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Students withdraw to serve nation

Jen Cullen
Editor-in-Chief

For six UW-River Falls students the threat of war with Iraq has become even more of a reality.

Within the past month reservists Jesse Reimer, Luke Oldenburg, Rebecca Berge, Eli Eschenbach and Darren Hughes have been called to active duty as part of the partial mobilization of the Guard and Reserve ordered by President Bush. The six students, along with several others who have been called to military duty during fall semester, withdrew from the University to report to military duty.

Veteran's service representative Jason Taubel said that other students are on "high alert, and are expected to deploy within months."

While the idea of withdrawing from school may seem farfetched for some students, Taubel said it is part of the reservists' duty.

"People who join the military do so because they feel a sense of honor and responsibility to serve our nation," Taubel said. "When the nation calls our service people listen and they do what is asked of them no matter what the politics are."

Although it can't be said with any certainty what the reservists will be doing, Taubel said they aren't "necessarily going to war."

Some may still be in the United States while it is also possible that some of the reservists have been mobilized and sent to Iraq or other areas.

In many cases when reservists are

called to active duty the time line they must work with to prepare is very short, although Taubel said it is different for every situation.

"They usually have some type of final training and then they are deployed."

Both Taubel and Dean of Students Roger Ballou were proud of the students' duty to their country.

"Whether or not you support the upcoming war in Iraq, it is important to support our service people," Taubel said.

Ballou agreed.

"I think it's a highly-honorable service they are providing," Ballou said. "We owe them a debt of gratitude and will help them in any way."

It can't be said with any certainty how long the reservists will be on active duty but Taubel said it could be anywhere from a few months up to a few years.

Due to the special circumstances surrounding the student's withdrawals, Ballou said "everything's forgiven" meaning the student's tuition is always refunded and, in many cases, a partial reimbursement for room and board is also provided.

"We make it as easy as possible for these students to leave and just as easy for them to come back," Ballou said.

Some situations make it hard for students to be able to withdraw themselves so the Dean's Office will take care of it for them. It is preferred, however, that the student

See "Duty" on A6



Submitted Photo from the Ashland Daily Press

Jesse Riemer (left) and other members of the 106th Wisconsin Army National Guard Engineer Detachment report for active duty Feb. 7 at the Ashland, Wis., National Guard Armory. Riemer is one of six UW-RF students who withdrew from class to fulfill military obligations.

Book proceeds to benefit Falls Theater

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

Michelle Maher, daughter of late River Falls Theater owner, Stan McCulloch, recently approached Milt Helmer, retired printing press owner, to compile a history of the theater and its late owner.

"This really blossomed into something bigger than I thought," Maher said. "But Milt really wanted to do it."

The Falls Theater has been in operation under McCulloch's family since 1972. When McCulloch died in January 2002 Maher took over.

Growing up Maher kept calendars that her father released each week with thoughts and ideas about the first-run movie showing in his theater.

The fact that McCulloch released a critique of each movie was unique because it was before there were

movie critics, Maher said.

"It was so out of the norm and it worked somehow," Maher said.

Helmer said McCulloch was a very frank individual.

"He told parents if the movie was ok for their children to see," Helmer said.

The local history book will be available for purchase in a few weeks at the Falls Theater for \$15. The proceeds will benefit the restoration process Maher hopes to soon get underway.

The theater will get new seats and a renovation of the auditorium.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to keep the place alive," Maher said. "A place to give my children, a place like I had growing up."

Helmer and Maher ask that anyone with comments or antidotes about the Falls Theater or McCulloch send them to Helmer at N6332 750th St., Beldenville, WI 54003 or at mhelmer@pressenter.com.

Differential tuition proposal shifts to undergrad research

Other proposals being considered by Senate

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

A differential tuition charge may not be implemented this fall after all.

After Chancellor Ann Lydecker's initial advising proposal fell by the wayside on recommendation of the Student Senate, there has been a slow down in progress toward developing a new proposal. The original advising proposal called for funding an additional advising program with a differential tuition charge.

Differential tuition is an extra charge, either a flat rate or a percentage of overall tuition costs, which would be tacked onto a stu-

dent's tuition bill. The money raised from this surcharge will go into a fund that can only be used for a pre-determined academic program.

"Differential tuition is not something you use to build a hockey team or start a club," Lydecker said.

More recently, the focus has been on improving UW-River Falls' existing undergraduate research program with the help of a differential tuition charge.

Undergraduate research can be done by any student in any major. The term 'research' is used broadly so that students doing any type of scholarly activity can be included, said Tim Lyden, faculty advisor for the Society for Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities. Research can include traditional lab and field research in the sciences, but also can be done in the performing arts and artwork fields.

Students do experiments that test hypotheses, and/or try to answer questions about something in the field they are working in, Lyden

said. Currently there are approximately 100 students working on research programs in the sciences, plus many others in non-science areas, Lyden said.

Around campus, undergraduate research is known as RSCA, which stands for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activities.

"The point of RSCA is to give students a practical, hands on exposure to what they're going to do in their profession," Lyden said.

The highlight for students involved in RSCA is the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). The nation-wide conference will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah this year. Approximately 30 UW-RF students will present research projects. Costs will run approximately \$500 per student, Lyden said.

Currently, there is very little money available for students

See "Research" on A6

Childcare center plans in final stages

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Plans for a childcare center on campus are finalizing as UW-River Falls administrators prepare to move the project closer to its construction.

"The purpose of the project is really to guarantee safe, reliable, high-quality childcare on campus to allow students with children to go to college," Braun said.

First priority for enrolling children into the program will go to students, but faculty and community members can also enroll children.

The center will provide services to accommodate 96 children from infant to pre-school ages.

The childcare center on campus now, the UW-RF C.H.I.L.D. (Creative Hours In Learning Development) Center, provides space for 60 children and currently has 48 enrolled, said Deborah Ryan, director of C.H.I.L.D. Center.

Six classrooms will be provided for the children, as well as a large activity room, kitchen and other service-type spaces and a large outdoor playground.

The activity room is the largest addition to the new center. It will

contain small-scale activity equipment like slides and climbing gear. "Children will be able to ride tricycles in the winter, have larger balls and those type of large movement activities," Ryan said.

Ryan said the current childcare center does not have its own indoor activity facility for children to use.

A laboratory for elementary education and early childhood students will also be part of the center. The lab will provide students with the opportunity to observe the children.

"There will be a bank of windows at adult height to observe what's going on in the classroom," Ryan said.

Ryan said there is not a place in its current facility for students to observe except for within the classrooms with children.

The current childcare center has been on campus for many years under private ownership, but it wasn't until a year and a half ago the university took it over, Ryan said.

"I would say there's probably a fair number of students who do not know that we're here," she said.

Ryan said there is a reduced cost

See "Day care" on A6

Winter carnival a 'frigid frenzy'

Schedule of Events

Monday, February 17:

- Medallion Hunt (all week)
- Penny Wars 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fade to Shade (Opening Ceremonies)
- Ice Sculptures 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Icicle Course (Royalty Competition) 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18:

- Penny Wars 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Royalty Voting 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Royalty and Organization competition 5 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19:

- Penny Wars end at 4 p.m.
- Royalty Voting 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Lip Sync Competition 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 20:

- Medallion Hunt ends at 4 p.m.
- Coronation with 'Panoramic Blue,' Brandy's 9 p.m.-11 p.m.



File photo / Student Voice

A group participates in last year's Lip Sync. North Hall Auditorium will hold this year's Lip Sync Wednesday Feb. 19 at 7p.m. The contest will be hosted by comedian Tiny Glover. The competition is part of the 'Frigid Frenzy Winter Carnival Feb. 17-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have talent in creative writing and artwork? If so, submit your work to the UWRF's student literary magazine by Feb. 28. Both artwork and writings should be dropped off at KFA, English department.

Entertainment Committee is looking for student bands. If you have any information on a band or are in a band, contact Anna at anna.k.meres@uwrf.edu.

If you would like to change your meal plan stop by the Food Service office, 211 Student Center between Feb. 10-21.

Looking for a summer job? Become a Summer Registration Facilitator. If interested pick up an application at 112 South Hall. For Further information, contact the Admission Office at 425-3500.

Want to be a Tour Guide? If interested, stop by 112 South Hall and pick up an application. Applications are due Feb. 21. Any questions, contact the Admissions Office at 425-3500.

LDPB Annual Budget Funding Requests are available at the Leadership Front Desk. The application deadline is Feb. 21 by noon. For more information, contact Jared Liston at 425-4911.

Looking for a job? The office of University Advancement is looking for communicators to contact alumni, family and friends. Stop by 310 South Hall for an application and to schedule an interview.

Office Assistant. The office of University Advancement is looking for an office assistant for spring semester. If you are interested and eligible for work study, stop by room 310 of South Hall.

E-mail reminder. Please remember to convert your e-mail over to the new Falcon system. If you have any questions or problems please contact ITS in the Davee Library.

EVENTS

"Entering the Circle-the lives of Pioneer Women". The original play by one of our own, Michael Norman, plays Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Ezekiel Lutheran Church. Open to the public.

Want to promote advocacy in cancer research for the American Cancer Society? If so, get ready for Relay for Life on April 4 and 5. For more information contact a representative at each campus hall.

Society for Human Resource Management is having its next meeting Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room of South Hall.

International Film Festival. "See the Originals" showcase is on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in 141, KFA.

The Bean Bag Coffee House, Live Music
245 Knowles Ave. S., New Richmond, Wis., (715) 246-5800
Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.
Feb. 15: Joe Nirmaier
Feb. 22: The Mighty Limited
March 1: My Cousin Dallas
March 8: Jon Sunde
March 15: Paddy Rose
March 22: Joe Nirmaier
March 29: Mike Driscoll and Jonell Lauck
April 5: My Cousin Dallas

Riversides, Live Music
500 First Street, Hudson, Wis., (715) 386-5507
Saturdays, 9 p.m.-midnight
Feb. 15: Hungry Horse
March 1: Jim Steinworth
March 8: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan
March 15: East of Eagan, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
March 22: Jeff White
March 29: Hungry Horse
April 5: Jim Steinworth
April 12: Justin Bell and Lazy Susan, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.
April 19: East of Eagan, 10 p.m.- 1 a.m.
April 26: Awkward Silence, 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

MEETINGS

A new rodeo organization in Wisconsin. If interested in this new organization, attend the informational meeting on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Monster Hall campground. For more information, contact Cole at 233-6251.

School psychologist from Stillwater is speaking to the school psychology student organization, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wyman Education Center, room 118. Anyone interested in the field of psychology is welcome.

Amnesty International is sponsoring weekly anti-war marches. If interested meet at the Student Center on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

Want to get in shape for just \$20 a semester? There are aerobics classes Monday through Thursday, 4 and 6 p.m. at the Aerobic Studio, Emogene Nelson (connected to May Hall). Register at any class anytime throughout the semester.

Campus Ministry Network is holding Interfaith Prayer Services at the St. Thomas More Newman Center and Catholic Chapel on Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Amnesty International meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the St. Croix room, Student Center.

