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Partly sunny with highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s

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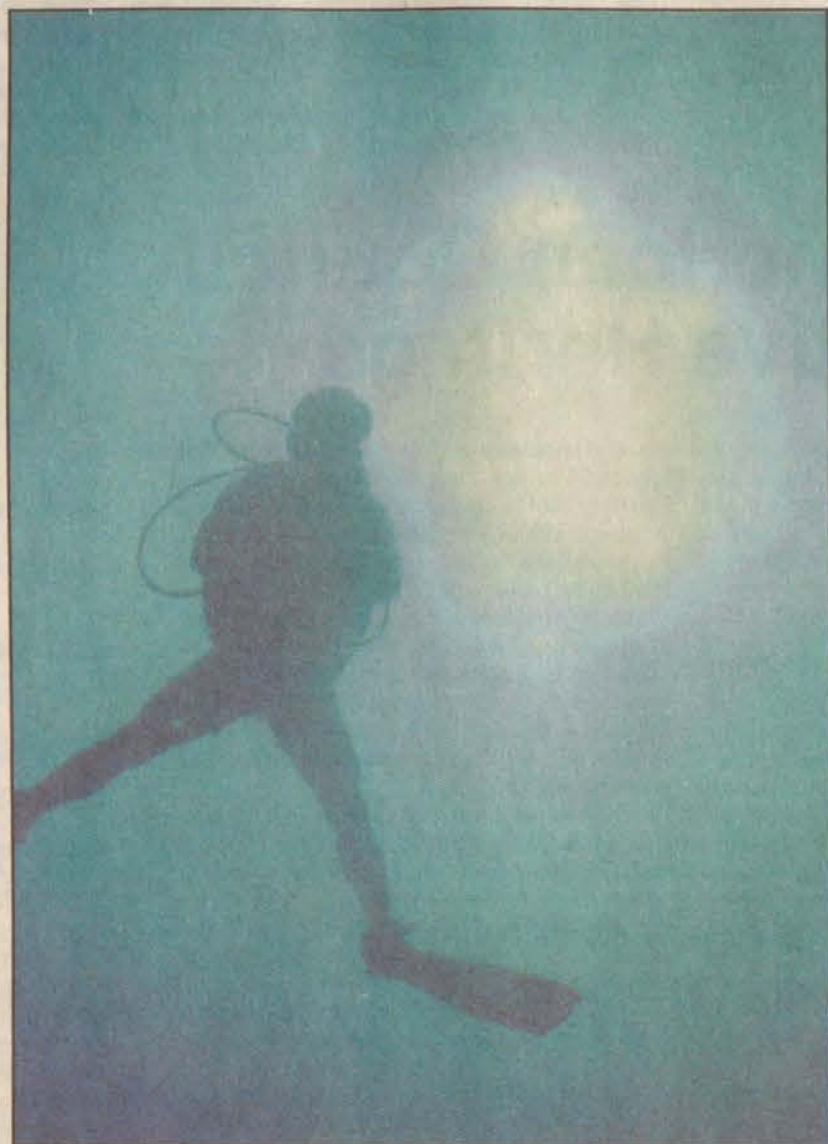
Saturday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers in the afternoon

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Underwater wonders

UW-RF students earn credit, gear up for spring break with scuba class

Jesse Sampair
Staff Writer

With spring break a little more than a week away, many students have already begun preparing for their nine-day escape from school.

For some students this means kick-starting their winter complexions at the local tanning beds. While others may cram in a few beach-muscle workouts. However one group of UW-River Falls students is gearing up for break by strapping on air tanks and heading underwater to scuba class.

According to co-instructor Mark Lehner completing this course is the first step to becoming certified to scuba dive down to 100 feet. About half the scuba students will probably not seek this certification, but others will decide to take their class experience to the next level.

Scuba student Jason LeDuc plans on getting certified next fall, but says that spring break vacations are



Submitted photos

Scuba diving class co-instructor Mark Lehner took these underwater photos in Cozumel, a hot spot for spring break.

probably the most ideal time to get certified.

"I went to Mazatlan last year where (getting certified) would have been handy," LeDuc said.

Fifteen to 20 students are enrolled in each of the two half-semester scuba courses that meet Tuesday nights at the University pool.

According to LeDuc the fantasy of diving in exotic waters may have helped lure some students into the class, but most students signed up for scuba as an exciting way to meet mandatory graduation criteria.

"I find it more practical than the other half-credit classes you're forced to take here," LeDuc said. "I wanted to take a fun class and relieve the stresses of school."

Junior agriculture business major Bob Joubert took scuba for similar reasons.

"I needed a physical education credit, and thought it would be neat if I ever wanted to go scuba diving," Joubert said. "You're underwater and you can breath."

Lehner and his partner John Swanberg, who work for Northland Divers in Maplewood, Minn., have been teaching scuba at UW-RF for four years.

The two also teach a scuba class at Macalaster College in St. Paul, and travel throughout the world to dive. Combined they have more than 60 years of scuba

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Residence hall technology brings UW-RF up to par

Rewiring residence halls will bring changes to TV, phone lines and computers

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

Soon students will be able to directly access the Internet from their residence rooms without tying up the phone lines.

The project is scheduled to begin May 24 and to be completed by the first week of August in Crabtree Hall, Johnson Hall, May Hall and McMillian Hall. The summer of 2000 is the expected completion date for the other five residence halls.

"There are two reasons for this remodeling," said Lawrence Testa, director of Residential Services. "The current phone wiring is very old. Some is up to 40-years-old, and the television wiring was put in during the 1980s. At the time it was state-of-the-art, but now it's not. The second reason is accessibility to this technology."

As early as August, students should see improvements.

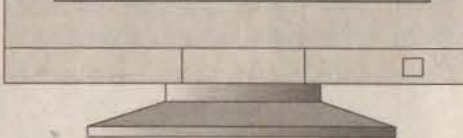
Testa said the remodeling will involve the removal of the current telephone and television wiring. Each room will have one television hook-up, one telephone hook-up and two computer hook-ups.

The computer hook-ups will allow each hall resident to have a direct Ethernet connection for their computer, eliminating the need for phone modems.

"This will allow students to have better signals for their televisions and we are hoping by the end of the summer of 2000 to have additional channels available," Testa said. "The Ethernet is faster than the modem and it will allow con-

New system minimum requirements

- Pentium 133 MHz, 64 MB free hard disk space, CD-ROM, floppy disk drive, 3Com Network Interface Card, Microsoft Windows 95
- Macintosh with Motorola 68040, 32 MB of RAM, 64 MB free hard disk space, CD-ROM, floppy disk drive, Asante Network Interface Card, Macintosh OS 7.5.1



"Ethernet connection is almost instantaneous. The speed difference will be unbelievable."

-- Jason Winget

nection speeds similar to that in the campus' computer labs."

According to Jason Winget, who manages the technology for Student Services, the Ethernet hook-up will be a direct connection to the campus network.

"With a modem there is a delay to connect with the network," Winget said. "Ethernet connection is almost instantaneous. The speed difference will be unbelievable. The web pages will pop up right away."

Winget also said there will also be minimum requirements for computers on this system in order to receive Information Technology Services assistance. Most computers will work with the new system.

"If a student does have the option to buy a new computer, please follow the guidelines set up by residential services and ITS," Winget said.

Testa said the residence halls being remodeled this summer are part of a test group to see if the project will be successful. Johnson Hall and Crabtree Hall were chosen because they are on the furthest

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Tugging at Ag Olympics



Tug-of-war was part of Wednesday's Ag Olympics, held at Lab Farm One. Jerry Zugier was cheered on during the contest. Other events included a seed spilling contest, Roll-the-Bale, an obstacle course, hammering a nail into a board and yanking it out, dig for a penny in a pail of junk and eating cottage cheese with a toothpick contest. The day wrapped up with a barn dance at the lab farm.

Jason Borman/
The Student Voice

Coalition focuses on campus alcohol abuse

Jason Childress
Staff Writer

A recent Harvard University study showed that 43 percent of college students are binge drinkers. These students are more likely to use illicit drugs, to be involved in disciplinary problems and to engage in irresponsible sexual activity, the study showed.

This data is cause for great concern to some UW-System administrators. With this evidence in mind, the first meeting of the Chancellor's Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Abuse was held Tuesday in the President's Room of the Student Center.

About 30 people attended the meeting, which was designed to gain feedback for members of the coalition as they attempt to find their place on the campus and in

the community.

The origins of the new campus entity are rooted in a recent increase in public awareness about alcohol abuse on college campuses nation-wide.

Dean of Students Roger Ballou pointed to the large numbers of stories in past years pertaining to alcohol-related deaths among college students.

"This coalition is a result of a call put out by the UW-System to do something about this problem," Ballou said. "We are a coalition who's purpose is to reduce drug and alcohol abuse among students."

He was quick to point out, however, that there is a difference between responsible enjoyment of alcohol and abuse.

Ballou said the Harvard study, which targeted 130

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4 ON 4 FLAG FOOTBALL, from April 5 to 8. There is a \$5 non-refundable entry fee. Entries are due by March 25, noon. The top men's and women's team will receive approximately \$150 to represent UW-River Falls at regionals on April 24 at the University of Illinois-Chicago. For more information, contact the Leadership Center at 425-4911.

UNITED NATIONS SUMMER SEMINAR 1999 informational booklets are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall, for students wishing to participate. The event is coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Letters and Science. Only 25 places are available for this summer. Deadline is March 26, 1999.

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION will be awarding \$1,000 grants to U.S. students at Midwest colleges and universities to study abroad during 1999-2000. Grant applications are due April 2, 1999. The competition is open to students in good academic standing with no previous study abroad. Contact www.iie.org/midwest/grant or stop by the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall for information.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE PROGRAM applications are available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall for both Summer 1999, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000. Some knowledge of Spanish is required. Deadline for Summer and Fall 1999 is April 1.

AN EVENING WITH JAN GLEITER The Exhibits and Presentations Committee will present an evening with Wisconsin author Jan Gleiter on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's second floor breezeway. Ms. Gleiter will discuss the art of writing and her own works.

WALK-A-THON TO BENEFIT WYATT WADE, who is a youngster in need of a kidney transplant. The walk takes place on Saturday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the beach at Lakefront Park in Hudson. For more information or to participate or pledge money, call Liz Jones at (715) 381-2329.

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE at textbook services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subjects.

THE SECOND ANNUAL River Falls Campus and Community Cleanup, an all day volunteer-a-thon, will be held on Apr. 24. Register NOW! Materials are available at the Information Desk in the Student Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS

THERE ARE MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, 122 SOUTH HALL.

TONY VELONIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators. Deadline is May 15, 1999. Applicant must be a student in a glass, ceramic or related curriculum including engineering, design or art. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION scholarship, sponsored by chapter #164. Deadline is March 31, 1999. Applicants must be in a construction-related program. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

WISCONSIN COUNTY CLERK'S ASSOCIATION scholarship. Deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be college students with Junior or Senior status for the 1999-2000 school year and a major in journalism, communications or political science. Application materials are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

JOHN L. CAREY SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Deadline is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be liberal arts students wishing to pursue graduate accounting study, and who wish to pursue a CPA certificate. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

HARTFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION scholarship. Deadline for application is April 1, 1999. Applicants must be education majors nearing two years of undergraduate study. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

WPVGA ASSOCIATE DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association. Deadline is April 3, 1999. The applicant must be a resident of Wisconsin, attend an accredited Wisconsin school as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, and must have a major related to the potato and vegetable growing industry. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR THERAPIST PROGRAM, sponsored by the American Business Club. Deadline for application is April 15, 1999. Applicants must be a Junior, Senior, or graduate student majoring in physical, occupational for speech & hearing therapy. Apply online at www.ambucs.com

ROBERT H. RUMLER MBA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, sponsored by Holstein Association USA. Deadline for application is April 15, 1999. Applicant must have a Bachelor's Degree in dairy production or equivalent to obtain a Master's Degree in business administration. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

DAMM-WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, sponsored by the Eau Claire County Mental Health Association. Deadline for application is May 1, 1999. Applicants must have been a resident of Eau Claire County for at least one year, who is pursuing a career in the mental health field. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall.

MEETINGS

THE EARTH CONSCIOUS ORGANIZATION meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center. For more information, contact President Jennifer Decker at 426-0027.

STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Regent's Room on the second floor of the Student Center.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet Wed., March 24 at 5 p.m. in Room 331 Ag Science. Anyone interested in the horticulture industry is welcome. For more information contact Chadd Novak at 425-8116.

