyone that rumors surrounding his possible resignation as Senate President were true.

Palmer told the Senate that he "regretfully" must resign because an uncontrollable financial situation will force him to work at least 50 hours a week.

Working such long hours, Palmer believed he couldn't represent the students of UW-River Falls to the highest level they deserve.

Then, he told Shared Governance Director Scott Garbow that if any senator wishes to discuss future Senate issues he would be happy to contribute his foresight.

"I will not disappear," Palmer said. "I will be around to help the Senate any way I can."

According to Palmer, he will formally resign within a week.

Under Senate by-laws, after the finaliza-

tion of Palmer's resignation, Vice President Cora Opsahl will become the active Senate President, vacating her position of Senate Vice President.

The new vice president can be any interested active Senate member that is approved by the Executive Committee and then the collective Senate.

In other Senate business, United Council President Matt Fargen's failure to address allegations in person and minimal attempt to address grievances led to a motion asking for a campus referendum to let the students decide on further participation within the United Council.

Garbow spoke for the motion, stating that he doesn't believe this is an issue that should be taken lightly and be decided on strictly by the Senate.

"The students should decide the fate of the United Council," Garbow said. "Where it is currently and where it is going in the future."

Senator Ryan Fisher commented against her referendum.

"It seem like we're given up," Fisher said. "If we're for the betterment of the students, we should be working our hardest to make changes within the United Council."

Fisher went on to say that he didn't believe it was wise to make a blanket deci-

sion about the United Council based on one bad experience.

According to Palmer, the previous time the student body voted for membership within the United Council less than 700 student took the time to vote.

By a vote of 10-to-10-to-3 the motion failed because a two-thirds vote was needed.

The Senate also listened to debate regarding the discrimination of skateboarders on campus.

Adam Demers, a skateboarder who received a ticket for using his skateboard as a mode of transportation showed the Senate a petition filled with over 400 signatures in support of changing the Wisconsin Administrative Code 18.06 (29).

Demers is halfway to the petition's goal of 800 signatures.

The current administrative code states: no skateboards, roller skates, or roller blades may be used on University property. Former Chancellor Gary Thibodeau amended the code to allow in-line skating after 2:45 p.m.

According to Senator Diomira Shelton in-line skating before 2:45 p.m. is a common sight on sidewalks, yet zero tickets have

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Students brave elements to combat poverty

Habitat for Humanity members sleep inside cardboard boxes to promote awareness of the hungry and homeless

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

In order to promote awareness of poverty and hunger among students on campus, UW-RF's chapter of Habitat for Humanity worked with the Campus and Community Cleanup Coalition (CCCC) this week for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

During the week, the members of Habitat for Humanity participated in events held on campus in order to gain a better understanding of how poverty affects people in local communities and beyond.

"This is a week to make everyone aware that poverty is right in their backyard," said senior Marissa Vogt, chair of the executive team for Habitat for Humanity.

The week began with the annual Hunger Banquet, an event in which participants can experience what it may be like to not have enough food to eat.

Amanda Dahl, a third-year member of Habitat for Humanity who is serving her second year on the executive team as the fundraising chair, said the Hunger Banquet is "an excellent experience that everyone should do at least once...it really puts things in perspective for you."

To experience a week of being homeless, members of Habitat for Humanity are sleeping in cardboard boxes on the student center lawn until the CCCC hits its fundraising goal of \$3,000. This money will be donated to the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and the Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County. For each

non-Habitat member who participates in the sleep out, Habitat for Humanity will donate \$5 to the CCCC. Ten dollars is donated when a member of Habitat for Humanity participates.

Dahl, who braved the pouring rain Monday night to sleep outside, said it was "well worth it, but it obviously doesn't compare to being homeless."

Dahl walked, with her pillow in hand and all, to her 8 a.m. class from the student center lawn. Although she was cold and tired, she did not let that dissuade her from participating again Tuesday night.

"Faces of Homelessness" was an event that took place in North Hall on Wednesday night this week. This event, described by Dahl as being "very moving," brought homeless and formally homeless people to campus to share their experiences with the community.

In order to collect food for the River Falls Food Shelf, a food-sculpting contest was held this week. Students on campus were able to participate by rounding up a team, collecting non-perishable food items and creating a sculpture out of the items.

According to Dahl, this week is important because "it makes people aware that homelessness exists even here in River Falls and even if it makes one person stop and think than for our organizations it was well worth the effort. It also makes people realize that homelessness happens to anyone - young or old, rich or poor. It can be a life changing experience if you let it."

The purpose of the UW-RF student chapter of Habitat for Humanity is to provide students with "opportunities to increase in knowledge, develop leadership skills, and assist in ongoing efforts to eliminate inadequate housing through building opportunities both in St. Croix and Pierce Counties as well as throughout the country."

The goal of the UW-RF chapter of Habitat for Humanity, as well as the other 1,900 chapters worldwide is to "eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of con-

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Molly Montag / The Student Voice

Freshman elementary education major Katie Russeth crawls out from underneath her makeshift shelter consisting of a picnic table covered with cardboard Wednesday morning in front of the Hagestad Student Center.

Conversations with back-seat riders

Local taxi driver tells of experience

Matt Rayburn
Freelance Writer

"I think everyone should go to college and get a degree and then spend six months as a bartender and six months as a cabdriver. Then they would really be educated."-Al McGuire, former college basketball coach

Perfumed women and hair-gelled men drift up and down Main Street in search of cheap booze and good pizza. It's Thursday night, and UW-RF senior Kris Jensen is sitting in his cab sucking on Jolly Ranchers waiting for his next rider. Radio station 92 KQRS

FM can be heard through his cab's speakers playing songs like Pink Floyd's "Money" and The Who's "Pinball Wizard."

"Unit one to base," he says into a CB radio. "Is there anything?"

Since Jensen began working as a cabdriver with the River Falls Shared Ride Taxi Company almost two months ago, he has learned he must be a good conversationalist and listener.

"I really like dealing with people," he said. "When they're in my cab they're in my world for three to five minutes."

Whatever the subject, Jensen's riders will discuss it. Whenever he works, he will be told the weather forecast, what's going on in town and what cars people are selling.

"I've learned a lot about the city within the last month," he said. "This is my third year of college

here and it's the first time I know where the important places are."

Since he has been a River Falls cabdriver, he knows where all the shortcuts are, what the rents are at many of the apartments and the best place to buy cigarettes.

Jensen said he frequently picks up the same customers, allowing him to build cabdriver/rider relationships.

"Once [riders] know and trust you it becomes the bartender's syndrome," he said. "For the most part I like to listen to people."

Jensen said that a cabdriver's job is one that few people have the patience for.

"Cab driving is a service job like a waiter or waitress," he said. "If you want to get paid well you have to treat people nicely."

Twice a week Jensen picks up a man who updates him on his love life and his schemes to win back his

ex-girlfriend. Other days he picks up a woman and brings her to the high school to watch her daughter in swim meets.

"As a driver you learn about families," he said. "People tell you their life."

Jensen said people don't always tell happy stories. He said he has learned about single parents in bad situations, low-income families with hungry children and people watching loved ones die.

"There's a lot of sadness out there," Jensen said. "I have a lot to be thankful for when I hear about people struggling."

Jensen said that despite people's circumstances, he can see they are brave.

"[Bravery] is probably the greatest thing I'll learn from this job," he

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Matt Rayburn / The Student Voice

Local cabbie Kris Jensen listens to many different viewpoints as he drives people around the streets of River Falls.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Textbook Sale from September 24 through November 16. If you have a current textbook that you want to buy, you will receive 20%-40% off. Discounted textbooks range from 25 cents through several dollars per copy.

Lets Get Visual! In need of journalism credits or are interested in graphics, design and layout? Sign up for the Media Design Jour 389 section 01 spring semester. Mondays 5-7:50 p.m. 162 Red Lab Chalmer Davee Library. Register soon, limit 15.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Craft Fair
The River Falls FBLA chapter proudly presents the 21st Annual River Falls High School Craft Fair. The craft fair will be held Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Rd. The fair will feature the works of area crafters and artisans. This year will be exceptional, as it is the first craft fair to be held in the new high school. Homemade food and desserts will be available all day. For more information call 425-1830.

Turkey Trot Nov. 3 brought sunny, brisk weather which drew 100 participants for the third annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot consisted of a five-kilometer fun run and a one-mile walk. The proceeds of the race went to the Sept. 11 fund. If you would like to check out race results from the Turkey Trot, you can find them on the web at www.uwrf.edu/hhp and click on Turkey Trot.

EVENTS

Book of Revelation Study
A study of the New Testament Book of Revelation will be held Wednesdays from Oct. 24-Nov. 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Journey House, 143 E. Cascade, across the street from the Student Center. This study will be led by experienced adult Bible study leader Ray Anderson. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Krista Spieler, Journey House Campus Ministry Coordinator at krista.l.spieler@uwrf.edu or 425-2391.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, 245 Knowles Ave. So. Ste. B New Richmond, Wi., has announced its live music calendar for the month of Nov.

Sat. Nov. 17: East of Eagan: Good time band will be playing from 7-9 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 24: JMR: Acoustic folk originals and covers will be playing from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652 with any questions.

Riversides Riversides, 500 First St. Hudson, Wi., have announced its live music calendar for the month of Nov.

Sat. Nov. 17: Irene Keenen is a solo singer/songwriter who plays originals and covers of rock favorites from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Keenen has a strong voice, amazing guitar playing skills and a solid music background. A must see.

Sat. Nov. 24: Dr. Somke. Acoustic funk rock featuring guitars, flute and percussion will be playing from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Contact Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652 with any questions.

Women Helping Women Holiday Shopping Expo
The Second Annual Women Helping Women Shopping Expo will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16 and 17 at the Hudson House Inn. The expo will begin each day at 9 a.m. and resume at 4 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Turningpoint is a nonprofit organization in River Falls that provides emergency shelter, personal and legal advocacy; children's advocacy; children's and women's support groups, 24-hour crisis, phone lines; sexual assault advocacy; and a variety of other services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Hot Air Affair Plans "Too, Too, Much Fun"
Join the "Too, Too Much Fun" in 2002 at the Hudson Hot Air Affair, the premier winter hot air balloon rally in the Midwest. The 13th annual rally and winter festival, presented by Bernick's Pepsi, will celebrate the year of "2's" February 1-3 in Hudson, Wisc.

All spectator events and many participant events are free. For details contact the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau at 386-8411 or 800-657-6775. You can also visit www.hudsonwi.org or www.hudsonhotairaffair.com.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Nov. 11-17
During this week the River Falls Campus and Community Cleanup Coalition will be sponsoring many events. Many students, faculty, staff and community members will be sleeping in the Student Center Lawn using cardboard boxes for make shift shelter. The sleep out began Monday at 10 p.m. and will continue until \$3,000 is raised. Proceeds will be donated to the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless and the Hunger Prevention Council of Pierce County, Inc. Donations can be mailed to: CCCCLeadership Center, 400 South Third Street River Falls, WI 54022. For more information contact Nikki or Sarah at (715) 426-4851.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Morris K. Udall Scholarship up to a maximum of \$5000 are available to students who would be juniors or seniors in 2002-2003. Awards will be made to two groups of students, on the basis of merit: 1) those who intend to pursue careers related to the environment; and 2) Native Americans and Alaskan Natives who intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy. Contact Michael Albert, Geography and Mapping Sciences (425-3264) for specific conditions of scholarship eligibility and nomination procedures. Deadline for nominations to be received is February 15, 2002.

MEETINGS

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

Gay/Straight Alliance The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance will be meeting in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Meetings are confidential and all are welcome.

African American Alliance The African American Alliance meets Mondays at 4:00 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. All are welcome.

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.

Cheap turkey for your tummy

Chris Anderson
Staff Writer

The campus and community are getting ready for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday in various ways.

Although a North American holiday, unofficially since 1621 and officially since November 26, 1941, students from other parts of the world have intertwined Thanksgiving with some of their own cultural traditions.

"My family celebrates Thanksgiving just like Americans do with Thanksgiving food for parties," said Ateev Jair, a senior computer information science major who was born in New Brighton, Minn. but spent most of his life in India.