Habitat for Humanity meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the International Room, Student Center.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in North Hall Auditorium.

The Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Falcon Room of the Student Center. Meetings are confidential and everyone is welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the International room. For more information contact cc4cuwrf@hotmail.com

CORRECTIONS

In last week's story "Senators express concerns about turnovers" the headline was incorrect. It should have read "Student expresses concerns about turnovers."

Fall freshman applications up 13 percent

Eric Henning
Assistant Editor

Business is booming at the Admissions Office.

As of Feb. 1, applications for next fall's freshman class are up 13 percent compared to this time last year, and at one point had been as high as 30 percent, said Admissions Director Alan Tuchtenhagen.

According to Tuchtenhagen, it's all good.

"We're ahead right now, we want to be ahead, and we want to bring in more freshmen," Tuchtenhagen said.

Currently, UW-River Falls has received 1,665 new freshmen applications and 100 applications from transfer students. The targeted goal is 1,200 new freshmen.

Despite already having 400 more applications



Alan Tuchtenhagen

than UW-RF can actually admit, applications will be accepted through at least April, Tuchtenhagen said.

Typically, 55 percent of students who apply will actually enroll, Tuchtenhagen said.

"The likelihood that all of them are going to show up is more than remote - it's impossible," Tuchtenhagen said.

UW-RF's goal is to increase the size of next fall's freshman class 10 to 15 percent, Tuchtenhagen said. That's because there is a fairly large senior class graduating this spring, and a fairly small freshman class was enrolled last fall. This leaves room for expanding the size of next fall's freshman class. Administrators try to keep a stable enrollment of 5,600 to 5,800 students.

UW-RF needs a healthy number of freshmen to apply and enroll, in part because of the proposed new residence hall and student center construction projects. Student fees pay for building projects like these. If the number of freshmen enrolled is cut dramatically, it would affect UW-RF's ability to fund these projects, Tuchtenhagen said.

Tuchtenhagen attributes the spike in applications in part to UW-RF's desirable location and intimate size.

"If there's going to be an increase anywhere, we typically will see it," Tuchtenhagen said.

UW-RF isn't the only school seeing an increase in applications.

UW-Stout has had an increase of 13 percent compared to this time last year, said UW-Stout Director of Admissions Cynthia Gilberts. Stout plans to take in 1,325 new freshmen and 570 transfer students for next fall.

"That's pretty typical around the state right now," Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander said. "It seems like the economy has slowed down, people aren't finding the jobs as easily and are making decisions about going back to school and getting more education."

All colleges at UW-RF are drawing more applicants, and the quality of students applying has been similar to previous years, Tuchtenhagen said. There has been a slightly larger increase in Wisconsin applicants than Minnesota applicants.

Campaign to help students kick the habit

UW-Oshkosh and American Cancer Society grants will support the prevention project

Maisha Downey
Photo Editor

Nearly 94 percent of UW-River Falls students believe they should be protected from secondhand smoke. (UW-RF health services compiled this information last year in a random survey distributed to more than 520 students in their classrooms.)

Employees at health services are working together to do just that after receiving two tobacco prevention grants last year.

Health Education Coordinator Keven Syverson was awarded two grants totaling \$78,000 that will concentrate on two different angles of smoking awareness.

"We want to motivate students to quit by showing them the necessary steps."

- Keven Syverson,
health education coordinator

The first, a grant from UW-Oshkosh deals with smoking prevention and how current smokers can quit the habit. Tobacco Education Coordinator Jennifer Elsesser is working with student Amanda Ogren on the project.

The money from this grant was received by the state from the 1998 tobacco settlement. UW-Oshkosh was the first university to conduct this campaign, which resulted in a 29 percent decrease of college smokers on that campus.

"It's good news," said Elsesser, "Their goal was a 4 percent decrease, so

we're hopeful we can lower the numbers of smokers at UW-RF as well."

Elsesser and Ogren plan to begin marketing this campaign next fall. The second grant is through the American Cancer Society with \$23,000 going toward awareness of the effects of second hand smoke.

Syverson is working with students Dan Washenberger, Celena Apostoloff and Jessica Erlitz on the campaign.

The three are responsible for uncovering information and statistics that will be used in campus-wide presentations on the topic beginning in March. Audiences will include student organizations, residential halls and various academic departments.

Washenberger said the group is planning to send out e-mails explaining the goals of the presentation and have groups reply if interested.

"Students often complain that they don't care about issues like this because they don't get a voice," Washenberger said, "We hope to show them their voice through this grant. Non-smoking is the norm."

Syverson's main goal is to use the grants in ways that do not attack current smokers.

"We want to motivate students to quit by showing them the necessary steps," Syverson said, "We intend to help the 80 percent of UW-RF student smokers who don't want to smoke anymore."

Syverson's team has developed boxes of information and product samples they plan to distribute around campus called "quit kits" for students who want to break the habit.

After both tobacco grants end, the group hopes to receive more.

"These grants are simply laying the ground work for years down the road," Washenberger said.

Students seeking help to quit smoking or to learn about the effects of second hand smoke are encouraged to attend the campus health fair April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Karges Center.

Doyle freezes state-funded construction plans

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

State construction projects are at a standstill after Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle and his staff recently put a freeze on all projects until further notice. The news is the same for projects at UW-River Falls.

"They're reviewing all the projects to decide which should go forward at this time and which should be deferred due to budget reasons," said Dale Braun, UW-RF campus planner. "It's all part of the state's budget crisis."

Braun said all projects are on hold but are slowly being authorized to move on to different levels within the projects' process.

Adam Johnson, student chair of the Facilities & Fees Board, said that the ease in the authorization of moving some of the projects forward relates to whether or not the money to fund the projects is student-funded.

"From my understanding since a large part of it is student money, that's why it's been approved to go on in each stage," Johnson said.

Johnson said the student funding has been built up over recent years to cover costs for each of the construction projects.

Braun said it does not make sense for the state to put a freeze on projects that are student-funded, but that it has the power to do so anyway.

"It's our opinion that if a project is student-funded, we should just go ahead and do it because it helps the economy," Braun said.

Braun said he thinks the freeze on the student-funded projects may be due to the transition of Wisconsin's new governor, trying to get a grasp on state issues.

Updates on UW-RF Construction Projects

Plans for the new residence hall have put the project over budget and administrators are preparing to re-bid for a lower price.

Johnson said the bidding process for the residence hall cannot proceed until the state allows for the project to move on.

In addition to the new residence hall, plans for the new student union have been approved to proceed to its design phase, Johnson said.

"They're reviewing all the projects to decide which should go forward at this time and which should be deferred due to budget reasons."

- Dale Braun, campus planner

Braun said up until now plans for it have been in deciding what will be included in it.

"I really want to encourage as much student participation in the new student union design process as I can," Braun said.

He said students can attend design meetings and give their input in this phase of the student union project.

The core committee that has been working on the student union construction project has set three dates for design meetings. The first is Feb. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Regents Room of the student center. The other two dates are March 10 and 24 at the same time and place.

Braun said the committee will see first designs of the student union Feb. 24.

The new childcare center is also in its design phase and being prepared for bidding.

Braun said the dairy learning center is in a definitive hold for now. After the bid came back 38 percent over budget last September, he said administrators have not heard where the project stands.

Braun said it is mostly a state-funded project, with about 85 percent of the money will come from the state.

Please see the article about the childcare center in this week's issue for more information.

Foster transitions from athletics to academics

New College of Education and Professional Studies dean adapts quickly to new job

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor



Connie Foster

her way up to full professor and had served as Chair of the Health and Human Performance Department and Athletic Director for six years by

the time she was asked to serve as interim dean. Being an athletic director was all she had ever seen herself doing.

Chancellor Ann Lydecker remembers discussing the change with Foster.

"Connie hadn't seen herself as someone who could administer things on that broad a basis," Lydecker said. "After a couple of months, though, everyone could tell she was really comfortable there."

Making the transition between athletics and academics wasn't really all that difficult, Foster said.

"As a department chair in the college I felt I had a grasp of what the college was about," Foster said.

In fact, Foster's administrative background with athletics is what made choosing her so simple, Lydecker said.

Being an athletic director requires the ability to listen well, define problems and take quick

action; all skills essential to administrators, Lydecker said.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that we were able to throw her into this position and go on without the hiccup you'd normally have with a new person," Lydecker said. "We haven't missed a beat."

But colleagues point to Foster's personality, not her administrative skills, as her greatest qualification.

Betsy Barrett, a fellow faculty member and a close friend, said Foster fits the new role well.

"The neat thing about Connie is she's not hierarchical," Barrett said. "She's very non-threatening and a team player."

Barrett, who has known and worked with Foster for 13 years, said she wasn't surprised by Foster's ability to adapt to the new role.

"It's been neat to see how people who didn't know her before are so complimentary after working with her," Barrett said. "People skills are definitely her strength."

Pell grant funds could double

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold announced a proposal mid-January to double Pell Grant financial assistance funding to students by 2010.

"Pell Grants are the cornerstone of many students' financial aid packages here in Wisconsin and around the country," Feingold said in a Jan. 14 news release. "Without Pell Grants, many individuals simply can't consider college - and without a college degree or serious post-secondary training, some employers won't consider hiring these individuals."

The Pell Grant is a form of financial assistance that is not a loan, and therefore does not need to be paid back. Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who are financially eligible, depending on their "expected family contribution" determined in their financial aid application and report.

Twenty years ago financial aid from grants made up about 58 percent of student's financial aid, while loans were at about 42 percent. Today the percentages are reversed, where loans now make up nearly 60 percent of students' aid and grants make up about 40 percent.

"Federal student aid has shifted

from a grant-based to a loan-based system," Feingold said in an April 2002 press release. "As a result, college students are graduating with massive college debts, or not graduating at all because they cannot afford to complete their programs."

Feingold has been instrumental in the increase of Pell Grant funding within recent years. In the past four years he helped to increase the individual maximum grant by 25 percent.

David Woodward, director of financial assistance at UW-River Falls, said Pell Grant funding is

important amount of funding that can be provided for the grant. The appropriation level is the amount of funding actually provided.

Woodward said the authorization level is usually significantly higher than the appropriation level.

The authorization level for UW-RF's 2002-2003 academic year is at \$6,000, whereas the appropriation level is at \$4,000 per student, Woodward said.

Woodward said that if there would be an increase in funding for the Pell Grant at the authorization level, the money would come from cutting budgets in other state programs.

"If Sen. Feingold can get the money to fund Pell Grant at its authorized level it would be absolutely wonderful," Woodward said.

"The impact would help reduce the borrowing going on (referring to the state budget deficit)."

It is unclear at this time whether Feingold's intentions for funding the Pell Grant are at the authorization or the appropriation level.

Woodward said that he is skeptical of what the Pell Grant would really gain from Feingold's proposal, but is in support of the senator.

"I support what Sen. Feingold does," Woodward said. "He's a very good friend of education. Whatever we get is good."

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- David Woodward,
financial assistance director

very important to students with financial assistance at UW-RF.

