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Black history explored by speaker, students

Chris Anderson
Staff Writer

Award-winning writer and lecturer Mahmoud El-Kati spoke about African Americans in history, cultural perceptions of blacks, the difference between culture and race, and other issues to 17 students in the President's Room of the Student Center Monday evening.

"I heard El-Kati introduce another speaker from Macalester College while at Concordia College last year and asked him to come and speak here," said Akilah Rainfrod, President of the African American Alliance on campus.

History was a good motivator for blacks and their allies (and other later groups) to find inspiration to fight for their constitutional rights, said El-Kati.

"To quote James Baldwin, 'you would not have liberated any black Americans had they not known their history,'" El-Kati said. "One of the greatest values of history is that it can inspire you. If that weren't true I wouldn't be here."

"Most racism is not open and overt. It is a public evil that causes private pain."

--Mahmoud El-Kati

El-Kati talked about African American history, going as far back as the Civil War, and said slavery was its main cause even though there were other factors.

"Fundamentally, if you take slavery out there is no war," El-Kati said.

El-Kati then explained what he thought the reason was for the neglect of former slaves in the post-Civil War era.

"Most of the white population who lived in the country after the Civil War weren't here during it so they didn't know what it was all about,"



Mahmoud El-Kati

El-Kati said.

He then went on to tell how groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was formed in response to both black and white outrage over lynching and legalized segregation.

"The NAACP has been around since 1904," El-Kati said. "It's the oldest civil rights group in America and was started by both black and white people."

He also talked in depth about the Civil Rights movements.

"When you hear about the Civil Rights movement you hear about people down south who went to jail, got their heads beat out, or got killed. The Civil Rights movements had nothing to do with individuals but with people, black and white, who joined together because they thought segregation violated constitutional rights were being violated," El-Kati said. "The real violators of these rights aren't the ones who did this stuff but governors, mayors and, I'd say, Congress, for trying to keep the system in place."

A lot was accomplished during the '60s, El-Kati said.

"Many of you wouldn't be here in this room tonight if nothing was accomplished," El-Kati said.

Much of the mainstream media shouldn't be used, as a source for what happened back then, though,

says El-Kati.

"You shouldn't let people on television tell you what did or what didn't happen during the '60s," he said. "You should read books on that stuff."

For black people of income levels the common theme has always been the struggle for dignity, said El-Kati.

"I doesn't matter how good an actor Danny Glover is, he can't get a cab in New York," El-Kati said. "It doesn't matter that Oprah Winfrey is a big talk show host, she can't get into a department store unless she announces that she is coming first."

He then explained that when the security guard who turned Oprah away found out who she was, he let her in the store and did much sucking up to her.

"Racism makes you behave stupidly," El-Kati said.

El-Kati says that the whole bottom line is not race but economics and political power.

"The real deal is cash and power among people in America," El-Kati said.

"Don't let anyone fool you about race because that's cover, as it is easier to express problems in racial terms."

Force and a lack of knowledge still keep the system that way as well, says El-Kati.

"Behind everyone in power there's usually a gun, be it the police or National Guard or what," El-Kati said. "If you were exposed to this you would know it and it should be in all your books."

Racism is essentially a function of power, says El-Kati.

"You don't have to provoke a racist to make them attack you," El-Kati said. "Most racism is not open and overt. It is a public evil that causes private pain."

Racism is when qualified people are denied or withheld something due to conflicting beliefs within a culture says El-Kati.

"Black peoples' struggle has always been for an end to their

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Winter reminder



Teresa Schmitt / The Student Voice

After a week of warm weather and spring-like conditions, UW-RF students once again found themselves slipping and sliding on their way to classes Wednesday afternoon. The snow won't last long though, as weather reports predict mild temperatures through the weekend.

Bredahl recipient of Chancellor's Award

■ UW-RF's
art director
recognized
for work in
Publications
Office

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

Doing what he loves and what he does best has paid off for UW-River Falls Art Director Tony Bredahl.

As art director, Bredahl is responsible for different print material that comes through the publications office.

Bredahl was informed by Chancellor Ann Lydecker on Feb. 5 that he would be awarded the 2000-2001 Chancellor's Award of Excellence. The award will be officially presented to Bredahl at the annual Awards Reception April 23.

"It is truly an honor to receive this award," Bredahl said. "I try to do my job the best I can from day-to-day, and a lot of what I accomplish is a cooperative effort."

Initially the Fourth Division Award, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence looks at nominees' success in fulfilling the overall responsibilities of the nominee's job description, participation by the nominee in University service projects outside of the job description, and human relations.

Nominees for the award consist of staff members within the four differ-

ent colleges whose primary responsibilities are non-instructional. Professors are not eligible for this award.

Faculty members and academic staff are allowed to make nominations based on a list of all eligible staff members.

After nominations are made, a selection committee consisting of the chancellor as the chair, the dean of students, the recipient of previous year's award, the Student Senate

he is an excellent mentor for our students who work with him."

"As a result of his caring attitude, person skills and leadership abilities, Tony is able to maintain a positive attitude regardless of the challenges he is required to address."

Bredahl has been at UW-RF since the start of his career in art design. He went to school at UW-RF while working here part-time as a graphic designer. Bredahl graduated from UW-RF in 1986 with a B.S. in art education.

Since his time at UW-RF, Bredahl has won both gold and silver design awards from the UW System in competitions between others with similar responsibilities.

One of Bredahl's recent projects involved designing the University's new seal and logo that were revealed last April.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker was also impressed with Bredahl's productivity and attitude on campus.

"His pleasant demeanor, his artistic creativity, and his willingness to go 'beyond the call of duty' have all contributed significantly to the work of the Publications Office and to many other departments around campus," Lydecker said. "It is my great privilege and pleasure to recognize Tony with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence."

Outside of work, Bredahl does do some freelance work when time allows but spends most of his time with his wife and two and a half-year-old son.

Bredahl also spends time working on computer illustrations and his antique car.

Bredahl's supervisor and Director of Publications Kevin Bertelsen, said Bredahl was definitely deserving of the award.

"This award is for people who excel, and Tony is the epitome of someone who excels in the work he does."



Tony Bredahl

president, the Faculty Senate chair and the academic staff council chair. Any of the above noted committee members can also designate someone to take their place.

Although Bredahl's nominators remained anonymous, their comments included praise for both his work and his positive attitude.

Some comments include: "Tony has the ability to listen to a person who has his/her mind set and work with them until the design is much better than they had imagined. He is equally adept at working with the client who has no ideas at all and

Sealing the win



Scott Wente / The Student Voice

Junior forward Evan Stensrud (7) takes advantage of an open net to score the fourth goal in the Falcon's 6-2 victory over UW-Eau Claire Saturday night at Hunt Arena. Stensrud scored one goal in each of the Falcons' conference quarterfinal games versus the Blugolds last weekend. The Falcon's defeated Eau Claire Friday night by a score of 4-2, and will travel to Green Bay March 1 for a semifinal game against St. Norbert College.

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention spring 2003 student teachers

During the next couple of months Dr. McCollum will hold informational meetings about student teaching. These meetings are held to clarify procedures for application to student teaching and to answer any questions you might have. The last meeting will be May 1, 2002. Applications to student teach spring 2002 are due no later than May 15, 2002.

Attendance at a meeting in required prior to application to student teach. (You need attend only one meeting). Please arrive promptly, sign in and remain for the entire meeting (above an hour).

Sign-up sheets with dates, times and locations are posted on the student teaching bulletin board on the second floor of WEB. We have limited seating for each meeting, so sign up early. If no one signs up for a meeting, it will be cancelled.

U.S.A. hostel directory now available

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels (HI-AYH) new 2002 hostel directory is now available. For the more than 100,000 members of HI-AYH, the 240 page directory serves as a free guide to more than 125 hostels in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

People who are not members of HI-AYH can also order the 2002 U.S.A. hostel directory for just \$3 plus the cost of shipping and handling by simply contacting HI-AYH membership services at (202) 783-6161 or by ordering online at www.hiayh.org/shop.

Attention spring graduates!

The deadline to apply for spring commencement is Feb. 15, 2002. Applications are available at the Registrar's Office, 105 North Hall. There is a \$35.00 application fee for all graduating seniors. For more information, contact Judy George at 425-3581

UW-RF athletics to sponsor food and hygiene drive

Along with the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Student Athlete Advisory Council of UW-RF is sponsoring a food and hygiene drive Feb. 1-Feb. 23 to benefit the River Falls food shelf. Fans are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items and hygiene products, such as shampoo, toilet paper, or toothbrushes, to all athletic events throughout the month of February. There will also be drop off sites throughout the day at local grocery stores and the Hagestad Student Center and Rodli Commons on campus.

Current textbook sale and discontinued texts

Students: If you wish to purchase any of the textbooks you have checked out this semester, bring them to Textbook Services during the book sale from Feb. 11-April 12. Textbooks purchased during the semester book sale will be discounted 20 or 40 percent, depending on the age of the text. Subject to availability, undergraduate students may also purchase texts from classes in which they are not currently enrolled during the book sale.

Discontinued texts, i.e. texts that were formerly used in classes, are on sale at minimal prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy, from now until finals week. Books in most subject areas are available. They are on display at Textbook Services. Some free discontinued textbooks are also available.

Apply for financial aid for the 2002-03 school year now

Executive Secretary Jan Hojan-Clark of the Wisconsin Higher Education Aids Board would like to remind all Wisconsin residents who will be attending college next year to begin applying for financial aid.

Applications for the 2002-03 academic year can be submitted any time after January 1, 2002. Students are parents are urged to apply even if they believe they are not eligible for financial aid.

In order to be eligible for most financial aid, the student (and in some cases the parent also) must complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is available both online and in print. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If access to the Internet is not available a copy can be obtained at the financial assistance office.

EVENTS

Riversides live music calendar

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NEW: Open mic every Tuesday 9 p.m.-Midnight hosted by Doctor Smoke.

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For booking information, call Lori Karis at (715) 381-2652

The Bean Bag Coffee House live music calendar

245 Knowles Ave. New Richmond, WI (715) 246-5800
All music is from 7 p.m-9 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 23: JMR. Original progressive guitar folk.

Presented by the UW-RF Entertainment Committee

Comedian Retta in Brandy's at 8 p.m. on February 21. Laugh your socks off!

Mission-Improvable at noon in the Falcon's Nest on February 28. Conquer the mission of improv!

For additional information contact Kate Drescher at 425-6383.

MEETINGS

Gay/Straight Alliance

The UW-RF Gay/Straight Alliance will be meeting every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the student center. Meetings are confidential and all are welcome.

Business Association

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

African American Alliance

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

Amnesty International

Amnesty International will meet Monday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Rodli Commons room 131.

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.

THE STUDENT VOICE

Former Viking challenges young leaders to set goals, develop trust

Nicole Smith
Offbeat Editor

Famous quotes and illustrations of inspirational leaders set the scene at Brandy's Friday night. Nearly 100 UW-River Falls students attempted to ignite a leader, that motivational speaker Keith Nord, said already was present within each of them.