The only thing Jair said that would make his Thanksgiving possibly different than others in America would be the sharing of thanks.

"What we usually also do, that others may not, is share what we are thankful for, more so than what we would usually do," Jair said.

Most Thanksgiving traditions consist of students spending time with family members and eating lots of food.

"We usually get together and have Thanksgiving dinner," said Sara Stepien a freshman pre-vet major.

Eating is a large part of Thanksgiving for students, as the holiday is second only behind Christmas (and, according to the NFL, preceding Super Bowl Sunday) as the time for Americans to consume the most food.

"I don't think we do anything really other than eat lots of food," said Jay Anderson, a freshman mechanical engineering major from River Falls.

Some students have traditions in their family involving specific types of food.

"I eat all the cranberries," said Courtney Watters, a sophomore majoring in social work.

Other students make their own food products as family tradition for the holiday.

"We make family tea bags," said Jake Conway, a junior pre-pharmacy major.

Common foods found at Thanksgiving meals include turkey, stuffing, potatoes, corn, cranberries (or the sauce), and pumpkin or apple pie; similar to the seasonal foods that would have been available to the Pilgrims and the Native Americans at the first Thanksgiving feast.

Foods that historians have suspected have since disappeared from the list include deer meat, lobster, goose, duck, seal, eel, and cod.

If a student takes advantage of the current sales in supermarkets and a few stores, he or she may be able to enjoy Thanksgiving without parting with a lot of money.

Cranberry sauce and stuffing can be found at the Dollar Express, totaling \$2. The sale prices for turkey's found at Econo Foods and Dick's IGA are .79 cents per pound for Our Family Turkey; \$1.39 per pound for Flavorite Turkey, and \$1.69 per pound for Butterball Turkey; so, a small turkey would cost somewhere between \$15 and \$20.

The cheapest corn was found at Dick's with a price of \$1.35 for one bag. Whether prepared and boxed or in a sack, potatoes cost \$1.69 (or 49 cents per pound if obtained individually).

Pumpkin pie mix is currently on sale at Econo Foods for .79 cents and a pie shell costs \$1.45.

Thus, if a student is conservative with his shopping and takes advantages of the sales he can manage to spend just around \$30.

The River Falls Food Pantry, located at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, which provides food for low-

income families, does not have any big Thanksgiving plans.

"What we would be doing Thanksgiving would be no different than what we would do at other times," said Loyd Ostness who volunteers at the Food Pantry.

Since many Thanksgiving foods are perishable, they are not given to charities.

"People don't donate turkeys, just nonperishable items like soda crackers and canned goods," Ostness said.

Those wishing to donate food can do so at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, located on 2nd Street behind South Hall.

Many other churches as well as many businesses in the community should also be participating in donating food to low-income families.

Also sticking to tradition is the River Falls Police Department, which plans to take actions to stop drunk drivers over the holiday weekend.

"With most of the students from the campus gone Thanksgiving is a fairly quiet, if not quieter than usual time, so we are going to do what we would normally do any other day to stop drunk driving," said River Falls chief of police Roger Leque. Students will also be spending time with their family members this Thanksgiving

"We usually sit in the living room and listen to my grandma tell Norwegian stories with her Norwegian accent," said Brandon Johnson, a freshman history major from Centerville, Wisc.

Family visits are a very common tradition for many other students as well.

"We (the family) usually go to my mom's side or my dad's side every other year," said Amy Pichner a junior majoring in broad area agriculture.

Due to work or athletic commitments, a few students will be staying over the break.

"There are very few people here Thursday and we only get a few back on Friday, so it's not until the actual weekend when we would be getting twenty to fifty people in the halls," said Mike Stifter, area coordinator for the west end of campus.

Those that do stay have nothing more to adhere to than the usual hall policies, and have a few privileges not granted to those who stay over Christmas or Spring Break.

"All nine or so dorms on campus are opened as opposed to only about three during longer breaks," Stifter said.

Students who do stay will have to remember their keys, as the dorms will be locked all day and night for security purposes. The dorms also will be fully staffed.

"I think we are better staffed for Thanksgiving than other times of the year because we have peo-



Molly Montag/*The Student Voice*
A lone turkey at one of the University's lab farms looks nervous as the Thanksgiving holiday draws near.

ple working twenty-four hours around the clock," Stifter said.

Students who stay over break, or return on Friday, November 23, may want to check out the Riverdazzle Parade, now in its fourth year of existence.

"We do lighting downtown and thought a parade would be a fun idea," said Chamber of Commerce member Jolene Larson, who has organized the event every year.

The festivities starts at 2 p.m. with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Veterans Park until 5 p.m. At 3 p.m. a free kids' matinee movie will be offered at the River Falls Theatre. The parade itself starts at about 5 p.m. and will be held on Main Street, going from Pine Street to Locust Street before turning around and marching down the other end of Main Street back to Pine Street.

Riverdazzle will then conclude with fireworks at 6:30 p.m. and hayrides offered by local businesses from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Also accompanying Riverdazzle, for its second year, will be a Community Art Crawl. It is scheduled to go from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24.

"Last year we didn't start until 5 p.m. and, we went until nine," said Melodie Needham of the Community Art Board, which organizes the event.

Needham says quite a mixed media will be at the Art Crawl this year. "We will have glass artist, fiber artists, ceramics, and jewelry there, among other things."

Native American journalists voice concern over lack of knowledge about their culture



Molly Montag/*The Student Voice*
The latest installment of the Diversity in Media series presented four Native Americans and their challenges as they established themselves in the media industry.

Liz Grohn
Staff Writer

More than 75 students packed into the Regents' room of the student center Thurs. Nov. 8 to listen to four Native American speakers discuss their concerns about the general public, as well as the media's lack of knowledge of Native Americans and their history.

The seminar was the second in a series sponsored by the UW-River Falls Journalism Department with a grant from the UW System's Institute on Race and Ethnicity.

Paul DeMain, publisher of Indian Country Communications, said he got into journalism because he felt there was "a lot of work to be done in terms of educating people."

Going through school, DeMain noticed the lack of study about Native Americans, which he feels is important to the history of the nation, as well as to this region.

Stephanie Popovich, a marketing communications student who attended

the seminar, said, "There are often misconceptions about Native Americans. You often don't hear about their struggles."

Laura Waterman Wittstock, president of MiGiZi Communications, also spoke about some of the hardships she faced being a Native American journalist.

"My credentials were challenged because they didn't think we were real journalists," Wittstock said.

Wittstock was referring to when she was a reporter in Washington D.C., covering Native American legislation.

Wittstock was contacted by several large news associations, such as the New York Times and USA Today, while she worked in Washington D.C. to get information and sources for Native American issues, because those news outlets were not fully informed or had insufficient contacts.

Mike Dukin, music director and chief announcer at WOJB, a Native American radio station on the Lac Courté Oreilles Indian Reservation near Hayward, Wisc. knew he wanted to work in radio since he was five years old.

Because Dukin is blind he said, "Guidance counselors would try and talk me out of it because radio wasn't practical for a person like myself."

But Dunkin did not let that discourage him and went on to start the largest Native American radio station east of the Mississippi. Dunkin said that when the station was first put on the air critics said, "you guys will only last no more than five years."

Now, almost 20 years later, the station is one of the first Native radio stations to do Web casting and now has programming that is heard nation wide.

Marcie Rendon, a member of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA), works as a freelance writer to provide the public with a Native American view on issues. Rendon believes that a Native American response to news is important because it provides a new and different view on issues. Rendon also works with the NAJA to get Native American students involved in journalism.

She is currently working on a study in Native American high schools to research current curriculum and to study how it can be changed to encourage students to go into journalism.

Rendon also writes about women's issues and does freelance work on issues that affect Native American women.

When a student asked the panel if they thought any mainstream media did a good job of covering particular issues concerning Native Americans, the panel decided that they generally do not. Some of the issues brought up by the panelists were about treaties that have been upheld in courts. DeMain talked about how the mainstream media did an unfair job of representing the case to the public.

Students dance to the beat of One Drum

Teresa Schmitt
Assistant Photo Editor

Students and community members were able to go on stage Tuesday night and play different instruments with "One Drum," an eclectic multi-cultural ensemble of five who performed songs, told stories and did dances from the cultures of Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, the Middle East and the Americas.

"Imagine you are in Africa in the middle of a tribal celebration," Jahmes Finlayson, lead drummer said. "All of our energy goes out to you and you need to bring it back to us."

"One Drum" was sponsored by UW-River Falls Diversity Awareness Committee.

About 50 people went to watch One Drum perform and over half of them were able to join the band in one last "jam session" during the night.

The band members wore bright colorful outfits from different cultures and no one wore shoes during the performance.

"Act locally and think globally" was the name of one of their songs discussing society and the environment. Stickers with the words one love, free Tibet and save the rainforest were on the drums. Other songs dealt with African romances

and basic different cultural celebrations.

With over 100 different kinds of aboriginal, ancient, modern and one-of-a-kind percussion, string and wind instruments, One Drum played and sang songs about the environment, the society and about the cultures of Australia, Africa and the Caribbean.

"We seem to collect songs and instruments or they seem to collect us," band member David Stocker said.

Freshman Justin Kemp music major said the wide variety of instruments is truly amazing with how the music flows from the wide variety of cultures.

"There is more energy in this room, then kids in a school bus," Kemp said.

Although the group performs mainly in mid-western United States and on occasion travels to places around the world and was recently to Europe, each of them have full time day jobs.

Band members Jahmes Finlayson and David Stocker are music teachers and song writers, Julio Pabon is a multi-instrumentalist and a dancer, Jeff Green is an emergency room doctor, and Roman Edirishqhe is a web designer. All of them currently live in Milwaukee, Wisc. except for Stocker who lives in Rockford, Illinois.

Stocker said in bringing music from different cultures to people they are hoping to widen people's horizons and views about the rest of the world.

Although One Drum members have other daily jobs it takes a lot of practice and time to get everything perfect with playing many different instruments.

In the beginning of the show one band member had a dead battery in his guitar that kept making a popping noise. Still everyone in the audience kept tapping their feet and a few even danced.

"This is a lot more professionally difficult technically playing different rhythms that all go together," Kemp said. "It's just amazing I've never seen this great of talent on these kinds of drums before."

With music from the Australian didgeridoo to the noises made from band member's mouth resembling kangaroos, birds and koalas the whole musical environment made people experience the cultural changes.

"This music actually made me feel like I was in the outback of Australia," Michael said. "It was a great experience."



Andrea Caudill/ The Student Voice
Decked out in multi-colored attire, One Drum jams with a variety of instruments from across the world and history Tuesday night.

Professor instructs students to commit acts of deviance

Students perform random tasks of kindness in the community for sociology project

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

Students and faculty may or may not have noticed, but there were some deviant acts being committed on campus last week. There were no broken windows, stolen cars or toilet papered houses, however. The deviant acts being committed by sociology students were done with good reasoning - because their teacher told them to do it.

Sociology professor Tricia Davis stood in front of her two Sociology 100 classes two weeks ago and gave them an assignment to commit three "good" deviant acts, or random acts of kindness. The assignment came at the conclusion of a lecture about society's definition of deviance and who typically commits deviant acts.

Davis said that in recent years doing this project she did not specify in the assignment to commit "good" deviant acts. A phone call from a local store manager who had just caught a couple of Davis' students committing mischievous deviant acts made her rethink the assignment. She then changed the assignment to having the students specifically commit "good" deviant acts.

"In this assignment I wanted students to learn about how deviance is basically going against the norm - and in this case, doing something nice for another person which you wouldn't otherwise do," Davis said.

Whether it was by offering an unexpected treat to a trick-or-treater, cleaning up a stranger's garbage in Freddy's, bringing a special treat to share with one's class or cleaning someone else's dishes, the students responded. Stephanie Hickman, an English major whose minor happens to be sociology, said that she enjoyed the project, although her deviant acts led her "victims" to believe there was a catch to her actions.

