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Occasional rain with a high temperature of 69 and low temperature of 51

WEEKEND

Saturday: Rain will end and most of the day will be sunny with temperatures in the 60s

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Hyped for homecoming '98



Brandon Eytcheson / Photo Editor

Above: Sophomore Alpha Omicron Pi members Ali LaFontaine and Beth Cohhaughty paint a window in the Student Center on Tuesday during an organizational homecoming competition. Window painting was just one of several competitions and events held on campus this week.

Below: Junior Keith Krause casts a vote for homecoming royalty earlier this week. Juniors Ena Sage and Jese Ledbetter worked at the voting booth at the Student Center. Homecoming king and queen will be crowned Friday at 8 p.m. in the North Hall Auditorium.



Brandon Eytcheson / Photo Editor

UW-System plan to focus on diversity

■ New 10-year plan aims to emphasize encouragement, recruitment and retention of African American, Latino, Asian and Native American students

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

The UW-System's Plan 2008 is a vision to create a higher education system in Wisconsin that represents, reflects, respects and celebrates diverse persons, voices and perspectives within the global community.

"Its purpose is to diversify the UW-System's faculty, students and curriculum," said Lisa Reavill, chair of the diversity plan committee.

Plan 2008 is a 10-year plan that focuses on African Americans, Latinos and Asians with emphasis on Southeast Asians and Native Americans. The plan seeks to provide pre-college programming to these groups in an effort to encourage children at younger ages to consider college.

The 17-member committee, appointed by Chancellor Gary Thibodeau, held their first meeting on September 17.

"I think that diversity on this campus needs improvement," said student committee member Sharaine Smith. "I think this plan is a viable way to do that."

Under the UW-System's previous plan, Design for Diversity, the campus started a middle school program for these targeted groups, encouraging them to enter college. Lisa Reavill said the focus needs to be placed on even younger children.

"Under this new plan we are going to begin working with students from preschool age to their senior year of high school," she said.

A second part of this program is recruitment. The program aims to bring more students in each of the four focus groups into the UW-System.

"This is the only campus where students voted to put fees towards diversity programs," Reavill said. "UW-RF has always spent staff time and money for recruiting, but now even more is being allocated for it."

The third part of the program is retention. Retention activities are meant to

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Learn to be professional Job skills, opportunities at Career Fair

■ The annual Career Fair will be held at Karges Gymnasium on Tuesday, Oct. 20

Sarah Doyle
Staff Writer

Representatives from 100 companies will be stationed on campus Tuesday looking for prospective employees at the annual Career Fair.

The fair will be held in Karges Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The purpose of the fair is to give students the opportunity to make contacts in different industries.

Career Fair Coordinator Cheryl Martineau said there is something for everyone to do at the fair.

"We're noted to be a campus where the invited companies represent the college here," Martineau said.

An employer for every major will be represented at the fair. Martineau said not all positions are implied by the title of the company. Agriculture companies, for example, don't offer only agriculture positions.

"When you see a company and it's an agriculture company, don't be turned away," Martineau said. "Take a look at the different positions they have to offer and talk to them."

JOB PREPARATION

- Practice interviewing with employers
- Obtain free resume and cover letter critique
- Acquire tips on dressing for interviews
- Learn about the Employer Referral Program
- Learn stress reduction techniques
- Access graduate school information
- Gain information about portfolio development
- Assess personality and career interests

Source: Career Services

The Career Fair is a good place for students to look for internships. Through internships, students can work in various fields within their major while getting "hands-on experience," Martineau said.

She also said that people who have had previous internships can always apply for other internships. It gives them the opportunity to get more experience and also to work in different areas of interest, she said.

"The more experience you have in a field, the better," Martineau said. For seniors, the fair is an important job opportunity.

"The companies are there with immediate job openings," Martineau

said.

Employers will be accepting cover letters and resumes at the day-long fair.

On Monday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., company profile booklets will be available in the Student Center. The booklets will give information on various companies. They will include a brief description of the company, where it is located, positions available, the representatives available and interview contacts.

By studying the booklets, students can customize their cover letters and resumes before attending the fair.

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Officials urge Falcon Fest not to be a drinking fest

■ Security measures will not be increased during homecoming weekend; however, some UW-RF students' plans include "drinking like a fish"

Max Date
Staff Writer

Many students on campus are preparing for one of the biggest weekends of the year, homecoming. Rumors about tighter city police measures and security guards stationed in each residence hall have some students concerned.

Priscilla Stevens, UW-River Falls director of public safety, said the rumor was probably started because of an "adopt-an-officer" policy on campus.