"That money (Pell Grants) goes to the most needy students on campus," Woodward said.

About 1,250 UW-RF students will benefit from the Pell Grant this academic year, generating a \$3.5 million funding total, he said.

Woodward said he thinks raising Pell Grant funding is a good idea, but said he is skeptical because there is a difference between raising appropriation levels and authorization levels of funding for Pell Grant.

The authorization level is the max-

Campus Security

Marijuana found in McMillan Hall

Aaron Kenealy
Staff Writer

On Feb. 8, sometime during admission to the girl's basketball game, the Karges box office received a \$100 bill that was counterfeit. Police reports said the bill did not have a watermark, security threat or presidential hologram on it.

According to police reports it also did not feel like normal currency. The cashier that received the bill did not notice it at the time but it was noticed the next day. Police were then contacted and given the name of the cashier who received the bill. She said that although she did not

notice that the bill was counterfeit, she did remember a partial description of the man who gave the only \$100 bill that afternoon. She said that he was in his 40s, clean shaven, no glasses and wearing a black jacket.

A small bag of marijuana was found on the east stairwell of McMillan Hall this past weekend. Public Safety was called to seize the bag. No suspects are known at this time.

A pickup truck in O-lot was broken into on between Feb. 8 and 9. Items stolen include a backpack valued at \$30, three textbooks valued at \$150, one videotape valued at \$15 and various other school supplies

valued at \$44.

On Feb. 6 three pairs of basketball shoes were stolen from the coaches locker room in Karges.

On Feb. 9 a police officer on routine patrol was flagged down in front of Club Kaos. Apparently a fight had taken place inside the bar and after employees escorted the two involved out separate doors, one of the men, Christopher G. Lavigne, 22, became very belligerent and would not leave the immediate area.

Police then cuffed Lavigne and took statements about the incident. Lavigne was then taken to the police station and cited \$162 for disorderly conduct.

Student Senate

State budget info meeting set

Senate president developing student differential tuition survey to gain input

Angie Schumacher
Staff Writer

The Student Senate Legislative committee is campaigning to inform students of the upcoming state budget announcement and its effects on students. The committee's first major event is a press conference set for Feb. 19, the day after the state budget is announced.

The press conference will consist of a mock classroom set up outside the library. A podium will be set at the front of the "class" where the instructor normally would be. The idea for the mock classroom comes from the campaign's theme "Don't Leave Students Out in the Cold."

The topic on how the budget affects students and tuition will be discussed.

The exact time for the press conference has not been determined yet, but it is set to happen sometime between noon and 3 p.m.

Another event will take place April 3 in Madison in a statewide effort by students to rally against budget cuts.

Legislative Issues Director Alexia Kjos said the committee hopes to get at least two bus loads of UW-River Falls students to attend the rally.

In Other Student Senate News

Senate President Jessica Wermuth said Chancellor Ann Lydecker wants Senate's help to determine what students think about differential tuition. Wermuth said she is developing a new survey for senators to conduct in an effort to determine the opinions of the majority of UW-RF students.

The Women's Initiatives committee has set events for Understanding Eating Disorders & Healthy Living Week. The event will start Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an informational table and video provided in the student center. A River Falls dietitian will present "Food: Friend or Foe?" in the Presidents Room of the student center Feb. 25 from 3 - 4 p.m. A presentation by Laura Bisek of the Eating Disorder Institute of Methodist Hospital will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 1 - 2 p.m. in the International Room of the student center. A video and discussion presented by the Gender Equality Council will also be held on Feb. 26 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the student center.

On Feb. 27 UW-RF sororities will present "Distorting Mirrors" in the Falcons Nest of the student center from 4 - 6 p.m. An informational table and video will also be available Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the student center.

Student Senate will now accept applications for senators at a roll-in basis and will interview and select new senators when needed. Resumes and letters of application for the positions can be brought to the Senate office located in the Leadership Center.

Student Senate's next meeting is set for Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Regents Room of the student center.

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Editorial

Student Senate should be more proactive, less reactive

With the deadline for the differential tuition proposal rapidly approaching, the pressure is on Student Senate to do its job and represent the student body.

After Chancellor Ann Lydecker's initial proposal (involving academic advising) didn't sit well with Student Senate, she put the ball in the Senate's court by asking them to have a proposal submitted to her by Feb. 21 suggesting what they, as the voice of UW-River Falls students, would like to see the money generated from differential tuition used for.

It is great that the Chancellor is giving the Student Senate the opportunity to take the initiative on this proposal. The Senate now needs to gain input from the student body. And the key is that input comes from the student body, not a handful of the Senators' closest friends.

The problem is that the Student Senate is being far too reactive in waiting for students to come to them with their input. Senators need to do some leg work and go out and talk to the students they represent.

There have been a few senators who have taken the issue into their own hands by handing out surveys in residence halls asking what students would like to see their money used for. Senate President Jessica Wermuth also said she is working on an all-campus survey.

These surveys are a step in the right direction. They raise only one question: what about the students who live off campus and/or commute? These students make up a large portion of our student population and have an equal say about what is done with their tuition dollars. If the senators find an effective way of distributing a survey to off-campus students, their efforts would be much more helpful, not to mention more useful.

This leg work is essential in gaining student input. The typical student will not be motivated enough to contact the Student Senate. In order for a differential tuition proposal to work, what the majority of students want needs to be taken into consideration. More importantly, the Student Senate needs to discover what the majority of students actually want.

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Let's bomb Iraq for some black gold

President Bush and company continues to make Saddam Hussein out to be the Dr. Evil of the world as they try to strengthen their case for declaring war on Iraq.

In one of the more recent rounds of finger pointing, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented a slew of evidence to the United Nations Security Council, showing that Saddam is perhaps showing some disregard for Security Council Resolution 1441 (This resolution says Iraq has to disarm itself of chemical, nuclear and biological weapons).

Powell showed satellite photographs taken of what we are told are suspicious-looking buildings housing chemical and biological weapons. Powell says Iraq is allegedly trying to obtain aluminum tubes for use in uranium enrichment, and even showed a picture of what one of these tubes looks like. (These aluminum tubes look like, well, aluminum tubes.) He presented graphics showing Saddam is developing missiles with a much greater range than is permitted by the United Nations. Charts were presented showing Saddam is in cahoots with al Qaeda. Powell's general message is that Saddam has been a very bad boy.

Following the presentation on the latest doings in Iraq, Powell gave a presentation on how bad North

Korea dictator Kim Jong II is. Just kidding. No, North Korea may be thumbing its nose at the international community by starting up nuclear plants, pulling out of a global nuclear non-proliferation treaty, and renouncing its pledge to stop missile tests, but we most certainly are not going to declare war on them.



quite enough, considering the United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil output.

The United States is highly dependent on Iraqi crude oil to fuel its energy needs. In fact, with Venezuelan oil exports sharply declining because of oil worker strikes in that country, our dependence on Baghdad oil has signifi-

ERIC HENNING

"Replacing Saddam with a more friendly and sane regime may make access to Iraqi oil much simpler."

Maybe it's the oil. Powell didn't show any pictures of Iraqi oil wells in his presentation, but Iraq has a lot of them. Whereas North Korea has mainly poverty, Iraq has one of the largest oil reserves in the world, second only to Saudi Arabia. The United States has a mere 3 percent of the world's oil reserves. Not

cantly grown. According to a Forbes magazine article, this January, the United States imported 1.15 million barrels of crude oil per day from Iraq. This represents 13 percent of all U.S. crude oil imports for that month.

The United States is one of Iraq's leading customers. We bought 67

percent of Iraq's legal crude oil exports in January. But darned if that is going to stop us from bombing them.

President Bush has gone on record saying his desire for going to war with Iraq has nothing to do with oil. But if you take away the oil, Saddam does not seem all that different from Kim. They both have been accused of violating their citizens' human rights. They both show disregard for U.N. inspectors. They both break treaties. They both have a fetish for weapons of mass destruction. They are both rogues in the international community.

When you get right down to it, replacing Saddam with a more friendly and sane regime may make access to Iraqi oil much simpler. We could supply a big portion of our oil needs, without having to worry about Middle East tensions disrupting our supply. Under control of a regime put in place by the United States, I'm betting Iraqi oil production could be significantly ratcheted up, making worldwide oil prices cheaper. That will make the gas for our SUV's cheaper. And cheaper gas might jump Bush's approval ratings up a couple points.

I don't know about you, but if we go to war with Iraq and we don't get cheaper gasoline out of it, I frankly will be a little disappointed with the Bush administration.

Quota system clouds diversity's goal

University of Michigan case raises important questions

The definition of diversity has become so bastardized over the years that its actual meaning appears to have been lost. Today it seems to mean unequal treatment under the law, special privileges being granted to select groups and rewards for mediocrity. This is especially evident in academia and government employment. Gaining access has become more a matter of gender and race than ability and qualifications.

Entrance to certain universities, medical and law schools, as well as employment and promotion opportunities have become increasingly dependent upon misguided and, at times, illegal quotas designed to promote political correctness rather than excellence.

The U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear a case concerning the University of Michigan's entrance policy. For those of you who don't know, the University of Michigan uses a point system to score applications for entrance to their institution based, many say, on racial quotas rather than an individual's scholastic qualifications. The University admits race is used as an entrance criterion, but is only a small part of the overall score.

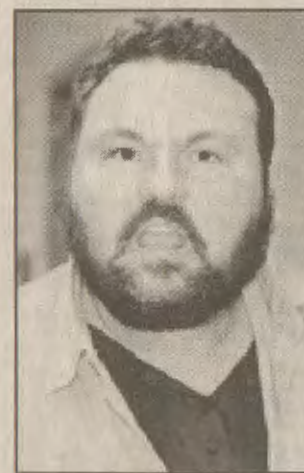
The university contends that having a diverse student body enhances the learning experience for all students. Unfortunately for the university, there is no evidence what-so-ever this is true. In fact, many of the proponents of racial quotas at universities are the same people advocating for all-female schools because, they say, girls learn better when not encumbered by the presence of boys in the classroom. Well, which is it?

Do students learn more by attending class with every conceivable racial, ethnic or religious combination under the sun, or do they learn

more by being gender segregated? You can't have it both ways people.

A would-be freshman at the University of Michigan receives 20 points just for being Black or Hispanic. But, an applicant with a perfect SAT score only gets 12

the matter is, only the best should be accepted to major universities regardless of their race, athletic ability, or whether or not someone in their family had attended the same school. An applicant should only be accepted based on their ability to graduate.



DAVE MISSELT

"Gaining access has become more a matter of gender and race than ability and qualifications."

points. One can rack up another 20 points for being an athlete, but only can score one point for an outstanding essay.

So, a Black or Hispanic athlete starts out with 40 points, which adds up to nearly half of the total possible score, based solely on their race and athletic ability. At the same time an Asian honor student can ace the SAT and write a perfect essay, but only earns 13 points. By the way, Asians are not given "minority" status points, because as a whole they tend to do better in school than any other race. What the hell is that?