One lucky trick-or-treater fell victim to Hickman's first act of deviance. While the two other girls in her entourage received small treats, Avery's bag

was weighed down with a jumbo-sized box of Nerds. She expressed her surprise by asking Hickman if she meant to give her the unexpected treat, to which Hickman responded, "it must be your lucky night." Hickman also surprised her early morning class with donuts and juice one day. Before her class showed their appreciation, they asked what the occasion was or if she was just "sucking up."

With this deviant act came her classmates' suspicion of Hickman's possible ulterior motives, and she had to assure them that her action was simply a random act of kindness. Still, the class' reaction to Hickman's act of kindness made her feel awkward.

"The whole thing was kind of embarrassing because bringing treats to class was such an elementary school thing to do - like we used to do for our birthdays," Hickman said. "I felt like I was drawing unwanted attention to myself." Lindsay Starr, a marketing communication major, took on the messy task of collecting and cleaning some of her neighbors' dirty dishes in her dorm. After filling her laundry basket with dishes and getting some funny looks, she cleaned them and returned them to their owners. Some of Starr's neighbors were hesitant to let her take the dishes, but all were appreciative in the end. One girl even asked if Starr wanted to do her laundry while she was at it.

Starr also gave an unsuspecting trick-or-treater a nice surprise. She gave a regular sized Hershey bar to a little girl disguised as Cruella DeVill. Starr said she received a wide-eyed appreciative look from the girl in response to her "good" deviant act. Jessica Wolf, a journalism major, also walked along the lines of deviance when she decided to approach a group of strangers in Freddy's to ask if they minded if she threw away their garbage for them.

"I felt really awkward; it took a little while to build up the courage to approach complete strangers and ask them if you can take can of their garbage," Wolf said.

Both Hickman and Starr said the best part of the project was the reaction of their "victims."

"I think I would have been tickled if I were on the recipient end of any of the acts," Hickman said.

Wolf said that the best part of doing this project was the satisfaction she felt when she did something good for someone else.

"It definitely made me smile to see that little girl's eyes get really big when I put that Hershey bar in her bag," Starr said.

While all three participants said that committing the acts of kindness made them feel awkward or uncomfortable at times, all agreed that it was a good experience and would even perform more random acts of kindness in the future.

"It makes you feel so good knowing that you have just made someone else's day," Starr said. "Maybe they were having a bad day and you made them smile with something as simple as doing some extra dishes, I mean, I was going to wash dishes anyway."

Hickman believes that doing something nice for someone else can also benefit one's own well-being.

"I think small, random acts of kindness are good for the soul. Unfortunately it seems like a lot of such acts require spending money, but of course not all of them have to," Hickman said. "I know I always make the effort to hold doors for people, just showing a little added effort, it usually gets a smile or a small thanks."

Although she said she has yet to hear about any of her students continuing to commit "good" deviant acts on his or her own time, Davis said she would feel great if that happened.

"It would be wonderful if that type of thing happened based on these positive acts of deviance from this course," Davis said.

Award winning columnist Adair Lara once said, "They say you can't smile without cheering yourself up a little-likewise you can't commit a random kindness without feeling as if your own troubles have been lightened if only because the world has become a slightly better place."

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Students donate their blood, time



Andrea Caudill/ The Student Voice
Serena Weber relaxes as she donates blood during this week's blood drive. Blood drives occur usually twice a year.

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, many people have been wondering what they can do to help. Now there is something UW-River Falls students are doing without even leaving campus: donating blood.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile visited UW-RF yesterday and today, Nov. 14 and 15, to collect blood donations from students, faculty and anyone who wants to give.

"River Falls has always done an excellent job with blood donations. We've beaten out St. Paul (U of M) and Mankato consistently, even though we're a smaller campus," said Lance Ross, the leadership center employee in charge of the blood drive.

Already a biannual event, the importance of the drives and the need for blood has only been emphasized by the tragedy more than two months ago.

Faculty Senate

Senate combines constitutions

Jamie Nielsen
Staff Writer

In a unanimous vote of the Academic Staff Council Wednesday, it was decided to combine the constitutions of the council and the Faculty Senate.

As a result, all instances where the current Faculty Senate constitution says "Faculty Senate" are amended it to say "Faculty and Staff Senate."

Everyone seemed to be optimistic about the changes.

"This is the next step in a process that's been going on for the last three years," said Academic Staff Council member Sandy Sores.

The Senate voted to postpone changes that need to be made to some other areas where ambiguous, vague, or otherwise confusing language was found until further examination of the documents can be done. The issue will be picked up again at the next meeting in three weeks.

Chair Meg Swanson reported on what occurred at the Faculty Representative Meeting, where non-teaching faculty teaching classes was an issue of concern.

"How do you make clear how the student is impacted negatively by teaching academic staff, and impacted positively by teaching faculty?" Swanson asked.

Provost Ginny Coombs reported on the state of sabbatical requests. The school voted to fund five sabbaticals next year, slightly in excess of the budget with the reasoning being that two of the granted sabbaticals are for the full year, so the school will be saving on salaries. She also suggested some sort of workshop be held for faculty outlining what a sabbatical should be for, and how to write proposals and apologized that the school could not grant all of the requests made.

Finally, a statement came down from the Curriculum Committee to clarify that the committee must approve important changes in class curriculum, including changes in the course name, prerequisites for the course, offerings (fall, spring, every other year), and mode of delivery (lecture or Internet). Discussion on this was also postponed until the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be on Dec. 5 in the President's Room in the Student Center.

College Experience

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

College can be a very confusing time, especially for a freshman. It can also be a time for students to flourish.

The College Experience Organizer (CEO) was developed by the student development staff this summer in hopes to help students not only in their quest for success in college, but also in the world that awaits them after college.

"The purpose of the CEO is to help students find resources and information that will enable them to be successful in college," said career counselor Sheri Stover. "The CEO is also a tool to help students collect tangible materials that can be used to create their professional portfolio."

Stover worked at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, where they had a similar product called an academic and career planning portfolio.

Stover said she wanted to develop a similar tool for students at UW-River Falls so she brought the idea up to her boss at Career Services in June. The idea was then brought to Dean of Students Roger Ballou, and finally to Chancellor Ann Lydecker for approval.

"We formed a committee and we worked all summer on the project," Stover said.

The CEO contains five sections for students entitled "Get A Clue", "Get Involved", "Get Skills", "Get It Together" and "Get A Life".

Each section also has pocket pages for students to keep documents of achievement, portfolio items, Degree Audit Requests (DARS), Registration Appointment Forms (RAFS) and any other personal documents.

Tips from Freddy the Falcon called Freddy's Tips are also scattered throughout the CEO.

One problem new college students have, Stover said, is choosing the right major. The "Get A Clue" section helps individuals learn about themselves in order to find a major that will make them happy by questioning students interests, favorite skills, practical needs, life values and other factors.

"I've seen a lot of students who don't really know how to choose a major," Stover said. "They had a friend tell them that they would be good at something, so they decide to major in it. We want students to choose a major they enjoy, and in turn they will enjoy college more."

There are endless opportunities on campus, but Stover said with all the possibilities it is hard to know where to start and many new students don't know about many of their options. The "Get Involved" section lists a few of the organizations and opportunities for involvement on campus, while giving tips about keeping track of involvement and participation.

"I actually called the American Red Cross the day of the disaster and said we were ready," Ross said. "I had it so we could have it set up the next day. They told me that we were the second wave of blood. Blood only has a 42 day shelf life, and by our blood drive, they would need it again."

If you want to donate blood, all you really need is an hour of time, but before donors must meet the following criteria. Otherwise, a donor could be temporarily or permanently deferred. Donors must:

- * Be at least 17 years of age
- * Weigh at least 110 pounds
- * Be in general good health
- * Have waited at least 56 days since your last donation
- * Have a hematocrit level of at least 38 percent.

It is this last requirement that gets the most people temporarily deferred, about 25 to 40 people per drive on the UW-RF campus. Hematocrit refers to the percentage of red blood cells in the blood and is most easily increased by eating food containing iron. Before giving blood, Red Cross officials recommend the potential donor eat foods rich in iron such as red meat, fish, poultry, liver, iron-fortified breakfast cereals, beans and peas, lentils, breads and cereal, and dried fruit. Foods rich in vitamin C, such as oranges, broccoli, peppers, potatoes, cabbage, and others help iron to be absorbed more easily into the blood.

Besides allowing one to give blood, iron is an important source of energy, so making sure you get enough iron in your diet is to your benefit. Wonder why you're always tired? Try eating some of the foods listed above rather than the usual college diet of Ramen, macaroni and beer. This is especially important for females, who naturally require more iron in their diets.

For those of you who have donated before, and even those who haven't, but plan to donate this drive or in the future, be aware that there is a new restriction that could get you deferred. The restrictions were placed in response to the detection of Creutzfeldt-Jakob or 'mad cow' disease in the United Kingdom. There is enormous scientific uncertainty, no blood test and a long latency period (five to 10 years) before the disease can be detected, so as of Oct. 15, the Red Cross is deferring anyone who has

- * Lived/visited the United Kingdom for a cumulative total of three months since 1980.
- * Lived/visited any European country for a total of six months since 1980.
- * Received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980.

For the uninitiated, when one goes to give blood, they'll ask for a valid ID, driver's license or a donor card, if you have one. You'll read some confidentiality literature and be asked to answer a series of yes or no questions and fill out some paperwork about yourself (name, address, sex, etc.) After they look over the questionnaire, they'll pick your finger to check your hematocrit level. If you're okay, you'll get to donate, which can take any-

Springtime in Scandinavia

Diana Schmitz
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls students interested in studying and touring throughout Scandinavia have the opportunity to do so this summer. Social work professor Ruth Kalms will be leading the tour through Norway and Sweden from May 27 through June 11.

The Social Welfare Tour is a three-credit course (INTS 370) offered to a wide range of students but geared toward social work majors. Students will get acquainted with social welfare services and graduate education in the Scandinavian countries with the purpose of comparing the other countries' services with those in the United States.

"I want us [the students] to see systems that are more advanced than we are," Kalms said. "It is crucial that our students learn about our global community and learn about it in a first-hand manner."

The travel opportunity will rely on all forms of transportation: airplanes, trains, ferriboats, motorcoach and taxis in order to study and tour within the cities of Oslo, Trondheim, Goteborg, Bergen, Stockholm and Lillehammer.

Students will get to meet with agencies and universities to explore the areas of child welfare services, mental health services, AODA services, elderly services, socialized medicine, medical services, social security system and adult/child corrections.

Brent Greene, director of international programs, said a course like this is good because it broadens the campus international culture.

"This is not only good for the students to study abroad, but good for the world," Greene said.

Students will get to explore the culture by sampling authentic foods through a Scandinavian brunch that is offered each day.

The group will visit places such as Nidaros Cathedral, Ringrave Museum, Maihaugen Open Air Museum, Holmenkollen ski jump, Vigeland Sculpture at Frogner

Park and Wasa Museum.

Included in the trip are travel arrangements, hotel stays (two per room) for all nights, five dinners (one in each major city), tours of each of the five major cities, visits to two graduate social work programs, tours and visits to social service agencies in each of the four major cities, as well as a free day in each of the three cities (Trondheim, Oslo, Stockholm).

The cost will depend on the number of people traveling, but the estimated cost is listed as \$4,200.

Credit will be accepted as one of the UW-RF SOWK 389-Special Topics courses required in the social work major. This course may also be applied toward the international studies minor, general electives, liberal arts requirements or other majors or minors. Students must have the permission of the appropriate faculty/dean in order to apply the credits in any other area than social work.

"This is my adventure," Kalms said. "I am half Norwegian myself so this has always been a part of my long term plan."

This is the first time Kalms will be taking a group overseas, but she has previously taken students to various places such as Chicago, Boston, Winnipeg and Kansas City.

Britney Hanson, a junior social work major, has gone along with Kalms to Chicago before but is looking forward to this experience overseas.

"I've never been out of the country before so the whole thing is exciting, and you get to take credit for it, which is a plus," Hanson said.

Interested students would attend all functions in Norway and Sweden and write a 10-page paper comparing the programs and issues in the United States with those in Norway or Sweden as a requirement for the course.