THE SOCIETY OF THE PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS meets Thur., March 25 at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room - 301 North Hall. Anyone interested in journalism - print and broadcast - and marketing communications are encouraged to attend.

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

Computer crash impairs University

Information Technology Service's server crashed last Thursday leaving students and faculty without access to computers

Sarah Doyle
News Editor

Students and faculty may have had problems logging onto their computers late last week.

The server located at Information Technology Services crashed at 12:15 Thursday afternoon and was down for 24 hours.

"It isn't supposed to happen, but unfortunately, it did," ITS's Marlys Nelson said.

Nelson said the crash at 12:15, which caused the server to be inaccessible, was the second one

that occurred that day.

"The computer printed an error message at 8 a.m.," Nelson said. "That was when the first crash occurred. Then we had a double failure."

Nelson said the problem that caused the initial crash was compensated with hardware already installed in the computer. ITS staff planned to work on the problems surrounding the crash later in the day when there was less traffic on the computers.

However, the second crash at noon could not be compensated for by hardware. Nelson said hardware failures involving disk drives caused the crash.

The crash not only affected the server, but also multiple programs dependent on the server to run. Nelson said ITS attempted to contact professors to notify them of the problem because they were concerned it would interfere with their classes.

"We also sent a message to inform faculty of the problem Friday morning," Nelson said.

ITS staff was able to fix the problem and had the server running by noon on Friday.

Nelson said this is not the first time the server has crashed this year. While there have been some smaller disruptions, one crash in particular was large.

The crash earlier this year and the one last week looked the same to users, Nelson said. However, the issues surrounding the crashes were different. Nelson said the problems are not reoccurring and are being dealt with as they happen.

Nelson said there have been ongoing hardware problems surrounding the server.

Nelson does not anticipate the server crashing again, but ITS is working on obtaining replacement hardware for the server. She acknowledged that too many things rely on a single place for services.

"We are doing what we can do," Nelson said. "Seeing how we can redistribute services so there is not one single point of failure."

STUDENT SENATE

Money matters

Student Senate passes budgets for Campus Life Program Funding and new residence hall

Max Date
Assistant News Editor

The campus' "money situation" came to an end Tuesday night, when Student Senate passing a motion to accept the committee allocations that were passed by the Leadership Development & Programming Board Monday night.

Matthew McConico addressed the Senate regarding the amount of money that was allocated to the Campus Media Budget Committee.

"There were unnecessary attacks from (LDP) Board members, I thought," McConico said.

The motion was brought up at the end of the meeting because it was not on the original agenda. Senate by-laws needed to be suspended because the motion was brought up less than 27 hours before the meeting.

In other news, Senate passed a motion approving the \$9 million budget for the new campus residence hall.

"If (the students) get a place that looks like an apartment, they'll go for it," Senator Jon Proehl said. "They don't want another Crabtree; they already have nine of them."

Proehl also said the campus should pay the extra \$1 million to get what is needed and avoid building a "glorified trailer house."

After passing the motion for the residence hall, Mac Guptil put forth a weak impression of Dr. Evil, for which he promptly apologized.

The Senate also passed proposed dates for next year's senate elections. Advertisements for elections will go up on March 22, petitions will be available in the Shared Governance Office at 8 a.m. on April 5, and all petitions will be due in the Shared Governance Office at 11 a.m. on April 19. Elections will be held on May 4 and 5.

Lastly, the Senate voted on who the group will nominate for Chancellor's Awards. The group includes: Dawn Schmidt, MacKenzie Guptil, Anna Hofmann, Amy Sue Gaede, Jennifer Aberham, Matthew Hartwig, Dennis Paquette, and Kristopher Thompson. Jeremy Daus was nominated but asked to have his name withdrawn. Daus encouraged people to vote for him next year.

The Student Senate will meet next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room of the Student Center.

Native American Council hosts Native Heritage

Speakers visit UW-RF to discuss issues such as treaty rights and herbal practices

Saramha Quaidoo
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Native American Council (NAC) is sponsoring Native Heritage during the months of March and April.

Monica Ramezyk, student public relations coordinator for NAC, and other members of the organization, put together informational and entertaining events surrounding Native American themes.

On Tuesday, Jim St. Arnold of the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission met with students to talk about legal issues surrounding treaty rights.

Frank Montano, an Ojibwe musician and folklorist, performed on Thursday.

Ramezyk would like to see the events as an educational experience for the campus community.

"I wanted to do something with Native Heritage hoping that people with any kind of prejudices will open their minds," Ramezyk said.

Leslie Ramezyk, an ethnobotanist and direc-

tor of agriculture at Lac Courte Oreilles College, will be speaking about the importance of herbal practices to the Ojibwe people. She will be on the UW-River Falls campus on April 8.

Ethnobotany is the study of plants or herbs used by an ethnic group.

"All cultures use plants in some way," Ramezyk said.

Ramezyk teaches specialty courses such as aquaculture, field methods and techniques at the college located on the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation, which is in northwest Wisconsin near Hayward.

Part of her presentation will include a video and information about some of the types of projects she encourages her students to do in her classes.

Ramezyk will also discuss general scientific aspects of natural medicines that are gentler to the body.

The inner bark of basswood (wiigoob) and birchbark (wiigwaas) are a couple of natural properties found in the area that are used by the Ojibwe people, Ramezyk said.

Another event includes some traditional Native American food and an update on the Nicaragua relief effort that began last semester. Dr. Tony Jilek, UW-RF animal science instructor and past president of the Nicaragua America Partners, will be giving the update.

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-Monica Ramezyk,
Native American Council

-Native Heritage-
Remaining events

March 23

"Treaty Rights - The Practitioner's Perspective," Mark Bisonete and Bobby Sanders, Lac Courte Oreilles, will be held in KFA Room 104 at 2:00 PM-3:15 p.m.

March 25

"UMHE Traditional Feast" will be held at Journey House at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Tony Jilek will update on the Nicaragua relief effort.

April 7

Anishinaabe poet and author Denise Sweet will meet at Rodli Commons in room 137-138 at 7 p.m.

April 8

"The Chemical Basis of Native Herbal Practice," Leslie Ramezyk, Ethnobotanist, Lac Courte Oreilles College will be held in Rodli Commons in room 137-138 at 7 p.m.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Parking lot vandalism continues

Ben Schmitt
Front Page Editor

Vandalism and automobile damages continue on campus.

On March 12, a student reported that a car was keyed in the O Lot.

A similar incident was reported on March 7, where a Grand Prix LE was scratched on its hood, top and the side of the vehicle, according to campus security reports.

A Grimm Hall window was reported broken on March 10. According to a police report, the window was broken by a snowball.

A window in Stratton Hall was also broken.

A Kenwood car stereo was reported stolen from a vehicle in the K Lot on Feb. 28.

On Tuesday, a balance was

reported stolen from a biology lab in the Ag Science Building.

On Monday, a male student was cited for a misuse of the telephone after a campus security officer asked the student about making obscene phone calls. He admitted calling and saying threatening things to people.

Campus security officers responded to a 911 call from Grimm Hall stating there was a female standing outside screaming on Monday at 12:35 a.m. The area was checked by campus security and nothing was found.

On March 9, a male was injured while playing football between May and Prucha Halls. He was transported to River Falls Area Hospital.

A bat was spotted in the glass studio in Kleinpell Fine Arts Build-

ing on March 6. The bat was put in a bucket and released outside.

The following were cited for underage consumption of alcohol:

Jeremy J. Havlovic, 18, on March 11; Jennifer Lynn Haake, 19, Kim-

berly B. Baxter, 19, and Thomas Eugene Hilpfire, 19, on March 12; Timothy J. Denzine, 18, Heather J. Vetrone, 19, and Erica Louise Schumann, 18, on March 6.

The Beer Meter

Weekly drinking total: 7 ticket

Semester drinking total: 70 tickets



*On campus Underage consumption tickets for UW-RF students (source: Campus Security)

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www.uwrf.edu/student-voice/welcome.html

Destroying the dirt

Kevin O'Brien
Staff Writer

Braving the blistering winds and knee-deep snowdrifts of this year's worst blizzard, more than 80 geology students ventured to the Abbott Concert Hall on Monday to listen to University of Minnesota professor Dr. Roger Hooke discuss his world-renowned theories on the role of humans in the destruction of Earth's soil.

Hooke is an expert in geomorphology, a branch of geology that deals with the formation, movement and degradation of land. After earning his master's degree at Harvard and his doctorate at Cal Tech, he began teaching at the U of M in Minneapolis and has been there for 33 years.

"He has written over 80 articles, secured \$4 million in research grants and edited 25 scientific periodicals," said Chair of Plant and Earth Sciences Bob Baker, who introduced Hooke.

As one of the worlds leading geomorphologists, Hooke has traversed the heights of Scandinavian Mountains and explored the depths of the Atlantic Ocean to gather data of his research.

On Monday night, Hooke told UW-River Falls students about the drastic effects human activity has on the earth and warned about the future problems associated with over populations.

"With the amount of soil humans move in a year, we could fill the Grand Canyon in about 400 years," Hooke said. "That's incredible, considering it took the Colorado River five million years to totally excavate the Canyon."

Using a large overhead projector, Hooke dis-

played a series of natural photos, complex equations and comprehensive graphs that helped illustrate his theories.

By compiling yearly data from mining, house building and road construction companies, Hooke found that Americans permanently move 7.6 gigatons of earth each year. Then, using the energy expenditure statistics and GNPs of all major countries, he concluded that humans

to create blades for spades, hammers, picks and chisels. These tools facilitated increased mining and agricultural efficiency, which led to more earthmoving."

Right now, Hooke said, soil is being destroyed at a rate 17 times faster than it is being formed. If humans continue to degrade and displace land, he believes the Earth will encounter numerous environmental problems in the not-so-distant future.

"By the mid-twenty-first century, the number of farm acres will be reduced to 1/3 of what exists today," Hooke said. "That is only half of what is needed to produce the amount of food we regularly consume. In 50 years, you will not be eating the way you are now."

In addition to the loss of fertile soil, Hooke speculates that air and water pollution will continue to increase because of leaching and chemical waste. The only solution, he asserts, is to stabilize and eventually reduce the human population.

To convey the seriousness of this situation, he drew a striking comparison between the human population and a cancerous tumor. With an enlarged picture of a tumor emblazoned on the screen, Hooke remarked, "Tumors are like the human population, they grow uncontrollably and constantly consume. Eventually, tumors destroy their hosts."

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- Dr. Rager Hooke, Geomorphologist

worldwide irrevocably alter between 30 and 35 gigatons of land.

According to Hooke, this amount of human earthmoving surpasses the earthmoving processes of such "traditional" elements as rivers, glaciers, wind, water waves and mountain slopes. Together, these agents only move about 17 gigatons each year by themselves.

Hooke then highlighted some of the historical innovations and events, such as the advent of agricultural devices and the industrial revolution that significantly increased human's ability to manipulate the land.

"Iron, for instance, came into use about 3,500 years ago," Hooke said. "Although it was initially used only for weapons, it was eventually used

Coalition/ alcohol abuse

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colleges and universities, found that 80 percent of college students drink alcohol. The study also found higher rates of binge-drinking among males, fraternity members and those who abused alcohol in high school.

Ballou said there is a need to collect data about the behavior of UW-River Falls students to assess the situation on this campus.

River Falls Police Chief Roger Leque said alcohol incidents vary across campus.

"I have seen people jumping from two-story windows and attacking my officers with beer bottles," Leque said. "I take a dim view of the large parties in the campus area."

With this in mind, Psychologist Dan Ficek has set out to survey UW-RF students about their drinking behavior.

"We are surveying roughly 500 to 600 students with a standard questionnaire, focusing mostly on alcohol consumption rather than drugs at this time," Ficek said.

Ficek said results should be back within a month.

The Coalition plans to use the data to tailor an action plan to the specific needs of the campus and the community. For this reason, representatives of the River Falls Area Hospital, the Police Chief, a local bar owner, the River Falls School District superintendent and a local dependency counselor have been included in the coalition.

Ballou said community involve-

ment in the coalition is important.

"There are three facets of any successful program such as this; education, prevention and enforcement," he said. "With the members we have, all these areas are represented."

Ballou stressed the word "coalition" as opposed to calling this group a committee. The feeling is that everyone affected must be present in the exchange of ideas and solutions.

Student Senate President Mac Guptil agreed.