The all-night event entitled, "Locking In Success All Night long" was sponsored by the Leadership and Training Committee, and members from Theta Chi Fraternity assisted with the night's activities. A Former Minnesota Viking, Nord, provided thoughts on leadership and relationships, while activities and games emphasizing teamwork and fun. Food and door prizes kept the group entertained into the early hours of the morning.

Multiple times throughout the evening, Nord posed generic questions to individuals concerning leadership such as; "Why should you stick out in a crowd, why not just sit back and blend in?" To every question, he looked for only one answer: "Because I'm a leader."

"When you're in a leadership position, people are going to ask themselves two questions about you; 'Can I trust them, and do they care about me?' How do you want them to be able to answer that?" Nord said.

Aside from qualities of leadership, Nord addressed the significance of relationships as well. He stressed the importance of forgiveness and anger management in both relationships and everyday life.

"I hope they (the students) get a better feel for what's really important in life," Nord said. "It boils down to the relationships you have with people and how you handle those relationships when the question of forgiveness or anger is at hand."

One exercise at Brandy's required students to work in groups and develop headlines for each individual's desired fifteen minutes of fame. People's dreams and goals ranged from professional athletes and inspirational teachers to mis-

sionaries and the President of the United States. Following the presentation of each person's passion, Nord spoke of the importance of having goals.

"One thing Keith said that I will always remember is that you have to make goals and write them down or you'll forget about them," UW-RF junior Jenny Verdegan said. "When I got home at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, I started my list."

The night progressed to Knowles after a short time, and a trust walk from Brandy's was not only part of the transition to get there, but another challenge providing insight to leadership in that there must be trust between leaders and followers.

"If a person can't trust their leader then they will not follow them," Leadership in Training Committee member Cristen Porter said. "The obstacles you face on something like a trust walk are similar to those that leaders face in their positions; the challenge is relying on one another to rise to the top together."

At Knowles, activities revolved around leadership and team building concepts. Groups were given goals to accomplish and rules that pushed members to think harder, work together and compromise. One such task required dumping a large bucket of water into another without the use of hands, but instead using only three small pieces of rope as tools.

This activity was one of many that helped emphasize the importance of encouragement and a positive attitude as imperative leadership skills. The saying "People don't care what you know



Nicole Smith/The Student Voice
Aaron Morrow and his friend destroy a paper house they made at the Leadership Lock-in after their design failed.

until they know that you care" was given new clarity, and a strong correlation was drawn between leadership and teamwork.

At the end of the evening it was Nord who brought closure to a jam-packed night of leadership and fun. He talked about decision making and finding a purpose for all things. As he finished, like countless other times that night, he left the students speechless, processing all that he had said.

Later, some found the words to describe the impact Nord had on the audience.

"Keith Nord was the best speaker I've ever heard," freshman Ryan Bench said. "He had an abundance of valuable information, and I took away some awesome leadership ideas."

Verdegan agreed while reflecting on the activities and topics of the night. "It was a really remarkable experience to listen to Keith and all he had to say; I learned a lot about life and met a lot of new people."

Movie marathon could break Guinness record

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

When picturing college students involved in a marathon, one might think of all-night studying or week-end-long beer drinking. But Golden Valley Microwave Foods, makers of ACT II microwave popcorn is giving people the opportunity to be good at something else, and possibly break a Guinness World Record while they are at it.

ACT II PopFest, a three-day movie marathon, will give students and community members the chance to break the current world record for movie watching which is 50 hours and 55 minutes.

The event will be held March 1-3 at the Heights Theatre in Minneapolis and will feature 27 movies from "The Shining" to "The Wizard of Oz." The movie watching will begin Friday at 9:30 a.m. and end around 7 p.m. Sunday.

Those attempting to break the current record must be at least 18 years of age or accompanied by a parent or guardian and must stay awake for the entire time. Those wishing to participate must also register by contacting ACT II at www.ACTII.com or by phone at (612) 825-0050 x203.

Golden Valley Microwave Foods is working with Morgan&Myers, an agency that handles various communications for the company.

Sponsors think a college student has a good chance of breaking the record.

"We are asking people to break a world record," said Bernice Neumann, Morgan&Myers senior counselor. "We asked ourselves 'what group would be able to stay up the longest' and college kids came to mind first. Pulling an all-nighter is no big deal for them."

Sponsors of the event had college students in mind while planning the

event.

"We tried to time the event before college students left for spring break," said Dan O'Connor, director of marketing for ACT II. "We think college kids would be a little more willing to break a record."

The PopFest is open to the public and costs \$5 for all the movies one wishes to watch. Participants will receive a weekend pass so they are able to leave the theatre and return for later movies. All the proceeds will go to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities. ACT II will also be making a \$5,000 donation to the club.

If anyone breaks the record, they will have their own personal claim to fame in addition to winning a free year's supply of ACT II microwave popcorn. Record breakers will be featured on special packages of ACT II popcorn.

Don't worry if you don't plan on breaking a record and just want to go to catch your favorite flick. Other participants will also have the opportunity to win ACT II popcorn along with other prizes.

"When I grew up everybody knew about the Guinness Book of World Records," O'Connor said. "I think the notion of having a world record will be a good conversation piece for someone for the rest of their life."

Participants attempting to break the world record will be allowed five-minute breaks during each movie and a 15-minute break every third movie.

While staying up for 51 hours may seem like a small task in itself, sponsors of the PopFest have many activities planned in order to keep a lively and fun atmosphere.

Members from The Brave New Comedy Workshop will provide some comedic relief for participants in between movies. The Boys and Girls Club chorus and dance line will also be providing entertainment.

The Heights Theatre is a historic theatre that has its own interesting aspects that may also keep the moviegoers awake.

The theatre seats 450 people and is decorated with chandeliers, which isn't too common for modern theatres. The theatre also has an organ that rises from the center of the stage, which will actually act as a live accompaniment for one of the older movies.

There were many different methods used for choosing the movies that would be played at PopFest.

Employees from Golden Valley Microwave Foods and Morgan&Myers were surveyed to find out which films they considered their favorites, or the movies they always went back to.

Top 100 lists and previous Oscar recipients were also looked at as possibilities.

Some of the movies chosen may seem a little bit old but they are also classics for college students.

"A lot of college and people in their twenties have never seen some of these films on the big screen," Neumann said.

The sponsors had some of their own advice for participants trying to break the record.

Staying refreshed by doing activities such as jumping jacks, push ups or simple walking were at the top of the list.

"People can bring a cooler of food and non-alcoholic beverages if they want," Neumann said. "Everybody is going to have their own personal preferences."

Sleep will definitely be on the minds of many of the participants by the end of the weekend.

"I'd tell people to get a lot of sleep a couple of nights before the event," O'Connor said. "I think that is more important than getting sleep the night before."

Students at UW-RF also seem interested in the idea.

"I would definately be interested

What's playing

Scheduled movies for the three-day movie marathon.

Dr. Strangelove
The Bridge on the River Kwai
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid
Blazing Saddles
Jaws
The Birds
Top Gun
Animal House
Rebel Without a Cause
Grease
The Breakfast Club
The Wizard of Oz
Mrs. Doubtfire
Annie
Bringing Up Father
Reducing
2010
Raiders of the Lost Ark
Murder by Death
The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Rocky
The Thing
The Shining
Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Ben-Hur
Doctor Zhivago
Casablanca

in something like that because it presents so many different films and creates a different atmosphere in which to watch them," said film studies minor Karissa Swensen.

"This can affect the way a film affects someone just as much as the film can."

Even if a person isn't looking to break a record, they can stop by the theatre for a weekend of movies for a low price and a fun atmosphere.

Campus Security

Alleged sexual assault in dorm room

Jenny Cullen
Co-News Editor

Jacob M. Kern, 19, was taken into custody Feb. 15 and booked at the Pierce County Jail in connection with an alleged fourth degree sexual assault, according to Sgt. Jeff Linehan.

At 4:54 a.m. last Friday, campus security received a call from a 19-year-old female student in Prucha Hall reporting a sexual assault. Campus Security then requested assistance from the River Falls police department. According to Linehan, the victim told both units that she had allegedly been touched sexually by Kern while sleeping.

Kern was released on his own recognizance.

Jacob R. Johnson, 18, was given a \$213 citation Feb. 11 for underage consumption of alcohol in Grimm Hall.

Jon C. Lundgren, 19, was given a \$337 citation Feb. 17 for underage consumption of alcohol in Grimm Hall. It was his second offense.

Student Senate

New proposal would allow review of senators' grades



Matt Rayburn/The Student Voice

Junior Brian Pfannes focuses intently to the proceedings during the recent student senate meeting Tuesday night in Parker Hall.

Teresa Schmitt
Co-Photo Editor

Two new motions to improve the bylaws concerning academic standings were introduced Tuesday at the Student Senate meeting.

The motions will be voted on at the next meeting on Tuesday.

Senator Jessica Wermuth and Vice President Sean Froelich introduced a motion regarding academic standings of senators. They moved to adopt that all senators will be required to sign a grade release form to ensure that their grades will be available for review.

"I think if you have bad grades you're setting a bad example,"

Wermuth said. "We want good representatives and if you're on academic probation you should be focusing on your grades."

Wermuth and Froelich also proposed the Student Association Student Senate President, Ethics Chair and Advisor will receive the grade releases and review them periodically. These amendments will be voted on at the next meeting and if passed would be effective immediately.

According to Senator Jessi Andrews, the Senate has been wanting to adjust these bylaws for some time now and has finally started the process.

"At this point the Student Senate values academic scholarship and we just want to reinforce that through the bylaws," said Student Senate President Cora Opsahl.

Senator Emily Wenger and Vice President Froelich moved to require that individually, every student senator must possess a cumulative

grade-point-average of 2.5 in order to seek or retain membership on the Student Association Student Senate. If passed, this amendment would be in effect fall semester of 2002.

According to Wenger, the academic standard at this time is that students must have a 2.0 GPA to be a senator.

"I've been talking to staff members around the University and they just don't take the Senate seriously," Wegner said. "The faculty watches these students skipping classes, tak-

"At this point the Student Senate values academic scholarship and we just want to reinforce that through the bylaws."

- Cora Opsahl, Student Senate President

ing incompletes, going to conferences and they don't see any accomplishments on campus."

Also concerned about the student senators, Senator Andy Parrish spoke in the open forum about what the Senate is doing for the student body.

Parrish proposed to the Senators to leave personal agendas at the door and reach out and help the student body.

"I believe it's the responsibility of us (the student senators) to interact with the students," Parrish said. "Many students don't think we do anything here. We need to take the initiative to show them we do."

Parrish proposed senators to go to hall meetings in the dorms and see what's going on on campus.

Parrish also asked senators to go out and meet more of the students and let them know who they are.

"We are just a small chunk of the student body," Parrish said.

He also proposed the senators should go out to high schools to promote diversity on the campus to get more enrollment and become more diversified.

In the Shared Governance reports, Diversity Issues Director Eric Dodge reviewed the speaker on Monday for Black History month.