For further information, contact Ruth A. Kalms at 425-3376, e-mail her at ruth.a.kalms@uwrf.edu, or visit the website www.uwrf.edu/wwwpartnership/swtour/

where from five to 18 minutes (you're not allowed to bleed any longer than that). Then you get to relax with some free water, juice, cookies and pizza, all donated to the blood drive by Dicks IGA, Econofoods and Chartwells.

If the thought of bleeding intentionally sounds like too much for you, there are many other ways you can help out, according to the American Red Cross. You can recruit other people to donate blood, volunteer to work at a blood drive, or help sign donors up for appointments.

At UW-RF, Lance Ross is the only paid faculty employee assigned to the blood drives. The bulk of the rest of the work, from working the sign-up table in the Student Center to driving the Bloodmobile to St. Paul twice daily during the drive, falls on student volunteers.

The blood drive is took place in the River Room in Rodli Commons. Making an appointment is easiest and cuts down on donor waiting time, but walk-ins are welcome, as the usual campus goal of 120 units a day has been pumped up to 150 to meet higher demand.

"River Falls has always been a helping community," said Ross. "I'm confident that we can meet this new goal."

Overall, everyone involved feels that the drive went very well. Most appointments were kept, and any empty spaces were quickly filled by walk-ins. People waiting in line could sit and watch movies until their number was called, but with eight stations and a 15-minute turnover time, the wait wasn't too long.

"It's something to kill the time," said student volunteer Kyle Weaver, of the students watching Robin Williams in "Flubber."

"It only took about one hour. It's been about three years since my last donation, but it's something I like to do," said junior Casey Micale. "It's nice that they have it for two days. It gives everyone who wants to a chance to donate."

After being collected, the blood goes to the American Red Cross Blood Bank in St. Paul. The individual vials go to the National Testing Lab, and the blood is sent to area hospitals, or wherever it is needed, according to Elaine Strand, the head nurse at the blood drive.

The blood is transferred to the blood bank three times a day, twice during the drive by student volunteers, and again at the end of the day by a Red Cross volunteer.

The blood donated, won't, in fact, be going to anyone hurt in the Sept. 11 tragedy, but it is still needed. The next drive will be in April of 2002. The fall blood drive concludes today at 6:00 p.m., and everyone is encouraged to donate, everyone's donation is important, according the American Red Cross.

"We need blood now even more than before because of the upcoming holiday season," said Strand

Campus Security

Men in black grab student in K lot

Teresa Schmitt
Assistant Photo Editor

Halloween night a female student broke away from two men dressed in black capes wearing masks after they grabbed her and held her while she was walking back from parking her car in K-Lot. According to police reports the victim screamed and ran to Stratton Hall and was not harmed in any way.

November 3, Joe S. Behnke, 19, received an underage consumption citation at 270 Hathorn Hall and was fined \$213.

November 8, Maria A. Mule, 19, received an underage consumption citation at 423 May Hall and was fined \$213.

November 10, Gretchen D. Root, 19 received a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia at 233 Crabtree Hall and was fined \$213.

Organizer helps new students succeed

Skills are something every employer focuses on. The "Get Skills" section of the CEO lists a few of the skills students should keep in mind when learning in and outside of the classroom. Some of these skills include communication, time management, marketing, critical thinking and interpersonal skills. The "Get Skills" section also focuses on internships and how important they are to potential employers.

"Internships are great," Stover said. "I would recommend doing more than one, and they don't necessarily have to be for credit."

Students can also find a chart at the end of the section for them to keep track of their involvement.

While for some students finding a job is the last thing on their mind, in the "Get It Together" section, the most prominent advice is to "start now!"

The section gives a list of "self-marketing tools" for students including a cover letter and resume and job hunting skills. Stover stresses networking as one of the most important tool for finding a job saying that students can have access to jobs in their field that aren't advertised or they never would have known about.

"Networking is not as scary as it seems," Stover said.

Information about portfolios and pocket pages that remind students to keep all documents for future portfolios really helped freshman Cindi Kunert.

"I know I will use it a lot more as I get to be a senior," Kunert said. "I didn't really understand much about portfolios and this really helped me a lot."

Last in the CEO is the "Get A Life" section, which includes tips on time management skills and staying healthy. A few of the tips the CEO tells students are to create a good support system of family and friends and to get enough sleep.

"It is important to maintain proper work and personal life balance before you get to the 'real world,'" Stover said.

Freshmen can pick up a CEO in the Career Services office in East Hathorn Hall, and Stover said they can talk to any staff member if they have questions about the CEO.

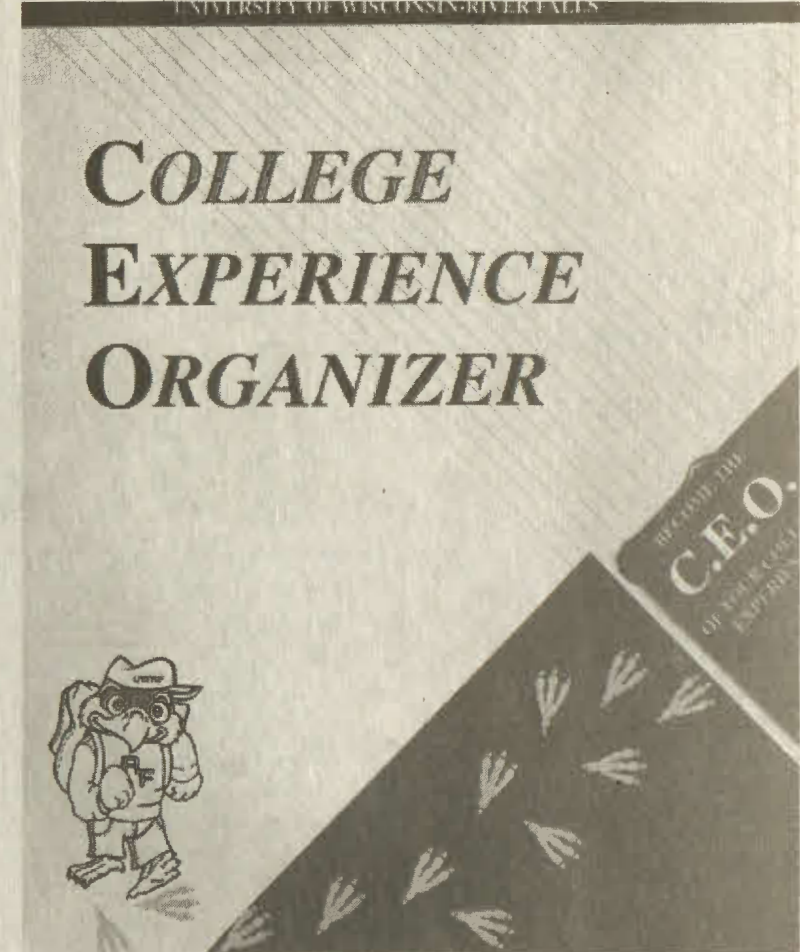
If upperclassmen would like to pick up a CEO, Stover said they are more than welcome to do so but better do it this year while they have extras.

Next year they will have to be put on a waiting list when the CEOs are for freshman only.

Students who already have a CEO can make suggestions in the Career Services office. The CEO for next year will have wider pocket pages so students can fit more items in them.

Students who already have a CEO seem to have positive things to say about it.

"One thing I really like about the CEO is that it has lots of information about the River Falls campus," said freshman Angie Hanson. "I also like



how it has tips on what to save for your portfolio and how to use your portfolio."

Stover hopes the CEO will help new students before they get too stressed out. She also said there are many things to take advantage of, and the CEO is something that can help them make sense of it all.

For questions or more information, contact Sheri Stover at sheri.L.stover@uwrf.edu or make an appointment in the Career Services office.

Student Senate

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been given out, while at least six have been given to skateboarders.

Senator Clayton Keller, along with Shelton, proposed a change in the administrative code, which would be no skateboards, roller skates, inline skates, or similar wheeled devices on University property,

except for transportation only, with no 2:45 p.m. restriction.

The motion passed.

The next step is the Senate will bring the finished petition and the supported change to the Wisconsin Administrative Code to Chancellor Ann Lydecker, with hopes that she will support the amendment.

The Senate also passed a motion

to propose student representation on the Faculty Senate, referred a Senator demerit system motion back to the Ethics Committee and tabled a motion to allocate \$1,500 for trolley advertising.

The next meeting of the Student Senate will be Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Cabbie

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said.

Many nights Jensen has to listen to people not only talk about their problems, but also their advice. Soon to be married, Jensen has received numerous suggestions on how to make his marriage last.

"Everybody's got a story to relate," he said. "Everybody's got their own piece of cliched advice."

One man told him to designate one night a week as date night, other people have told him to admit when he's wrong and another person told him to avoid marriage altogether.

Misselt

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Then there's that whole other side of commercials. You know, the genre that hocks everything from feminine hygiene sprays, panty liners, and vinegar douches, to one day cures for yeast infections. And let's not forget the plethora of gas, diarrhea, and venereal disease potions on the market, of which, we are constantly reminded.

I realize you women have your "problems", but if you wouldn't have screwed up in the garden, you'd be a whole lot better off now, wouldn't ya. Come on, catch your breath. That's it, slow'er down. I'm just saying... It's all in good fun ya know.

Well, recently I've noticed this particular commercial about herpes and a new way of controlling it. Isn't that special. It seems now that for the lucky few who have hit the jackpot and contracted this "gift", they need only three days worth of medication instead of the old five. Hey, that's a life changer.

But that's not what bothers me about the commercial per se, it's the way this glorious news is presented. For those of you who aren't familiar with this commercial, I'll

elaborate. For those of you who don't care, turn the page.

Here's the premise; a female tells of her woes related to having genital herpes. She laments the fact she has to take a pill five days a week to control her outbreak. "It's a hassle", she says. All the while scenes of she and her boyfriend play. They are just another happy couple, or they would be if not for that dreaded five days a month.

Lo and behold her prayers are answered. Amazingly she can now get the same medical results in just three days with her new pill. "Three days is so much easier than five," she remarks. Now come on, how busy can her life be that it's too much of a task to pop two extra pills. She makes it seem as if her entire life had miraculously been changed.

"It's so much more convenient taking three pills instead of five." Well la-de-da, I wish my outlook on life could be so easily affected for the better. Hell, I probably have to take two more pills, to even come close.

As for her boyfriend; what kind of freak knowingly has sex with someone who has herpes? Unless he gave it to her, the bastard. If that's the case I wish them all the best. I also hope she doesn't have a baby during her "week".

On the other hand, the poor

boyfriend not only has to put up with her PMS, but now the added burden of herpes. That only gives him a two week window to enjoy himself.

Some would say five days of inconvenience is not enough for a herpes carrier. Maybe that extra two days would give them more time to think about what they've done. Just playing devil's advocate. Don't kill the messenger.

The point is, the world has become so used to immediate gratification, people are forgetting to slow down and smell the gas fumes. Whether it be a microwave oven, a computer, or a news story from the other side of the world, we want it now.

I'm just as guilty as the next person. I recently tripled the memory on my computer so it would work faster. Five seconds to process information was just too inconvenient, three seconds is much better.

So come on people, let's all slow down a little and enjoy our surroundings. Say hi to someone on the street, watch a squirrel frolicking in the grass, and by all means take the time to find out if your partner has a social disease. Then you won't have to be inconvenienced at all.

Well, that's the way I see it.

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science and action."

Members of Habitat for Humanity on campus devote most of their time to achieving this goal.

"It may not seem like one person's contribution can make a difference, but if everyone joined in, we could reach our goal in creating affordable living for all," Vogt said.

Dahl said that in addition to helping "eliminate inadequate housing in our world," members of the campus group are also learning valuable skills that will be of service to them in the future.

"It is a good way to learn new skills that you can use later in life when you get your own home and you acquire good people skills and team building," Dahl said.

UW-RF's chapter of Habitat for Humanity was started in 1994 with only six members. Participation grew throughout the years and by 1997 there were as many as 70 members.

According to Tim Nissen, the faculty advisor for the UW-RF chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the group "has essentially maintained a membership of around that number since then with an ongoing, active core of around 30 to 40 (members)."