"We don't even have enough (public safety officers) for each dorm," Stevens said. The adopt-an-officer program has an officer check in with each resident hall at their own discretion and is more of a public relations measure than anything, Stevens

"(Homecoming weekend) is traditionally a big weekend for alcohol use and abuse."

-Roger Leque,
River Falls police chief

caution.

"This will be a very active weekend for us," Leque said. "(Homecoming weekend) is traditionally a big weekend for alcohol use and abuse."

Leque said that the River Falls Police Department will be full staffed and will be called in to deal with problems, although he hopes that none arise.

"I'd just advise students to use good sense when approaching the weekend," he said.

Some students will have none of it, though. Junior Nick Harmon said that the weekend will be somewhat of a blur.

"My goal for the weekend is to get extremely trashed and not remember any of it," he said.

The goal of complete and total alcoholic annihilation is a common theme among many students for the weekend.

"I'm going to be drinking like a fish," said sophomore Chris Bergstrom.

Most of the students, police and public safety seem to be in

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BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UW-RF BLOCK AND BRIDLE ROYAL is a showmanship contest open to all UW-RF students with an interest in livestock. It is designed for entrants to learn about fitting and showing livestock. They may show as experienced or as novice (no previous experience in that species). Participants use animals provided by University Farms. Species shown include: beef, sheep, swine, dairy and horse. The Royal will be held on Oct. 31, at the UW-RF lab farm number one. There will be a hog roast following the Royal and a dance at 9 p.m. at P.R.'s Place. For more information contact Cara James at 426-7398 or Tammy Duve at 426-1149.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THE 23RD ANNUAL Crops Show and Contest on Nov. 3. Entry is \$3 per person. Categories include decorated pumpkins, longest ear of corn and many others. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top four entries in each category. Official rules and registration can be picked up outside Dr. Grueb's office at 311 AGS.

IMAGING WOMEN: BODY & MIND will be shown in Gallery 101 in KFA from Sept 30-Oct. 25. The exhibit features the work of three St. Paul based artists whose images explore the changing, aging female in a changing and aging world. Artists include Patricia Olson, Deborah McWatters Padgett and Maura Matula Williams. Gallery 101 hours: 9-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday - Friday; 2-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information contact the UW-RF Art Department at 425-3266.

NATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER DAVID SWANSON will give three presentations for the campus community Oct. 28-29. On Wednesday, Oct. 28 "New Breakthrough Job Hunting Techniques for the 21st Century," will be held at 2 p.m. in the President's room in the Student Center and at 6:30 p.m. "What Colors is Your Parachute in the 21st Century Job Market," will be held in the North Hall auditorium. On Thursday, Oct. 29, Swanson will be available for walk-in consultations between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Falcon nest area of the Student Center. At 4 p.m. "Resume Solutions to Effectively Landing Job Interviews," will be held in the International Room of the Student Center.

BLUEGRASS COUNTRY MUSIC CONCERT Ezekiel Lutheran church will be hosting Brady and Company for the listening enjoyment of all ages on October 21, at 7:15 p.m. Ezekial Lutheran is located on 202 Second Street, River Falls. For more information call 425-8289.

STUDENT READING SERIES Listen to poetry, short prose, and creative essays and/or ead at the open mikeon October 16 3:30-4:30 in the Davee Librarybreezeway. For information or sign up contact Susan at 426-1678.

30TH ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE SHEILA HARSDORF AND CANDIDATE KITTY RHOADES TO SPEAK at Pierce County Republican Party dinner on Saturday, October 24 at the Gas-Lite Restaurant west of Ellsworth. Social hour starts at 5 p.m.. For ticket information call (715) 772-4708.

SEMESTER ABROAD INFORMATION MEETING Spend fall semester studying and traveling Europe. Learn about the opportunities on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in 281 Kleinpell Fine Arts. For more information call David Heberlein, 425-3308.

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA AND SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT Director Kristin Tjornehoj will lead the ensembles on October 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Abbott Concert Hall. This event is free and open to public. For more information contact the music department at 425-3183.

SCHOLARSHIPS

MARK A. PURSLEY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION Scholarship, deadline - Oct. 15. Majors: Psychology, sociology, social work, counseling or related fields. Qualifications: junior or senior. Students having lived in, or having graduated from high school in the East Metro area of the Twin Cities are encouraged to apply. Students having lived in, or having graduated from high school in the South Washington County District are particularly encouraged to apply. Application materials available at Financial Assistance.