"I personally grew more as a person after the presentation," Dodge said of the speaker. "And it's disappointing that out of 5,800 students that attend this school not even one percent came."

Dodge was also concerned with the actions of the senators.

"People notice when senators come or don't come to events," Dodge said. "It's important that we show that we support diversity."

In other news, Senator Emily Wenger and Senator Andy Parrish made a motion to allocate \$417.30 from the Shared Governance account to fund a lunch with Senators and UW-River Falls students next Thursday.

Wenger said the money will go to the costs of cans of pop, potato chips and four six-foot submarine sandwiches from Blimpies. They expect about 75 people to attend.

The motion passed with the exception of amending it to two six-foot subs and water and juice as well as soda. The free lunch is next Thursday in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

Opsahl went on to discuss the Chancellor's Award which is the highest non-academic award based mainly on leadership.

"The faculty and staff nominate the students and the Senate reviews the nominations," Opsahl said.

At the end of the meeting, Opsahl gave an award of excellence to Senator Kendra Plant and the Women's Initiatives Governance for working hard toward their goals.

UW-RF celebrates a history of black music and culture



Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice

About 20 students listened to the music styles of Kairo (above) and The Black Elephant (left) Wednesday night in Brandy's.

The two groups played a variety of music from hip-hop to poetry all focusing on the lives of people.

Both of the groups traveled here from Milwaukee, Wisc.

All Black History Month activities are free to UW-River Falls students and are sponsored by the African American Alliance Organization.

Wednesday, February 27 will be the last event for Black History Month. The movie "School Daze" will be shown in the Student Center Falcon's Nest.

For more information, contact the Academic Success Center at 425-3531.



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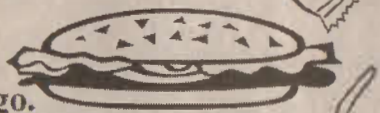
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EDITORIAL

If Russia puts 'N-Syncer Lance Bass into space, they should leave him there

On Tuesday, MTV announced that 'N Sync star Lance Bass will fulfill his lifelong dream of being an astronaut when he rides a Russian rocket into space at the end of the group's Celebrity 2002 tour. This seems about as logical as asking Neil Armstrong to do a music video entitled 'Space Boy Gets Funky' for TRL.

Granted, the space program is always looking for ways to boost its TV ratings, but putting a boy band singer into orbit undermines the scientific credibility of space exploration. Plenty of people devote their entire lives to preparing for just one trip into the cosmos, and they earn the honor through years of training and education. All Lance had to do was tell some ambitious promoter that he went to space camp as a kid. Space travel should be reserved for those who can contribute more to society than a primetime special called "Celebrity Mission: Lance Bass" (the actual title of the planned program).

This is also part of a disturbing trend of celebrities getting literally whatever they want. Just recently, Lance had the prestigious honor of carrying the Olympic torch for a small distance. In the past, singers stuck to singing and trying to act. If the Beatles had asked to be part of the moonlanding in 1969, NASA would have told them to lay off the LSD.

According to MTV, Destiny Production President Dave Krieff says he will be able to raise the \$20 million needed for a civilian to go into outer space. If something like this can be purchased by corporate sponsors and celebrity status, why not just let Tom Green take over cancer research in America after his malignant testicle was removed? Some institutions should simply be kept separate from the influence of pop culture, and the space program is one of them.

"Rich, white, and pampered" seems to be the standard criteria for any real opportunity in today's world. Why should an overexposed, untalented singer be put into space when an inner city student studying astronomy will probably never see the inside of a NASA station? Publicity stunts like this trade genuine dedication and scientific relevance for Hollywood glitz and reality television tripe.

If Lance Bass had any sense of decency, he would donate the trip to someone who actually DESERVES it. How about the thousands of astronomy and physics students and researchers who struggle every day to learn more about our universe? Why not give them this "chance of a life time"?

Lance should stick to what made him famous-singing pre-written songs for hormone-soaked teenyboppers-and leave the space travel for REAL astronauts.

Skeletons in the closet, woods, cellar, and probably in the lake

SCOTT JOHNSON



"If we want to remain the successful, powerful country we imagine ourselves to be, we must take responsibility for our actions."

The cost to cremate one dead body: \$25.00. Going for a walk early one morning and finding mass human graves: Priceless.

Ray Brent Marsh, owner of Tri-State Crematory, currently faces 16 felony counts for theft by deception. He is accused of theft by deception, once the other bodies are found and identified, Marsh may face up to 200 counts.

Authorities have discovered 149 decaying bodies on the 16-acres belonging to Tri-State. So far, they have successfully identified 27.

Imagine deciding to take your dog for a walk one early February morning. Spike heads off into the woods and you follow, happy to get out on a nice, clear morning. It seems that Spike wants to explore a bit on his own, so you unhook his leash and let him run about a bit.

You notice Spike stops running around and decide to see what's caught his attention. What you find is a bone, partially covered. It's bleach white and a bit too long for any fox or deer.

You think for a moment, unsure as to what you've discovered. Spike begins digging around the exposed bone and you see that the bone is on top of another, something that sort of resembles a pelvis.

A neighbor of Marsh's stumbled upon this scene, a partially decomposed human corpse early one morning last week.

The Tri-State Crematory has been in operation

for over 30 years, but neighbors can't remember the last time they saw any physical signs that the cremator was working.

Jessica Johnson, a relative of the owner and a neighbor told the Associated Press that "it's been a long time — maybe years — since we've seen any smoke."

A family pays around \$1,200 for a cremation, while the cost to a cremator is about \$25.00. Using this figure, one can estimate that Marsh saved around \$5,000 by dumping the 200 bodies on the property.

Investigators don't know what all the families of the 200 victims were given in place of their loved one's remains, but they know that nine received either concrete or cement mix.

The question that bears asking is how. How on earth could it happen? It seems that this one

just slipped through the cracks. Industrial Equipment & Engineering Co., the company that manufactured the incinerator, reported that the Marsh family did not have their machine inspected every two years as recommended. The family purchased a replacement motor for the machine in 1997, but it is unknown if it was ever installed.

There are several lessons to learn in here. First, don't trust the State of Georgia to issue licenses to crematories. Second, and more importantly, if you want something done right, do it yourself.

Tasteless humor aside, this sort of situation has been bound to happen. How many unregulated, or poorly regulated industries exist in America?

Tri-State Crematory was licensed though their incinerator hadn't worked for who knows how long. It seems that some government worker decided they'd rather pass the buck than do their job well.

This is unacceptable. If we want to remain the successful, powerful country we imagine ourselves to be, then we must take responsibility for our actions and complete each task appointed to us with care and thoroughness. If we don't, then we may find where the rest of the bodies are buried.

To kill or not to kill: issue of abortion

Bush's latest proposal could complicate the abortion issue even further. The stormy waters of the ongoing abortion debate have been stirred up once again.

At the end of January, the Bush Administration proposed a "clarification" in how a child is defined under the State Children's Health Program (SCHIP). The SCHIP program provides healthcare coverage to qualifying low-income children.

Currently, a child is rather vaguely defined as being under the age of 19. The clarification the Bush Administration is proposing would specifically state that a child legally exists from the time of conception, up until the age of 19.

The Bush Administration would like to define a child as existing from conception because that would allow low-income women to qualify for prenatal health care for their fetus under the SCHIP program.

Right now, there are thousands of low-income pregnant women that do not have health insurance. The benefits would be immeasurable for these women, who otherwise might not be able to receive vital prenatal health care for their developing fetus.

A woman has the right to choose, and if this clarification passes, she will have even more choices. She would be able to choose to receive this state-funded prenatal health care for her unborn child, or she could choose to abort it.

Choices, plain and simple. Don't we wish it

were so simple? In my mind, this is a big-time dilemma. If this new legal definition is made into law, wouldn't it logically follow that abortion would become illegal?

On the flip side, if the law considers a child to exist from conception, but abortion remains legal, does that mean murder is acceptable? If a child exists from conception, it would seem that genocide has been occurring on a grand scale in

fetus an unborn child creates a bit of a moral quandary. If we can consider a fetus a child, is it right to end it's life? It would seem kind of wrong to suck a child from the womb; even a few weeks into conception, there is not a lot of resemblance to a person.

If nature is left to its own devices, there will soon be a very human-like fetus. It seems even more wrong, at a later stage in the pregnancy, to puncture the skull of a child and then remove its brains with a suction device.

And there's more. A week after the SCHIP clarification proposal was announced, the Bush administration backed court action that would reenact an Ohio law that would ban partial birth abortions in that state. Partial birth abortions are currently allowed in Ohio (as well as the other 49 states), after a federal judge ruled that the Ohio ban on partial birth abortions was unconstitutional and therefore could not be enforced. The State of Ohio is appealing the decision, and the Justice Department would like the case to be heard as soon as possible.

Has the time come for America to change its stance on abortion? If a child were to legally exist from conception, and partial birth abortions were to become illegal in one state, perhaps things need to be thought through again.

Can America consciously accept ending the life of an unborn child? Can America consciously accept limiting a woman's right to choose? Give it some thought, folks.

ERIC HENNING



"According to Planned Parenthood, there are something like 1.2 million abortions every year."

the United States.

According to Planned Parenthood, there are something like 1.2 million abortions every year. Those are numbers Slobodan Milosevic would envy. Fortunately for the U.S. conscience, abortion is not genocide. It is merely a way to end the life of a fetus. Or is it an unborn child?

There is no denying that legally considering a

With your help, a new column is born

Hello my name is Angelina Balluff. I'm currently a sophomore at the university majoring in journalism and marketing communications with a minor in art/photography. I was born and raised in a small town called Tracy, California and currently I reside in Beldenville. I'm married and I have a wonderful 3 year old daughter named Rita. She attends the Children's Center on campus.

I am looking forward to reporting stories to the Student Voice on a bi-weekly basis. I will mainly report profiles about UW-RF students, so we are able to learn more about one another. I will

ANGELINA BALLUFF

"I'm asking all of you to contact me with story lines. With your help I will start The Voice Sex Column."

also do stories on current events.

I will start my commitment to the readers of the Student Voice by submitting a story about the Ms. Cleo scandal on March 7, unless my fellow students can offer me relationship and sex based stories or questions. I'm asking all of you to contact me with any questions or story lines. With your help I will start The Voice Sex Column please e-mail me at

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Making Freddie



File Photo

Freddie the Falcon has gone through many changes over the years since he was first carved out wood in 1987. After spending some time on the front lawn of the Student Center, weather eroision and termite problems forced him into storage, where he was restored. The mascot now resides inside the Student Center near Char's, looking over the student, faculty and staff who pass by every day. Freddie was originally presented to the University by Jennie and Bill on September22, 1987.

Our concerns look small in the big picture

Have you ever stood still and watched people walk by and looked at the expressions on their faces? Or watch how they carry themselves as they move?

How about how they interact with people they meet on the sidewalks or, in general, the world around them? I do. People watching is one of my favorite things to do.