"This program brings everyone affected by alcohol together and lets us examine the misconceptions and find common solutions," Guptil said.

Members expressed excitement about the newly-formed coalition.

"We are excited to find a plan right for this campus," said coalition member Lisa Hansen.

Other members openly expressed concern regarding the effects of alcohol on this campus.

"I have seen students too drunk to even walk," said Senior Resident Assistant Jon Proehl.

Student Health Service Coordinator Alice Reill-Myklebust pointed out how close to home this problem really is.

"We have had students die in alcohol-related auto accidents and we have found students unconscious in residence halls," Reilly-Myklebust said. "We have all been touched by alcohol-related issues. Alcohol is legal and it is with us; now we are attempting to do something about it."

Scuba

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diving experience.

According to Swanberg, scuba diving is growing in popularity partly due to the recent take-off of extreme sports and partly because it is an easy-to-learn activity.

"It's not complicated at all," Swanberg said. "It's just a gear intensive sport, like parachuting. Students usually catch on pretty fast."

Five written exams and four supervised confined water (pool) dives make-up the UW-RF scuba course. To gain certification students are then required to make four supervised open water (ocean or lake) dives which will allow them to dive solo, Lehnner said.

Scuba is offered during fall and spring semesters, but students should note that the University charges a \$60 course fee.

Got story ideas?

Send them to The Student Voice at 213 South Hall

Plan to diversify

Sarah Doyle
News Editor

A new plan to establish and continue to enrich racial and ethnic diversity on campus is in the drafting process.

The UW-System implemented the 10-year "Plan 2008: Educational Quality Through Racial and Ethnic Diversity" last May and is now calling for campuses within the system to create their own supplements to the plan.

The Faculty Senate, Student Senate and Academic Staff Council hosted an open forum Wednesday to discuss the recently drafted answer to the UW-System's request.

Faculty Senate chair Bob Baker said, "This is an important plan that will affect the campus well into the next millennium. We're concentrating on the local effect created under a bigger system."

UW-River Falls' draft plan focuses primarily on three of the seven goals within the UW-System plan: recruitment, retention and financial assistance for people of color.

The UW-System's plan consists of seven goals with 66 associated initiatives. UW-RF's plan addresses 28 initiatives with 44 associated strategies, or areas of implementation.

One specific goal of the plan is to

increase the enrollment of students of color from the current 200 to 320 by the year 2003.

Plan 2008 comes at the completion of Design for Diversity, a previous 10-year plan intended for similar purposes. Advisory Group members who helped draft the plan felt 10 years was too long of a time period and enthusiasm for its cause was being lost.

The campus plan will be effective for five years only and be followed by another five-year plan in order to fulfill the 10-year requirement.

One concern raised at the open forum was cost. In the new biennial budget proposed by Gov. Tommy Thompson, Plan 2008 received a much smaller allocation than was requested. The UW-System received \$700,000 to be divided among its campuses.

"If we want to implement the plan, money has to come from somewhere," Vice Chancellor Virgil Nylander said. "If not externally, then internally from the campus somehow."

One suggestion to deal with the potential money problem was to prioritize items within the plan.

The Advisory Group will take suggestions and input into consideration as it finalizes the campus plan before its due date on April 15.

TRAVEL TIPS

Students who will be traveling on spring break may want to consider some tips offered by the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA). With more than 26,500 members in 170 countries, ASTA is the world's largest association for travel professionals. The following information was adapted from its web site, www.astanet.com.

- * Travelers unfamiliar with the local language should carry a card or matchbook with their hotel's name and address. They can communicate their living quarters to the cab driver or police officer in the event they get lost.
- * Close and lock your hotel room door at all times. Secure sliding glass doors, windows and doors connecting rooms.
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BUS 230 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
3 credits, 5:45 - 8:30 p.m., TTh

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3 credits, 5:45 - 8:30 p.m., MW

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MAT 110 COLLEGE ALGEBRA
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PED 127 FITNESS FOR LIFE
2 credits, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m., MW

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Aspiring Artists

Students showcase their work around campus



Kari Klocki creates "Untitled," an acrylic on canvas.



Glass vessels by Fred Kaemmer, "Brian's Hammer #1" and "Brian's Hammer #2".



Pottery by Adam Smrcka, salt and soda fired, thrown then altered.



Sterling silver and enamel ring by Laura Brenna



Nancy Chinander demonstrates weaving.

Photos by Heidi Sime / The Student Voice

Rewiring/ Technology

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ends of campus, and the other two were randomly chosen.

Testa said it will be necessary for students living in these halls to bring their own telephones for their rooms in the hall.

"We decided since so many students bring their own telephones anyway, we would not spend the additional money to install telephones," Testa said. "We will have the telephone jacks installed, so all students will have to do is plug in their telephone."

The remodeling for these halls is estimated to cost between \$350,000 and \$360,000.

"The money for this project comes from students' room rent," Testa said. "Many people don't realize that we do not get any tax money for residence halls. If some-

thing needs to be replaced or remodeled, it comes from room rent."

In addition to the remodeling project, students will have a change in television channels in the fall.

According to Nicole Baumgart, chair of the residential living committee, students will be losing Minnesota PBS, currently channel 2, Wisconsin CBS, currently channel 8, and CNN, currently channel 18. However, Baumgart said those channels will be replaced by Comedy Central, TNT and USA.

"We sent out a random survey to 500 residence hall students," Baumgart said. "We asked them what channels they would like removed and which they would like added. We then compiled the result and made our decision. These three new channels should be available in the fall for all residence halls."

Ben Schmitt
Front Page Editor

Monday's Leadership Development and Programming Board meeting drew a slew of students from the UW-River Falls Student Senate and other campus committees. They were there to hear LDPB members debate the 1999-2000 committee allocations proposal for a second time.

The final LDPB vote in round two was 8-1-2; eight voted for the new proposal, one voted against it and there were two abstentions.

Campus Media Budget Committee chair Matt McConico voted not to accept the new proposal, and his committee took a \$2,000 cut from last week's request, putting the Campus Media Budget request at \$49,000.

McConico felt his committee needed \$51,000 last week because of the need for more cameras for the campus television program, Focus on U, and also so The Student Voice could keep its existing standards.

At one point during the meeting, the floor was opened up to audience members who got a chance to voice their opinions to the board.

Student Senate president Mac Guptil expressed concern to those who felt the original proposal was unfair.

"We are trying to look at everyone's needs," Guptil said.

Senator Chris Silver urged others to speak their minds at the meeting.

"It's not often you get a second chance to decide something," Silver said. "So, if you need

to say something, get it out in the open."

A few Board members were dissatisfied with the initial budget proposal because the Recreation and Wellness Committee received no increase over the 1998-99 budget.

"I would really like some more help with this," said Amy Sweeney, substitute for Recreation and Wellness chair Lana Isaacson. "We are shooting next year for lifetime sports like bowling and pool."

Sweeney said Recreation and Wellness would like to focus more on lifetime sports next year, in which participants don't have to be great athletes. She also said that men's volleyball is growing and will require a big chunk of the Recreation and Wellness's budget.

Once again, many board members felt the Campus Media Budget Committee requested too much money for their budget, including Entertainment chair Jim Cleary.

"When you take money from a large pot, you have to be respectful to the needs of the other (committees)," Cleary said. "We aren't here to take money away from Campus Media; they will still receive an increase from last year."

Cleary responded to an editorial in The Student Voice, stating reasons for booking cast members from "The Real World," as opposed to bigger names such as Adam Sandler and the Dave Matthews Band.

"We have no room," Cleary said. "If you are going to campaign for bigger names, you first need to campaign for a bigger programming space."

Diversity Awareness Committee chair Carrie

Hickman said she and Wyman Series chair Josh Perkins worked out a suggestion.

The new proposal involved taking \$2,000 allocated to Campus Media in the original budget recommendation and distributing it among other committees. The Recreation and Wellness Committee budget increased by \$1,290, Wyman Series by \$350 and Diversity Awareness by \$115, with \$245 to be used to start a LDPB slush fund. All of the other committee's requests stayed the same.

After some discussion, Sweeney made a motion to vote on the new allocations submitted by Hickman and Perkins. The final vote for the new budget allocations was 8-1-2.

In single events requests, LDPB sent a request to Recreation and Wellness, which would send 11 UW-RF students to Purdue University to compete in horse riding competitions. The competitions are scheduled for March 26-28.

Another request sent to Recreation and Wellness was for \$500 to be used to fund a daylong event April 20. This event, open to the entire student body and faculty, would teach outdoor survival skills.

Hickman said her committee has discussed the possibility of funding more diversity events throughout next year. In addition to "Unity in the Community," her committee is thinking about organizing two events in the fall and two in the spring.

The next Leadership Development and Programming Board meeting will be held Monday, March 22 at 5 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of Hagedstad Student Center.

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Old School Revival

Local realtor's efforts give a breath of new life to UW-RF's first residence hall

Max Date
Assistant News Editor

By looking at Randy Cudd's rural River Falls home today, no one would be able to guess that it took action by a historical society to save the building. Cudd, a local realtor, was responsible for purchasing Hathorn Cottage from the University in June of 1997.

"The historical society saved (the house)," he said. "(The University) would've destroyed the house if it wouldn't have been added to (the historical register)."

The move of Hathorn Cottage was necessary in order to facilitate construction on the new Ames Teacher Education Building. Cudd bought the house for \$3800, under the stipulation that he would incur all moving costs.

"We requested that whoever buy the house be responsible for moving it," said Tom Weiss, UW-RF Director of Purchasing. "That would make it cheaper than dealing with the issues of hazardous waste, demolition and so on."

Weiss said that during the whole process, only two legal bids were made. The first bid accepted all of the

moving costs, but offered nothing for the house. That's where Cudd came in. Weiss said that since the building is considered historical, more caution was required in the move.

"(The society) wanted to sell it to someone locally if we could," Weiss said. "Neither was going to keep it within city limits, so we went with the higher bidder."

Cudd didn't have any connection to the cottage, other than he thought that it had potential.

"We heard it was available...when we went and looked at it, we were very much taken by it."

-Randy Cudd

"We heard it was available," he said. "When we went and looked at it, we were very much taken by it."

Remodeling started on the cottage in October of 1997. What the project entailed was nothing short of a complete overhaul. Cudd said that almost everything and anything that could be refinished or remodeled was. Insulation in the whole house, more than 60 new

windows, plumbing, lighting and wiring were all replaced.

"We had the kitchen totally gutted," Cudd said. "...It's like a dream kitchen. We went with an island that was designed to look like furniture."

Cudd, along with his wife Vonnie, moved into the newly refurbished cottage in August of last year. Although the house is completed for the most part, landscaping is still an issue and will be worked on once the weather warms up.

The Cudds had a pond installed in the front yard, as well as some trees as a "visual buffer for the neighbors."

"We tried to go with a mission-style design that was in keeping with the arts & crafts style of the house,"

With all that has changed in Hathorn Cottage, many of the real essentials of the house have stayed the same. "The house is very sound structurally," Cudd said.

"We kept everything pretty much as it was."

He said that in the remodeling process, the fireplace

was kept in tact, and no additions were made to the house.

The site of the house lies at the base of a hill in rural River Falls. Cudd thinks that the location offers the best of both city and country.

"We're really excited about the location," Cudd said. "We've got a relatively private location out here, but it still is only 1.2 miles away from the Dodge dealership."

Cudd also said that he is anticipating to show the house to the community.

"We're excited to eventually have a public open house," he said.

Cudd's enthusiasm towards the house has led others to become excited over his changes. Weiss said that even though the house hadn't been used as a house for 30 years or so, Cudd's improvements have come through magnificently.

"I like progress," Weiss said. "But, by golly, it sure is cool to keep a house like Hathorn Cottage around."

Hathorn Cottage

Built 1912-1915, at the south end of 4th Street, overlooking the South Fork Valley. Acquired by the River Falls State Teachers College in 1947, remodelled to be its first residence for women.

Named to honor Irma Hathorn (1883 - 1959), its Dean of Women, 1920 - 1949, and her long effort to achieve a women's dorm, culminating in Hathorn Hall, 1951.

The cottage served as the residence for selected students, then as offices, moved in 1997 to make room for an Education Building.

Before



Photo Courtesy of University Archives

Hathorn Cottage when it was still located on campus, date unknown. For many years, the cottage was a residence hall for a select group of upper-class women.

After



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

After nearly a year of remodeling, Hathorn Cottage proudly stands on Quarry Road, thanks to the efforts of realtor Randy Cudd. He and his wife Vonnie now reside in the cottage.