Nissen said that being a part of Habitat for Humanity is a good experience for students.

"It provides them with leadership skills, building skills, a positive environment and an opportunity to contribute to the well-being of society in a way that should make them feel good about themselves," Nissen said.

One event that the members of Habitat for Humanity look forward to each year is the Collegiate Challenge trip. Trips to various Habitat for Humanity affiliates are scheduled for winter, spring and summer breaks each year. The Collegiate Challenge trips last a week and are spent building a Habitat house.

This year, the opportunity is open to any student on campus, not just members of Habitat for Humanity. Those who are interested can contact Serena Weber at 426-5726, by e-mail at zenzibarr@excite.com or Dawn Puro at 425-4541, by e-mail at dapuro@yahoo.com.

Vogt has been on several Collegiate Challenge trips throughout her membership in Habitat for Humanity. She has traveled to John's Island, SC, Baltimore, MD and Westchester County in the suburbs of New York City. Besides the building skills she learned, she was also able to saw first hand the effects of poverty and how there is a great need for more affordable housing

across the country.

"On John's Island we saw many tiny shacks along the road, and behind these shacks were large and extravagant houses," Vogt said. "You can go almost anywhere in this country, from big cities to rural areas, and you will find poverty housing."

Along with the knowledge she gained, Vogt also expressed the appreciation for teamwork that she gained on her trips.

"You really get to know some of your fellow students well, and create friendships," Vogt said. "You work together towards a common goal, and share an experience that you will never forget."

Nissen said that students come back "energized and really excited" after the alternative spring breaks.

In addition to the Collegiate Challenge trips, the group also has fundraisers that support the UW-RF chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

One such fundraiser is the annual raking fundraiser in the fall. Raking excursions are planned for a number of days throughout the season. Habitat members go to houses and offer to rake the lawn in return for any donation the homeowner is willing to make. With only five more raking trips to go, Habitat has already raised close to \$2,000.

Another fundraiser the campus community can help out with is a cookbook for students that the UW-RF chapter of Habitat for Humanity is putting together. Those who have a student-friendly recipe they are willing to share are urged to send them to tim.e.nissen@uwrf.edu by November 20th.

Nissen had nothing but good things to say about the student members of Habitat for Humanity.

"It's not often you get to work with such a dedicated and committed group of students who are so resourceful and generous with their time and money," Nissen said. "It's a great group of people that I'm very proud of and lucky to be associated with. It must bring together some of the best students on campus because I'd be hard pressed to identify a better group of students."

Dahl stressed that it is "never too late" to become a member of Habitat for Humanity.

"We are always looking for and welcoming new faces," Dahl said.

Meetings are every Thursday night at 7p.m. in the President's Room in the Student Center. Those who are interested in becoming members can come to any meeting, pay a \$2 a semester dues fee and then can then participate in any of the activities or Collegiate Challenge trip.

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The Expansion of Contraction

I figured that since good ol' Bud Selig is contracting Major League Baseball, then why not tighten up the strings on some of the other leagues using his tried and true contraction models. Let me introduce you to some of Selig's basic rules of contraction. Rule number one, if you were

DAN SCHULTZ

once bad and now have become competitive you must be eliminated so that your profit can be given to other clubs. Rule number two states that if you own a team and can't run it in an efficient manner, then you may fold your team and buy a new team and start over. Rule number three is that the fans are to blame for the problems and not the commissioner's due to the idiotic expansion to bad cities. Now that you have the basics let's get started.

Let's start in the NHL. Going with Selig on this one, since Montreal can't handle baseball, America's past-time, then they should have to fold their hockey team. It doesn't matter that it is the most storied and winningest franchise in history. They have struggled as of late and their stadium isn't new, so fold them. Minnesota will be saved, not because they are new or actually draw fans, but they have a new stadium and have the right to suck for the next decade or so."

On to the NFL, under rule number one, the Chicago Bears will have to fold. Remember, they haven't been good since the late '80's and now that they are making a run for the Super Bowl, you have to cut them out. This model applies to a number of teams in the NFL, nearly all of them. Look at the St. Louis Rams, San Diego Chargers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and New Orleans Saints. Now the

Finishing strong

Falcons wrap up season with a blow-out at home for Parents' Day

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

The Falcon rushing attack rediscovered its prime Saturday as the UW-RF football squad concluded the 2001 season with a 38-13 blow-out of the UW-Platteville Pioneers at Ramer Field for Parents' Day.

Anchored by a suffocating defensive effort led by Matt Palas, Ben Gray, Luke Miska and Michael Brown, the offense amassed 401 yards against the Pioneers.

"I haven't seen (Gray) make big hit after big hit like that in a game before," defensive coach Tom Journell said. "But that's the way you expect a senior to play."

Quarterback Dustin Vogelgesang led all rushers with 12 carries for 126 yards, almost half of which came on the third play of the Falcons' opening drive. Tucking the ball on the option left, Vogelgesang broke out of the line and sprinted his way through the secondary for a 56-yard touchdown.

The Pioneers followed that with a five-minute drive aided by a fourth-and-two offside penalty against the Falcons, but then they voided the 12-play drive by fumbling at the 26-yard line.

The ensuing drive, highlighted by a 34-yard Taylor Hall run and resorting to only two third down attempts, the Falcons sent Hall up the middle and into the end zone from 12 yards out. Adam Bergdahl completed the extra point for the 14-0 lead still in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Pioneers barely made it across midfield in the three drives they composed, while the Falcons put Dan Toninato to the task of hitting a 35-yard field goal, pitched the ball to Hall for a 31-yard

score, and saw Palas take an interception all the way back for the second week in a row. Stepping in front of Pioneer quarterback Tom Stetzer, Palas grabbed the pick and sprinted 44 yards to paydirt with less than a minute remaining in the half.

"Our players did just a great job at keeping (Platteville) off-balanced," Journell said. And about Palas,

"everything he touched turned to gold."

At the height of the scoring spree, the Falcons headed to their locker room with a 31-0 advantage.

"I said it going in, I really enjoy the preparation our defense takes," head coach John O'Grady said. "I think we defend them better than anyone in the league. They've got to

be frustrated."

Early in the third quarter, a pair of 20-yard passes landed the Pioneers in the Falcon red zone, but the UW-RF defense stopped two rushes and brought down a completed reception at the one to force a close fourth and goal. Brown and Jed Kennedy met the surge and stuffed it for the loss on downs, keeping Platteville score-

less. Despite a stagnant offense throughout the third, the Falcons held the Pioneers with another Palas interception until late in the quarter when Stetzer connected with Matt Kent for 31 yards to set up a 6-yard Greg Siebers plunge into the end

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Ryan Brinks / The Student Voice
Back-up quarterback Tom Pulford leaps through the air after keeping the ball on the option. It was 'quarterbacks' day Saturday as starter Dustin Vogelgesang led all rushers with 126 while Pulford added another 49 yards.

Neutralizing the sting

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

With the kind of action fans hope for in a rivalry as big as River Falls-Superior, both teams delivered a thriller Saturday night as the Falcon men's hockey team tied the Yellowjackets, 3-3, after the overtime in Hunt Arena. The night before, the Falcons silenced St. Scholastica with a 5-1 win that allowed just seven shots from the Saints.

"Saturday was just the River Falls-

Superior rivalry, always a fierce game," head coach Steve Freeman said. "I'm really encouraged about this team. We have the talent and desire. There's a long way to go, but I feel pretty good about the direction we're headed right now."

After the Falcons took a 2-1 lead at the end of two periods, the Yellowjackets responded early in the third, when a pass from behind the net set up a one-timer by UW-Superior's Colin Kendall for the tying goal.

At 8:04 in the third, despite being

outshot by the Falcons for the first time all game, the Jackets added another, a low-percentage goal that made it by Jacques Vezina for the 3-2 Superior lead.

"I was disappointed in the third period," Freeman said. "We played pretty well except for a couple mistakes - (that third goal) maybe nine times out of 10 that shot hits somebody's skate or hits the goaltender."

The goal knocked the wind out of the Falcon offensive effort momentarily, but they recovered, and by the 14th minute, were back strong.

After a John Conboy shot was saved by Nathan Ziemski and Jim Murphy's rebound was similarly stopped, Josh Schlipp stuck with it and flipped it through to put the game back in a tie.

Then both Vezina and Ziemski felt the last-minute heat, but the game remained tied for overtime.

In the overtime period, the Falcons dominated, holding the Jackets without a shot on goal as they threatened Ziemski with three. But

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Cross Country

Sports Information

The Falcon men's and women's cross country teams ran, and ran well, at the NCAA Div. III Midwest Regional meet Saturday at Rock Island, Ill.

The women placed 8th out of 33 while the men took 27th of 34.

Leading the women was Lisa Traxler who covered the 5,000-meter course in 18:53. She placed 30th overall. Amy Nelson was close behind finishing in 32nd place in 18:55. The Falcon women finished behind only La Crosse, Oshkosh and Stevens Point of all the WIAC teams that competed.

Leading the men was Erik Hanson who finished the 8,000-meter course in 27:23 for 102nd.



Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services
Upperclassman Keri Deschene handles the puck in last Saturday's losing bout with Augsburg, 4-3.

Women's hockey team disappointed with results

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

The Falcon women's hockey team finished the week with a disappointing 0-1-1 record playing two MIAC teams - one on the road and one at home.

Thursday's 2-2 overtime tie came at Gustavus Adolphus, one of the top teams in the MIAC. Saturday's home opener had the Falcons in the game until a goal with just 30 seconds to play broke a 3-3 tie.

A close battle all the way to the end, Thursday night, the Falcons came away from Gustavus Adolphus College with a 2-2 overtime tie. The first period came and went without either team being able to break down their opponents defense. The scoreless silence was broken in the second period by forward Megan Wahlstrom-Ramler of River Falls, assisted by Lisa McGuire and Jodi Hensch. GAC retaliated at 6:02 with a short-handed goal, and then went on to take a 2-1 lead at 15:25 of the third, when Gustavus' Sarah Moe scored a power-play goal. Then, with only 2:27 left on the clock, Falcon Wahlstrom-Ramler evened up the score with assists from Beth Betker and McGuire. Each team only had two shots on goal during the overtime period. Marlene Yeager was worked hard and charted 40 saves, 18 came in the second period alone.

"We played much better in the defensive end than the previous week," head coach Joe Cranston said. "We forced most of the shots from the perimeter, and we were tough in front of our own net."

Opening at home on Saturday, the women were delt a disappointing 4-3 loss. In the third, Augsburg College broke the tie and won the game with only 30 seconds left to play in regulation time. The Auggies were up 2-0 after the first period. Hensch began the scoring with a power play goal at 6:15 in the second, and Best added two of her own goals, one of which tied up the game in the third. It seemed as if the game could go either way, but then, at 19:30, a puck trickled past Falcon goalie Jill Janikowski. Janikowski recorded 18 saves in the net for the Falcons. Augsburg goalie Katie Fedoryk made 29.

"We did what we needed to do in order to win the game," Cranston said. "It was, by far, our best game this year. I thought that we played three pretty good periods of hockey, and we dominated in most aspects of the game. It was a tough way to lose, giving up a soft goal right at the end; we worked too hard to deserve that."

Now, with an overall record of 1-2-1 the women face St. Catherine at home on Nov. 20. The game will be held at Hunt Arena and starts at 7:05 p.m.

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Kent Becker returns alongside Edmund Johnson as the Falcons' only two senior leaders for 2001-2002. But an entourage of four returning starters — Becker, Johnson, Rich Melzer and Brian Mathison — hopes to avenge the ill-fated conclusion of last season.