Just the other day I was walking from the Student Center over to Ames and ended up behind these two girls. Purely by accident, I overheard what they were talking about. The one was absolutely appalled by the fact that she had to wear her workout clothes to the class before aerobics.

She was convinced that her professor was bound and determined to destroy her with a bad sense of fashion! She went on to tell her friend how her English teacher had asked her to tell a unique personal fact, and her response was, "Like I guess I'll be in work out clothes every class because I have aerobics after this."

The conversation vainly digressed into matching tennis shoes and how this guy named Brad would never ask her out if she was always in gym clothes.

Like oh my god! Gag me, this is college, not "Clueless."

It never ceases to amaze me just how much vanity fills this planet. It is not like people are going hungry, children are being abused, women are being sold for sex, or a massive war is taking place right now. Oh no! Stop the world for a bad fashion crisis.

Now I realize that everyone is naive and self-absorbed at some time in his or her life. Heck, that is the primary reason adolescence was invented, aside from the title of generalization needed for the awkwardness of becoming a teenager. And I will grant that.

However, I am bothered that so many souls wander this campus (and planet) aimlessly without a sense of purpose. Again I will grant that college is a time of growth and personal discovery of some sort. I would just like to think that

the "Brads" of this world would like to be intellectually stimulated by the need for knowledge, world events, or Socrates versus *Cosmo* and the vanity that buys it.

As you can tell, the self-absorbed have a tendency to peeve me just a little. Partially because there are far more pressing issues than French manicures, Dolce & Gabbana, and partially for the insecure souls who use *Glamour* as their bible and never discover themselves and all their beauty, brilliance, and power.

I ache for our material driven society. I ache for all those who feel they must become corporate bimbos by selling their souls to the devil just to receive a Rolex and a plaque at the end of twenty years of service from a boss that can't

Each day my mission is to empower at least one individual I come into contact with in hopes, if even for one moment, they realize the inner beauty they possess. I celebrate the human spirit.

However, materialism and the intensive greediness are wrecking the beauty this country was founded on. Though we all have the right to become wealthy and to do as we please, what about your neighbor? What about your community?

What about giving back? This world isn't just about you and what you need or want. It's about the unity of the human race and the celebration of diversity.

It's about doing your best and never looking down on the next man unless you are helping him up. I really feel we have lost that. Even in the wake of the most recent events, we have still lost ourselves in our own selfishness. It is sad.

As times change, so must we. We need to unify as a world community. We need to start taking into to consideration the world around us. We need to put the future first and make this a worthwhile place for the next generation. It's about time we put someone else first instead of ourselves.

One last note to the two girls on the sidewalk, in reference to your comment, "Oh, like I know that September 14th was sad and stuff, but get over it." "Like I hope they don't put one of those embargoes on Calvin Klein because he is so

my favorite!" Even MTV covered the terrorist attack on the U.S., so I'd think you'd know that it was September 11th, not the 14th

And as for embargoes on your much idolized Calvin Klein: the company has its headquarters in New York. Now I know that New York is an island, which might confuse you, but as of this morning, it is still part of the United States, so it can't be embargoed. How did you get into college anyway?

MAILE' ILAC



"This world isn't just about you and what you need or want. It's about the unity of the human race and the celebration of diversity."

pronounce your name. Come to think of it, if you add a house, spouse, 2.5 kids, a dog and Sundays, you have the great American dream.

Hmmm...

A clarification needs to be made: I am not, by nature, a bitter, judgmental person. I honestly believe each person has a beautiful light to add to this dim world. Each person deserves a good day and is worth a great one. There is not an individual on this planet that isn't worth their weight in gold. I wholeheartedly believe that.

From the office of the Student Senate Senate helps celebrate diversity this spring

The world is changing. That is evident in everything from the knowledge we gain in the classroom to the stories we hear about in the news. This is especially true since September 11, 2001. Our lives changed over five months ago when terrorism hit our country. As we face the real threat of terrorism it has become important to recognize and embrace the differences in our society.

Diversity is becoming a large issue on our campus, and Student Senate is aware of the need to bridge the gap between different cultures.

For the spring semester Student Senate has decided to focus energy on the diversity needs of the campus.

During each of the following months Student Senate is either supporting or sponsoring a variety of events that celebrate the diversity of the campus.

February is Black History Month, March is Women's History Month, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and May is Asian Heritage Month.

As the months come upon us the Student Senate is proudly helping with, and sponsoring, different events around campus.

During the month of February the African American Alliance has worked extremely hard

to provide the campus with a variety of events to broaden the campus's understanding of African American History. The Diversity Issues Committee on Student Senate is creating three posters with notable African Americans. The three individuals are Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, and W. E. B. DuBois.

Kicking off Women's History Month, in March, is United Council's 6th Annual Women's

SEN. CORA OPSAHL

Leadership Conference. The conference is March 1-3, 2002, and it is free for all UW-RF students.

If you are interested in attending you can register at www.unitedcouncil.net. The Women's Initiative's Committee is preparing an informational display for Eating Disorders and Body Image Awareness Week. It will be up in the Student Center next week. The Committee plans to provide the campus with additional women's history information.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the Gender Equality Council is working with the Women's Initiatives Committee on Take Back

the Night. Take Back the Night is an event that talks about domestic violence. It is a time for the community to come together to fight the atrocities of domestic abuse, and it gives students and community members a chance to talk openly on the issue.

Unity in the Community, and annual campus wide event, will take place on April 24, 2002. Unity in the Community is a time when organizations around campus come together to promote diversity. Student Senate will have a booth this year.

The month of May is Asian Heritage Month. The Asian American Student Association is in the process of planning a variety of activities to celebrate the many different heritages of Asian Americans.

Student Senate values the opinions of all the students on this campus. We look forward to the planned events, and we look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, or anything else please let us know. Our meetings are every Tuesday at 7pm in the Regent's Room of the Student Center. You can also call the office at 425-3530, or email the President, Cora Opsahl at www.cora.m.opsahl@UW-RF.edu

Got an Opinion?

Write a letter to the editor and drop it off at the *Student Voice* office in b102 in the Ames building. Make sure you include your name, identification (student, professor, etc) and a signature. The deadline for Thursday publication is Wednesday at 3 p.m.

How important do you think it is to read the textbooks for your classes?



Michelle Horarik, Junior
"It is really important."



Susie Fellane, Freshman
"Semi-important. If I have time I usually will read."



Ryan Kuphal, Senior
"I don't think it's that important unless your sexuality is questioned like Joe's, or if you can picture Diane sitting on the toilet."



Jill Goetti, Freshman
"It depends on the class and the professor."



Josh Sofner, Junior
"I think it depends on the class and the teacher. I usually read half of the time."

El-Kati

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demeaning and for open policy," El-Kati said.

Although American history has deemed African Americans slaves because of their enforced servitude and later suppression, El-Kati says he has a better definition for a slave.

"A slave is ultimately someone who does not speak their own thoughts and that's what people are fighting to free themselves from, for the most powerful weapon is ideas because they reveal the world," El-Kati said.

People aren't black, white, red, or so forth but multicultural says El-Kati.

"If you have one drop of black blood it makes you black, but black people, if anybody bothered to look, would find they are a multicolored people," El-Kati said.

El-Kati is a lecturer and writer of the African American experience.

"I've been lecturing for twenty-five years and do anything related to African Americans," El-Kati said.

His articles have appeared in The Minneapolis Spokesman, St. Paul Insight News, Minneapolis Star Tribune, St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Nigerian Times.

El-Kati's articles, essays, and reviews have covered such topics as black history, social criticism, art, politics, and more recently the "gang concept" and "race."

El-Kati also teaches black U.S. history, American social movements, social history of jazz, black history post-WWII America and African American folklore at Macalester in St. Paul.

El-Kati recently received the Neale Hurston Award at the 11th National Festival of Black Storytelling held in Milwaukee, Wis. on Nov. 11-14.

The award is presented annually by the National Association of Black Storytellers and is given to people who contribute to scholarly historical writings that preserve the culture and tradition of African and African American people in America.

Growing up in the southern United States, El-Kati said he knows much about the trials, tribulations and triumphs of African-Americans.

"I was born into segregation. It was basically what Apartheid in South Africa is," El-Kati said. "Schools, lunch counters, you name it, it was off limits to me."

Home was segregated for El-Kati. "The town I grew up in with my family was called Colortown. It even had a wall around it like the ghettos the Nazis made the Jews live in," El-Kati said.

El-Kati also had to put up with verbal abuse.

"By the time I was ten I heard 'that word' so much I thought it was my real name," El-Kati said.

Words are powerful things says El-Kati.

"If you read 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll there's a scene in there where Humpty Dumpty says to Alice 'when I use a word I can make it mean whatever I want it to mean,' El-Kati said. "No one called themselves white, black, mulatto or half-breed 400 or 500 years ago; only recently those words came out."

School was also segregated for El-Kati.

"My bus would pass five schools to get to mine," El-Kati said.

Segregation didn't stop for El-Kati when he was old enough to go to college.

"If it had been before 1970 you

couldn't go anywhere near one of the universities in the South unless you had a broom or a mop in your hand," El-Kati said.

El-Kati had passed the University of Miami several times but had no idea what it looked like.

"You didn't dare look that way if you were black," El-Kati said.

El-Kati came out of school in the early 1960s.

"I couldn't take black studies back then because courses like that didn't exist because colleges didn't have black students," El-Kati said. "These fields of the study shouldn't be taken for granted today."

of the people get 75 percent of what they know from very few people who use pop culture and probably don't know that much," El-Kati said.

Television is one of the main culprits, El-Kati says.

"Don't let Dan Rather or Peter Jennings tell you how to think. Half of that is propaganda anyways," El-Kati said. "Supposedly you to go to college to learn how to think for yourself."

The attitude of presentism is one of the major reasons not to rely on television, says El-Kati.

"One of the worst things TV has

"After all, expressing your own ideas is what you're here at college for," El-Kati said.

Although racial problems frequently are considered only to take place in the South, El-Kati said Wisconsin has its share of incidents too.

"They have strong traditions at Madison and the students managed to close it down for two weeks once because they had one problem: the admission of black students," El-Kati said.

River Falls isn't immune to some gaps in diversity, El-Kati said.

"I came up here about 20 years ago and was pleased that more African American students were getting in and at all the rallies," El-Kati said. "Right now I think you have somewhere around 55 African American students and dwindling. I think this decrease is something African Americans need to look at."

El-Kati says race is not just a person but a people.

"When you say 'black people' it doesn't mean just me and my family but a whole group of people; race has nothing to do with you personally," El-Kati said.

El-Kati also says that while racism is real, race is not.

As an example, El-Kati said many people express surprise when they find out he is Catholic.

"Culture is separate from race, they are not the same thing, even though we may treat them the same way," El-Kati said.

El-Kati illustrated this point by pointing out both he and the audience would likely consider people who believed in demon possession, ghosts, incubuses, or little green men foolish or primitive, but would avoid making fun of them if they seriously believed in such things at the risk of offending them.

"After all, who's not to say they haven't experienced it just because we haven't," El-Kati said. "To quote Frederick Douglass: 'those who believe in ghosts see them all the time.'"