Hathorn's History

1912-1915: Hathorn Cottage, then known as the Brown House, is built.

1947: The Brown House is purchased by the University. The name is changed to Hathorn Cottage.

1948: The cottage is remodeled and converted into a girl's dormitory. Hathorn Cottage is the first residence hall on campus.

1970s: The cottage is converted into office space, for which it is used for more than 20 years.

1996: The River Falls Historical Preservation Committee designates the cottage as a historic structure.

1997: The University sells the Hathorn Cottage to Randy Cudd.

Former Hathorn Cottage residents recall memories of house, University

Max Date
Assistant News Editor

These days, the ambition of many students is to gather up six or seven friends, and move off campus as soon as possible.

Forty years ago, a select group of upper-class women found it quite the distinction to stay on campus in Hathorn Cottage.

"It was a wonderful atmosphere," said Becky (Heiting) Frost, a former Hathorn resident. "Thirteen women were selected to live there. It was based on an honor system for upperclassmen, and you had to apply to live there."

Frost, originally from Hudson, said that it was the first time that many of them had the opportunity to take care of themselves away from home.

"We each had our own jobs," she said. "I thought it was a good way to work into living on your own."

Maureen (Traynor) Crossett, another former resident, said that living at the cottage enhanced the relatively non-restrictive environment of the time.

"(The environment) was open for women in the 60s," Crossett said. "It was pleasant...really home-like and communal."

A Spring Valley native, Crossett

said that the campus as a whole was a wonderful place to be in the early 60s.

"(River Falls) was a strong campus for women," she said. "There was a liberal climate even outside of the education."

Crossett said that such progressive thinking seemed a bit unusual,

Keller added that the real ties formed between the cottage dwellers that stuck around on the weekend.

"By our senior year, most of the paths were pretty well set," Keller said. "We had a lot of differences, but there was still that bond because we all lived there."

"(River Falls) offered a lot of opportunities, as well as a good, well-rounded education"

-Anne Keller, former resident

especially considering that River Falls was a small state college in a rural area. Visits were made to the campus by such national figures as John F. Kennedy and Eleanor Roosevelt, bringing national attention to the college.

Hathorn Cottage was limited to around a dozen residents during its years as a "residence hall." Anne (Adams) Keller said that the smaller atmosphere of both the University and the cottage were positives.

"I was from Sheboygan, and I wanted to go to a smaller college because of the large high school I attended," Keller said. "(River Falls) offered a lot of opportunities, as well as a good, well-rounded education."

By living at Hathorn Cottage, and because of their upper-class status, many of the women enjoyed unwritten "perks" that the women in the regular residence halls didn't have.

"They weren't quite as strict with the hours (of curfew at Hathorn Cottage)," Frost said. "We sort of worked in our own time frame."

The alumni seemed to represent some of the University's emphasis in each of their professions. Crossett graduated with a degree in elementary education and ended up as a nurse in Vermont after stints in the peace corps and as a teacher. Having had two children go through the University of Vermont,

she says that higher education today is comparable to when she attended UW-RF.

"It might be because (River Falls) was so forward thinking," Crossett said. "They had a very 'university' mentality even for a rural Midwest state college."

Keller and Frost used their River Falls experience to lead into scholastic career endeavors. Keller became a teacher in Madison, while Frost's education led her to become an elementary library media specialist in Pennsylvania.

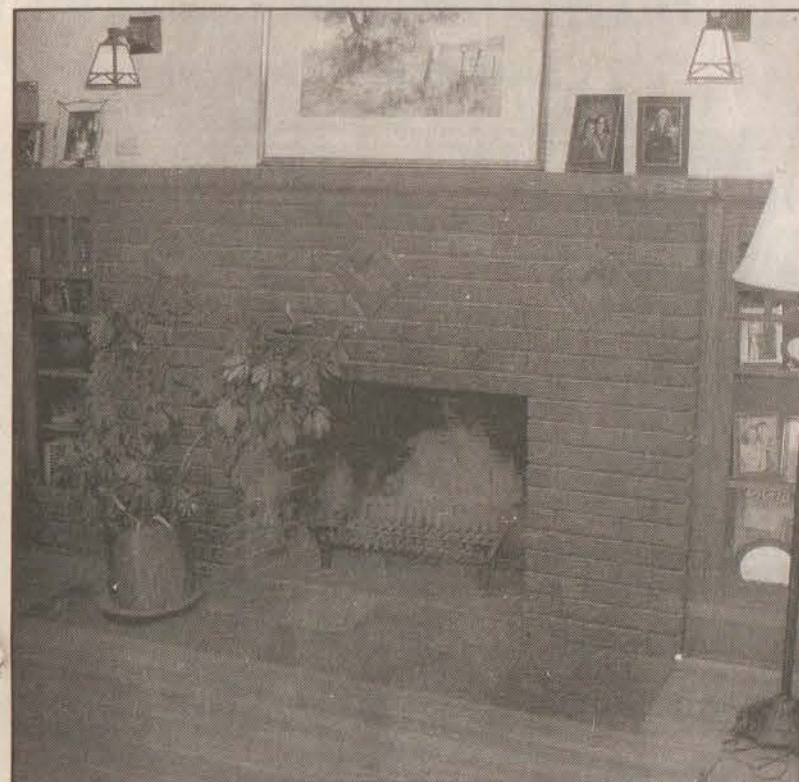
"The big difference (between the 60s and the 90s) was the number of students who were going into teaching," Frost said. One advantage (for me) was the numerous jobs...I could have chosen between three or four."

Even forty years later, Keller, Frost and Crossett still like to keep tabs on their former roommates.

"I keep in contact with some of them," Keller said. "Whenever some of us get together, we like to talk about what the other (women) are up to."

In the end, the Hathorn women had only good to say about the cottage and the University as a whole.

"The smallness of the University and the cottage helped a lot," Frost said. "It really helped develop some good friendships."



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Larger breasts don't bring happiness

In my quest to find a topic to write my column on this week, I went into my room to look for inspiration. The first thing that caught my eye was this month's issue of DETAILS. (If you're not familiar with DETAILS, it's a men's magazine — think PLAYBOY without the nipples.) On the cover this month: Denise Richards. Or rather, Denise Richards's breasts. Covered only with her hands — see, no nipples.

This got me to thinking, so I grabbed the closest magazine I could find. It was the February issue of ESQUIRE. There, on the cover, was Pamela Anderson. Or should I say Pamela Anderson's breasts? The headline proudly proclaimed "The Triumph of Cleavage Culture." This brought a smile to my face.

Let's face it, breasts are everywhere. Everybody's got 'em, everybody's seen them. So why why why why why are they such an effective selling tool? Why is it that they are the first thing I see when I turn on the TV? Why are breasts on the cover of almost every magazine? I decided to do a little research.

Heading straight to my favorite worldwide-web search engine (I was too scared to just try www.breasts.com), I typed in the fateful word. B-R-E-A-S-T-S. Instantly, I was alerted that I had more than 753,590 web-pages to choose from. This was going to be a bigger job than I thought. Scrolling down through my options, I was encouraged to click on one site because, "If you love TITS the way we do, you're gonna have a lot of fun checking out our sexy boob photos."

Well, that was enough to get my brain working over-

time. Just how many euphemisms were there for breasts? Off the top of my head: Bust, Bosom, Berthas, Bettys, Hooters, Ta-tas, Gazongas, Melons, Maracas, Ho-Hos, Knockers, Juggernauts, Bazooms, Infant Feeders, Jigglers, The Girls, Boobies, Tits, Boulders, Jugs, Grand Tetons, Cans, Twin Peaks, Boom-booms, Rack, Chestnuts, Marshmallows, Casabas, Ti-Tis, Breasteses, Peaches, and Happy Fun-

DEREK ANDERSON

"Breasts serve only one purpose: to feed the young of the species."



bags. And let's not even get started on the "pet names." My brain grew tired of this little game, so I scrolled down further.

At number nine on my list was a site that proclaimed, and I quote: "large breast implants large breast implants large breast implants!!!" ENTER for large breast implants. . . Suddenly, I remembered a conversation I had with a good friend of mine a few weeks

previously. She saw the aforementioned ESQUIRE magazine cover and informed me that she "already had her surgeon picked out." I was rather taken aback and pressed her for more information. "I really like his work!" she said.

I didn't know what to say. I still don't.

It seems to me that breast implants, and indeed, the whole "Triumph of Cleavage Culture," is a huge wrong turn in the evolution of our society. For as much as I can ALMOST understand the reasons that women get breast implants, I think that it's a bad idea. It's bowing to the societal gods of conformity and beauty. It's devaluing yourself as a person — even more than that, devaluing yourself as a personality — and valuing yourself only as a body and nothing more. It's a sad commentary on our society when a person feels they need a major surgery to "enhance" themselves. It's a sadder commentary that our society encourages and even expects it.

Don't get me wrong; I love breasts. I was breast-fed as a child, and I'll admit to sneaking looks at my neighbor-boy's PLAYBOYS in my younger days. (Hey, I've already confessed that I read DETAILS, right? I read INTERVIEW too. So what?) But here's the thing: Magazines aren't real life. MTV isn't real life. Hell, TV isn't real life. I hate to break it to you, but all those "perfect" super-models strutting up and down the runway with their surgically enhanced 33 percent plastic and silicone chests, hips and lips aren't reality. The cold, hard reality of the situation is this: Breasts serve only one

purpose: to feed the young of the species. Breasts don't make you a better person. Large breasts don't improve your quality of life, at least not in the ways that would bring you lasting happiness. But that's what we're taught, isn't it? To mix idioms for a moment, the prettiest bird gets the worm.

I don't buy it. If larger breasts mean happiness, then why are there breast REDUCTION surgeries? Why are there bras that DECREASE bust lines? Simple — because human bodies are individual. All human bodies have imperfections — even Pamela Anderson's and Denise Richards's. These imperfections are part of being human. To deny your imperfections is to deny your humanity. Think about that when you feel inferior or like you don't measure up. Think about that the next time society shakes a pair of mammary glands in front of your face.

As always, comments and topics for future columns are accepted at: derek.j.anderson@uwrf.edu.

Postscript: I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one of the major drawbacks of breasts, and that's breast cancer. Breast cancer begins when cells inside the breast grow in an uncontrolled manner to form a malignant tumor. Breast cancer is the second leading cancer killer of women in the United States. It is currently estimated that one out of every eight American women will develop breast cancer at some point in their lives. Men can also develop breast cancer, but the percentage of men who are diagnosed with breast cancer is much smaller than the number of women who develop the disease. For more information check out <http://www.breastcancer.net>.

The freedom to torch the flag

The sight of the U.S. flag still hanging after a bloody battle inspired our national anthem. Even today, gazing upon old glory brings a tear to the eye of the men and women who risked their lives to protect it. It fills all of our hearts with pride and patriotism. It is arguably the single greatest symbol of freedom recognized on earth, and we should be able to pull out a lighter on a whim and set it ablaze. I demand the right to burn a thousand flags because I feel like it. Whether my intention is to protest an unjust government or to keep my hands warm, destroying the flag is as much a symbol of freedom as the flag itself. Over the past decade, the ill-conceived idea of a flag protection amendment has been tossed around the Capitol.

Members of the WWII generation have outspokenly championed this idea and see persons such as myself as expatriate reds. They have blinders on that force them to see any differing opinion as no less than treason. I understand their patriotism. They witnessed the world on the edge of destruction and saw their brothers die so that democracy could reign. However, their antiquated nostalgia does not allow them to look beyond the physical symbol of the flag. My patriotism is expressed with the ideal of freedom, not the tattered

threads that represent it. The idea of freedom is all that I hold sacred. Burning its physical manifestation is merely symbolic. I see the legal restriction of doing so as more of an assault on the ideals of this nation than the flag destruction itself.

Thomas Paine once said, "He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression." In order to protect the liberties that our soldiers died to preserve, we must also protect our opposition's right to say what is unpopular, immoral, ghastly and outrageously offensive.

JASON CHILDRESS

"I demand the right to burn a thousand flags because I feel like it."



Those who support a flag-protection amendment suffer from the shortsighted notion that protecting the flag is protecting the republic. If these misguided patriots would open their minds for a moment, they would realize that our country could not operate without the right to question, protest, or even overthrow that which governs. Burning the flag is as much an expression of free speech as addressing the city council or writing a book. To limit

it is treason.