Nov. 17	at Bethel, Ind.	3 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Lake Forest	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	St. Thomas	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Southwest State	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Whitewater*	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	Northwestern	8 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Oshkosh*	3 p.m.
Dec. 12	Superior*	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Simpson	3 p.m.
Dec. 21	Viterbo	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	Cenex Harvest States Classic vs. Loras	8 p.m.
Dec. 30	Cenex Harvest States Classic vs. Luther	8 p.m.
Jan. 2	Stout*	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	at La Crosse*	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	Stevens Point*	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Eau Claire*	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Platteville	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Oshkosh*	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	Whitewater*	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Superior*	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	La Crosse*	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Stout*	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Eau Claire*	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Stevens Point*	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Platteville*	7p.m.
Feb. 19	WIAC Quarterfinals	TBD
Feb. 21	WIAC Semifinals	TBD
Feb. 23	WIAC Finals	TBD

2001-2002 WIAC Pre-season Predictions

(selected by WIAC Sports Information Directors)

1. Whitewater (3)
2. Stevens Point (5)
3. **River Falls (1)**
4. Eau Claire
5. Oshkosh
6. Platteville
7. Stout
8. La Crosse
9. Superior

() = first place votes



Still haunted

for better or for worse?

Bob Burrows
Sports Writer

What if the UW-River Falls men's basketball team had won just one of its last two regular season games last season? What if Scott DeWyre and Shawn Timm hadn't been lost to injuries for most of the year? What if the ceiling at Karges Center was 10 feet higher?

The Falcons spent the majority of last season either tied or alone in first place in the WIAC standings, despite losing DeWyre to a season-ending foot injury early in the year and having Timm suffer a back injury that severely hampered his playing time the second half of the year. Still, River Falls was in the position to win its first conference title since 1951 going into the final week of the season until losses to UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville left them third in the WIAC standings.

Then, in the first round of the WIAC tournament against UW-Oshkosh, the Falcons battled back from a 17 point deficit and led the Titans 85-82 with three seconds left when junior guard Kent Becker started celebrating a little too early and jubilantly heaved the ball up in the air.

Falcons fans remember all too vividly what happened next. The ball hit the ceiling. The refs gave the Titans possession at half court. Oshkosh hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime. And the Falcons' season ultimately ended with a thud and a 95-87 loss.

Timm and four-year starter Pat Ptacek are gone. But Becker returns as a D3hoops.com preseason all-American, as does junior guard DeWyre, sophomore forward Rich Melzer, senior post player Edmund Johnson and junior Brian Mathison.

In fact, four of the Falcons' five starters from last year's team that finished 14-11 are back, including the team's top two scorers - Becker and Melzer.

Becker was a first team all-WIAC player last season while Melzer received all-WIAC honorable mention. And while head coach Rick Bowen said last year's disappointing finish made for a long off-season, he said it also made the team eager to return to the court.

"We tried not to dwell on what could have been," he said. "It was an offseason of dis-

appointment, but it was also an offseason of commitment to - boy, let's go get it now."

And the Falcons appear to be in a position to do that. Becker returns after averaging 16.4 points, four assists and 2.12 steals per game, all team-highs and among the top five in the conference. He was also second in the WIAC in free throw percentage (.872) and 3-point field goal percentage (.463).

Melzer, a former Big Rivers Conference Player of the Year at River Falls High School, is back after a stellar freshman season in which he averaged 14.3 points and 5.8 rebounds. The 6-8 forward also finished second in the conference in blocked shots behind UW-Superior's All-American senior Vince Thomas with 33.

But Bowen said the key to this season might be the play of the

Falcons' shortest player, DeWyre, a 5-9 guard out

of Glenwood City. He played in just nine games last season but totaled 23 assists, 13 steals and 4.3 points per game while averaging 18 minutes of playing time and is expected to play a vital role in the Falcons' lineup this season.

"Everybody knows about Kent and everybody knows about Rich. I think a key is DeWyre."

Bowen noted. "He's healthy. I'm
ave Scott back."

Rounding out the projected starting five is 6-5 senior co-captain Johnson, the team's leading rebounder from a year ago with 6.7 boards a game, and 6-4 junior Mathison, who started all 25 games last year as a sophomore and averaged 7.4 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Off the bench, Bowen will look to Becker's younger twin brothers - sophomores Kevin and Chris - as well as sophomore Matt Kukla and 6-6 redshirt freshman Jesse Lam to contribute.

"Kevin Becker and Kukla will be our first perimeter guys in and Jesse Lam is a critical component because he will back up both Johnson and Melzer," the coach explained. "There's still two or three spots where I'm begging for someone to step up. I'm hoping Mike Mueller can help us. He's 6-8 but he's raw. I'm also hoping Jeff Holt from Elmwood can step in and give Brian Mathison a rest."

Bowen said the Falcons' success will rest on whether or not the team can hit from the outside and how effective the team will be on defense.

"Melzer has to have the ball inside and we have to create things for Becker and DeWyre to do," he stated. "I feel reasonably good about the post and inside, but I'm a little concerned about our ability to shoot and I'm very concerned about what we want to do on defense. I think we may have to step the pressure up. I

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2000-2001 Conference Statistics

Team Statistics					8.Iserloth, Josh-STP					25	137	31	71	376	15.0	4.Larson, Jason-EC					29	46	1.59
Scoring Offense		W-L	Pts	/Gm	9.Kamps, Justin-OSH					27	129	37	102	397	14.7	5.Schultz, Matt-LX					24	38	1.58
1. Oshkosh		18-9	2089	77.4	10.Larson, Jason-EC					29	135	19	130	419	14.4	6.Hebert, Eddie-LX					24	37	1.54
2. Superior		16-9	1917	76.7	Rebounding					GP	No.	/Gm	8.Kamps, Justin-OSH					27	40	1.48			
3. Stout		14-12	1940	74.6	1.Thomas, Vince-SUP					24	218	9.1	9.Mathison, Brian-RF					25	36	1.44			
4. Whitewater		17-8	1863	74.5	2.Selk, Tyler-PLT					26	215	8.3	10.Epps, Otis-ST					26	36	1.38			
5. Stevens Point		18-7	1863	74.5	3.Buchs, Beau-PLT					26	180	6.9	Nowak, Mike-ST					26	36	1.38			
6. River Falls		14-11	1845	73.8	4.Zuiker, Joe-EST					25	172	6.9											
7. Eau Claire		19-10	2125	73.3	5.Johnson, Edmund-RF					25	167	6.7	3-Point Percentage					GP	3PT	3PA	%		
8. La Crosse		11-13	1623	67.6	Iserloth, Josh-STP					25	167	6.7	1.Scherer, Nick-OSH					27	42	83	.506		
9. Platteville		15-11	1744	67.1	7.Smith, Robert-WW					25	163	6.5	2.Becker, Kent-RF					25	38	82	.463		
Scoring Defense	G	Pts	/Gm	8.Dworak, Tim-OSH					27	176	6.5	3.Iserloth, Josh-STP					25	31	71	.437			
1. Stevens Point	25	1607	64.3	9.Vachowiak, Aaron-ST					26	163	6.3	4.Larson, Brent-STP					25	48	111	.432			
2. Eau Claire	29	1908	65.8	10.Marks, Todd-EC					29	170	5.9	5.Tagatz, Casey-LX					24	36	85	.424			
3. Superior	25	1673	66.9	Assists					GP	No.	/Gm	6.Bosworth, Wayne-OSH					24	24	57	.421			
4. Platteville	26	1762	67.8	1.Larson, Brent-STP					25	114	4.56	7.Autio, Dan-SUP					25	29	71	.408			
5. Whitewater	25	1731	69.2	2.Schultz, Matt-LX					24	100	4.17	8.Bennett, Jay-STP					25	46	113	.407			
6. Oshkosh	27	1887	69.9	3.Becker, Kent-RF					25	100	4.00	9.Fernernich, Matt-EC					28	54	133	.406			
7. La Crosse	24	1689	70.4	4.Fernernich, Matt-EC					28	106	3.79	10.Westhoff, Tom-LX					24	42	106	.396			
8. River Falls	25	1777	71.1	5.Bennett, Jay-STP					25	83	3.32	Blocks					GP	No.	/Gm				
9. Stout	26	1855	71.3	6.Miller, Nate-OSH					27	89	3.30	1.Thomas, Vince-SUP					24	41	1.71				
Individual Statistics					7.Kamps, Justin-OSH					27	87	3.22	2.Melzer, Rich-RF					24	33	1.38			
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1.Thomas, Vince-SUP	24	185	12	132	514	21.4	9.Hicks, Andre-WW					23	69	3.00	4.Krueger, Steve-ST					26	29	1.12	
2.Lewis-Byers WW	25	165	2	148	480	19.2	10.Hughes, Mike-WW					25	73	2.92	5.Templer, Nate-ST					25	27	1.08	
3.Selk, Tyler-PLT	26	161	23	110	455	17.5									6.Ramberg, Charlie-EC					29	27	0.93	
4.Carstensen, Sherm-EC	29	173	64	93	503	17.3									7.Bemis, Ben-LX					18	13	0.72	
5.Becker, Kent-RF	25	125	38	123	411	16.4	Steals					GP	53	2.12	8.Sowinski, Scott-OSH					27	18	0.67	
6.Dworak, Tim-OSH	27	147	10	120	424	15.7	1.Becker, Kent-RF					24	50	2.08	9.Kastern, Cody-SUP					25	16	0.64	
7.Buchs, Beau-PLT	26	158	1	88	405	15.6	2.Thomas, Vince-SUP					24	52	2.08	10.Carstensen, Sherm-EC					29	14	0.48	
							3.Wolter, Jake-WW					25	52	2.08									

An obvious correlation between dirt, boogers

Eric Henning
Columnist

I have recently become concerned that my brain is harboring a significant amount of dirt, perhaps enough to grow a small plant in. I have this concern because every so often I have a tremendous pain in my eyeball, which I believe is caused by a speck of dirt with a clan of hostile, spear-thrusting, microscopic people living on it. My theory is that after I rub my eye in a vigorous manner, these savage little people die a horrible death, and the dirt speck travels to my brain. Because after a while my eye stops hurting, and I never saw any dirt leave my eye. So it must be going somewhere within my head.

Of course, sometimes I am to blame for introducing foreign material into my head via my eyeball. Hardly a day goes by when I don't wear contact lenses, which is an affront to the natural functions of the eyeball, considering that I am basically forcing a large, moist piece of plastic onto my eye.

When I first started doing this, I had quite the time trying to convince my eye that this foreign material wouldn't burn a hole through it. What would happen is, I would look into a mirror and watch my eyeball darting about wildly, because it had been tipped off by my tattletale brain that something terrible was about to happen to it. And then, as my finger approached my eyeball, my eyelid would snap shut, because I was about to actually TOUCH my eyeball with my FINGER, of all things. Because, next to the groin, the human eyeball is the wussiest body part a human has; it desperately did not want me to touch it. So I would have to pry my eye open with my other hand, and as the finger holding the contact lens approached my quivering eye, the lens would fall onto the floor. I then would

blindly grope around on the floor looking for it. When I finally found it, I would rinse the lens with about a gallon of saline solution and stick the darn thing on my eye. Then I would immediately take the lens out, because the tiny men would be fiercely jabbing my eye with their sharp spears, who had gotten on my lens while it had been on the floor. So this process is probably responsible for a great deal of the dirt in my head.

The question is, if there is that much dirt inside my head, is there enough room for the air that used to be there? Because I have demonstrated on multiple grade reports that I have, or used to have, significant quantities of air in my head. Is the dirt pushing the air out of my ears, or what? I would think I would have heard a little pffffff sound, if that were the case.

Perhaps a more plausible theory is that this dirt exits my head through my nose in the form of - and I don't mean to be so scientific about it - boogers. What are boogers? How did they become lodged in my nose? Don't tell me you've never thought about this before. They clearly serve no useful purpose, so they have to be waste products of the

brain. If you wear contact lenses and blow out disgusting quantities of snot, don't worry about it. It's just your body's way of dealing with all the dirt you've introduced into your head. After all, you wouldn't want boogers coming out of your ears, would you? If you DON'T wear contact lenses and you blow out absolutely vast quantities of snot, you may have a problem. I would not be surprised if you have boogers coming out of your ears either.

Whatever is going on inside my head, I don't know. I just hope my brain doesn't look like a manure lagoon. And if anyone has boogers coming out of their ears, I don't want to know about it.

Eric Henning



"What are boogers? How did they become lodged in my nose?"