For another example, El-Kati used the time he went to a celebration of black culture at Stout.

"There were foods there I never even heard of so it occurred to me I didn't know that much about black culture, as there is shallow black culture and then there is deep black culture," El-Kati said.

Organizers said they were disappointed at the low turnout.

"There are about 5,800 people on this campus and a very, very, very small percentage came to this thing," said Eric Dodge, UW-RF Diversity Issues Director.

However, some students said they enjoyed the event.

"I think this is a good thing they're doing," said Abdi Ahmed, a student in attendance.

El-Kati's suggested reading

"If you're library doesn't have these titles, you ought to make them get them."

-Mahmoud El-Kati

1. "Black Abolitionists," by Rayford Logan
2. "Betrayal of the Negro," by Rayford Logan*
3. "Black Reconstruction," by W.E.B. Dubois*
4. "The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," by Frederick Douglass
5. "The Negro in American Life and Thoughts," by Rayford Logan
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7. "Fight for Freedom: The Story of the NAACP," by Langston Hughes*
8. "Black Power and the Garvey Movement," by Theodore G. Vincent*
9. "Black Manhattan," by James Walden Johnson*
10. "Black Power: The Politics of Liberation," by Kwame Ture (Stokely Carmichael) and Charles V. Hamilton*
11. "Freedom's Daughters: Unsung Heroines of the Civil Rights Movement from 1830 to 1970," by Lynne Olson
12. "The Black Power Revolt," by Floyd B. Barbour
13. "The strange career of Jim Crow," by G. Vann Woodward
14. "In the Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s"
15. "Before the Mayflower," by Levone Bennett Jr.*
16. "From Slavery to Freedom," by John Hope Franklin*
17. "Dredd Scott V. Sanford: A Brief History with Documents," by Paul Finkelman
18. "American Patriots: The Story of Blacks in the Military from the Revolution to Desert Storm," by Gail Buckley
19. "Why We Can't Wait," by Martin Luther King, Jr.*
20. "The Unsteady March: The Rise and Decline of Racial Equality in America," by Philip A. Klinker with Rogers M. Smith

* - denotes books available in UW-RF Chalmers Davee Library

El-Kati says he finds that racial tensions still exist, though.

"I get in arguments when I go to these things and people tell me 'racism is dead, Dr. King and all those guys fixed it,'" El-Kati said. "Sure I get to go downtown and out to the movies and such, but they got rid of the signs and not the racism."

El-Kati says he still finds that people are programmed to receive people of different skin colors a certain way.

"My complexion is an indicator of stuff such as I can dance and would be rather slow with math. Asians might be viewed as really good at math because of all the products they make," El-Kati said. "We've been shaped to think like that."

El-Kati says pop culture deserves much of the blame for programming people to think in certain ways.

"Pop culture has distorted everything," El-Kati said. "Eighty percent

done to people is to have other people say to them 'nothing happened until I showed up'," El-Kati said.

Using his students as an example, El-Kati said TV and other venues of propaganda twist people's minds.

"My students always say to me 'back-in-the-day' way more than older people," El-Kati said. "I always ask when was this and they say, 'oh, '97.'"

What happened before "I" showed up is a better thing for students to look at says El-Kati.

"There's no way for you to make a future if you are not aware of your past," El-Kati said.

El-Kati encourages students to find their own ideas.

"If you don't have an ideology of your own, you have to go by what Rather and Jennings or somebody else says," El-Kati said.

El-Kati says all ideas good and bad have the right to be heard at academic institutes.

Back in the 1980s

It wasn't a drill....



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More magic than Lake Placid?

Could this year's Winter Olympics in Salt Lake rival one of the most memorable games that took place 22 years ago in Lake Placid? There are two components that could make this year's Olympics as good or better in the hockey realm of the winter games than the infamous "Miracle on Ice."

The first is the most recent surprise of the winter games, Belarus' upset of Sweden. This rivals and even surpasses the upset of Russia by the U.S. Belarus had odds of as much as

DAN SCHULTZ

10,000 to 1 to win a medal; however, they shocked not only the Swedes and world, but they shocked themselves. Their goaltender Andrei Mezin even was caught after the game sympathizing with Sweden, "I really feel bad for Team Sweden. I really like them and I didn't expect we would win." This coming from a man who shut down the explosive Swedes by stopping 44 of 47 shots. The Swedes battled back to tie the game but had their dreams deflated after a shot from 70-feet away from defenseman Vladimir Kopat went off of goalie Tommy Salo and trickled into the net behind him. There was only 2:24 left on the clock and giving up a goal from the opposite blue line can really take the wind out of your sails. On a side note, this team had plans to leave Salt Lake and return home the same night of the victory but had to rush to cancel the tickets and reschedule a flight at the end of the weekend.

As for the U.S., this year's team has shed its child-like temper tantrums and decided to play a game known as hockey. This team has a chance to do about the closest thing to Lake Placid as it can since the Olympics brought in all professionals. This year's team was doubted to win or even place with a medal, now is just two wins away from gold. The U.S. team, which has been questioned about their picks for goaltending, has come away with decisive wins throughout the tournament. I will be honest — I laughed at the selection of Mike Richter, one of the greatest Olympic choke artists in U.S. history, and Tom Barraso, who is nearly old enough to be my grandfather.

The tables seemed to have turned for the Canadians who have struggled through the first leg of the round-robin tourney. They even threw in a tantrum from one of the most respected men in the game, Wayne Gretzky. His whining about not getting the proper support from the media is a joke. The majority of the media wanting him to lose are the blood-thirsty Canadian journalists who live, breath, drink, and sleep hockey. Oh, and by the way Wayne I love ya and all, but people back here in America have this team in the tournament too, and we sort of have this patriotic duty to cheer for them.

With all of this said I am proud to say that I really enjoyed watching hockey in this year's Olympics. This is coming from a guy who dreaded the use of professionals in the games. That's my take I am out!

Dan Schultz is a junior majoring in journalism

Playoff travel advisory:

Men's hockey and hoops free to travel, women's hoops to stay at home

Skaters take NCHA quarterfinal series with sweep over UW-Eau Claire last weekend

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

Ignoring their regular season weakness to UW-Eau Claire (12-13-2), the Falcons (18-7-2) swept the Blugolds in NCHA first round action last weekend at Hunt

Arena to gain a rematch against St. Norbert in the semifinal.

The Blugolds came out of the regular season with a 1-0-1 record against the Falcons, but they struggled with playoff hockey, succumbing to the Falcons, 4-2 and 6-2, over the weekend.

"The circumstances against Eau Claire were a lot different in the previous games," head coach Steve Freeman said. "One was the fifth game in a week - we were tired and made uncharacteristic mistakes. And earlier in the season, we weren't able to hold our lead in the third period."

"This team has just matured," Freeman said of his players. "They were able to rise to the occasion in a

must-win situation."

Friday, despite few opportunities to score in the early half of the first period, the Falcons came back shooting in the latter half, and Jamie Steinert put the Falcons on the scoreboard first at 12:54, getting the goal from Evan Stensrud and Josh Schlipp.

Eau Claire responded at 7:17 of the second period, tying the game with a wrap around the left pole and a shot to the net on the right side by Matt Gehr.

Two minutes later, however, the Falcons went back on top when a Blugold defender brought the puck in front of his goalie, where a collision

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Scott Wentz / The Student Voice

Sophomore Jess Johnson fights for the puck against a Blugold opponent during Saturday's 6-2 playoff win at Hunt Arena. The Falcons swept the Blugolds in two games to advance to the NCHA semifinal at St. Norbert on March 1.

Bringing down hockey town

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

The UW-RF Falcon women finished their regular season play with a bang, sweeping NCHA No. 2 UW-Superior last weekend in River Falls. The momentum from these wins, head coach Joe Cranston said, should help the Falcons as they enter into the NCHA playoffs this weekend in Stevens Point. The Falcons' overall record sits at 12-10-3 and their NCHA record is now at 8-6-2. The

Falcons are hoping for good things to happen when they play UW-S again on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Willett Arena.

After the first period of Saturday's game, UW-RF was ahead 2-0, with goals from Jenny Conzemius and Beth Betker. Mandy Brooks of UW-S scored in the second, only to be answered by a power play goal from Lisa McGuire.

Brooks scored again to close the gap, but the Falcons held on to the

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WIAC comes to UW-RF to determine gymnastics title

Sports Information

UW-La Crosse will attempt to win its sixth straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) women's gymnastics championship on Friday, Feb. 22 at the Karges Center in River Falls.

The Eagles enter the championship ranked second in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) rankings. UW-Whitewater is ranked eighth with UW-River Falls 11th, UW-

Oshkosh 13th and UW-Eau Claire 14th.

Three individuals will look to defend their titles in four events this season. UW-Stout's Tasha Pasch won the all-around and balance beam titles last season. Oshkosh's Melissa Cummins captured the vault title, while La Crosse's Michelle Saxton claimed the crown in the uneven bars.

If Pasch claims the all-around title, she would become a three-time league champion and the first person to do so since Oshkosh's Mary

Leivian won the all-around title from 1986-89. Other notables in the all-around competition include Oshkosh's Jennifer Williams, River Falls' Katie Mitchell and Whitewater's April Hubmann.

Williams has the top score in the all-around this season with 37.040 on Jan. 26 and she finished second last season. Mitchell has the second-best score with a 36.020 on Jan. 25, while Hubmann scored a 36.175 on Jan. 26.

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Field day at UW-Eau Claire

Sports Information

Nicole Pronschinske and Kady Kleven led the UW-River Falls women's track and field team at the Border Battle Invitational held Saturday at UW-Eau Claire.

Pronschinske won two events — the long jump with a leap of 16'-9 1/4" and the triple jump with a leap of 35'-4 1/2". Kleven won the high jump with a leap of 5'-5". Nina Petersen placed second in both the long jump (16'-1 3/4") and triple jump (35'-3 3/4"). In the long jump Sarah Thull placed fourth (15'-8 3/4") and Katrina Spears was sixth (15'-0 1/2"). Thull also placed third in the shot put with a toss of 39'-9 1/4". Jen Leis was fifth with a toss of 36'-4 3/4". Leis placed third in the weight throw with a 43'-10 1/2" effort.

No team scores were kept.

The Falcons will next host the Coca Cola Classic at the Knowles Building on Friday. Action starts at 6:30 p.m.



Falcons Kristi Pensis (second from left) and Heather McElrath (second from right) take off in the women's 1500 meter run at UW-Eau Claire's Battle of the Border meet Saturday.

Darcy Thull / Submitted photo

Gymnasts bested by Eagles

Men's hoops

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls gymnastics team lost a dual meet at UW-La Crosse Friday night, 175.475-168.225.

Tiffany Reber led the Falcons on the vault by taking a first place finish with a score of 9.225. Katie Mitchell led the Falcons in the all-around with a score of 35.375. She placed second. Mitchell placed second on the beam with a score of 9.3. In the floor exercise, Reber was second with a 9.45 score.