There are several other ways to be given points under the university's system, such as being a legacy, but few have anything to do with scholastic achievement. The fact of

Let's take two groups, both of which have been assigned the task of developing a new equal opportunity program for a major corporation.

Group A consists of males, females, various members of minority groups and those with varying religious beliefs. All are from the same area, have basically the same education level and social status. They all tend to vote the same and support the same causes.

Group B consists of all white men who have various backgrounds, life experiences, come from differing parts of the country, have varying levels of education and different professions.

Now which group do you think is more diverse and would be better able to come up with a comprehen-

sive plan? If you answered group B you would be correct. Diversity; real diversity is about much more than gender or race. It encompasses many facets of one's life such as age, education, employment history, regional upbringing, life experience, etc.

This idea of political correctness and skewed definition of diversity that has been embraced by the more liberal amongst us is doing no one any good. In fact, it is having a detrimental affect on our society as a whole. The lowering of standards in order to fill some quota just for the quotas sake is wrong, no matter how noble the intentions.

The failure and dropout rate among minority students in higher education who have been admitted because of misguided liberal guilt is much higher than the average. And I don't think anyone actually believes major university athletes are a bunch of rocket scientists. Those who do graduate are in the minority, but they sure do their part to fill the coffers of universities all over the country. Now what good does that do for the students in question who may have done much better going to a junior college or vocational school, or for that matter the remaining students (of any race) who remain in school? It does absolutely no good at all.

Higher education is not for everyone. Some are simply not equipped mentally or psychologically for the rigors of a university education. There's nothing wrong with that either, it takes all kinds of people with all kinds of abilities and talents to make up a healthy and robust society. Now that's diversity at its core.

Carry on.



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Letter to the Editor

More Senators should have attended event

To the editor,

This past weekend, UW-River Falls hosted a United Council General Assembly (GA). For most of you, this is what Student Senate has been complaining about participating in for the past year or so.

I attended the committee meetings Saturday evening and I only saw 5 student senators there and one past Women's Initiatives Director (Kendra Plant).

I only attended the GA on Saturday so I apologize if there were senators there Saturday and Sunday that I am leaving out, but as a former senator and as former diversity issues director, I know attendance at these events is critical.

The President and Vice President of our student senate were unable to attend for family reasons—that is okay. But where were the rest of the student senators that are sup-

pose to represent us students?

Student Senate knew about this GA way back in August, so the majority of the people that represent us should have made arrangements to attend ahead of time. They should have been there to show the other schools that UW-RF Student Senate cares about what is affecting the students here and around the state and nation.

I do not think they care, except for putting student government on their resumes. United Council GAs bring together most of the UW schools (2 and 4 year), and provide information on issues happening in our state and around our nation.

For more information about United Council do not ask one of our Student Senators, just go to <http://www.unitedcouncil.net>, e-mail them or call them at 608-263-3422.

Eric Dodge, student

Student Senate

Explaining differential tuition proposals, options

By now I hope you have heard something about differential tuition (D.T.). Facts have been plastered throughout this paper, on the student senate website, in your e-mail, in conversations and on signs throughout campus.

However, students still need to be concerned about D.T., even though the advising proposal presented by the administration has been stopped, through your thoughts, comments and signatures.

Differential tuition does not have to fund an advising program. If students feel something else is lacking on this campus, and students want to fund the fix, then students can. D.T. is used to describe programs or initiatives funded through money collected from students that goes to a specific program or initiative.

Differential tuition is not necessarily bad. D.T. revenues supplement programs at UW-Madison, such as pharmacy and engineering. Since these programs require a bit more money than "regular" degrees, students have elected to pay the difference if they are in those programs. A new advising center at UW-Whitewater is an example of students using D.T. revenues to fill a demand for quality advising on campus. Another example of an initiative is a laptop program at UW-Stout. Yet another D.T. example can be found at UW-Eau Claire, where they fund their required freshmen experience course. In this course freshmen network with other freshmen to build friendships and learn about all parts of the college experience and how the university works.

MATT SCHUELKE

Thoughts are now surfacing about River Falls students funding other programs, such as a freshmen experience course. The senior capstone courses could be funded as well. This would make the capstones more meaningful and useful to graduating seniors. Cohort scheduling could be instituted as well. Cohort scheduling is basically a term for grouping students into a multiple discipline class in the same semester. For example, students could take freshman English, a speech class, and a social science, such as general psychology, with the same students in the same semester. This would allow students to get to know each other better because they would see each other many times during the week, thus encouraging relations between students and promoting a sense of community on campus. Other ideas have surfaced as well, including undergraduate research funding or possibly a different advising proposal.

The main thing to remember is that students would be footing the bill for these initiatives. Another fact to think about is that tuition is going to go up next year. Figures of 8 to 15 percent have been thrown out there. Do UW-River Falls students want to pay extra to fund some of these programs? Please let the Student Senate know by calling 425-3530, e-mailing student.senate@uwrf.edu, stopping by the senate office in the Leadership Center, or simply talking to a senator. Cooperation and communication is key in developing a learning environment for all students.

Generally lousy education over abundant

Well, I've just about made it. It's the second half of my junior year, and I'm finally almost done with my general education requirements. All I have left to finish is a credit's worth of physical education courses . . . yuck.

Wait a minute . . . I'm not here to become a gym teacher. Why the heck do I have to take phy ed to earn a bachelor's degree in English? Am I being conditioned for war in the Persian Gulf? Is this a joke?

The many trivial classes that clogged up the first three years of college sure have been a joke—a very bad joke. For example, to complete my English major, I had to take a science class with a lab; I took Modern Alchemy. Alchemy: the study of changing anything into gold. In reality, we never learned how to change stuff into gold—which could have proved useful—and the entire course was a repeat of high school chemistry.

Another of these science courses I was forced to take was Astronomy. Again, it was high school level academics masquerading as legitimate college material.

I could go on and on ranting about classes like Environmental Studies, National State and Local Government, Understanding Music, Speech and all the others that have distracted me from my studies in English and Journalism, but I'm sure my fellow students know exactly what I'm talking about because they too are spinning their wheels in classes that are meaningless to them. We all hate them, we all wish we could skip them, we all just want the academic freedom to study the field we came here to learn, but we're all bound to them because we are told

by those above us that they are important.

I disagree.

Exactly what are we supposed to learn from these miscellaneous classes? Are we more "well-rounded" now or have our horizons broadened because of these heavily watered-down diversions?

Besides the fact that they keep us paying tuition longer (which is fairly significant for members of the

student loans.

Faculty and administrators are sure to cringe at such an idea.

Faculty would most likely see it as an attack, an attempt to thin their ranks, a threat to their job security or, at least, a blow to student stability and overall competence. One member of the Faculty Senate's gen ed subcommittee, which is in charge of shaping this year's new gen ed program, said

The problem with focusing so much on "marketability" and the traditional structure of a bachelor's degree is that little or no thought is given to those students not wishing to look especially good on paper to catch the eye of large corporations with their degree, but the dreams of entrepreneurial students seeking specific instruction in a specific field with a specific end in mind. They might also claim that their hands are tied by standards set by the Wisconsin Board of Regents, which may or may not be true.

The fact remains, though, that I highly doubt any student would jump up to defend gen eds. Students may dislike some of the courses required for their areas of study, but they flat out resent gen ed requirements that bear no relevance to their goals.

If the University is truly worried about its students having a "well-rounded" background, then why not weave that philosophy into the admissions process, instead of extorting bachelor's degree-seeking students already enrolled with gen eds they don't want or need? I should think that a simple set of tests, in various subjects, could ensure students admitted to UW-RF are indeed "well-rounded," since from what I've seen that passes as "well-rounded" knowledge at college is nothing more than what's taught in high school.

With the scheduled reexamination and restructuring of gen ed requirements upon us, we have a monumental opportunity before us: Wisconsin, if not UW-RF itself, could take the entire nation's academics in a new and exciting direction if it had the courage to reexamine its degree requirements.



ERIC QUADE

"The many trivial classes that clogged up the first three years of college sure have been a joke—a very bad joke."

faculty and administration), I can't see what gen eds teach students that they didn't already learn in high school . . . or, at least, should have.

A student could cut his or her time seeking an undergraduate in half, if the University only admitted students with even the most basic understanding of science, history, math, etc. Cutting students' time investment for acquiring a bachelor's degree would also slash students' post-graduation financial crunches by fending off some of the debt that often grows and grows from four (or more) years of

students should trust the Faculty Senate's decision when it comes to gen eds because they've been in our position as students before and they know what's good for us better than we do.

Members of the administration would surely agree, though they would have another concern, also. They wouldn't want to get out of step with other educational institutions and risk lower "marketability" of their graduates by experimenting with their curriculum. What better recruitment tool does a university have than its ratio of graduates to grads finding jobs?

Valentine's Day about more than cards

This is my anti-Valentine's Day column. Before you jump to any conclusions about me, let me clear up something. I am not a single, bitter man or couple-hating woman ticked off because I am alone.

Actually, I am quite the opposite. I have been in a wonderfully committed relationship for more than two years. My boyfriend also shares in my shunning of this commercial sell-out Hallmark holiday we know as Valentine's Day.

So why my disdain toward the holiday that celebrates love? Several reasons, actually. I think that my biggest problem with Valentine's Day is that love is supposed to be this wonderful and beautiful bond shared between two people. There is nothing wrong with celebrating this bond. I actually encourage it, but celebrate and appreciate it every day.

Go all out on days like your anniversary, a day which is special to the two of you. Not on Valentine's, a day that has become so commercialized, that no one really knows why it is even a holiday anyway.

The whole commercialization of this day really gets me. The price of flowers and candy sky-rocket for the whole ordeal. Jewelry and lingerie sales are everywhere. Valentine's Day is one of the most profitable holiday sales for retail

next to Christmas. I realize gifts are nice. I like them as much as the next person. However, flowers die and Valentine trinkets really don't mean too much to me when I think about my relationship.

Where is the originality or sincerity?



MAILE ILAC

"My biggest problem with Valentine's Day is that love is supposed to be this wonderful and beautiful bond shared between two people."

ity? If you are going to lend yourself to the capitalistic exploitation of your love at least be original. Get your loved one something from the heart that says something about how you feel.

And for the love of God and all that is good, don't let that symbol manifest itself in a heart-shaped box of candy or a dozen red roses unless these things really have some special meaning to the two of

about as a celebration of Saint Valentine who a long, long, long time ago used to marry soldiers and their brides secretly when marriage was banned. Mr. Valentine ended up in jail for this. During his imprisonment he fell in love with a blind girl. Before his execution he sent her a note declaring his love and signed 'Love your Valentine.' This is a holiday that is supposed to commemorate true and undying love.

Is a date of desperation really doing that? Come on. It is perfectly O.K. to spend your day hating and mocking all those in love. Seriously, I am not kidding. Mock away. Yuppies make me sick too.

Whatever you do, don't sit around whining about how you have no one or how alone you are and don't go out with someone just to have a 'Valentine!'

Besides, what is so wrong with not being a part of a joined entity? Singleness is powerful too.