MUSIC REVIEW

New solo artist goes *Gold*

Megan Stephens
Music Reviewer

One of the best feelings is when you spend money on an album you know nothing about except the one song you bought it for (you know you've done it, we all have), and you end up loving the entire thing. This is how I feel about "Gold," the new album by Ryan Adams.

No, I didn't say Bryan Adams of "Everything I Do" fame, I said Ryan Adams (you would be amazed at how many people ask), the former lead vocalist for the alt-country band Whiskeytown, that broke up this year.

Adams who released his first solo album, "Heartbreaker," only last year, has already released his second album and has many more songs in the works.

Although "Gold" was released on Sept. 25, nearly two months ago, I only first heard it a few weeks ago, and it has since become one of my favorite albums. I wish I had discovered it sooner.

I first heard "New York, New York," the first single, on the radio. The song is full of images of New York City-the subway, Houston (a

street in the city), and the upper west side. Adams tells us of the troubles he's had while in the city due to a lover who left him, memories of Christmas in a church, trouble he found "on Avenue B," but he assures us that he still loves New York.

The video for the song can evoke emotion. It was shot on Sept. 7 just

"One of the best feelings is when you spend money on an album you know nothing about . . . and you end up loving the entire thing."

south of the Brooklyn Bridge. Adams plays his guitar in front of the city skyline, with the World Trade Center towers right in place.

While the majority of the songs are not as upbeat, Adams still has a way of turning a sad situation into something that sounds happy. "Somehow, Someday" talks about

his regrets of not staying with someone, and wishing that they had gone on with future plans to have kids and buy a house. However, it is a hopeful song. He even says, "there ain't no way I'll ever stop from loving you now." I'm sure we all regret giving something up, and this is a song for those times.

Adams does stick to his alt-country roots, which we can see from the fact that the video for "New York" debuted on CMT, but anyone can enjoy the music. Some songs sound a bit like Neil Young, and if you enjoy Young, Counting Crows (whose lead singer, Adam Duritz, makes an appearance on "Gold"), then you'll probably enjoy the album.

If you are interested in seeing Ryan Adams live, he will be playing at First Ave. with the band the Sweetheart Revolution on Dec. 5.

In other concert news, Soul Asylum is at First Ave on Nov. 21, Five for Fighting is there Nov. 29, Better Than Ezra is at the Quest on Nov. 19, Paul Oakenfold (who played this summer with the Area One tour) is also at the Quest Nov. 29. The Roy Wilkins Auditorium has Fuel on Dec. 9. If I forgot your favorite band, I apologize, e-mail me at megan.l.stephens@uwrf.edu.

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If River Falls was a deserted island, would you eat the squirrels?



Lisa Bednarski, Sophomore
"Yes of course I would if there was some ketchup to go on it."



Diane Schmidt, Junior
"Yes, I'm a survivor, I will hunt for food."



Mark Hessler, Freshman
"Yes to survive, it'd take me a couple days to do it though."



Teresa Degregorio, Sophomore
"Yes, because friends of mine have grilled squirrels that they shot out of their tree and they didn't get sick."



Jamie Nielson, Sophomore
"No way! Squirrel?"

Camp Roadkill by Jamison Penny



EDITORIAL

Dorm room peace is possible with effort

Of the many joys of dorm life, few compare to studying, eating, dressing and sleeping within three feet of a roommate. But among the great potential that exists to become the best of friends, some fail to experience such luck.

However, there is a distinct difference between simply not getting along and rooming with a condescending control freak who doesn't have the first clue of the meaning... or even the possibility of getting along.

Living in a 11 X 15 foot space with another person can be hard enough as it is. But how about when one is ceaselessly consumed by a selfish, uncompromising, spoiled adolescent sleeping below them every night. How is one supposed to cope without beating the crap out of the quarrel-seeking carcass that rips the faintest sign of a smile off any face that walks through the door.

Everyone likes a party, but when a daily celebration is thrown with balloons and streamers and with a banner that reads "PITY" hanging above their door, an overwhelming feeling of vomit rising in the throat is a common reaction.

Being locked within the grips of four unforgiving brick walls is a suffocation that nobody deserves. Yet for some reason the ability to co-exist with another is an impossible concept for some to understand. Tolerance and patience are two invaluable assets to attain in a lifetime, why not get a start now?

Every student living on campus is in the same situation. They all pay far too much to live in close quarters with another human being. Yes, it's hard. No, you're not always going to agree with the other person. That is fact, that is reality, so deal with it.

Get along.
Compromise.
Make it work.
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A different take on Thanksgiving

Looking at the historical background of national holiday reveals unhappy truths

Thanksgiving break is a welcome relief for most college students, as it provides a few days of respite before the onslaught of (gasp) finals and the major holiday season. It is a happy time of familial gatherings, of the traditional turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie. It is a time of elementary school plays telling the tale of the Pilgrims and the Indians: two nations coming together in peace to celebrate their differences and give thanks for what they have.

But what if that were only a fairy tale? What if, somewhere between the 1621 Thanksgiving and the 2001 Thanksgiving the story became polluted and idealized? As the common stereotypes of the holiday are resurrected, there are a few facts that can be popped courtesy of Francis Jennings' book "The Invasion of America" a history of early white settlement in America.

The Pilgrims (aka Puritans), generally believed to be good-hearted folk in search of religious freedom, happened to be political revolutionaries. The Pilgrim sect believed it would have no success overthrowing the English government, so they moved to the New World to build their own "holy kingdom". Seeing themselves as the "chosen elect" they waged war against the Devil, which happened to be anything or anyone not encompassed by the Puritan beliefs. Deception, treachery, war and genocide were all acceptable methods of this "holy war".

The neighborhood they moved into was held by the Wampanoag tribe of Native Americans.

These peoples' religion instructed them to help those in need, and the Pilgrims were in desperate need of that. One member of the tribe, Squanto, happened to be friends with one of the men that arrived on the Mayflower, John Weymouth. Squanto had previously visited England and spoke fluent English, thus helping with the two group's negotiations.

helped them only a short time before. Those that didn't escape to Canada were killed or infected with smallpox. Many were sold into slavery, which was the unfortunate fate of Thanksgiving play hero Squanto.

Over the next few hundred years, Thanksgiving was sporadically celebrated, sometimes in November, sometimes in June. It wasn't until the early 1800's when magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale began a 40-year campaign to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Finally, in 1863, President Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November a national day of thanksgiving.

As presidents came and went the date changed, including a shift by Franklin Roosevelt, who moved it back a week to accommodate more Christmas holiday shopping time. In 1941 Congress gave the holiday its official place on the fourth Thursday of November, where it has resided ever since.

Although many of our common perceptions of Thanksgiving are misguided, the main purpose for it is still true.

The world is currently experiencing another kind of holy war, and we face more hatred, bigotry, and genocide. Different cultures are struggling against each other, and not necessarily finding peace. In a time of war, this particular holiday, celebrated in different times and different ways by cultures all over the world, becomes much more important as it allows us to reflect and be thankful for the positive things in our lives, whatever those might be.

ANDREA CAUDILL



"A mass genocide took place only a few years after the first Thanksgiving, basically wiping out the Wampanoag."

Although the two groups did gather for a thanksgiving feast, the Pilgrim's main purpose was negotiating for land over a dinner of venison, wild duck, boiled pumpkin, fish, lobster, and dried fruits.

In an unfortunate turn of events rarely portrayed in Thanksgiving plays, a mass genocide took place only a few years after the first Thanksgiving, basically wiping out the Wampanoag. The Puritans began their holy purification by killing many of those that had

The gift that keeps on giving

Hi everybody! Every now and then, I get to thinking. I try to avoid it because of the pain involved, but sometimes it's necessary. Since I have no life and the neighbors put up blinds, I often find myself watching TV. Now, like so many of my devoted and loving fans out there (please stop sending gifts, the others at the paper are getting jealous) I usually can't stand commercials. There are some very funny and creative ones, but most are more irritating than anything else.

Remember the Pepsi commercial last summer that had the little penguins stripping down to their thongs? Now that's funny; penguins are always funny. They're so cute, the way they just stand there looking at you, or waddling along the ice; it's adorable.

Koala bears are also funny. They sit in the trees all hopped up on eucalyptus, staring off into space with those huge eyes. Wouldn't you just like to hug 'em, kiss 'em, and maybe cuddle 'em all day long, I know I would.

Funny commercials are a good thing.

DAVE MISSELT



"Some would say five days of inconvenience is not enough for a herpes carrier."

Speaking of commercials, have you guys seen the new ads for Victoria's Secret? WOW! I'd say Victoria has nothing to hide; if you know what I mean. I think you do. You just can't go wrong with humor or sex in a commercial. Throw in a gun or two and you've created magic.

Then there are those commercials that contain none of the above. The Turtle Lake Casino ads have to be some of the lamest ever created. Forget the death penalty, just make criminals watch and/or listen to those things. They'll be "scared straight" alright. That stupid little dough boy peddling his crescent rolls, he should be called Nancy boy. The next time someone pokes his belly, they ought to rip his guts out.

Snuggles the bear with its fabric softener, that's just over the top. Watch that thing enough and your teeth will fall out from all the sweetness.

Live, real bears are cute and funny. Some teddy bears are also just fine. After all, they are named for one of the two best presidents this country has ever had. Teddy Roosevelt of course, yeah T.R.. But that little dryer drag queen has

to go.

See "Gift" on page A6

Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

In last week's edition of the Student Voice, hockey players were asked, "What's your deal?" I can answer that question.

I am currently a hockey player at UW-RF and I was very upset with the letter to the editor in last week's *Student Voice*. It is upsetting that even one person believes that the hockey players at UW-RF ignore little children.

I will agree with the letter that it is not that hard to stick your hand out and give the kids a high five before and after being on the ice.

However, let me explain that during a game, our focus is on that game and not what is going on around us. We would love to make a little kid's day, but that is not the time for us to be doing it.

It also concerns me that the area where they stand is so small. We would hate to hurt one of them while trying to touch a hand. The mem-

bers of our hockey team would be more than happy to talk or spend time with parents or children after our games.

The article that was written last week had a decent complaint about the kids, but to bring up any of the other reasons to try and tear us down was wrong.

Please don't try to tarnish our personal character because you thought we should have shook a little kid's hand.

Somewhere hockey players got a bad name, but when you say we are not being good to little kids I ask you to do your research.

Many of us are involved with young children in many different ways. We help teach little children to skate, we are part of running hockey camps in the area, and every year we send representatives from the team to speak at Greenwood Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week. Where are the critics when we are sharing much of our time with the kids?

We greatly appreciate the fans and children at UW-RF for their support. The last thing we need is someone to tear us down in the *Student Voice* and make us out to be bad guys.

So that's our deal.

With pride,
Carl Boben

To the editor,

I'm writing to express my appreciation for Scott Wente's writing. What a talent!

From last year's investigative column about the Student Senate's spending practices to this semester's wonderful columns from Ireland. When I read him I forget he's writing for a college newspaper and not some daily from the metro.

My only complaint? Why not write weekly instead of every other week? Keep those fantastic columns coming Scott!

Cindy L. Corbett

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The better half better learn to use a spork

a column by Troy Mallat, who's bringing the girlfriend home to meet the parents

Boscobel is a small town in southwestern Wisconsin, roughly half the size of the student body at this university, where raccoon hunting (not with guns but with baseball bats with nails sticking out) is considered a local pastime and Saturday nights consist of huddling around a keg in the middle of a pasture, trying not to step in cow excrement. Yeah, it's a classy neighborhood that I was fortunate enough to grow up in.

To put it in terms everyone can understand, Boscobel lies right on the edge of sanity - where the redneck nature of Jerry Springer meets the down home values of Andy Griffith (minus Opie who was a little prick anyway).

My girlfriend, who will only be referred to as "the better half," is from Suburbia or as everyone else calls it, Cottage Grove, Minn. She played tennis in high school and likes to read and travel to exotic places.

Her next adventure will be taking the three and a half hour trek to the edge of the earth to see the birthplace of Gideon Bible (no lie) - this weekend to meet my parents for the first time. Boscobel isn't Jamaica. For that matter, it's not La Crosse either.