"We had a very good meet and finished with the lowest score of the year," Coach Jeanne DeLisle said. "The judges were tough. It was a good meet and that's encouraging. Going into the meet, I was wondering if we had already peaked. But the meet showed that we haven't, and that we are on the right track. We improved on the beam but still have a ways to go. But that's okay. Katie Mitchell had a great beam routine and a nice bars set. On the floor, she's incredible to watch."

"We got Ashley Nelson back on bars. We had to change her routine, but she did a nice job. We had some surprises in our exhibitions, and they did a fantastic job. Tara Lassen on the floor did a great, great job. She competed well. All the way around we worked well together and kept together."

The Falcons will host the WIAC Championships on Friday at the Karges Center, starting at 7 p.m.

"I've been so busy getting ready for the WIAC meet. We are going into it as any other meet. We're excited about having it at home. The biggest thing is to figure out the lineup and things will fall into place."

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the game at a 60 percent.

Johnson boosted the Falcon effort with 15 points and 10 rebounds while Brian Mathison scored nine points and dished out four assists. Scott DeWyre led the team with five assists.

The Falcons led 40-30 at halftime but the Pioneers clawed back to a 50-50 tie with 12 minutes remaining in the game. But the Falcons went on a 16-4 run over the next four minutes to open a 66-54 lead on a three-pointer by Becker with 8:08 left. Platteville got to within three, 67-64 at the 5:50 mark but River Falls closed the contest on an 11-3 run to post the win.

Wednesday at Stevens Point, the Falcons trailed 41-33 at intermission but opened the second half with a 10-2 run to tie the game 43-43. The Pointers led by as many as five down the stretch but the Falcons took a 74-73 lead with 42 seconds left on a pair of free throws by Johnson.

The Pointers answered with a jumper by Kalonji Kadima with 19 seconds left to take a 75-74 lead and the Falcons had a chance to pull out the win in the closing seconds but a three-point attempt by DeWyre was off the mark and Kadima sealed it for the Pointers with a pair of free throws with one second remaining.

Melzer and Mathison each scored 18 points while DeWyre finished with 17, including five three-pointers, and Johnson added 13.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Feb 22-28	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Women's Track	host Coca-Cola Classic 6:30 p.m.						
Men's Hockey							
Women's Hockey		at SP vs. Sup 2:30 p.m.	at SP vs. TBA				
Swimming	at WW 9 a.m.	at WW 9 a.m.					
Men's Basketball		TBA at SP or WW 7 p.m.					
Wrestling	host WIAC meet 7 p.m.						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Beth Betker Hockey (So., Corcoran, Minn.)

Betker helped the Falcons to two NCHA wins over UW-Superior last weekend, 3-2 and 2-0. Betker scored a goal in both games. Friday she scored the team's second goal at 19:25 of the first period. On Saturday she scored the team's second goal at 16:45 of the third period. "Beth has been playing great for the past month," Coach Joe Cranston said.

Jamie Steinert Hockey (So., Maple Grove, Minn.)

The Falcon forward helped the Falcons to two wins over UW-Eau Claire in the NCHA first-round playoffs. In Friday's 4-2 win he scored the team's first goal. Saturday, in the team's 6-2 win, he scored the team's fifth goal.

Spinning under control

Darcy Thull / Submitted photo

Sophomore Jen Leis gains some momentum by spinning during one of her attempts in the weight throw Saturday at UW-Eau Claire. Leis captured third place with her best effort.

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lead and got the win with a final of 3-2. Marlene Yaeger made 22 saves.

On Sunday, UW-RF decided to keep the game to themselves. Yaeger got a shutout while claiming 25 saves, and Conzemius and Betker both scored again with assists going to Jodi Hensch and Keri Deschene. Entering the third period at a tie of 0-0, both teams were playing a very physical, very intense game. The Falcons came out with the win.

The sweep put the women in the No. 3 spot in the NCHA. They travel to Stevens Point on Saturday for the NCHA playoff tournament, which will be held at Willett Arena. The Falcons' first game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Women's hoops

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from beyond the arc.

"We got some good looks," Hovet said, "but when you don't have the ball very often, you're not gonna get many looks. The big thing was our turnovers."

The Falcons managed only 35 shots from the floor and made 10. UW-RF, which canned 5-of-9 triples, hit 9-of-16 charity shots.

The Pointers, by contrast, chucked up 61 attempts from the floor and bottomed 27. UW-SP made 8-of-21 treys and 16-of-25 freebies.

UW-SP hosted UW-Oshkosh Wednesday evening in a second-round tilt, but results were not available when this edition went to press.

Falcons come back, outlast Pioneers

Two days prior to their season-ending loss to the Pointers, UW-RF showed a lot of heart in a come-from-behind, overtime victory over UW-Platteville, which had defeated the Falcons 60-36 Jan. 16 at Platteville.

The Falcons trailed 29-20 at intermission and fell behind by as much as 13 points in the second 20 minutes, but rebounded to eventually force an extra session, with the score knotted at 55-up after regulation.

UW-RF outscored the Pioneers 11-7 in the extra session for a 66-62 victory.

Falcons bid farewell to four key seniors

Three UW-RF seniors stepped on the hardwood for the last time as collegiate competitors in Monday's loss to the Pointers, and another, who was sidelined with a season-ending injury suffered last summer, sat on the Falcon bench for the final time.

Next season, Hovet and her troops will compete without the services of McKernon, Pollock, Wakefield and Abby Nelson, the aforementioned injured player.

Statistically, McKernon stood out among the four seniors and among all Falcons, for that matter. During her final college season, McKernon played 822 minutes (second on the team), hit 95-of-251 field goals, canned 31 treys (second), snagged

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WIAC title

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Oshkosh's Cummins will look to join former Titan Mary Leivian as the only individuals to win the league vault title three consecutive seasons. Leivian won the title from 1986-88.

River Falls' Tiffany Reber holds the top score in the vault this season with a 9.475 on Jan. 25 and she finished third last year. Eau Claire's Alison Eagles has the second-best effort with a 9.400 on Feb. 7. Other notables returning include La Crosse's Tricia Clark (second last season), Jordann Ojanpa (fourth) and Stout's Pasch (fifth).

In balance beam competition, Pasch will be challenged by Oshkosh's Wendy Wiederholt, Kristine Arquette and Williams and La Crosse's Angela Erato. Erato has the leading score in the event this year with a 9.600 on Feb. 8, while Williams has the third-best effort at 9.500. Wiederholt finished third last season and La Crosse's Jenny Moore placed fourth.

In the uneven bars, La Crosse's Saxton will be challenged by Oshkosh's Williams and Arquette, River Falls' Angie Garin, Stout's Pasch and La Crosse's Jamie Randall. Williams has the top score in the event this season with a 9.525 on Jan. 26, while Saxton has the second-best effort at 9.450. Randall placed fourth last season, while Pasch placed fifth.

La Crosse's Leslie Stewart is the top returner in the floor exercise. She placed second last season and has the top score in the league this season with a 9.675 on Jan. 13. Stewart's teammate, Tricia Clark, also has a 9.675 in the event this season. Clark placed fifth last year.

Other notables in the floor exercise include: Oshkosh's Williams, La Crosse's Erato and River Falls' Tiffany Reber.

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Men's hockey

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sion with Jim Murphy sent the puck backwards into the net.

Stensrud made it 3-1 later, at 12:04, on a spectacular backhand from near the center of the left circle. Assists went to Mike Salmela and John Conboy.

Just as the game entered the third period, at 0:32, officials whistled a trio of penalties - two on the Falcons, one on the Blugolds - that set the stage for UW-EC's Erik Strand. Putting back a saved Jamie Minor shot, Strand cut the game to one goal, 3-2.

Playing a predominantly defensive final period, the Falcons held the Blugolds from scoring for the remainder of the game, and shortly after UW-EC pulled their goalie, Conboy scored an empty netter to finish the contest off, at 19:01, with help from Nate Kotewa.

Friday's win gave UW-RF the 1-0 lead in the NCHA best-of-three series. Jacques Vezina saved 27 Blugold shots, the same amount shot by his teammates against UW-EC netminder Scott Sutton.

On Saturday, the Falcon defense showed why they lead the NCHA. With only 12 shots on goal the entire contest, the Blugolds got both of their two scores on power plays.

"Our team defense was nothing short of spectacular," Freeman said. "When you look at the shot charts after two periods, it was 26-6 in our favor. That's really pretty unheard of against a strong offensive team."

The Blugolds scored the first goal of the evening at 13:30 of the first period on a power play, but Falcon Josh Schlipp replied 36 seconds later with an answer, a shot that hit Sutton and trickled in.

In the second period, Rob Novak extended the Falcon lead to 2-1 after Marc-Andre Lalande's near blue-liner ricocheted off Sutton and Novak backhanded it in at 11:52.

The Falcons outshot UWEC 13-3 in each of the first and second periods, but the Blugolds continued to play tough and aggressive hockey.

Early in the third period, the Falcons opened up the game. At 3:21 Steve Moe scored his second goal of the season from Lalande and Adam Kragthorpe.

Again at 5:44, the Falcons made it 4-1 on a power play when Evan Stensrud rebounded a Kragthorpe shot for the fourth consecutive score.

Then at 14:12, the Blugolds made it 4-2 on power play when Greg Harris scored his second goal of the game.

In the final minute, Sutton came way out of the crease to stop an Ambrose Tappe breakaway, but they both dove, the puck came loose on contact between them, and Jamie Steinert grabbed it and escorted it into the empty net for the 5-2 lead.

Kotewa finished the Blugolds off at 19:42 with the 6-2 goal from the right edge of the net, assisted by Nick Hanrahan.

The NCHA first round series sweep pits the Falcons against the conference's undefeated, St. Norbert, in Green Bay on March 1.

"One of our goals this season was to get to the NCHA championships," Freeman said, "and I'm really looking forward to that."

"It should be a highly charged, intense, high profile event."