For those of you wondering what I am doing for Valentine's Day I am doing nothing and enjoying the fact that it's Friday. So to all those sell-out yuppies who will be basking in the holiday of love, be original and sincere...or at least try. And to the singles and those strong enough to deny commercialism the right to mandate their love, happy Friday.

What would your ideal candy heart say?

Raphael Conde,
Director of
Food Services
"Be kind."

Ashley Cranstedt,
freshman
"Probably, just
'I love you'."

Kirby Colbenson,
freshman
"All the good ones
are taken."

Eric Peterson,
freshman
"I couldn't afford
a present."

Joe Sikorski,
freshman
"It's in the mail."

Melissa Koiler,
junior
"I could care less."

PHOTO POLL

By Kyle Weaver

Research

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involved in RSCA projects and activities. Students have been doing fundraisers, as well as securing some funding from the provost office and various departments.

"It's a real patch quilt of funding," Lyden said.

Lyden would not mind if a proposal funding undergraduate research were implemented this fall.

A more stable source of funding would enable RSCA participants to attend more meetings and activities, as well as give them more money for research. Lyden also would like to publish an on-campus magazine containing student research papers and presentations.

"It would be an immediate way to give every student some feedback for their differential tuition," Lyden said.

Lyden envisions a process where people interested in doing research using differential money would have to write a grant application. A committee of peers would review the application.

"Everyone has an equal opportunity to get a piece of the pie," Lyden

said. "Not everyone will get a piece every time, but at least everyone has an equal opportunity."

A process like this would be valuable experience for both students writing the grant and those deciding who will get money, Lyden said.

While undergraduate research is currently receiving the most consideration, there are other programs also being considered, said Senate Finance Director Emily Wenger. The Senate is in the process of getting input on what programs students would like to fund with differential tuition, if any, said Senator Nick Cluppert. Other programs students have shown interest in include: a first-year experience program, capstone courses, service learning, cohort classes, and internships. The Senate plans to send out a campus-wide survey to get more extensive feedback from students.

The Student Senate is responsible for getting a concrete idea for a proposal on paper, Lydecker said. Senate President Jessica Wermuth heads the committee developing the proposal. A proposal is needed to outline what type of program differential tuition will fund. Multiple programs can be funded with the same surcharge, as long as details on how money will be divided among them are written in. Once Lydecker

receives a proposal from the Senate, she will work with them to further fine tune it.

"I'll help shape it to get it done, but it's not my proposal," Lydecker said.

A concept paper on the proposal has to be ready by Feb. 21, when Lydecker presents it at a Chancellor's meeting in the first of three readings it has to go through. A final draft of the proposal would be read at a second Chancellor's meeting in March. It then goes before the Board of Regents for approval in April. If it passes, the differential tuition charge would be implemented this fall.

However, the Student Senate isn't in any hurry.

Wenger said she doesn't feel a proposal can be put together by Feb. 21. The Senate wants to make sure any decision they make on differential tuition is representative of what students want, and are working on their own timetable.

And Lydecker isn't panicking.

"If it doesn't get done, it doesn't get done," Lydecker said.

If the Senate doesn't have a proposal drafted by Feb. 21, one can still be written and presented at this time next year. If it passes the Board of Regents, it would then be implemented in the fall of 2004.

Faculty are taking a "show me

what I might get for my money" attitude towards current proposal ideas, said Faculty Senate President Dave Trechter.

While the proposal doesn't have to be approved by the Faculty Senate in any way, Lydecker said, its input is welcome.

"The significant part of it for me is not that we take an idea and draft it for the students, but that we work with them on how to create and develop a proposal," Lydecker said.

The Student Senate can bring a proposal forward without a Faculty Senate vote. By the same token, Lydecker can take a proposal to the Board of Regents without a Student Senate vote. However, Lydecker said she would not support any proposal unless she has the Student Senate's blessing.

The Student Senate hasn't determined if it will support any program funded by a surcharge.

Lydecker originally brought the idea of differential tuition to the Student Senate last December in response to a request from the Board of Regents that all campuses look into enhancing academic programs on campus beyond the basics.

Day care

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for students to enroll their children into the center. UW-RF students with six or more credits receive a discount on tuition. Some students with more than one child enrolled in the center can receive even more of a discount per child enrolled.

While the center does not allow for "drop-in Day care" by the hour, Ryan said it has a flexible full and part time schedule.

The center is open year round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It provides breakfast, lunch and two snacks to the children enrolled.

Ryan said the center and its lead teachers are licensed by the state of Wisconsin.

The center will be built northeast of Crabtree Hall, where basketball courts are currently located, Braun said.

The basketball courts will be moved to a recreational complex

that will be built between Parker Hall and the Rural Development Institute building.

The complex will have volleyball and basketball courts, and will be built with adequate lighting so students are able to use the facilities after dark.

The recreational complex will be built at the start of this summer, before construction of the childcare center so students are able to use it when classes begin next fall.

Construction of the childcare center is planned for this summer and projected to be finished January 2004.

Braun said the state has given permission for the childcare center construction project to prepare for bidding.

Braun said bidding for the childcare center will take place on April 22. Bidding consists of different architects and contractors putting together bids for how much the entire project would cost. The lowest bid will be selected.

For more information on enrolling children into the childcare center, contact Deborah Ryan at 425-0656.

Duty

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calls the Registrar's Office to inform them they are withdrawing.

In honor of the service people, the newly-reinstated Veteran's Club

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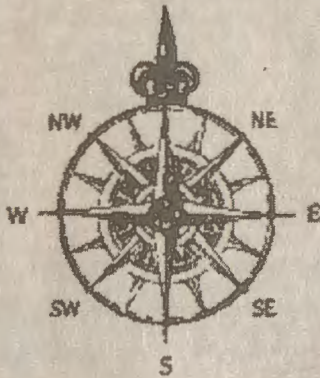
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OPINION



MIKE FOLEY

All sports are track and field

Men's track and field is finally back at UW-River Falls. Thank God.

How did the UW-RF men's sports programs survive for so many years without this basic and fundamental sport?

Track and field should be a part of every sports program. Don't get me wrong, I love most all other sports and I was tremendously saddened to see the baseball program die, but track and field is a necessity.

A lot of people believe watching track and field is more boring than a road trip through Siberia. To me, it's a 10-ring circus with something always going on whether it be on the track, the pole vault area, the sand pits, the shot put circle or the award stand.

I think people expect too much from sports today. Fans who buy a \$2,000 ticket to the Super Bowl believe they are seeing the two best teams in the best game of the season and that in the end the best team will win. This is sometimes the case, but not usually. In the four major sports, (baseball, football, basketball and hockey) the skill of the athletes effects the outcome, but the best team doesn't always win. The problem with these sports is that they all depend on the way the ball/puck bounces and calls/non-calls officials make.

Track and field doesn't have these highly-subjective gray areas. If a runner crosses the finish line first, he is the winner. If a shot putter puts the farthest, he is the winner. There are no gray-area fouls or checking the instant replay. Rules in track and field are black and white and fair to all.

The ancient Greeks invented a competition called the Olympic Games a while back to honor the society's best athletes. They didn't hit homers or shoot hoops to find out who was the best. They participated in running, jumping and throwing competitions — the most fundamental of all athletic skills.

Think about small children just learning the fun of sports and the thrill of competition. How do two young boys compare their athletic ability? They race to the stop sign, try to jump the fence or find out who can throw a rock the farthest into the lake. These activities are the fundamentals of track and field, and in turn the fundamentals of all sports — running, jumping and throwing.

What would baseball be without running around the bases or throwing a runner out? What would basketball be without running the court, jumping for a rebound, or throwing shots from behind the arc? What would football be without running a fly route or throwing a Hail Mary? What would hockey be without running across the ice in skates and throwing punches?

I think every UW-RF athlete should give track and field serious consideration. It can only hone his athletic ability for his or her main sport. Besides, there's a place for everyone on the team. The sport isn't limited to just five or 10 positions. Anyone can find a niche and, with practice, can do well.

At least check out the 10-ring circus as a fan and witness some of the best head-to-head competition the WIAC has to offer.

A good time to start is Saturday at Knowles Center for the Falcons' final home meet of the indoor season. Last one there is a rotten egg.

Mike Foley is a sophomore majoring in journalism

Title countdown: 2 to go



Eric A. Page / Student Voice

Freshman leading scorer Ali Slinden (19) maneuvers with the puck as a teammate fights to keep a Forester opponent away during Friday's 3-2 win at Hunt Arena.

Eric A. Page
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's hockey team knew exactly what it had to do going into last weekend's home match-up against Lake Forest; anything less than a sweep would have been unacceptable.

After trailing early in Friday night's game, the Falcons came back to claim a 3-2 win. Saturday, there was no uncertainty as they rolled to an 8-1 victory and a weekend sweep of the Foresters. The two wins keep the Falcons on pace to claim their first-ever regular season

NCHA title.

Friday the Falcons fell behind early when Lake Forest's Nicki Paquette scored at 7:30 of the first period on a breakaway to take the 1-0 lead.

Much of the first period was played in the Forester's zone, but the Falcons were unable to capitalize on a scoring opportunity until Ali Slinden cleaned up a rebound off a Leah Baron shot at 15:30 to even the score 1-1.

The Foresters took the lead back at 2:09 of the second period when Mel Guillermo put the puck in the net.

For the next 10 minutes the Falcons were unable to counter,

until 11:26 when Slinden fired a shot on goal and Beth Betker was there to put back the rebound to even the score 2-2. Just one minute later, Katie Hiscock scored the game-winner for the Falcons with an assist going to Lou Paulson.

Yaeger had 22 saves in the game to come away with the 3-2 win.

Saturday Mandy Stokes opened the scoring at 12:55 of the first period when she scored with an assist going to Tiff Stencil.

Just three minutes later, with the Falcons on the power play, Meghan Wahlstrom-Ramler scored off a rebound of a Slinden shot to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead at the end of

the period.

The Falcons increased their lead to 3-0 at 7:49 of the second period when Baron passed to Slinden who gracefully sent it past the outstretched glove of Forester goalie Theresa Taylor.

The Foresters got their only goal of the afternoon at 12:36, when Catherine Norton sent the puck in front of the net and it ricocheted off a Falcon defender's skate passed Yaeger to make the score 3-1.

It took the Falcons just 16 seconds to stretch the lead back to three when Slinden scored her second goal of the game with an assist again going to Baron to make it 4-1 at the end of the second period.

The Falcons dominated the third period, starting at 4:59 when Lindsay Carlson scored on the power play with an assist to Wahlstrom-Ramler to make it 5-1. At 6:47, again on the power play, Slinden and Baron once again teamed up, this time with Baron scoring the goal, to stretch the lead to 6-1.

Lindsay O'Keefe scored the seventh Falcon goal of the afternoon at 13:19 off a rebound of a Heather Egeness shot.

Yaeger left the game with 13 minutes left after making 13 saves en route to her 13th victory of the year. Natalie Olson and Jenny Jannett split the remaining time in the net, making one save a piece.