The better half graduated with 480 classmates in a town that is 15 minutes from the Mall of America. I graduated with 350 classmates in my entire high school that was located in a virtual black hole that is an hour and a half away from any real civilization. If you want proof, we are 30 minutes from the nearest Wal-Mart.

Can you say culture shock? Or would that be lack of culture shock?

My girlfriend is used to eating at nice restaurants that put more than three eating utensils at the place setting. In Boscobel, the times you don't eat with your hands, you might get a plastic knife and a spork.

The closest thing Boscobel has to culture is a giant, six-foot plastic turkey that is towed around to all the local parades. (Boscobel is also the wild turkey hunting capital of Wisconsin if you can believe that.)

Oh, and did I mention my parents are dairy farmers and the better half has never been on a farm?

It's one thing to live in the middle of a small town. It's quite another to be amongst the animals.

My girlfriend is afraid of cats, yet she is going down to the barn this weekend to milk a 2,000-pound cow, or as the farm kids call it, pull some teats.

That will be a Kodak moment if there ever was one.

Then there is always the question of what to bring. When asked what she should pack, I immediately told her to bring a pair of shoes that she doesn't mind ruining for no other reason than there is crap everywhere.

She gave me a quizzical look, but I simply replied that we also had to pitch some sh*t. Her facial expression can only be described as the "Oh no I'm not" look.

Yeah, this is going to be a fun weekend, but I'm not worried about my parents liking her. I'm more worried that she will never want to come home with me again, especially after the highlight on the trip will be getting our picture taken in front of a giant turkey and her only souvenir is a plastic spork.

Any questions, comments, horror stories of meeting your significant other's parents e-mail me at troy.f.mallat@uwrf.edu.



Coffeehouse brings 'The Day' to Brandy's

Teresa Schmitt
Assistant Photo Editor

With the Coffeehouse Series on the way this year, the Entertainment Committee is trying something new for the next performance which will be *The Day* performing in Brandy's at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16.

This is the first year the Entertainment Committee is responsible for the Coffeehouse Series, and it has started off a little slow.

Vice Chair of the Entertainment, Committee Kate Drescher said the years before a student who had his own band His Cousin Dallas ran the Coffeehouse and had his own followers from the area that came on a regular basis.

This year the Entertainment Committee is trying to get a big audience, but so far they have not acquired their desired turnout, Drescher said.

A \$5 fee for non-students was implemented last year, but no one really enforced it, Drescher said.

So far this year the Entertainment Committee has been enforcing the entrance fee, but for *The Day's* performance this Friday entrance will be free to everyone in an effort to attain higher attendance.

Drescher said the \$5 went towards paying for beverages and food that are available during the night.

"We just need to try something different, hopefully this will work," Drescher said.

The Entertainment Committee has also been doing different kinds of publicity, advertising in different

places of work in the cities and in the communities surrounding River Falls.

"We really want people to come and hopefully they'll realize it's a great way to meet other people and enjoy some music," Entertainment Committee President Mindy Haas said.

A Coffeehouse tradition that is often forgotten is the open mic session.

"We have always had the open mic session," Haas said. "We're just hoping to push it a little more this time."

If students want to perform during the open mic session they need to sign up by 7:15 p.m. on Friday.

"You can do anything from tell jokes, sing a song, read poetry or play some instruments," Haas said. "It's a great way to show people you have a talent."

The Day is a two-person band that plays music with lyrics that connect the audience with life through jazzy acoustic rhythms of hip-hop. The band has a unique yet familiar sound and is a little different from the first two acts in the Coffeehouse Series.

Students who have attended the Coffeehouse Series said they have enjoyed the music and entertainment.

Sophomore Molly Frank went to a hypnotist and mind reader earlier in the year. "I was amazed that more people didn't go," Frank said. "It was very interesting and a fun break from homework."

Sophomore Tammy Pilgrim went to the first Coffeehouse and enjoyed it. "I went to Sleeper 7 and just had a blast," Pilgrim said. "It's just too bad more people don't go to these type of school events and programs; they are a great experience."

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Molly Montag/The Student Voice

Freshman Physics major, A Lee, admires the work of UW-RF students at an exhibit entitled *Satiated*. The exhibit will be displayed through Nov. 23 in Gallery 101.

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Falcons

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think it fits our team. We don't have size. Rich is 6-8 and a good player but I think we have to do some things that the 6-3 and 6-4 guys can do. We've been devoting a lot of practice time to the press."

The Falcons are picked to finish second in the WIAC in the Wisconsin Basketball Yearbook preseason poll and third in the Sports Information Directors' balloting. And while Bowen said he is pleased with the respect the Falcons appear to be receiving in the preseason, he added it means nothing until the team actually hits the floor. For the Falcons, that will be Saturday in Bethel, Ind., where Bethel College recently named its library after Bowen's father—Otis Ray Bowen - who served as Governor of Indiana from 1973 to 1981.

"I think this is potentially a pretty good team, and I emphasize the word potentially," he said. "It has the potential to be my best team here. But potential means you haven't accomplished anything yet."

Which makes Falcon fans wonder about the upcoming season - what if?



Jens Gunelson / UW-RF Photo Services

WIAC AT A GLANCE

WHITEWATER

Head Coach: Pat Miller, 1st season (0-0) 2000-2001 Record: 17-8, 10-6 in the WIAC (1st tie)
Picked to finish: 1st

Outlook: Last year's co-championship squad looks like a jelly-pastry: tough around the outside but soft in the middle. The Warhawks have to rebuild the inside post position after losing three port players from last season. They also lost long-time coach Dave Vander Mullen who coached the team for 23 seasons. One plus to this team is that they will have two-time All-WIAC junior forward Aubrey Lewis-Byers back in the lineup. Lewis-Byers averaged nearly 20 points a game last season. Jake Wolter is also back in the guard position. The Warhawks will be deep in the backcourt with Andre Hicks, Kevin Martin, and Craig Harden. As for the post, the Warhawks will have to look to the inexperienced Nick Smith, who is the tallest player on the squad, and freshman Jovan Tembeleski. "I am not going to kid you, we have serious issues in the five spot," commented coach Pat Miller.

RIVER FALLS

Head Coach: Rick Bowen, 16th season (201-186) 2000-2001 Record: 14-11; 9-7 in the WIAC (3rd tie)
Picked to finish: 3rd

Outlook: The Falcons will have four of their five starters back from last season's third place team. Leading the list of starters is seniors Kent Becker and Edmund Johnson. Becker was an All-WIAC selection and led the team in scoring and three point shooting. Johnson ended last season averaging 10 points a game. He also led the team in rebounds. Other starters back are the much heralded sophomore forward Rich Melzer and junior guard Brian Mathison. Melzer was an All-WIAC honorable mention. They will have to pull from a mildly experienced bench. "We're on a mission this year because we blew it," commented coach Rick Bowen.

OSHKOSH

Head Coach: Ted Van Dellen, 11th Season 2000-2001 Record: 18-9, 8-8 in the WIAC (5th tie)
Picked to finish: 5th

Outlook: The Titans return seven letter winners from a year ago and look to start as they finished... red-hot. The Titans finished the season with wins over Eau Claire, River Falls and Platteville. They will return three starters, all juniors; forwards Tim Dworak and Scott Sowinski along with guard Nate Miller. Other returnees include junior guard Nick Scherer and sophomore forward Cameron Zuege. Scherer led the WIAC three-point field goal percentage at a consistency of .506 percent. "Our emphasis will be on defense. Average leadership leads to an average season and I think we have great leadership," commented coach Ted Van Dellen.

STOUT

Head Coach: Ed Andrist, 2nd season (18-9) 2000-2001 Record: 14-12, 6-10 in the WIAC (8th)
Picked to finish: 7th

Outlook: The Blue Devils look to improve on their tournament play from a year ago. The Blue Devils were the eighth seed and managed to blow out Whitewater in the first round by the most lopsided victory in WIAC tournament history, 90-49. The Blue Devils lost four seniors, but will look for post player Steve Krueger to step up. They will also look for Nate Templer in the post for balance. Senior Dave Larson will be looked upon to carry the defensive load again this season. Sophomore Jeff Vandenberghe will get some minutes and senior Dave Loewe will be a great asset off the bench. They hope to be better than their 0 and 8 road record from last year. "To do well in this league you need experienced seniors and leadership," said coach Ed Andrist.

SUPERIOR

Head Coach: Jeff Kaminsky, 8th season (74-102) 2000-2001 Record: 16-9, 8-8 in the WIAC (5th tie)
Picked to finish: 9th

Outlook: The Yellowjackets will look to do something that hasn't been done in 45 years in Superior. They will hope to have their third consecutive winning season despite the loss of WIAC Player of the Year Vince Thomas. They will still return four starters from last year's nucleus. The offense should be more balanced going into the season. One of the best backcourt tandems in the league will head the Yellowjacket offense. Brandon Vesel and Jason Strilzuk averaged over 10 points a game as a duo. Inside the paint also looks good with senior Alin Andre and Tony Peterson who was top defensive player on the team last year. They will also look for sophomore forward Cody Kastern, one of the most improved players on the squad, to carry them in some games. "This team will be very balanced from the inside out," said coach Jeff Kaminsky.

★ Team summaries by Dan Schultz

STEVENS POINT

Head Coach: Jack Bennett, 6th season (97-38) 2000-2001 Record: 18-7, 10-6 in the WIAC (1st tie)
Picked to finish: 2nd

Outlook: The Pointers have only four upperclassmen on the roster this year. The main returner is forward Josh Iserloth, who led the team in points per game with 15 and was an All-WIAC selection. The senior leadership will come from forward Kalonji Kadima, forward Nick DeVos, and forward Rich Stief. Other returners that received a large amount of playing time were Neal Krajnik and Ron Nolting, who both shot over 50 percent from the field and over 40 percent from three-point land playing in all 25 games. "We are more athletic than a year ago. Although we will have questions in the five spot," said coach Jack Bennett.

EAU CLAIRE

Head Coach: Terry Gibbons, 7th season (111-517) 2000-2001 Record: 19-10, 9-7 in the WIAC (3rd tie)
Picked to finish: 4th

Outlook: The Blugolds will be without three starters from their NCAA Division III Tournament qualifying team from a year ago. However, the Blugolds will have six returnees with tournament experience. Leading the returnees is junior Jason Larson who was second in scoring on the team last season. He also led the team in steals and was second in assists. The Blugolds will be without junior forward Andy Witte who went down with a knee injury. "We have a lot of things we need to do before I hand my young guys the keys," said coach Terry Gibbons.

PLATTEVILLE

Head Coach: Todd Landrum, 2nd season (13-11) 2000-2001 Record: 15-11, 7-9 in the WIAC (7th)
Picked to finish: 6th

Outlook: The Pioneers will be big, deep, and experienced after losing only two players from a year ago. The Pioneers will return three junior starters, including All-WIAC selection Tony Sell. Forward Bryan Stangel and guard Will Carter will also be back on the court for the Pioneers. Other experienced players include sophomore guard Frank McGertigan and junior Jeremy Harrison. They will also look to Krayton Nash in the forward position. A couple of redshirts may also see some major time for the Pioneers, guard Brandon Temperly, and forward Jason Scherer. The senior leadership should come from center Ben Schambow. "We look to have our strong junior class lead us," said coach Todd Landrum.

LA CROSSE

Head Coach: Stu Engen, 2nd season (11-13) 2000-2001 Record: 11-13, 5-11 in the WIAC (9th)
Picked to finish: 8th

Outlook: The Eagles will be returning their five top scorers this year. They look to rebuild on their sweep of conference tournament champion Eau Claire. They will have senior leadership in the backcourt with Eddie Herbert and Matt Schultz of whom were both All-WIAC Honorable mentions. In the frontcourt the Eagles will look to Scott Meerstein and Ben Bemis to get a lot of playing time. The bench looks strong with senior Adrian Flores, junior Rocky Bouldin and junior forward Nick Sekeres. Sophomore Jason Kemp will also be back after red-shirting last season. "We've added bigger size, more balance, and better defense," commented Stu Engen.

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