Free speech applies universally. It applies to that which is accepted and popular and it applies to that which makes us cringe and fills us with rage. It applies to words as well as acts. Any effort to limit free speech chips away at the very foundation this great nation has rested upon for 200 years. What would Jefferson have thought of laws such as this that would, in effect, outlaw dissent? Have we lost sight of our nation's colonial origins so much that we are so easily willing to throw away the constitution? Let us step back for a

moment and shelve the emotions that this topic creates. Let us recognize, together, that no act is worthy of this type of oppression. No act, no matter how offensive, warrants dismissing the principals that have made us the most enduring and dominant nation since the great empires of times past. The unadulterated principle of freedom has been the one constant in this country for its entire history. It has made us the diverse and constantly evolving entity we are today. Any infringement upon this principle marks the beginning of the end. Too many people have died for freedom to give up on it now. Long live freedom and long live America.

EDITORIAL

LDPB, Senate acts despicable

Congratulations!!! The Leadership, Development, and Programming Board with the direction of Student Senate have successfully begun the persecution of campus media. But the thing that is truly outrageous, is that they did it in a bureaucratic, hypocritical way. The U.S government would be proud.

For those of you who weren't at Monday's LDPB meeting, nine committee chairpeople raised their hands when asked if they were happy with the money they got. Only the Health and Wellness chair said she didn't have enough money.

Suddenly, the Wyman Series chair and the Diversity chair had this great idea. Yeah, let's cut \$2,000 from what we originally allocated to media budget.

Who cares if every student on campus has picked up a paper, listened to WRFW, watched Focus on U, or submitted a literary piece to Prologue.

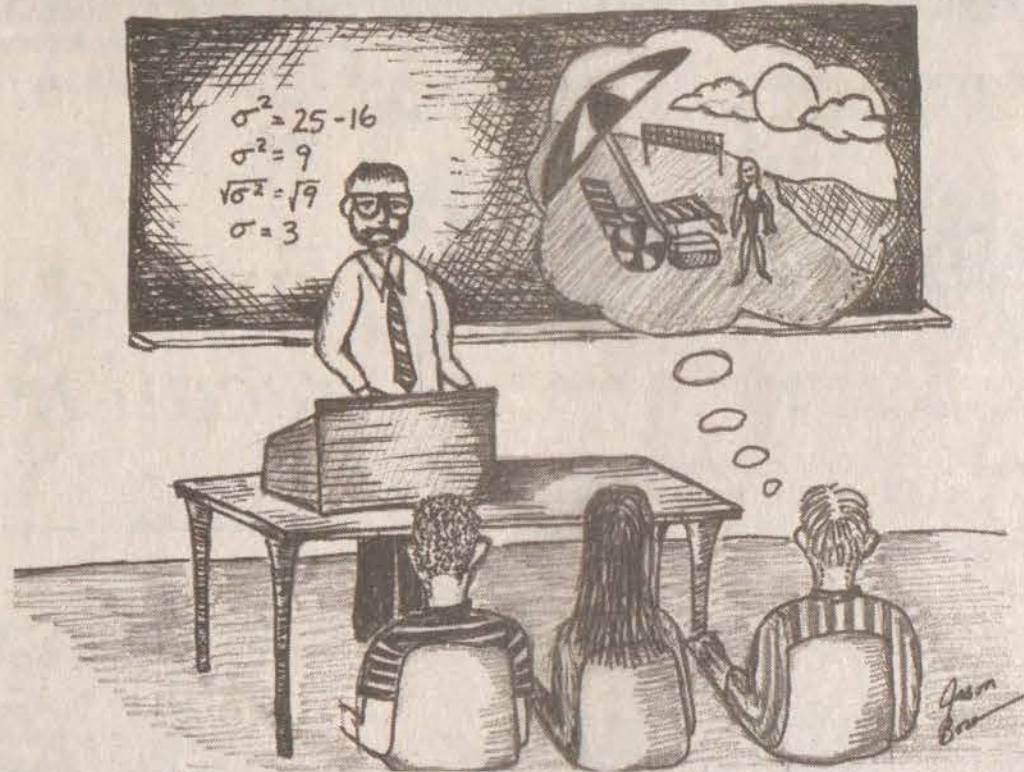
This paper has costs that are going through the roof, and there is nothing we can do to stop it. Our printing costs are bid out by the University and we have no control over them.

The campus media budget committee just doesn't fit into the LDBP. The rest of the committees on LDBP provide extracurricular activities for the entire campus. Different clubs go to various committees asking for money for their activities. If the committee has no money they simply turn them away, or a program is cancelled.

When The Student Voice gets its money, we don't give any to clubs. Instead, we use it to run the daily operations of the entire paper. There is no bargaining. We have costs that must be paid or a paper doesn't get to the newstand.

Only when the LDPB and Student Senate realize they are hurting every individual on campus when they cut campus media, will campus media be safe.

"This paper has costs that are going through the roof, and there is nothing we can do to stop it."



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shocked by Feb. 18 column

Dear Sir/Madam:

I was visiting River Falls a few weeks ago when I saw a Student Voice (the Feb. 18 issue). I picked it up to see if things had changed since I was in college. What a shock!! I was appalled to see Max Date's column on Deep Dirty Secrets - such locker-room talk should stay in a locker-room.

I urge you to carefully screen material published in The Voice. At this point I hesitate to send my son to Teen University this summer. I am also considering sharing this information with the Parent Organizations at Ellsworth schools and can not in good faith recommend UW-RF to any friends or relatives who are searching for a col-

lege.

Thank you for your time.

Mary Moldenhauer
Ellsworth, WI

p.s. There sure are a lot of typos in your paper. Someone should look at spelling.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Senate fully supports LDPB

As our history shows, the appeal of one voice can change the course of history as did Rosa Parks and Jessie Ventura. Because not all voices possess the same power is that any reason not to be heard? Last week the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Student Association Student Senate, representing the collective voice of 5272 students referred the Leadership Development and Programming Board budget back to committee. Criticism of this action from all sides has served to drown out the voice of Democracy.

In two Student Voice articles and one editorial I read the real issue failed to be revealed. The LDPB oversees ten committees which are funded all or in part by student allocable fees. Every student has paid into a fund, which is allocated by the Student Senate. The LDPB's 99-00 budget is \$253,891 from which all 10 committees request their individual budget allocations. According to the LDPB budget presented to the Student Senate last week, some committees received increases while others received cuts. One committee, the Campus Media Budget (CMB) that encompasses Prologue, Focus on You, WRFW and The Student Voice, has requested 20 percent of the budget at a 10 percent increase over the previous year. The Student Voice commands the lion's share of the allocation just to cover their printing costs. In support of CMB, The Student Voice editorial is persuasive in its assertion that campus media IS the voice of UW-RF. Truth is, typically in our society, media represents the main stream of thought. From that perspective, some students would argue that campus media does not represent their interests. The Student Senate makes every effort to represent a diverse student body. As a student on this campus, I want to know what my money is supporting especially since the Senate just voted to raise allocable fees by 2.5 percent. Counter to reports, the Senate does not think \$51,000.00 is an outrageous request by one committee. Unless of course, it is unjustified.

The Senate has been accused of creating more problems by referring the motion back to committee. This was not an unanimous senate vote, but it was a majority vote. Despite the editorial's vivid depiction of the Senate as self-righteous puritanical book-burners, we do not hold an adversarial position against campus media. Just the opposite is true. We depend on a partnership with public media as representatives of the student body. In sending a motion back to committee we are practicing good government. A system of checks and balances is exactly what the Framers of the Constitution envisioned for a democratic government. To accuse the Senate of not knowing how the LDPB

works is not to know the Senate. Our current vice-president was previously the chairperson of the LDPB and we depend on the experience and expertise of current board members. It has been implied that referring the budget back to committee signifies that Senate doubts the decisions of the Board. We fully understand that balancing the budget is an extremely arduous task. Scott Garbow and the Board Members have the respect and full support of the Student Senate.

Debate by Senate of the motion was not, as some believe, predicated on the fact that two students from LDPB spoke of their concerns during open forum. Fact is that any and every student is encouraged to speak about any subject with the full consideration and participation of the Student Senate. We listen and we represent all students. It has been implied that not passing the budget motion signifies that Senate doubts the decisions of the Board and that we were motivated by a lack of consensus among board members. This just is not true. During our lengthy debate we heard many issues, concerns and viewpoints as diverse as the student body itself. Indeed many Senators supported the motion as it is and others required additional clarification. It was reported that the Senate felt that CMB was receiving a disproportionate amount of money considering they recently were allocated almost \$40,000.00 for WRFW and Student Voice. This is not true. This is a separate issue and in no way influences annual funding. Student Senate unanimously voted to allocate money for badly needed renovations and upgrades that at other universities are paid for by other means. Ultimately what defeated approval of the budget was a question of double funding. Unknown to LDPB, Facilities and Fees had just approved an allocation for camera equipment that could possibly benefit Focus on You. I feel this is a reasonable and possibly a money saving issue to look into.

The editorial has accused the Student Senate of thinking of media as evil. What is evil, is pandering to a sensationalism that distorts and obscures the real issues. The editorial also states that the Student Voice doesn't see why the Campus Media Budget should come under the LDPB jurisdiction. We must keep in mind that these requests for funding are not entitlements, they are allocable fees provided by your fellow students at their discretion. The editorial eloquently asks why kissing up (presumably to senate by campus media) needs to be done in order to keep funding. Frankly if any kissing up is to be done it should be done to the students of this community.

Sharron Waszkurak
Student Senate

Remodel Student Center

I agree with Adam, our Student Center really needs a more academic atmosphere. I would like to see more books in our bookstore and less overpriced clothing, gifts, cards and posters. I would also like to see more (and better quality) art supplies so that art students don't have to go off campus to get supplies for their classes.

A good example of a more academic-centered student center is UM Duluth's student union. Instead of having a gift shop with books in it and calling it a bookstore like we do, UMD separated their bookstore

and gift shop. They have a separate convenience store for their gift items. While I would be completely content to have no gift store at all, maybe a good compromise would be to have a separate convenience store elsewhere on campus. Then our bookstore could get rid of their cards, mugs, clothing and posters and have more room for books and art supplies.

Another reason that the student union at UMD has a more academic atmosphere is that there are no fast food joints. There is just a big open area where students study,

organizations meet, and professors hang out in between classes to discuss issues with their students. I think getting rid of the fast food places, at least on the bookstore level, would be a big improvement to the student center.

Now don't get me wrong, UMD has its drawbacks too. However, their student union is a good example of an academic student union, and UW-RF could improve the student center by following their example.

Rachel Jacobs

Surplus of MLB nicknames

To the Editor:

This letter is written in response to Jason Egerstrom's article "Nicknames are needed in MLB" in the March 11, 1999 edition of the Student Voice.

It was just two weeks ago that I caught the bug again. I was terribly ill last year, what with Big Mac and Slammin' Sammy chasing Maris and all. Their assault on the home run record captured America, young and old. Early indications are that Big Red is on track for a run to 70 again this year. But there were other big stories making headlines last year. The Iron Man finally took a well deserved rest with the O's and the Big Unit found himself pitching in Houston to help bring a pennant to the Astros (leaving Junior and Arod back in Seattle and wondering what direction the team was heading). The Rocket demanded a trade and The Boss eventually got his man in pinstripes. The Crime Dog was playing ball at Tropicana Field while The Hit Dog was growing disgruntled in Beantown and was getting ready to part ways with No Nonsense Nomar and the Green Monster. The Big Hurt had a dismal season in Chicago, while Albert Belle had a very productive but unheralded year with the Sox. Pudge had another solid year behind the plate in Texas, and his teammate Gonzo flirted with his own records. The Big Cat had Atlanta on track once more for the World Series, while Doc Gooden, Rock Raines and Oh Henry

were trying to just stay on the tracks with their teams. El Presidente made history in Atlanta, and a Latin pitching star was born in New York, they call him El Duque. There hasn't been a season with this much excitement since The Rat, G-Man, Bruno and Sweet Music brought glory to the Twinkies at the Homer-dome!

It is a nasty case of baseball fever that ails me again. One of its symptoms has me recalling the glory days of neighborhood ball on July Avenue in Forest Lake, MN. I was always Ryno and my team consisted of Ho-Jo, Nails, The Hawk, Rockin' Robin, the Wizard of Oz, and Mr. Baseball. If a girl ever wanted to play, we said that she had to be ET McGee, and of course we never told her why. After each of my many, prestigious and majestic homers, I would be greeted at home by my buddies, ala the Bash Brothers with a forearm smash. Oh, those were the days. So baseball fans, get your fantasy team ready, buy that new fitted cap emblazoned with your clubs logo and start building up your tolerance for the beer, brats and kraut at County Stadium. The Major League Baseball season is fast approaching and I can think of a better cure!