The Falcons scored the final goal of the game with 21 seconds remaining, when Wahlstrom-Ramler scored her second goal, with an assist going to Hiscock.

This weekend the Falcons close out the regular season by traveling to UW-Superior for a two-game series.

They swept the Yellowjackets earlier this year at home.

If they come away with at least a win and a tie, they will win the regular season NCHA championship outright.

Friday's game gets underway at 3 p.m. with Saturday's game starting at 2 p.m.

OPINION



JASON KENYON

Raising dollars, eyebrows

What a blast! The Vikings raised more than dollars at their recent venture near Lake Mille Lacs for their annual Arctic Blast charity fundraiser. Common sense would suggest that this would merely be the setting for an honest weekend of snowmobiling and raising money for the Vikings Children's fund. However the unfolding of events has turned a good cause into the premise of what Jerry Springer has to handle on a nightly basis for his talk show. Sexual assault allegations that could possibly lead to consequences to a member of the Vikings squad and a citation to high-ranking member of the Vikings front office has revealed that many of the charity's participants may be doing it more than just for the children. The citation was issued to Vikings executive vice president Mike Kelly for refusing to take a Breathalyzer test after being pulled over near the area of the event. Kelly is the

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inventing fast

by anna permann

Having his name added to the list of all-time Falcon track and field record breakers above the door at the Knowles complex on the UW-River Falls campus was not what junior Wees Kennedy was thinking about as he sprinted the 200-meter dash in 22.77.

But that is exactly what will happen. Kennedy beat out the fastest standing indoor time of 23.01 seconds at the UW-Stout invitational Feb. 2.

"It's nice to have a record broken in this first year back for men's track," middle distance coach Keven Syverson said.

Mike Greenfield was a one-year sprinter at UW-River Falls and had been the holder of the 55-meter record since 1991.

"I didn't know I had broken the record until the coaches told me," Kennedy said. "I just ran. I was the only one. There was no one in front of me to push me."

Kennedy ran for one year in high school at Concordia Academy in Roseville, Minn. and plays football as a blocking wide receiver for the Falcons.

Because this is the first year back for men's track and field, it is also Kennedy's first year as a collegiate runner.

See "Inventing fast" on page B2

Heartbreaker at SNC

Ryan Brinks
Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls Falcons led the NCHA title race going into every contest this season except the last one. Friday night's 3-2 overtime loss at St. Norbert dropped UW-RF (11-2-1) from first place to third. Saturday the Falcons beat Lake Forest in the season finale, 4-1.

St. Norbert, Division III's current No. 1, kept its home ice unbeaten this year, and that advantage will carry on as the Green Knights host the NCHA finals Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. But first, the 20-4-1 Falcons will host St. Scholastica for the NCHA first round this weekend at Hunt Arena. The games start at 7:05 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"When you get 20 wins [in a season], that's quite an accomplish-

ment," Head Coach Steve Freeman said. "But right now we're playing for keeps. It's playoff time."

Trailing 2-1 in the final minute Friday night, the Falcons pulled goalie Jacques Vezina off the ice to gain a man advantage, and Matt Elsen scored the tying goal with 14 seconds remaining to send the contest to overtime.

In the extra period, the Falcons needed only to outlast the Green Knights in order to retain the conference title, but at 2:36 Faron Duthie won the game for the Knights.

"[The tying goal] was a real uplifting thing, and to lose, it was just tough," Freeman said. "A game like that just tears you up inside. We were really devastated by such a dramatic loss."

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the POINTman
Eric A. Page / Student Voice
Rich Melzer throws down a dunk against UW-Oshkosh Jan. 26 at Karges Center.

Anna Permann
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the Division III basketball community have found it difficult to ignore Rich Melzer this year.

This 6-8, 225-pound junior forward from Minneapolis, Minn., has brought an incredible game to the Falcons.

Averaging 26.4 points a game this year, up from 21.6 last year, the already three-time WIAC athlete of the week has been a major advantage for the Falcons this season. Melzer has bragging rights to a rebound average of 8.5, up from 7.8 last year, which leads the WIAC.

As the fifth leading scorer in UW-River Falls history Melzer has acquired an almost superstar status among the students, community and even in the NCAA. Others have noticed his talent as well. He was given honorable mention All-American honors in the 2002 Street & Smith's College Basketball magazine.

However, majoring in health and human performance and business, Melzer is not just here to pursue basketball. "So far my academic goals have been obtained and I've really set a high standard for myself," Melzer said. His most recent semester grade point average was 3.5.

Melzer was named to the first All-WIAC and NABC Division III All West Region teams last year and was named co-MVP for the Falcons last year as well.

There have been rumors that Melzer, who had played in every game of the season last year, has been recruited or offered chances to play at higher levels of basketball.

"To talk right now about Melzer playing professional ball would only do harm," Athletic Director and Head coach of the men's basketball team Rick Bowen said, "it is ridiculous to address that at this point."

Bowen said that he can see Melzer playing ball for money in the future as a possibility.

"There is no question that he is one of the very best that

See "Point man" on page B2

Bus, team break down

Bob Burrows
Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's basketball team should have known it was going to be a rough night when its bus broke down on the way to Eau Claire Saturday night.

"We had to come all the way home and pile into cars and head back," Head Coach Rick Bowen said. "That was disruptive."

Things didn't get better once the team arrived at Zorn Arena to face UW-Eau Claire. The Blugolds handed River Falls its third straight loss, 77-70.

The Falcons' latest loss dropped them into fifth place in the WIAC standings with a record of 7-6 (13-9 overall), one-half game behind UW-Oshkosh (7-5, 16-5).

The Falcons topped UW-Superior 62-56 in their final regular season home game Wednesday night. Rich Melzer led the squad with his 12th double-double of the year, 29 points and 11 rebounds. Brian Mathison had 12; Micah Helfrey 10 and six assists.

After a week off, the Falcons will end the season with two straight road games, at UW-Stout (8-4, 13-7) Feb. 19 and at UW-Platteville (6-7, 9-12) Feb. 22.

"The last three games we've been very inconsistent," he said. "Right now, we're not a very strong basketball team."

Saturday's loss to the Blugolds came three days after a 74-61 defeat at the hands of league leading UW-Stevens Point. The Pointers sit atop the WIAC standings with a record of 10-2 (19-2 overall) followed by UW-Whitewater (9-3, 17-4) and Stout.

Saturday night at Eau Claire, Melzer led all scorers with 39 points and grabbed 13 rebounds on the way to his seventh 30-plus point output of the season.

But the rest of the Falcons combined for just 31 points on 11-of-32 shooting from the field and 5-of-8 shooting from the line.

"Right now if Melzer doesn't score, we don't score. And if Melzer doesn't get a rebound, we don't get a rebound," Bowen said. "I can find a million and one negatives. Maybe it's a lack of confidence. I don't know what else to call it."

Eau Claire led by two, 31-29 at halftime. The team opened up a 14-point lead, 58-44, but UW-RF responded making it a four-point game, 68-64, with 1:44 left.

See "Men's hoops" on page B2

One win, two losses for lady hoopsters

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls women's basketball team had a tough week, losing two WIAC games to top-ranked opponents at the Karges Center before taking one from basement-dwelling UW-Superior.

The Falcons, led by Darcy Olsen's season-high 25 points, beat Superior 89-56 Wednesday night.

The Falcons, now 10-12 overall

and 4-10 in the WIAC, lost to UW-Eau Claire 60-47 Saturday and to UW-Stevens Point 70-53 last Wednesday. UW-EC is in first place in the WIAC and UW-SP is in second place.

Against the Bugolds, the Falcons trailed 25-20 at the half and were outscored by UW-EC 35-27 in the second half.

UW-RF was led by Erin Effle, who scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds. She finished 7-for-12

from the field and a perfect 3-for-3 from three-point range. Darcy Olsen scored nine points and had five rebounds, and Jill Crandall scored eight points and had five rebounds.

UW-EC was led by Kristi Channing, who scored 14 points. Brooke Wozniak scored 11 points and led both teams with 12 rebounds, nine on the offensive end.

The Bugolds are now 21-1 overall and 13-0 in the WIAC. The Falcons were defeated by UW-

Stevens Point 70-53 Wednesday.

Effle led the team with 13. Chantele Melgaard had 12 points and seven rebounds. Cassandra Schultz and Cassandra Heuer each picked up 16 points for the Pointers. Tara Schmitt had 11 rebounds and nine points.

After a week off, the Falcons will finish off the regular WIAC season with a game against UW-Stout next Wednesday at the Karges Center. Action starts at 7 p.m.

Falcons seventh, eighth at Bowlus Invite

Sports Information

The Falcon men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Bowlus Invitational Saturday at UW-Stout with some good performances turned in by individuals from both teams.

"We faced some of the top teams in the country," Coach Don Glover said. "In all, we had 30 season-best efforts in the meet, and that's something to be excited about."

The Falcon men finished seventh of eight teams with seven points. UW-Stevens Point won the team title with 189 points, followed by St. Thomas, 144, UM-Duluth, 113, UW-Eau Claire, 76, Stout, 52, Life Member Sports, 10, River

Falls, 7, and Michigan Tech, 2.

Lewie Parrish placed fourth in the 55m in 7.11 to lead the men. Erik Hanson ran a 4:10 in the 1500m and improved his time by eight seconds from last week. Erik Olson threw the shot 13.57m and placed sixth. He improved from a distance of 12.76m last week. Ben Kirmse had a time of 4:21 in the 1500m, and he improved his time by 19 seconds in the race.

The Falcon women placed fifth with 48.5 points. UW-La Crosse won the team title with 174.5 points, followed by Stevens Point, 141, Eau Claire, 127.5, Duluth, 94.5, River Falls, 48.5, UW-Superior, 10, and St. Scholastica, 4.

Steph Dura placed second for the Falcons in the shot put with a 39-11.25 effort.

"Steph is very close to a NCAA provisional distance," Glover said.

The provisional distance is 12.7 meters, and she threw the shot 12.17. Jen Leis placed third in the weight throw with a toss of 46-10. Katie Mitchell placed third in the 55m in 7.53, and Sarah Thull placed third in the long jump with a leap of 15-9. Joy Hemmish vaulted 9-1 in the pole vault, which is a personal best. Val Skorianec ran a 28.72 in the 200m and improved her time by a second, according to Glover.

The Falcons will next hold the Falcon Invitational Saturday. Action starts at the Knowles Building at noon. Teams from Hamline, Augsburg, Superior and St. Mary's will join the Falcons in the action.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR							
Feb. 14-20 2003	Fri. 14	Sat. 15	Sun. 16	Mon. 17	Tues. 18	Wed. 19	Thurs. 20
Swimming							WIAC Meet at Stevens Pt.
Men's Hockey	vs. St. Scholastica 7:05 p.m.	vs. St. Scholastica 7:05 p.m.					
Women's Hockey	at Superior 3 p.m.	at Superior 2 p.m.					
Men's Basketball						at Stout 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball						vs Stout 7 p.m.	
Track and Field	Coca-Cola Classic noon						

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Sarah Thull
Women's Track & Field
(Sr., Weyerhaeuser, Wis.)