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W	L	T	Pts
St. Norbert (18-3-2)	10	0	22
Superior (15-5-2)	7	3	16
Stevens Point (14-8-1)	7	4	15
River Falls (15-6-2)	6	4	14
Eau Claire (11-10-2)	6	5	13
Lake Forest (9-12-1)	4	8	8
Stout (10-12-1)	3	9	6
St. Scholastica (5-18-0)	1	11	0

Feb. 16 results

Eau Claire 1 0 1 -2

River Falls 1 1 4 -6

1st Period

13:30 EC - Harris (Lucenti, Sgambelluri) (pp)

14:06 RF - Schlipp (Stensrud)

2nd Period

11:52 RF - Novak (Lalande, Murphy)

3rd Period

03:21 RF - Moe (Lalande, Kragthorpe)

05:44 RF - Stensrud (Kragthorpe) (pp)

14:12 EC - Harris (Han) (pp)

19:18 RF - Steinert (Tappe, Carlson)

19:42 RF - Kotewa (Hanrahan)

Feb. 15 results

Eau Claire 0 1 1 -2

River Falls 1 2 1 -4

1st Period

12:54 RF - Steinert (Stensrud, Schlipp)

2nd Period

07:17 EC - Gehr (Prada, Murphy)

09:29 RF - Jim Murphy

12:04 RF - Stensrud (Salmela, Conboy)

3rd Period

00:53 EC - Strand (Minor, Murphy) (pp)

19:01 RF - Conboy (Kotewa) (empty net)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

NCHA Standings

W	L	T	Pts
UW-Stevens Point (24-1-0)	15	1	30
UW-Superior (17-7-0)	11	5	22
UW-River Falls (12-10-3)	8	6	18

UW-Eau Claire (6-17-2)

Lake Forest (6-17-1)

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2 14 0 4

Feb. 17 results

Superior 0 0 0 -0

River Falls 0 0 2 -2

1st Period

No Scoring

2nd Period

No Scoring

3rd Period

13:58 RF - Conzemius (Hensch, Deschene)

16:45 RF - Betker (Wahlstrom-Ramler)

Feb. 16 results

Superior 0 2 0 -2

River Falls 2 1 0 -3

1st Period

15:54 RF - Conzemius (Goodwin)

19:25 RF - Betker (Wahlstrom-Ramler, McGuire)

2nd Period

02:25 SUP - Brooks (Pew) (pp)

06:33 RF - McGuire (Best, Conzemius) (pp)

18:19 SUP - Brooks (Salatino, Ginkel) (pp)

3rd Period

No Scoring

MENS BASKETBALL

WIAC Standings

W-L	
Stevens Point (21-5)	11-5
Oshkosh (20-5)	11-5
Whitewater (20-6)	11-5
LaCrosse (17-9)	10-6
River Falls (17-8)	9-7
Platteville (14-12)	7-9
Stout (12-13)	7-9
Eau Claire (11-14)	3-13
Superior (11-15)	3-13

Feb. 19 Results

River Falls 41 50 -91

La Crosse 39 43 -82

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

Becker 6-11-24-5-4; DeWyre 1-2-4-2-5;

Mathison 2-5-9-6-0; Melzer 10-8-28-10-2;

Johnson 7-5-19-4-0; Lam 2-0-4-2-1; Kukla 0-0-0-1-0; Becker Kevin 1-0-3-1-2; Duncan 0-0-0-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .537 UWLX .440

3-point percent: RF .250 UWLX .467

Free throw percent: RF .816 UWLX .1000

Feb. 16 Results

River Falls 40 38 -78

Platteville 30 37 -67

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

Becker, Kent 5-5-16-3-3; DeWyre 1-0-3-3-5;

Mathison 3-2-9-1-4; Melzer 13-37-39-3;

Johnson 7-1-15-10-0; Lam 1-0-2-1-0; Kukla 0-0-0-1-0; Becker Kevin 0-0-0-0-1; Duncan 0-0-0-1-0; Jeff Holt 0-0-0-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .600 UWP .448

3-point percent: RF .375UWP .333

Free throw percent: RF .750 UWP .475

Feb. 13 Results

River Falls 33 41 -74

Stevens Point 41 36 -77

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

DeWyre 6-0-17-4-5; Mathison 5-5-18-3-3;

Melzer 7-4-18-3-3; Johnson 5-3-13-4-2; Lam 0-0-0-1-0; Kukla 1-0-3-2-1; Becker Kevin 1-0-2-1-2; Duncan 1-0-3-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .531 UWSP .540

3-point percent: RF .588 UWSP .529

Free throw percent: RF .1000 UWSP .667

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WIAC Standings

W-L	
Stout (21-4)	15-1
Stevens Point (24-2)	14-2
Oshkosh (20-6)	12-4
Eau Claire (19-6)	10-6
Platteville (13-13)	8-8
River Falls (11-15)	5-11
Whitewater (9-16)	5-11

Feb. 13 Results

Stevens Point 36 42 -78

River Falls 25 30 -55

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

Olsen 4-11-14-8; Wakefield 3-0-8-4-0;

Harberts 2-1-7-3-0; McKernon 1-4-6-1-0; Effie 0-0-0-3-1; Sickels 0-2-2-3-1; Pollock 1-4-6-7-1; Bartsch 0-2-2-1-0; Rassmussen 0-0-0-1-0; Smith 2-0-4-2-0; Crews 0-0-0-1-1; DeLany 1-0-2-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .286 UWSP .443

3-point percent: RF .556 UWSP .381

Free throw percent: RF .563 UWSP .640

Feb. 16 Results

Platteville 29 26 7 -62

River Falls 20 35 11 -66

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

Olsen 4-11-14-8; Wakefield 3-0-7-1-2;

Harberts 3-0-6-8-2; McKernon 5-4-15-5-2;

Effie 3-2-8-3-3; Sickels 3-1-8-6-1; Pollock 2-2-7-3-3; Bartsch 2-0-4-3-0; Smith 0-0-0-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .446 UWP .375

3-point percent: RF .353 UWSP .238

Free throw percent: RF .588 UWP .750

Feb. 13 Results

Stevens Point 36 42 -78

River Falls 25 30 -55

River Falls (fg-ft-pts-reb-assts)

Olsen 1-1-3-1-3; Wakefield 1-2-4-1-0;

Harberts 1-2-4-4-0; McKernon 1-4-6-1-0; Effie 3-7-14-8-1; Sickels 0-2-2-4-0; Pollock 2-4-9-4-0; Bartsch 1-1-3-1-0; Smith 1-2-4-1-2; Crews 2-2-6-1-0; DeLany 0-0-0-1-0; Rassmussen 0-0-0-0-0

Field goal percent: RF .265 UWSP .578

3-point percent: RF .154 UWSP .308

Free throw percent: RF .844 UWSP .759

Never buy a BioLet

A column by Kevin O'Brien, who really appreciates his toilet

After the success of my Valentine's sequel, I have decided to compose a trilogy about poop. Yeah, you read it right. If you're sitting on a toilet right now, you can laugh a little at the irony of your situation. If you are not defecating at the moment, eat a bran muffin and come back to this column when you are ready for a bowel movement. Because I can guarantee you that after reading the following story, you will never again take your porcelain throne for granted.

A few summers ago, my family's cabin was remodeled and my dad took the opportunity to make our bathroom more earth friendly by purchasing a waterless toilet. Instead of flushing the waste down a pipe into a septic system, like most sensible toilets, the BioLet holds the excrement in a large base where it is decomposed. To accelerate the breakdown process, the unit contains an elaborate heating system. So essentially, we had a baking pile of crap sitting in our bathroom next to the sink and only a couple of steps away from the shower. However, we were supposed to be rewarded for this inconvenience at the end of every month, when the fully decomposed waste could be used for compost in the flower garden (seriously, that was one of its features).

Now, you must be asking about the obvious stench factor. This is where the design was flawed. Ideally, a suction system was supposed to pull the contaminated air out of the large base and project it up through a pipe that would eventually release it out of a hole in the

roof. Now, there are two problems with this theory. First of all, unless the pipe is airtight and the lid is constantly closed, it is impossible to keep the fecal fumes from permeating into the living and dining rooms. Secondly, the puffs of poop smell that did make it through the roof would still find their way to our nostrils while we are outside.

Despite several early complaints from our immediate family, my dad insisted on leaving the BioLet in the bathroom. over Memorial Day weekend so the relatives could test it out. Beforehand, he did sprinkle the waste with some decomposing chemical, which smelled oddly like maple syrup. Although this did help a little, it kind of ruined my aunt's famous pancake breakfast.

As my grandparents and aunts and uncles tried to keep their smiles while holding their breaths, my dad proudly displayed and explained his crapper of the future. The entire weekend, an occasional wandering whiff would remind us of what we had eaten at our last meal. During breakfast one morning, I raised my head and said: "What's that? Oh yeah, it's grandma's potato salad from last night." Let's just say, after smelling what the digestive system does to corn on the cob, I think twice about putting on that much butter.

Perhaps the worst part about the weekend was the steady stream of excremental exhaust that billowed out of our roof and eventually went up our noses. Whether you were playing cards out on the deck, fishing off the dock, or swimming near the beach, you could never escape

the invisible cloud of crap that hung above our cabin. It's hard to enjoy the wonders of nature when all you can smell is your grandpa's aging prostate at work. If our hillbilly neighbors hadn't devised their own septic system out of PVC pipes and duct tape the summer before, they probably would have complained.

With the help of crinkled noses and the scent of bug spray, we made it through the weekend without anyone falling ill. However, under my dad's belief that it would eventually work, the BioLet was allowed to stay for the entire summer. Nevertheless, once my brother and I returned to college in the fall, my dad took the BioLet out of the bathroom one lonely weekend, brought it out in the woods, strapped on a pair of electrician's gloves and scooped every ounce of partially decomposed poop and stagnant urine. After what can only be called a labor of love, the BioLet was spotless and ready for resale. (Oh by the way, if you are looking for a poop oven, let me know.)

Sorry if I made anyone sick out there. Just remember this story the next time you whine about having to clean your toilet bowl or use a plunger to unclog a ball of toilet paper. If you don't believe my tale, check out the online home of the BioLet at www.biolet.com. Until next time, keep the lid down.

Special thanks to Nicole Smith and Jess Perry for the photo illustration, which was created without my knowledge.



MOVIE REVIEW

In shadows of those before

Despite title, war film offers little 'Hart'

Paul Broz
Movie Reviewer

By combining two seemingly surefire genres like the Prisoners of War film and the courtroom drama, "Hart's War" isn't on the same level as its predecessors like "Anatomy of a Murder" and "Nuremberg." However, it has its moments where it rivets its viewer to the screen.

There is more to this film than meets the eye. In addition to being in a Nazi prison camp during the latter months of World War II, the film confronts racism in the armed forces in a manner that, while not subtle, avoids seeming smothered in political correctness. Gregory Hoblit, director of "Primal Fear," makes dull use of "Hart's" oddly passive courtroom proceedings, but the movie has some vivid war scenes and raises questions about racism in the military, now and throughout history.

The story opens in Belgium in December of 1944 and Lieutenant Tommy Hart (Colin Farrell), by virtue of his silver spoon upbringing, is far from the action of war. His dad, a senator, wants him as safe as possible. When Hart goes on a routine chauffeur mission he is suddenly ambushed by Nazis and tortured into giving up information about a fuel dumpsite. He arrives at Stalag VIA, a P.O.W. camp full of U.S. prisoners, led by Colonel William McNamara (Bruce Willis). McNamara is very suspicious of Hart so he assigns him to bunk with the enlisted men rather than the officers. Hart isn't alone

for long, as two black officers arrive and are forced to sleep with the "grunts." The frequency of racism in the barracks is horrendous, with one soldier in particular, Bedford (Cole Hauser), expressing his outrage and hatred in vile and explicit ways. Shortly after concealing a weapon in one of the black officers bunk, Bedford is found murdered with the other black officer standing over his body. McNamara requests the German in charge of the camp to hold a court martial hearing. The German officers are amused by the idea and agree, and Hart ends up defending the man, even though he hasn't finished law school.