Corey "Big Daddy" Mathison
Student

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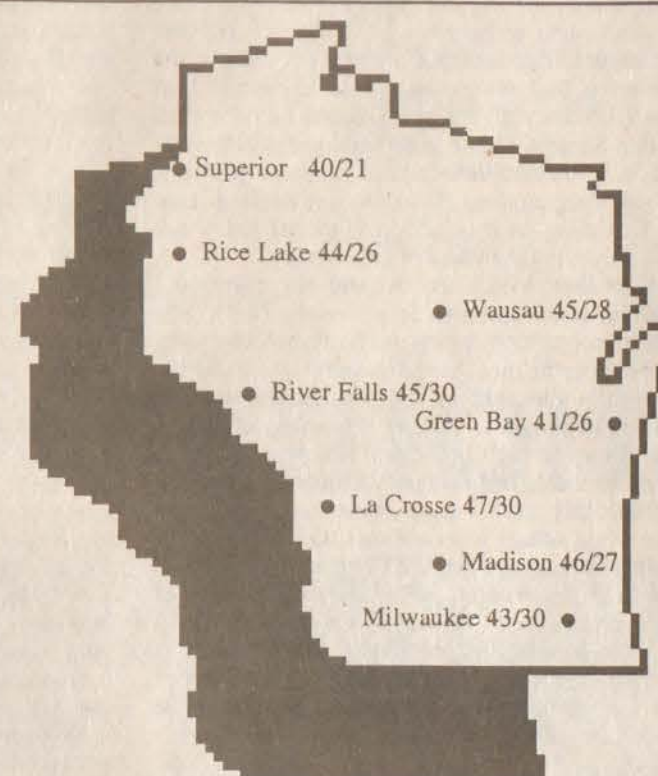
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Moonrise:	7:04 a.m.
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National League 2,
American League 0 (10 innings)Game 7 of the Stanley Cup
Finals
Edmonton 3, Philadelphia 1NCAA men's basketball
championship game
Indiana 74, Syracuse 73Super Bowl
Giants 39, Broncos 20

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Flag burning

'Points of View' / B3



TROY MALLAT

An actual journal of a March maniac

The entries you are about to read are true. Only some names have been changed to protect the people I work and go to class with. This is my story of the NCAA Tournament.

Sunday, March 7, 4:57 p.m.

After spending the last five hours watching the ACC and Big Ten Championships, I am reduced to watching a Tae Bo infomercial before the brackets are finally announced. Billy Blanks is cool, but he's no match for Digger Phelps. I have a certain uneasy feeling that I feel only a basketball genius can possess as I sit impatiently to see the 64 teams that will be in the tournament.

Sunday, March 7, 5:31 p.m.

Let the talk of brackets and Cinderella begin. Penn and Rhode Island are definite teams to watch. I have both teams going on to the second round. I mean Penn has Michael Jordan, and that's all you need to know. All my neighbors think I'm crazy for picking Penn. Crazy like a fox, I tell them.

Monday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.

I go to my first class with a gleam in my eye and a hitch in my giddy up. The first topic of discussion is of NCAA pools. I'm in heaven. Only in March can complete strangers share so much in common. About 10 different people raise their hand when asked if they're in pools. None really know what they're talking about, but I listen nonetheless. Everyone knows North Carolina is going to the Final Four; they are just in denial.

Monday, March 8, 1:17 p.m.

Out of the six computers in the the journalism office, four are being used to fill out brackets for CNN/SI or ESPN. The large part of everyone's conversation revolves around ESPN putting UConn and Duke on the same side of the bracket when actually they don't meet until the championship game. How stupid can they be?

They must live under power lines or eat paint chips or something. They should be placed in a burlap bag and beaten with reeds.

Tuesday, March 9, 1:33 p.m.

With all the commotion, the office requests WRFW to play "Sheep Go to Heaven, Goats Go to Hell" by Cake. The song strangely reminds me of basketball, with Duke being the goats and every other team they face being sheep. With every day, my hatred for Duke grows even though I have them winning it all. I picked them to keep pace with everyone else in my pool. Only a guru can come up with something like that. Luckily, that's what I am.

Wednesday, March 10, 9:37 p.m.

The staff gets its last victim to enter the pool. The editor in chief decides she will take a shot at it. Fortunately for us, the knowledge she has in basketball could be put on the head of a pin with room to spare.

Her last remarks of the night: "I don't know, I can't decide. It's between where my uncle lives and where my cousin lives."

I will spend her money wisely.

Thursday, March 11, 9:35 a.m.

It is judgment day, my friend. I wake up to find out that Minnesota has lost four players. Ironically, the four players suspended can't spell Gonzaga. That's alright; Gonzaga isn't that good anyway.

Thursday, March 11, 1:47 p.m.

I take a seat in my friend's large bean bag chair to begin my voyage of basketball bliss. Syracuse just lost, but that's okay. It's only one game. And I have quite a groove carved out in the bean bag.

Thursday, March 11, 10:52 p.m.

The entire day has been a disaster. Every game that was in doubt went against me. Out of the 16 games today, I picked a grand total of 9.

I have discovered that Weber State forward Harold Arceneaux is the anti-Christ. Who does he think he is scoring 32 points against a national treasure like North Carolina?

Penn was doing fine until they shot a whopping 15 percent in the second half. Damn you Gators, damn you to hell.

Friday, March 12, 4:02 p.m.

I have completed watching the most boring game in NCAA histo-

See "Journal" on page B2

Great expectations

The UW-River Falls softball team is very optimistic heading into the 1999 season with 8 returning starters

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

At the beginning of every softball season, one could use the proverbial out with the old, in with the new slogan as seniors graduate and freshman are forced to step up.

But this isn't a normal season for the UW-River Falls softball team.

Just three seniors are gone from last year's team that finished 18-25, including pitchers Amy Benoy and Gina Masanz and starting second baseman Chris Caliguire.

Everyone else returns, which leaves head coach Faye Perkins very optimistic.

"We have a solid core back with a lot of experience and ability," said Perkins, who also returns after a semester hiatus to teach in Scotland.

So one could say that the Falcons are pretty much set offensively since they return their top six hitters.

However, this may not be the

case. River Falls does return four members of last year's All-WIAC team, but as a team, the Falcons batted just .255 a year ago. That was eighth in the conference.

The Falcons will turn to two-time all-WIAC leftfielder Michelle Hosfield (.342 BA, 20 RBI a year ago), Great Lakes All-American rightfielder Cindy Ostertag (.349 BA, 6 RBI), and all-conference honorable mention catcher Michelle May (.330, 7 RBI) for offensive leadership.

Perkins points to all-conference shortstop Krista Kirkeeide (.292, 9 RBI), first baseman Kara Malec (.270, 7 RBI), second baseman Dani Randolph (.197, 9 RBI) and centerfielder Abbey Butler (.000, 0 RBI) as players that will need to improve to help that average.

According to Perkins, Randolph went through a year of transition as she tried to switch hit. This pulled her batting average down.

Butler had just four at bats a year ago but hit .600 during a six-game exhibition season this fall.

One could also say that the Falcons defense could be put through the ringer due to an inexperienced pitching staff that loses all-conference performer Benoy (2.97 ERA last year) and Masanz (4.76 ERA).

That could be a bit of an exaggeration as well.

The Falcons still have sophomore Clare Peterson, who was 4-1 with a 2.83 ERA last year.



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Falcon first baseman Kara Malec stretches to put out teammate Meghann Mulligan during Wednesday's practice.

Perkins says she will be forced into a leadership position since she is the only one on the staff with experience.

Peterson is joined by three freshman on the staff. Jackie Torson, a transfer from Mankato State; Andrea Ellsworth, a UW-RF volleyball participant for the last two years; and Amanda Jo Decker complete the staff.

Torson was injured all of last year, so she never actually got in a game for Mankato State. Because of this she is eligible to play this

year. "There's a lot of ability on the pitching staff, but not a lot of experience, so that will be a question mark," Perkins said.

And if ability is not enough, the defense is sure to lend a hand. The Falcons were fourth in the WIAC in fielding percentage last year (.939).

One could say the UW-RF softball season could be a very exciting one with lots of intriguing stories

See "Softball" on page B2

BEATING THE ODDS

For many NCAA Tournament pool participants, the first two rounds have been a crap shoot with three No. 2 seeds out (Stanford, Miami, Fla., and Utah) and three No. 10 seeds (Gonzaga, Miami (Ohio), Purdue) in the Sweet Sixteen. Not to mention Cinderella fitting the slippers of Southwest Missouri State, Oklahoma, and Weber State. Tossing a coin might have been a better solution to picking teams than conventional wisdom.

Well, maybe not. According to Robert Coffman of the UW-River Falls math department, if one flipped a coin for each of the 63 games in the tournament, they would have a 1:9.223 million trillion (or 9,223 with 15 zeros behind it) chance of getting all games correct.

But don't worry, no No. 1 seed has been defeated in the first round since the tournament was enlarged to 64 teams. That would take four games out of the equation, or reduce the chances to a measly 1:5.765 hundred thousand trillion (5,765 with 14 zeros).

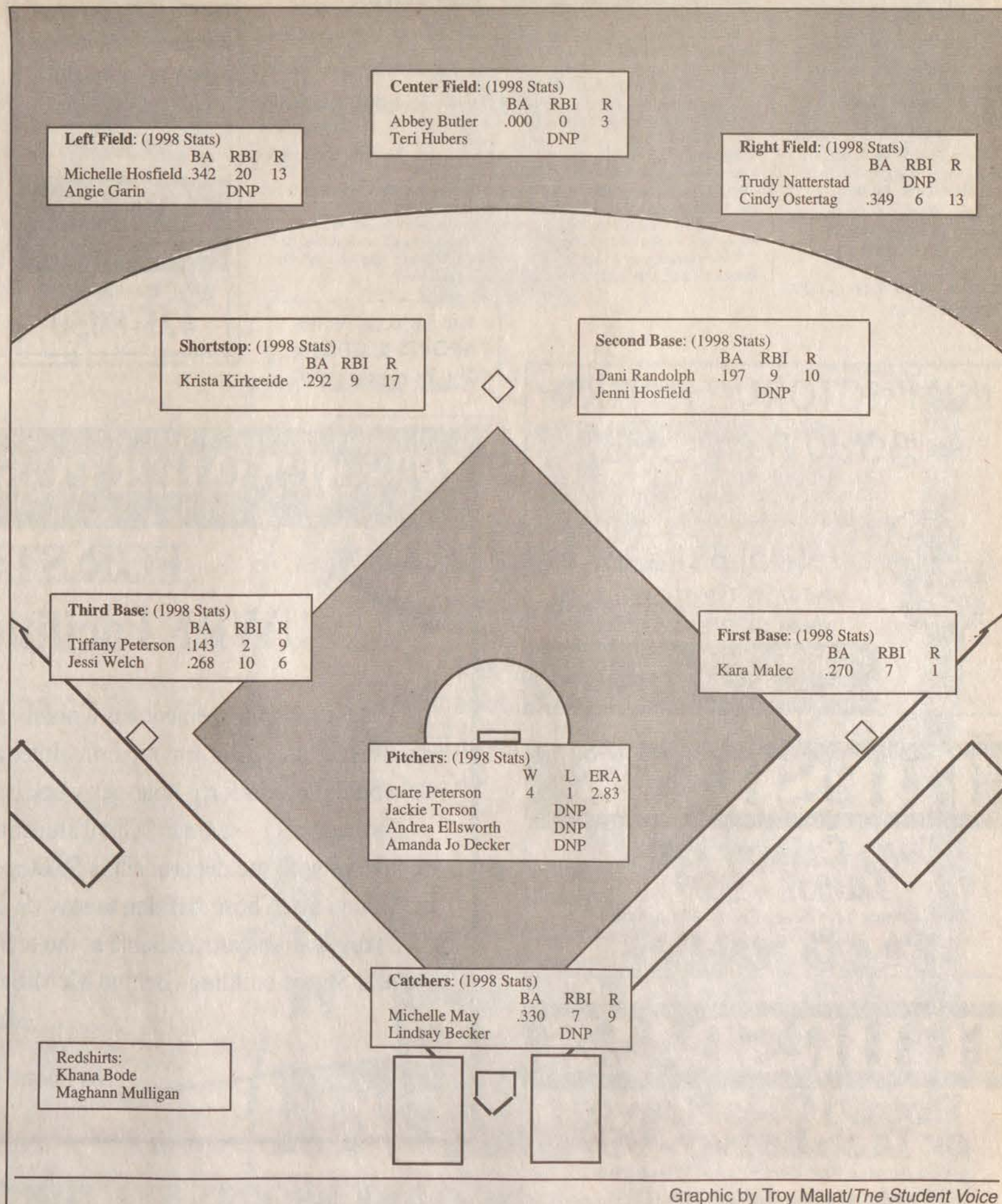
Of course, logic does play a part in the probability of a team winning it all.