Thull performed well in two field events for the Falcons at the Bowlus Invitational on Saturday. She placed third in the long jump with a leap of 15-9 and she finished fifth in the high jump with a leap of 4-10 1/2.



Sarah Thull

Jon Jarvis
Men's Swimming
(Jr., Hastings, Minn.)

Jon Jarvis (Jr., Hastings, Minn.) had some good times in meets against Stevens Point and La Crosse last week. Against UW-SP, Jarvis finished second in the 200 IM in 2:11.35 and second in the 100 backstroke in 1:02.8. Against UW-LC, he finished third in the 200 IM in 2:09.82 and second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.25.



Jon Jarvis

Dustin put the puck in the net for the 3-1 lead. Stensrud and Rob Novak got assists on that goal.

When Lake Forest pulled their goalie with 39 seconds to go, Johnson took advantage and put the game away with a 19:35 empty net goal aided by Josh Schlipp and Marc-Andre Lalande.

Dan Meneghin repelled 26 of 27 Forester shots on goal as his team-

mates shot 34.

After this weekend's first round series with St. Scholastica, the Falcons have a weekend off before the NCHA semifinal Feb. 28.

"We've got to crank it up into playoff mode and make a serious run at the NCAA tournament," Freeman said.

UW-RF has a combined score of 26-4 against the Saints this season.

Swim teams take a dive in duals

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls men's and women's swim teams came up short in the team scores in dual meets against UW-La Crosse and UW-Stevens Point last week.

The La Crosse women beat the Falcons, 128-58, and the Eagle men

won, 128-43, in action at the River Falls High School pool Friday.

For the men, Brandon VanVleet won the 50m freestyle in 22.06. For the women, Megan Broskoff won the 100m breaststroke in 1:09.6.

Wednesday at Stevens Point, the Pointer women won, 161-70, and the Pointer men won, 147-62.

Kenzie Flanscha won the 100m backstroke in 1:05.15 to lead the Falcon women. VanVleet won the 100m freestyle in 48.47 to lead the men.

The Falcons will next compete in the WIAC Meet Feb. 20-22 at Stevens Point.

Heartbreaker

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After a scoreless first period, Jamie Steinert gave the Falcons their only lead of the night at 1:05 of the second period with assists from Evan Stensrud and Adam Kragthorpe. Stensrud also assisted on Elsen's game-tying goal.

"It was a tremendous hockey game all the way around. It had a little bit of everything," Freeman said. "It was certainly a championship atmosphere. The arena was packed, and it was a nasty, rough-and-tumble game at times."

Green Bay's Cornerstone Center attracted 1,958 spectators.

Saturday the Falcons jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead and defeated Lake Forest 4-1.

Steinert again kicked off the scoring at 7:44 of the first period with help from Kragthorpe and Stensrud. Jess Johnson added No. 2 at 15:23.

The Foresters struck back in the second period, at 13:59, to make it 2-1, but two and a half minutes later

Inventing fast

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He currently boasts the second fastest time in the WIAC in the 200-meter dash at 22.77, as well as the fastest time in the WIAC in the 55-meter dash at 6.53.

"Its really impressive to have him come out and break

a record in his second 200 of the season," Syverson said. "He's got great speed and good endurance."

Kennedy is a third-year student and a sophomore athletic eligibility wise, which means he has potentially two more years of participation.

Kennedy is unsure of his future plans for running. He has not yet decided if he will be a part of the outdoor track season this spring.

Kenyon

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main player trying to convince Minnesota taxpayers it would be in their best interest to buy a new stadium for a billionaire. This evidence can only suggest again that common sense among many continue to reach new minimums.

Then there are the more serious allegations of sexual assault that were said to have occurred at Eddy's Lake Mille Lacs Resort. Initial reports from authorities have left speculations that a Vikings player could have some involvement in what may have happened.

Area police have recently requested

an interview with Vikings backup quarterback Todd Bouman for a possible connection into the case, however his attorney Joe Friedberg has denied the police access to his client. Common sense would suggest that they do not want to tell him they were part of the group that thought he should have been starting the whole year. While Bouman has not been charged, and police said they have not made him a suspect in any wrongdoing, other people affiliated with the Vikings have used common sense to determine the real problem behind what has transpired. In a recent news interview, former Viking great bench warmer Bob Lurtsema has attributed part of the problem to events of this nature attracting

"aggressive" women. This is evidence of common sense failure to the highest degree. Common sense would certainly prove that any 250-pound-plus athlete would be little-to-no match for the types of aggressive women who thrive off the inability of professional athletes to make decisions with their brains rather than another department of the human anatomy. One thing is for sure; area bars will begin to empty, because there are plenty of single men now planning on being more charitable in search of those fearsome overly aggressive women. Last year, the weekend event reached a loss of more than \$10,000. After the recent shenanigans, common sense suggests the Arctic Blast may be finished.

Point man

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has ever played here," Bowen said.

But he also said he has one year of eligibility left at River Falls and is focused on playing here and now.

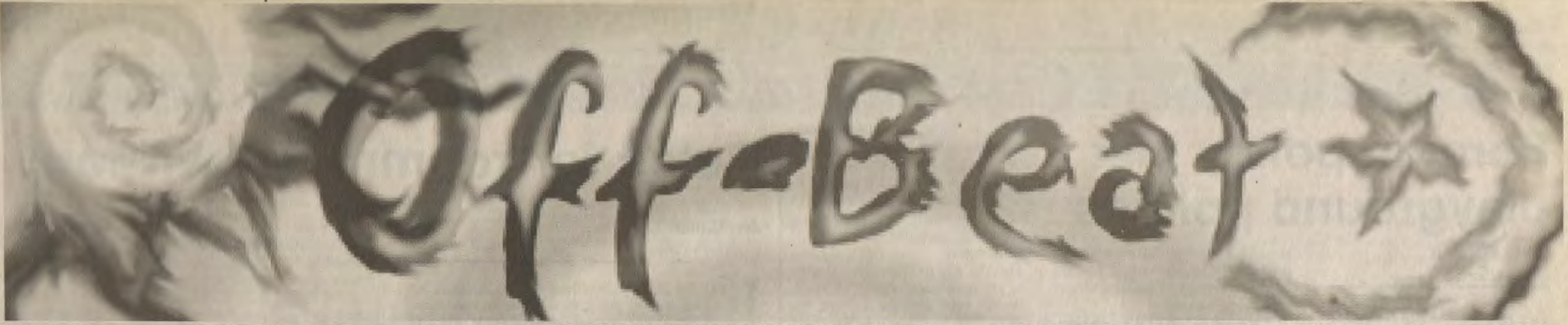
"As for basketball, my personal goals are within the team," Melzer said. "Last year was our best season in over five decades. I'd like to help make this year even better. More than ever I want to make less mistakes and keep improving."

"If you asked me four years ago if I saw myself playing college ball I would have said, 'probably not.' It's been great. I've met great friends and teachers that I'm blessed to have. I wouldn't take it back for anything in the world."

Melzer's future plans remain to finish school and hopefully coach one day. As of now, he has no intention of leaving River Falls or even playing ball at the next level after he graduates in the spring of 2004.

"After college there may be career work or there may be graduate school," Melzer said. "I just look forward to all my schooling and hard work to pay off."

SCOREBOARD													
Men's Hockey					Feb. 8 Results								
NCHA Standings (W-L-T-Pts.)					Lake Forest								
St. Norbert (22-1-2)	12	1	1	25	River Falls	0	1	0	-1				
Superior (18-5-2)	11	2	1	23	River Falls	2	2	4	-8				
River Falls (20-4-1)	11	1	1	23	1st Period								
Stevens Point (13-11-1)	8	6	0	16	RF - Stokes (Stencil) 12:55.								
Lake Forest (13-8-4)	6	7	1	13	RF - Wahlstrom-Ramler (Slinden, Carlson) 15:23 (pp).								
St. Scholastica (5-18-1)	2	11	1	5	2nd Period								
Stout (6-19-0)	2	12	0	4	RF - Slinden (Baron) 07:49.								
Eau Claire (1-20-2)	1	12	1	3	LF - Norton (Caligiuri, Slater) 12:36 (pp).								
					RF - Slinden (Baron) 12:52.								
Feb. 8 Results					3rd Period								
River Falls	2	1	1	-4	RF - Carlson (Wahlstrom-Ramler) 04:59 (pp).								
Lake Forest	0	1	0	-1	RF - Baron (Slinden, Wahlstrom-Ramler) 06:47 (pp).								
1st Period					RF - O'Keefe (Egeness) 13:19.								
RF - Steinert (Kragthorpe, Stensrud) 12:16.					RF - Wahlstrom-Ramler (Hiscock) 19:39.								
RF - Johnson (Dustin) 04:37.					Feb. 7 Results								
2nd Period					Lake Forest	1	1	0	-2				
LF - Panet (Wong) 06:01 (pp).					River Falls	1	2	0	-3				
RF - Dustin (Stensrud, Novak) 03:21.					1st Period								
3rd Period					No scoring.								
RF - Johnson (Schlipp, Lalande) 00:25 (empty net).					2nd Period								
Feb. 7 Results					RF - Steinert (Stensrud, Kragthorpe) 18:55.								
River Falls	0	1	1	0	SN - Underwood (Hughes, Ziedins) 15:27.								
St. Norbert	0	1	1	-3	3rd Period								
1st Period					SN - Deitsch (Dickson) 06:55.								
No scoring.					RF - Matt Elsen (Stensrud) 00:14.								
2nd Period					Overtime								
RF - Steinert (Stensrud, Kragthorpe) 18:55.					SN - Duthie (Kersey, Donnelly) 02:24.								
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Overtime					Lake Forest (12-7-3)	5	7	2	12				
SN - Duthie (Kersey, Donnelly) 02:24.					Superior (8-14-1)	4	10	0	8				
					Eau Claire (7-13-3)	1	11	2	4				
Feb. 8 Results					Feb. 12 Results								
Lake Forest					Superior								
River Falls					Superior								
0	1	0	-1		48	41	-89						
2	2	4	-8		River Falls	24	32	-56					
1st Period					Scoring (Pts.-Rebs-Assst.-Steals)								
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Play examines culture through crowd's 'Eyes'

Kyle Weaver
Viewpoints Editor

Cultural diversity and perspectives were the topics of at last night's, Bridges Series presentation titled "Through Our Eyes."

To help explore the issues, the play used not only actors to demonstrate its message, but also heavily involved the audience throughout the performance.

UW-River Falls students and community members in attendance were frequently brought on stage to play such parts as blacks being auctioned off into slavery and comancheros rallying to fight against the white man before the Mexican-American War.

Andre Minkins, the play's director, said that the goal of the show is to help people see things from a different perspective.

"The show is all about seeing people have that moment where they realize they are representing someone other than themselves," Minkins said. "You can endear the audience to your message by involving everyone."

Mark Sherve, a senior Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) major, said he was surprised by the performance.

"It's a very different approach to presenting a topic," Sherve said. "I'm glad I came."