The events in this movie are presented in a straightforward manner, but it is without the surprises and emotion of films like "A Few Good Men." The film is less of a traditional war story than it is of one man's quest for redemption. Since giving in to the Nazis, Hart has been attempting to regain his honor and find the courage to stand up for himself. With this trial he is given the chance.

Colin Farrell seems really stiff and unemotional in this film, as a more dynamic performer could have made this film better. Bruce Willis squints and broods all over the screen and he doesn't have to make a radical departure from his usual persona of the ultimate tough guy.

In terms of presenting a story that is both intelligent and somewhat involving, "Hart's War" is better than most of the films that moviegoers have been subjected to in February. On a scale of 1-10, I give this film a 6.5.

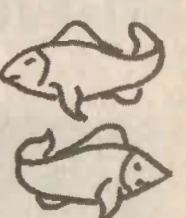
CONGRATULATIONS TO LANCE BASS OF N'SYNC FOR BEING THE FIRST PRIMATE IN SPACE SINCE ABEL THE CHIMP IN 1959. WE AT THE STUDENT VOICE WOULD LIKE TO WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK AS HE TAKES HIS PLACE AMONG THE OTHER HEAVENLY BODIES.



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Horoscopes

Jenny Cullen and Kevin O'Brien
Staff Psychics, who won't keep you on hold while you pay



-Zodiac graphics by Katey Hoyt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

The little purple elephants aren't there because you have a really good imagination. Lay off the drugs my friend. Your bedroom door will stop melting when you wake up in the morning and bats will stop attacking you when you walk across campus. Life will be a little more "real" for you. Bummer, dude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Your birthday is probably coming up soon, but be careful who you invite to your party. A long-standing vendetta with someone who is supposedly your friend could erupt into an ugly scene involving phallic shaped objects, a Bacardi bottle and a bad case of rug burn.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Don't take the first job you are offered, even if it has great pay, guaranteed insurance, and perfect hours. It is too good to be true, trust us. You will be doing good for a few weeks and then suddenly your boss will start stalking you. It won't be a sexual thing, though. He or she just has no friends and figures you will be a good person to blackmail into hanging out with. And we all know creepy it is to actually be buddies with the person who pays you.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You're not chubby so don't listen to what that skinny person you can't stand has to say. Making fun of them while intoxicated may be fun, but kicking their ass when you see them walking across campus is a much more productive idea. Besides, all of your friends would think you are really cool. Wink, wink M and M, J and R.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your extended forecast will include fantasies about your favorite weather guy (Ken Barlow) or girl (Belinda Jensen). It is 30 degrees and snowing in River Falls but it is 90 degrees and moist in your pants and they're invited.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Success in your future career will only come after you get off your buttock and start working on your resume, cover letter and portfolio. If you don't know

what to put for experience, just remember that a cashier should always be referred to as a "sales technician," a waiter/waitress should be called a "food delivery serviceperson" and an on-campus job should be called a "student assistant" (emphasis on "ass").

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you are feeling suddenly inspired by the athleticism displayed at the Olympics, use that pent up energy for a new health plan. Start off slow, though. Like instead of using the remote control, trying walking across the room and turning the knob. Also, when drinking beer, try actually bringing the empties to a proper disposal container instead of tossing them in the general direction of the trash can.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

Be sure to attend your local high school hockey game. Cheerleaders (guys or girls) wearing tight clothes in cold temperatures benefits everyone involved. You get an American Beauty-type fantasy and they don't sweat so much.

LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

Stop trying so hard to impress everybody with your newfound sexual talent. The Kama Sutra has been around for centuries, and yes, other people have experimented with various tounge tricks, the Egyptian "sphinx" position, and even the underwater- upside- down -through-a-snorkle experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

The next few months will be a rollercoaster of fornication, pharmaceuticals, and race music. In the end, you will probably end up in either rehab or a nice minimum security resort-type prison. Don't worry, a criminal record always adds a little "color" to your life story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Whoa Nelly! The lofts the University provides can't handle the bumping and grinding of two horny college students. Be careful or you might break it and fall through to the room below yours, and Lord only knows what they might be doing (squeak, squeak).



MUSIC REVIEW

Local Hip Hop goups give ‘very chill’ performance

Meagan Stevens
Music Reviewer

Has anyone else noticed the sudden popularity of hip hop? I have. I don't know if it's as big here as it is in St. Paul and Minneapolis, but the shows I have been going to lately are always packed. I consider this a good thing- I've really started to like it in the past three years. Yes, I am new to the whole thing, I admit. I might not be up on all of the stuff out there- I like local bands better. I remain true to the stuff that I do like, though, which must count for something. I also realize that hip hop is not a new phenomenon, but it's something I've gotten into lately, and I think it's wicked awesome. I just wanted to clear the air because people can be harsh.

For example, I went to two hip hop shows two weeks ago, practically back to back (one of the good things about local music- it's around when you are). The first show I saw was The S.W.E.E.P.S. and Atmosphere along with Mr. Dibbs, among others that I couldn't tell the difference between. That may be due to the fact that I got to the show late, but either way it was awesome. The show was at the Lab in St. Paul, which is basically a long, narrow room. It was rather cozy. Slug, the rapper from Atmosphere, interacted with the audience just the way an artist should. He talked to us, making comments and asking which song should be played next.

They played for over an hour, making it totally worth it. They played a good mix of familiar songs and new ones. The best part was when the show was over, Slug walked through the crowd to get to his people at the merchandise table. No dipping backstage to get away from everyone.

The second show I saw was the Hip Hop for the Homeless show at First Ave. Oddly enough, this show was not crowded. I wasn't sure what to expect, since the advertisement was pretty vague. I knew Eyedea and Abilities would be there, but was pleasantly surprised to see Brother Ali and Atmosphere, both from Rhyme Sayers Entertainment, as well as an opening group whose name escapes me and Hieruspecs (a group made up of a few people I went to high school with). All of the acts were great. Atmosphere gave another killer performance, as did Eyedea and Hieruspecs, who I had never seen before.

There was also a little bit of break dancing, which is always chill. I also saw Slug and Eyedea hanging out on the floor before their performances. The last thing that went on was a freestyle with all of the acts, which was very chill. I could have stayed and listened all night long.

As for now...not much. I got Ryan Adams tickets for Valentine's Day. Too cool. Since I'm too lazy today, check out the First Ave Web site or thequestclub.com for your concert fix.

Women's hoops continued from B2

145 rebounds (second), distributed 61 assists (second), hit 66 (second)-of-91 free throws, collected 31 steals (fourth) and netted 11.0 points per outing (second).

Pollock, after missing 10 games due to an injury, averaged 24.9 minutes per tilt after returning. In addition to grabbing 51 boards, earning 26 assists (sixth) and scoring 4.9 points per game (seventh), the Durand native nailed a perfect 30-of-30 free throws.

Wakefield proved to be a quite adequate sixth-woman for the Falcons.

After starting the first six games of the season, Wakefield returned to a reserve role she shouldered her first three years. In 502 minutes (sixth), Wakefield knocked down 20 treys (third), pulled down 64 rebounds (sixth), dished out 37 assists (4th), came up with 28 steals (sixth) and pitched in 6.0 points per game (fifth).

Nelson received 35 minutes of playing time in three games. She only scored one point, but she provided a slew of assistance to the coaches in lieu of statistics on the court she could not compile.

"These women have been a big part of this program since they've been here," Hovet said. "They've played some great basketball. We're really going to miss them

a lot next year."

'Future looks bright'

Nevertheless, Hovet is convinced good things should come the Falcons' way next year.

For starters, UW-RF returns the statistical leaders in six departments from the recently completed season. Effe led the Falcons in field goals made (117) and percentage (.498), rebounds (169), steals (39) and points per game (11.3).

Olsen paced the team in the following categories: minutes played (838), minutes per game (33.5), 3-pointers made (34), 3-point percentage (.410) and assists (65).

And sophomore Lisa Bartsch swatted a team-high eight shots.

In addition to a hopefully-strong recruiting class, things look positive for Hovet's squad next year.

"Overall (this year) as a team, we're disappointed in our performance and our record this year," Hovet said. "But the future looks bright. We have some good players returning and we need to have a good recruiting class come in. There's no reason we shouldn't be better next year."

One tropical, sandy night Annual Beach Bash ready to go

Caroline Joyce
Staff Writer

Colorful posters have been scattered across campus urging students to "strip off the snow suit and slip into a swim suit."

Posters advertise the 6th annual Beach Bash, co-sponsored by Prucha Hall Council and Area Council, which will take place Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 8 p.m. till midnight at Brandy's.

East Area Coordinator Chris Tenold described this dance as a way for students to "take a break and enjoy themselves." Sand will cover the dance floor in Brandy's so "students will feel more like they are on the beach than just another dance floor," Tenold said.

The Prucha Hall Council will decorate Brandy's with dance paraphernalia and other summer characteristics to make you feel the heat.

But feeling the heat would not just be in the dancers' imaginations. "They also crank up the temp so that you literally feel the heat as well," said Tenold.

There will be beer and wine served at the bar as well. Prucha Hall Council President Crystal Heath said the Beach Bash Committee has been working since last semester to get this event organized.

"There's a lot of hard work and time put into the details and different projects," Heath said. "We had to decide games, ticket prices, prizes and decorations."

"Beach Bash seems to be quite popular across campus," Heath said. "Everyone is itching for spring and they are ready to get out and enjoy a fun dance."

Among the games there will be piñatas and a limbo contest, and prizes will be awarded to the winners of the games. Prizes include items such as a Discman, a phone, a Nintendo 64 and more.

The East and West Area Councils will raffle off prizes at this year's Beach Bash. The grand prize is a vacation giveaway for a UW-RF student and a friend. It includes two \$300 travel vouchers and two \$50 cash prizes. A \$100 shopping spree at Mall of America and \$100 gift certificate for Ticketmaster is the second prize.

Third prize is a \$100 gift certificate to Ticketmaster for any Minnesota Wild game. All raffle tickets will sell for \$1 at the dance and participants must be present to win. The drawings will be held just before midnight. Tickets are on sale now at Rodli and the Student Center,



Teresa Schmitt/ The Student Voice

Wooden manicans joined campus this past week advertising The 6th annual Beach Bash to be held on Wednesday at Brandy's.

and advanced sales will continue through Tuesday. Ticket prices are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Rob rocks the Falcon's Nest



Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice

Rob Gonzalez entertained the lunch crowd at the Student Center Tuesday afternoon and promoted his current Self-titled album.

Interested in advertising with The Student Voice?

Contact the Student Voice business office at

phone: (715) 425-3624

fax: (715) 425-0684

Mulvey is magnetic

Teresa Schmitt/The Student Voice

Peter Mulvey attracted a large crowd at the latest Coffeehouse Series event last Friday. Those who attended complimented his style and compared it to a mix of Dave Matthews Band and Bob Dylan.

Contrats to Jenny for her new job as a on-line editor for the Journalist

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Sat/Sun Matinees 12:30

Weekday 4:00, Evenings 7:00, 9:40

**Crossroads (PG-13)

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Weekdays 4:45, Evenings 7:15, 9:40

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