According to sports gambling website Palm Beach Sports Brokers, Duke was given even odds to win the championship before the tournament started. This means for every dollar that was bet on Duke, one dollar would be paid out if Duke won it all. The second-rated team Auburn was given 5:1 odds (for every dollar bet, five dollars would be paid out).

Here were some other odds before the tournament began and what those odds are for teams still alive:

(as of March 10)		(as of March 15)	
Duke	1:1	Duke	1:4
Auburn	5:1	Connecticut	6:1
Connecticut	6:1	Maryland	10:1
Maryland	8:1	Auburn	10:1
Michigan State	8:1	Kentucky	11:1
Kentucky	11:1	Michigan State	15:1
St. John's	25:1	St. John's	40:1
Temple	100:1	Temple	100:1
Purdue	250:1	Purdue	100:1

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SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

NCHA HOCKEY (Final)

*St. Norbert (25-5-3)	W	L	T	Pts.
UW-River Falls (22-9-0)	12	2	2	26
Bemidji St. (17-13-0)	12	4	0	24
UW-Stevens Point (17-11-1)	10	6	0	20
\$UW-Superior (21-7-3)	9	6	1	19
UW-Stout (9-16-2)	6	9	1	13
UW-Eau Claire (10-15-2)	4	10	2	10
Lake Forest (7-17-2)	4	12	0	8
St. Scholastica (7-20-0)	2	14	0	4

* St. Norbert lost to Middlebury in the NCAA Quarterfinals.
\$ UW-Superior beat St. Thomas to advance to the NCAA Semifinals.

WIAC BASEBALL (March 17)

UW-La Crosse (1-2)	W	L
UW-Oshkosh (2-0)	0	0
UW-UW-Platteville (0-4)	0	0
UW-Stevens Point (0-0)	0	0
UW-Superior(0-1)	0	0
UW-Whitewater (0-2)	0	0
UW-River Falls (0-1-1)*	0	0
UW-Stout (0-6)	0	0

* River Falls could not complete the second game of a doubleheader with Winona March 4.

WIAC SOFTBALL (March 17)

No games have been played.

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

March 19-25 1999	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Baseball							Idle until March 27-April 1 (Spring Trip)
Softball							Idle until March 27-April 3 (Spring Trip)
Indoor Track							Idle until April 2 at Stout Invite

Falcon track boasts two All-Americans

■ Senior Sarah Peterson and freshman Kady Kleven earn All-America honors at the Div. III National Indoor Track Championships at Ohio Northern University

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

The Falcon indoor track team finished a remarkable season in style by placing two athletes on the All-American team. Senior Sarah Peterson gained All-American status in two of her three events. Peterson placed second in the shot put with a toss of 13.58 meters and sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 11.49 meters. To earn All-American status, an athlete must finish sixth or higher in an event. Head coach Kristi Kropp-Wagner said Peter-

son's place was not a real big surprise since she has thrown that far before. Peterson placed seventh in the 20-pound weight throw (15.2 meters). Freshman Kady Kleven ended her first indoor season by placing fifth in the high jump with a jump of 1.64 meters. "It's a huge tribute to her," Kropp-Wagner said of the freshman. Neither Peterson nor Kleven broke a personal record in their events. Peterson had jumped 11.5 meters in the triple jump, and thrown a 13.77 in the shot put. Kleven's personal best in the high jump is 1.65 meters. Wheaton College (Mass.) won the team competition with 43 points. UW-La Crosse was second with 38; Christopher Newport finished a distant third with 27 points. UW-River Falls was ninth with 11 points. The WIAC was well represented as UW-Oshkosh (seventh), UW-Platteville (16th), UW-Whitewater (21st), and UW-Stout (21st) all had participants in the championships. The Falcons will now begin their outdoor season with an April 2 meet at Stout.

Journal

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ry. Wisconsin has scored 32 points...in the entire game, losing to SW Missouri State. I could shoot with my eyes closed from half court and still shoot a better percentage from the floor.

Saturday, March 13, 5:59 p.m.
Hurling myself from the top floor of Crabtree sounds like a good idea right now, but at least everyone is in the same boat. Currently, I am standing in second-to-last place, but what else is new. I could get back into things if Miami, Fla and Utah win. The little hope I have left is slowly fading away, but I'm sure they'll pull a couple games out for me.

Sunday, March 14, 2:47 p.m.
Temple beat Cincinnati. I actually picked an upset that occurred. The pride I'm feeling right now is overwhelming. I'm thinking of making a hit list of all the players that have caused my demise. Right now, Arceneaux and Miami (Ohio)'s Wally Szczerbiak are definitely on the list. I'm considering Iowa's Dean Oliver and Purdue's Brian Cardinal. I will have my revenge, oh yes, I will have my revenge.

Sunday, March 14, 5:56 p.m.
Mind numb. Need food. Eyes hurt. Must live to Thursday.

Troy Mallat is a sophomore majoring in journalism

Trivia answer from page B1: 1987.

Gymnasts prepare for national meet

Emily Felling
Sports Correspondent

Practicing for this year's NCGA national competition, both Falcon women gymnasts, Annie Renelt and Carrie Janzen, are pumped. "I was excited to make it again this year to the national competition," Renelt said. "I knew that I had to hit my routines at the regional competition to make it into nationals. As a result, the regional competition was a lot of pressure." Janzen, a junior from Delano, Minn., feels similar about qualifying for the nationals' uneven bars competition. "I was surprised," Janzen said. "My bars score was 8.3 - my highest. Also, I know the national competition will be unlike anything I've ever done before and will be a good experience." Renelt, a sophomore from Lakeville, Minn., qualified for the national competition as an all-arounder with a score of 34.75 and picked the balance beam and floor as her two favorite events. "Beam is a challenge," Renelt said. "On floor, I go out and do my thing, and it gets the crowd going." Renelt has spent 12 years of her life competing in gymnastics with five years at the high school level and four years at the club level, while Janzen has competed for 13 years with eight of those years at club level. Both Renelt and Janzen coach younger gymnasts, and it will be keeping them busy. "After nationals, I plan to keep coaching gymnastics twice a week, rollerblading and spending time with my friends," Renelt said. Janzen agreed. "Besides spending time with my friends and boyfriend, I will be coaching little kids' gymnastics after the national competition." Meanwhile, Renelt and Janzen credit Falcon head coach Jeanne DeLisle for much of their individual success this season. "I look up to Jean a lot," Renelt said. "I trust her judgment. Also, she is supportive and wants me to have fun." Janzen agreed. "My coach is great," Janzen said. "I can talk to her about anything. She's a good person who knows her gymnastics. Renelt and Janzen look toward the national competition which will be this weekend at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. "If I place in the all-around competition making it to the second day, I'll be happy," Renelt said. "Either way, I'm just happy that I made it this far." "I'm just going to go up on the bars with confidence like I always do," Janzen said. "I'll be satisfied if I just make my routine."

Softball

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and other things to watch. And for the first time, they wouldn't be wrong. The Falcons will start the season on their annual spring break trip that this year takes them to California. They will play 10 games that will pit them against teams from Maine, Washington, and, oddly enough, Minnesota. "That's where all our work comes into action," Perkins said.

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THE SPORTS SECTION: THE PART YOU READ!



MONICA MANSKE

Springtime music, cinema, video

River Falls in the early transition toward spring is a lovely town.

A town emanating vibes of optimistic mischief. With the recent lovely weather, everyone seems cheery and merrily throwing heavy winter coats in their cars and dorm-room closets. Needless to say, this bright environment had its effect on me.

Hence, this week's edition is all about promoting the positive. You read that right kids, I'm in a good mood.

The cynic housed in the gray folds of my brain is sitting in a lawn chair by the river and smoking a cigarette with a smile. Don't be afraid, my dear lovers of sarcasm; no vacation can last forever. Here then are some random entertainment raves.

MUSIC
I beg all of you to purchase Rufus Wainwright's CD; this wonderful album will certainly promote all that is good within each and every one of you. Rufus' playful and powerful piano combined with excellent poetic lyrics makes his music perfect for study-time or those moments when one wishes to ponder their universe in a general sense.

"April Fools," a song frequently played on the radio, is a very good example of Rufus' genius. This man's talent for songwriting is demonstrated in songs like "Foolish Love" ("I don't want to hold you and feel so helpless... And smile in slow motion with eyes in love") and "Barcelona" ("The summer sun set a vicious circus when shadows held the world in place"). Few artists write lyrics as poignant as this.

The band "My Scarlet Life" put on an incredible show last week in Brandy's. Kudos to those students who brought this group to UW-River Falls with free admission. "My Scarlet Life" is hard to categorize; I'll simply describe their music as trippy. Picture "Enya" going through a Goth phase combined with massive amounts of electronica.

The lead vocalists, Julie Schreiber and Christy Cameron Smith, are incredibly well-matched. Their harmonizing has a trance-inducing effect. "My Scarlet Life" would probably be grouped under electronica at the music store, but their sound is truly unique.

CINEMA
"Still Crazy" is one of those rare movies that virtually anyone can enjoy. This film has it all; humor, important life messages (thankfully not of the DJ deals with braces "Full House" variety), catchy tunes, tragedy and triumph.

The plot involves a retired 70's glam rock band, "Strange Fruit," who stage a come-back tour after 20 years of separation.

Directed by Brian Gibson (Poltergeist II), the film goes from flashback to rounding up the members of the band from their various middle-aged occupations and sending them on a bus tour of small clubs. This story set-up works well, as the end is a huge concert. "Still Crazy" is like watching what would happen if Guns 'N' Roses regrouped in their forties. This film is a hilarious look at accepting who you are and appreciating others for their quirks at the same time. If you liked "The Commitments," you may be interested to know "Still Crazy" was also written by Dick Clement and Ian LaFrenais.

VIDEO FOR RENT
"Pecker," a John Waters film ("Serial Mom") is a witty commentary on modern art. Pecker (Eddie Furlong) is a pleasant boy who takes pictures of everyone in his daily Buffalo routine; his parents, his sugar-crazed little sister, his enthusiastically



Meddling Melinda

Dear Meddling Melinda,
I was dating this guy, "Mike," for a while when I discovered that he had a, how should I say it, interesting habit. He shaves--
DOWN THERE!! At first, I really didn't notice, or care, because it was just a little bit, and it wasn't bad. But when we talked about it, he told me that he and his friends get together and shave. Now, I am kinda freaked because I am not sure what his true meaning is behind his removing his "unwanted hair." To make things even worse, he's now shaving it ALL off, and I

don't know what to do. How should I tell him that I think that it's gross and ask him to stop?
Grossly Grossed Out

Dear Grossed Out,
Before I give you any advice, I have just one question. You mean to tell me this guy gets together with a couple of his friends and they start shaving their private parts? Not that it really matters to me, but are these friends guy friends or girl friends? I can't even begin to describe the image I have inside my head at this very moment.
Before I go on, I have a question for your boyfriend as well. Why did he even tell you about this little sexual compulsion of his? What was it supposed to do,

enlighten you or turn you on? Oh baby, shave my private parts? Can we get any more porno-like?

My advice to you is to run and hide. I know I would. To be honest, I have no problem with your boyfriend shaving his privates. Some people like being bald. What I do question is the "lets get together and have a shaving party" with his friends. If I were you, I'd find a new mate with a somewhat normal sexual appetite. I wouldn't even bother to tell him that you are grossed out by him shaving with his friends. I'd just say, I'd rather be friends with you.
-Meddling Melinda

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Events Calender

Saturday 20

Poems by Memory

-8 p.m. at the Bookpress

Spring Thing

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at BO's 'N' Mine

Julian of Norwich

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Monday 22

Marco Meeting

-4:15 at the Student Center in front of Mc Donalds.