Minkins said he originally got the idea for the play when he was teaching theater at a predominantly white university in Utah. A group of black students approached him with

the goal of raising awareness on the campus. "Through Our Eyes" was the result.

Minkins said the play has evolved considerably since it began. Someone approaches him after nearly every performance with an idea or a question that gives him the chance to improve the script, he said.

"The show is literally budding with possibilities," Minkins said.

Though the play's audience was only around 30 people, Sherve said the group responded really well to the performance.

"The people that were here seemed really happy to get up there and be involved," Sherve said.

Minkins said when he first began the project, he didn't realize the reaction the play would have.

"People have started crying during the play's more intense parts," Minkins said.

And having that impact on people is what makes it all worthwhile, Minkins said.

"If only everyone could take a moment and see themselves as someone else," Minkins said. "It would definitely help make people more people-like."

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Professor brings native expertise, perspective to UW-RF theater production of Scottish play

Visiting professor Helen Marie O'Malley set to direct production of "Bondagers,"

Tiffany Shelman
Front Page Editor

As a working actress and director in Scotland, Helen Marie O'Malley was part of the main theater the Traverse before coming to UW-River Falls as a visiting director.

"I am having a ball, everyone has been so nice to me," O'Malley said.

Meg Swanson from the speech and theater department made the request to the University Foundation for a grant to bring O'Malley to UW-RF as a visiting professor.

"We were going to do the Scottish play, 'Bondagers' and I was scheduled to direct it," Swanson said. "But to bring in someone from Scotland to direct it would be wonderful."

Swanson said she heard about O'Malley and knew of her cultural expertise and directing skills and contacted her via e-mail.

O'Malley is an actress and director in Scotland. Sue Glover, the author of "Bondagers," is a friend of O'Malley and has kept in contact with O'Malley during rehearsals, giving her instruction and helpful hints about the play.

"She has given me lots of background information and is looking forward to how it goes," O'Malley said.

Although this wasn't O'Malley's first time in the United States, she said it has been very enjoyable.

While visiting UW-RF she is



Maisha Downey/ Student Voice

Visiting professor Helen Marie O'Malley gives a lecture to students and members of the community. O'Malley will be heading back to Scotland at the conclusion of "Bondagers."

residing in an apartment located in Hathorn Hall.

"I am very grateful for the warm apartment," O'Malley said. "The cold is quite scary."

O'Malley recently gave three public lectures: "All about Bondagers," a history of the play and its role in the new Scottish Theater; "New Scottish Writing," defining the literary movement and highlighting contemporary Scottish fiction writers

and their literary voices; and "New Scottish Theater," explaining how the new theater plays a role in paving the way for a national identity for Scotland.

Swanson is happy to have O'Malley at UW-RF.

"It is great to bring new people to this environment, to Wisconsin," Swanson said. "It is a great adventure for us."

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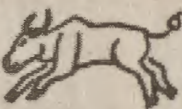
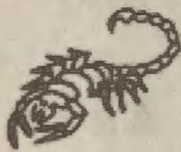
"Bondagers" O'Malley plans to return to Scotland as a freelance actress and director.

"I would definitely like to come stay for a while again," O'Malley said. "Right now it is nice to have work to go home to."

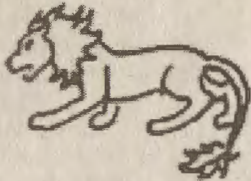
"Bondagers" is at 8 p.m. Feb. 27-28 and March 1, 6-8 in the Blanche Davis Theater in Klempell Fine Arts Building.

Horoscopes

By temporary Staff Psychics Jen Cullen and Kyle Weaver, who are both bitter and available

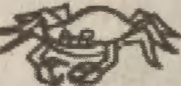


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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

You severely dislike the fact that your birthday falls so close to Valentine's Day don't you? Sick of getting one gift for both your birthday and Valentine's Day? Well, whatever you do, don't complain to Capricorn. You think you're bitter...



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You, being a Pisces, really like candy hearts. Oh man, do you like candy hearts. Come on. Those things are disgusting, what with the cutesy phrases and sugary sweet aftertaste. Okay, so they don't taste so bad. When you're single like us they're just too much to handle.



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Public displays of affection in the Leadership Center are, as we all know, inappropriate and disgusting. Who really likes watching people with their tongues down each other's throats (if you've seen this too many times you need to stop staring, sicko)? But please, fight the urge to beat some sense into the loving couple. After all, they're only young kids in love, right? Blech!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Been feeling a little too bitter and available lately? We hear you. Maybe it's not the product you're selling that's bad. It's the sales technique that you need to work on. Try doing something weird to get noticed. That one always works. But don't be too aggressive. That freaks people out and you will remain bitter and available.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Congratulations, Gemini. You are not bitter and available. We are happy for you. But we see through your pride. Your subtle 'what are you doing for Valentine's Day?' questions are not funny. In fact, they hurt. You're only leaving behind a long trail of enemies. Better watch your back.



CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Just because you want to feel cool like everyone else who has a significant other doesn't mean you should go out and buy lingerie or boxers for yourself. People might think that you are weird. Besides, these cute little gifts are only useful when you have someone to model them for and, trust us, that's not going to happen anytime in the near future. Remember, we're psychic and stuff.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Your love life will seem to get considerably better on Valentine's Day. But don't get too excited. You are going to be quite surprised when all your newfound crush wanted from you was to get some action in honor of the greatest Hallmark Holiday. Unless you are shallow and desperate. Then you won't really care too much.



VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept 23)

You're cool. You're really cool. That is why so many people are attracted to you and why you have so many people throwing themselves at you on Valentine's Day. But let's get to the real reason why you are single. You have an attitude problem that people find severely disturbing. Get rid of it and maybe you will find some happiness.



LIBRA (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)

Your life-like pornstar blow-up doll may be good enough for you in your room, but these psychics think you should leave her at home when you go out for your Valentine's Day dinner. She doesn't make good conversation. Plus, you might be tempted to do whatever it is you do with her in your room, right there on the restaurant table. Eeeewwww.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

These psychics predict Valentine's Day will be lonely for Scorpios. I know, it sucks to be a Scorpio. Buy yourself some flowers and maybe you'll feel better. But don't buy lingerie or boxer shorts. Remember what we said about Cancer's? You don't want to be weird like them, do you?



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Sagittarius is a funny sounding name. Of course, everything is funny to this psychic at 2 a.m., which is usually when psychic inspiration hits. But it is legitimate psychic inspiration, and quite frankly, sagittarius sounds ridiculous. Oh, and in keeping with the Valentine's Day theme, you will find your true love this week. Or not.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Watch out for bitter Aquarius this week. They've got some type of holiday vendetta thing going on and they are looking for somewhere to vent. We're sure you don't have any clue what they're talking about since you get lots of presents for both Christmas and your birthday.

Foreign policy just playground politics

My stated purpose for this column was to make the Off-Beat page truly off-beat. My feeling is that the page runs too much news and is in need of a good dumbing-down.

Bush declaring to the world that the United States has the right to pre-emptive strikes to preserve our national security was said to be a dangerous precedent. If the most powerful nation on earth says they can use pre-emptive strikes, then so can anyone else.

The North Korean government, probably out of desperation, announced that if they feel threat-

Foreign policy should be a very serious issue. America and North Korea are making a total mockery out of it. Both sides sound like little brats on the schools playground. The United States sounds like the big kid who says "I can go around and hit anyone I want to, just as long as I think they might hit me." North Korea is the smaller kid following the example of the big kid. The big kid though, is a little scared because he thinks the little kid wants to hit him.

When you think about it though, why shouldn't North Korea have right to a pre-emptive strike? Bush says he doesn't want war with Iraq, but we've known since last June that it's unavoidable. Now the Bush administration says they don't want

From the Iraqi front the United States continues their childish, "We're right and the rest of the world can kiss our (assistance)." The original intent of U.N. resolution 441 was to get Iraq to cooperate with inspections and disarm. No weapons have been found and every time Iraq takes a step forward the United States says, "Not good enough."

The United States³ oldest ally, France, has worked hard to avert war. An ally that for better and for worse (emphasis on the worse, I mean how many times have we had to bail out those arrogant beret wearing frogs) has stood by our side for more than 225 years is being dismissed by our government. I don't like the French anymore than the next American, but when the French and the friggin' Germans agree on averting war, then we should step back and examine the situation a bit more closely. Think for a second. The Germans, one of the most blood-thirsty and violent cultures to ever walk the earth want to avert war and their historic victim France agrees with them.

Maybe we should listen to those crazy Europeans just this once.

Rules for roommate harmony

If you step into the unofficial Phi Sig house at 1017 E. Cascade Ave., you may feel like you are stepping straight onto the set of the "Real World, River Falls." Six people live in this five-bedroom house; strangers thrown together at the beginning of the semester because they procrastinated and needed a place to live. The cast at the house fits the bill perfectly: The gay guy, the bisexual girl, the bitch, the studious one, the depressed one and the stoner.

And as most of my peers get back into the swing of things and contemplate why they decided to take a class at 8 a.m., I am pondering how the hell I ever got into the disaster that I call my current living situation and how best to help those of you who may be finding yourselves in the same situation next semester or next year. Yes, there are definitely some rules to abide by kids, so listen up.

Rule number one: Tequila is not fun. It is evil. And no matter how much you think it will help you and your roomies get along, don't give in to the temptation. The only thing you will get out of it is a hickey that you have no recollection of receiving, pictures of you in your birthday suit and a pissed off roommate that you accidentally left out in the garage overnight when they passed out. Besides, three bottles of tequila later, do you really have enough bathrooms for everyone to throw up in? Probably not.

Rule number two: Do your dishes, or at least rinse them. But don't ever move into a house with a dishwasher. It seems strange, but the only thing it will ever

be used for is storage of dirty dishes. Sure, it's easy to just push a button and let the dishwasher do it's job, but, according to the guys of the house, it's just as easy to forget so you can see what kind of things have grown in a dark, warm and enclosed space after three months. Trust me, stay away from dishwashers. They are also evil.

Rule number three: Lock your bedroom door when you are doing something naughty with someone else. At least put a sock on the doorknob or a post-it note on the door itself. More importantly, make sure your door is actually shut. College kids with a bit of tequila in them tend to stumble a bit and if you're not careful, a door that is not properly shut may leave you with an extra visitor in your room. This may sound kind of fun at first, but this can, and will, get ugly very quickly.

Rule number four: Study at the library. Sure, there are distractions at the library, but what would you rather be distracted by, other students studying or roommates streaking across the front yard? I know the latter sounds more interesting, but you know those essay questions you draw a blank on and for lack of anything else to write, you tell the professor a funny story? Well, I doubt your professor would appreciate hearing that one. And it was cold out so I am sure you could find a more flattering story to tell, if you know what mean.

The "Real World, River Falls" really isn't as bad as it sounds. It's much more interesting to watch drunk people trying to get into a bunk bed than it is to be thinking of studying. The only things we are missing are the confessional room and the television crew...and that could make things really interesting.

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