By:

Jason Childress

and

Neil Rhines

"POINTS OF VIEW"

How do you feel about flag burning?



Chad Murray Senior

"It's every American's right."



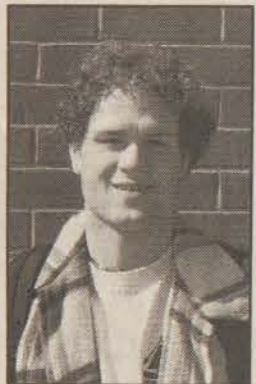
Laura Nielson Freshman

"I think that there is plenty of other stuff to burn, so you don't have to burn the flag."



Maya Arnott Senior

"It depends on how much a person thinks that it symbolizes."



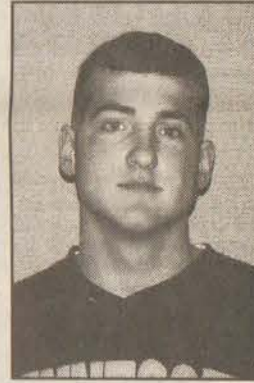
Joe Singewald Freshman

"It's an extreme form of protest."



Mark Nelson Freshman

"I don't think that it should be allowed because it represents our country."



Ryan Jones Freshman

"Leave the damn thing alone!"

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

Horoscope Forecasts



Neil Rhines
Columnist and this week's forecaster for the future

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

If you're paranoid, good. If not, then it's a great time to start. Look deeper into conspiracy theories and keep watching the X-Files.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Keep smiling, it makes people wonder what you're up to.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

As your forecaster, I highly recommend blowing off major quantities of steam over Spring Break.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

All is not always as it all might always appear to be.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Watch yourself over Spring Break. Keep it shiny side up and between the rud-abegas.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

Though the Y2K may be months away, it is never too early to start your stockpiling of automatic weapons and Campbell's Chunky Soup.

Libra (September 23 - October 23)

If you're trying to figure out what is going on and what is going on isn't going to be figured out, then get on figuring how to get it going and get yourself gone.

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)

If you feel like your life has been going around in circles lately, then stop walking in circles and get on with it.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

If you find yourself compelled to do something out of the ordinary, then do it, never mind what others might say.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 18)

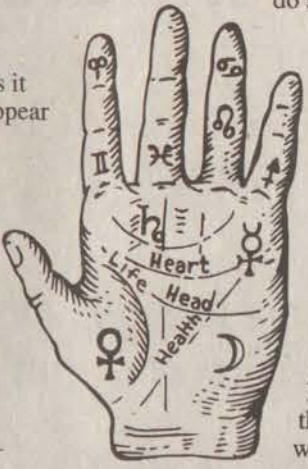
Take a break from the routine and indulge your curiosity for whatever passions may play.

Aquarius (January 19 - February 18)

Never mind the bollocks, there's just one more week until Spring Break.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Get your stuff together, it's almost springtime and you don't want to be stuck inside figuring out how to pass advanced algebra.



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The Setting

Here it is. It's St. Patrick's Day and I decided that before writing my column I would stop by the bar and have a few bubbly barley beverages before beginning barrel-ing my way through the bellview. These drinks are in honor of all of the Irish immigrants who were picked on in New England like in the movie "Far and Away."

Today I have a companion with me. His name is Dan Sanford and he's one swell character but I don't think either of us are truly Irish. O'well. The point is that I've got to write this column before 8 p.m. and I have no ideas. May St. Patrick be on our side.

Oh Wait... Dan just suggested I should tell you what this column is about. Good idea Dan!

This column is going to be a series of Mad Libs. So you fill in the blank; the funny responsibility is on your shoulders this week.

Adam forgot to tell you about another Irish Saint, St. Colmchille. Don't know too much... he had pretty gray eyes and he was a prince that became a monk, and there was something like he drove all the rats out of Ireland. Don't buy it about St. George and the snakes, all a rip off. Much better job at it though, because as far as I know there are no snakes in Ireland (not even before St. George, actually) but rats all over. Wear good boots if you go there.

The Rules,

So now for our collaborative efforts to create Mad Lib eulogies. (For those of you who don't know what a eulogy is: A eulogy is a funeral oration praising the deceased.) For those of you who aren't familiar with grammatical terms like noun or adjective you'll simply have to rely on your friends to help you through.

Here we go,

My father was the greatest (noun) _____ in the history of the (adj) _____ game. His fans called him (noun) _____ but no one ever (past tense verb) _____ when he (past tense verb) _____ his (noun) _____. I will miss his unforgettable (pl. noun) _____. I remember once when he was a student here at UW-RF he (past tense verb) _____ the entire (club organization) _____ much to the chagrin of (any random Dean of

students) _____. It (verb) _____ (past tense verb) _____ the (noun) _____ in the (body part) _____. (four-letter word) _____. (four-letter word) _____, man!

"The funny responsibility is on your shoulders this week."

Why did he have to die? Was it his fault he went and (past tense verb) _____. He didn't drink half as much as we did. He was a good man with (adj) _____ (noun) _____. He always said that college was a big load of (noun) _____. And (higher power) _____ (condemning verb) _____ it, he was right. (O reader we must apologize for breaking into this Mad Lib because Rain Man just came in to the room.)

"Mr. Rain Man, what do you have to say to our audience?"

"I definitely won't go to K-mart. K-Mart many sales, many dangerous. People run, 37 injuries during blue light specials in 1998. 1998. Yeah, definitely one thousand four hundred and fifteen toothpicks."

"Adam, let's get this autistic guy out of here. They always bug me." (Dan kicks Rain Man, he starts twitching on the floor and swallows his tongue.)

"Geez Dan, I think you killed him."

"Good! Blah blah, numbers, always so weird and- and dear Christ it's the ghost of St. Patrick coming to haunt me for murdering America's favorite half-wit!"

"Dan, you deserve to be severely (verb) _____ with a blunt (weapon, recommend club or cudgel or animal. If you want.) _____. Wouldst thou kill the beloved star of such (adj) _____ movies as The Graduate and Midnight Cowboy? My day is not for bloodshed."

"O' crap. Dan, who are we kidding? This thing keeps going on and on and we're still 400 words from being done. What do you say we forget this whole pile of words and go to the nudie bar in Hudson?"

"Hell and Brimstone, lad, it's not the time for that kind of talk. Did St. Colmchille give up when he copied and illuminated hundreds of pages of manuscripts? Did he ever, once, go to a nudie bar, even when he was exiled in Scotland and women undressed without so much as a farthing for doing so? Nay, nay, and just that kind of Irish fortitude will get us through this column."

"Alright, I see your point. I can follow through with this and I'll tell you why... Because I'm a good Goddamn American that doesn't need any mick saints to tell me when I can and can't drink. And for that matter, I'll drink whatever color drink I wanna drink because I'm a Whop Itai' with an attitude and a bottle."

"Did we Finnish that bottle yet?" "Only if your last name is (last name) _____."

"OK. Let's Finnish this column as long as we're out of booze."

Pop will not be forgotten, for he has (past tense verb) _____ in our hearts and minds repeatedly. But if you will recall that time my best friend (Proper noun) _____

(past tense verb) _____ (reflexive pronoun) _____ entire box of (plural noun) _____. Dad was cool with that. And that time your lady friend (past tense verb) _____ the low low scoundrel (first name) _____ Bon Jovi while she ate a bucket of anchovies.... Well, to tell the truth I think he kept the shame of that incident in his heart until the day he died.

But then there was that character that came out of the sky, (name of friend) _____, who swallowed their own (body part) _____. Dad laughed about that one.

I just don't know what to say about my father, many of you are his friends, many are his illegitimate children, whom we as a family have never recognized, like (name) _____. And some of you won't see a dime of his money despite your friendly advances. To you I say screw the money. Your inheritance is the memory of a (adj) _____ corpse that is now six feet under. Thus lies (pronoun) _____ a good person and big (adj) _____ of a man.

Dearly beloved now departed, Life had passed but still you farted

If only what had stopped your soul Had also plugged your bottom (Noun) _____.

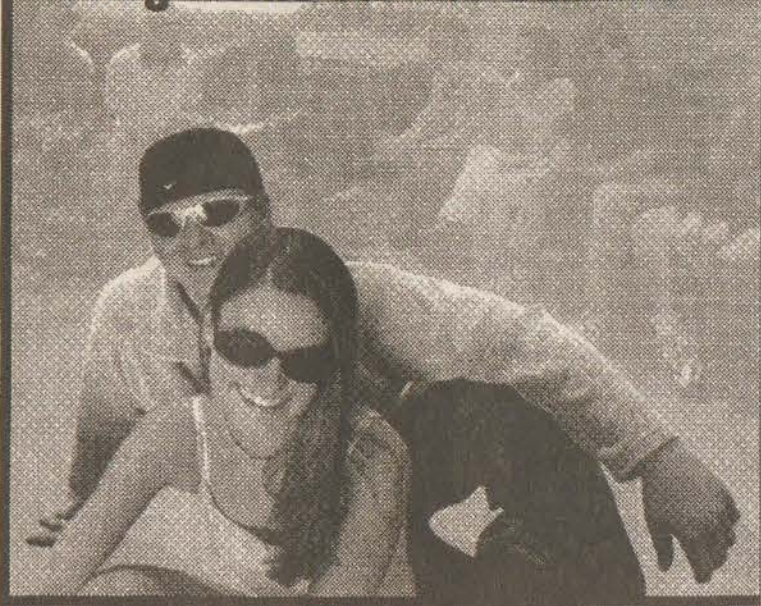
Manske/Music and Movies

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employed older sister (Martha Plimpton), his kleptomaniac best friend (Brendan Sexton a.k.a. Warren "Empire Records,") and his Laundromat obsessed girlfriend (Christina Ricci). These harmless pictures are "Pecker's" view of the world until they're discovered and exploited by a New York art gallery owner (Lili Taylor) is an absolutely hilarious look at the differ-

ences in American society. This movie is really interesting in part due to strong character development, and as a result of these believable characters the jokes and dialogue are scarily realistic. Normally Eddie Furlong's whiny voice is enough to send me into convulsions. However, this normally defective trait works to his advantage in "Pecker." Furlong's voice and acting fit the character well. All of the acting in "Pecker" is top-notch. If not for any of the afore mentioned perks, watch "Pecker" to hear the line, "Pubic hair causes crime."

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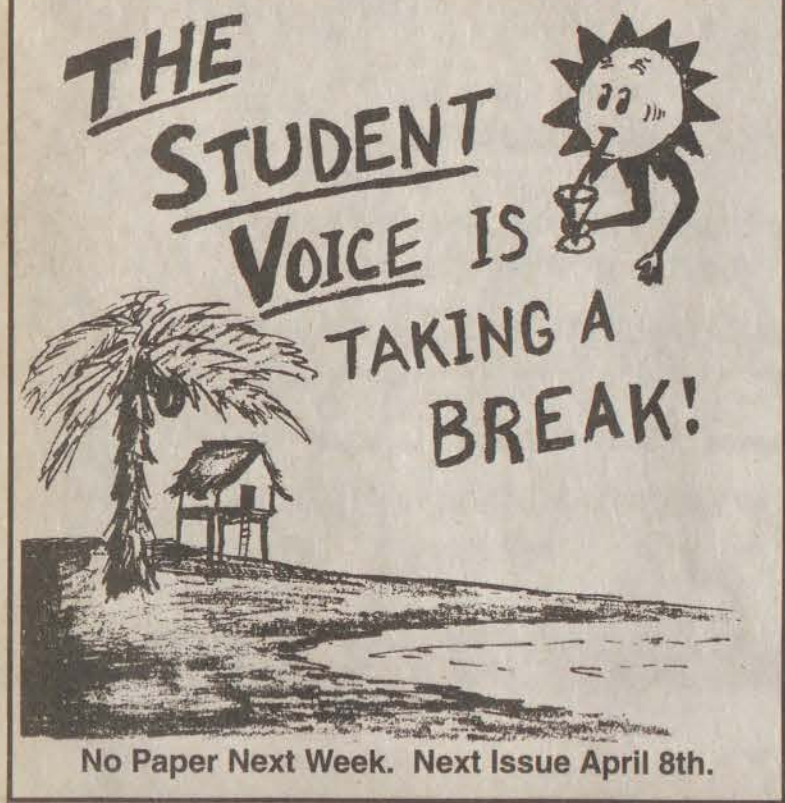
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Last week's answer: Only two more weeks till Spring Break! The

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