FOREST HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP dealline is Feb. 10, 1999. Qualifications: sole criterion for selection is a paper written by the student on any aspect of forest and conservation history of Wis. Application materials/additional information available at Financial Assistance.

FORD FOUNDATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS for Minorities. Deadline is Jan. 4, 1999. Application information available at Financial Assistance.

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE FOUNDATION Deadline is Nov. 16. Qualifications: be the son or daughter of a customer with a voting residence in the retail territory of WPS or the son or daughter of an employee; attend a college or university accredited by a regional or state accrediting agency; complete their highschool graduation requirements in the 98-99 academic year; enter college by Sept. 1999; be in the upper 10 percent of their graduation class. Application information available at Financial Assistance.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY:
STUDENT SENATE meets every Tues. at 6:30 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE meets every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Croix Room, Student Center.

HEY YOU! Are you looking for a place to release the tension of your classes? Come to Campus Crusade for Christ and find a place to relax and have fun. Anyone interested can go to Room 138 in Rodli Commons at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY:
BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ORGANIZATION (BCO) wants you to join us every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. for a fun, exciting, informal meeting. Good experience for all majors. Contact Chrissy Timm at (651) 451-3246, Jen Jorgensen at 426-5086 or Faculty Advisor Barbara Werner at 425-4895 (KFA Room 270) for more information.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP meets every Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the International Room. For more information call Joe at 425-8950.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY will meet October 21 at 5 p.m. in 331 Agricultural Science.

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

Vigil brings abuse victims together

Terry Schwaller
& Melinda Domzalski
Staff Writer

At age 9, I was sexually assaulted by a stranger. At age 13, I was sexually assaulted by a gang. At age 14, I was sexually assaulted by a doctor. "No child deserves this. Stop tearing us apart."

"No more secrets."
"Domestic abuse is your business."
"Stop the pain."

Victims of domestic abuse printed the above phrases on t-shirts, which were displayed at a candlelight vigil held by Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

The vigil was held at Veterans Park in River Falls this past Thursday night. It was a chance for victims of domestic abuse to come together and reflect on their past and how far they have come.

The song "How Come, How Long" by Stevie Wonder and Babyface opened the ceremony, while the attendees gathered and greeted each other. Many of the people in attendance took time to look at the display of t-shirts, which made the statement of how certain individuals felt about domestic abuse.

After a brief introduction of the staff and board members of Turning point, speaker Ed Vlack took center stage with his thoughts on domestic abuse.

Vlack, who is Family Court Commissioner for Pierce and St. Croix county, has overseen hundreds of domestic abuse cases during his ten year career as the commissioner. "I'm glad that I get the chance to speak about something I really care about, and that's kids."

The beginning of his speech, Vlack dedicated it a nine-month-old baby who is in the hospital after being assaulted by his parents. Vlack also made a special note that this baby is

one of a group of quadruplets who to could also be in danger. "My biggest fear," Vlack stated, "is how do kids express their fear?" In his speech, Vlack went on to describe what he meant by giving three examples of cases that he had been a part of.

The first involved a twenty-two month-old baby. The mother had come forward and admitted to abusing the child. Though Vlack felt that the mother had courage by coming forward, he said that there was still no excuse for the mother's treatment of the child.

The next involved a child who was under two years of age. The parents denied the charges of abuse. Since the child was too young to testify, it was up to a physician to make it clear that the child was a victim of domestic abuse.

The final case Vlack mentioned dealt with the custody of two children. Though the decision of who got custody was never revealed, it was mentioned that only hours after the decision had been made, the father shot the mother five times and killed her.

"How do kids in these situations even begin to tell you how afraid they really are?" Vlack asked the somber crowd.

After Vlack had concluded his speech, there was an open microphone session where each of the victims would be given a chance to say a few words if they wanted to.

Eight people took the opportunity to speak. Many of the speakers read poems that described how they felt, and also how far they had come since their abuse had ended.

"All the time I was being abused, I was afraid to get help. Now that I have got help," one victim said. I realize it was the ongoing abuse that I should have been afraid of."

After the open microphone session had ended, small, red candles were passed out amongst the group. Each



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice
T-shirts printed with messages for victims of domestic abuse were displayed at the candlelight vigil on October 8.

candle was then lit by passing on the flame from the candle of one of the other people in attendance.

Standing with candles lit, a small prayer called "The Red Thread Liturgy" was read. The prayer was focused at those who had suffered from domestic abuse, and those who had paid the ultimate price with their lives.

One of the phrases from the prayer read, "I was a victim! I did nothing wrong! I will not let guilt consume me."

After the reading of "The Red Thread Liturgy", flowers were passed out to everyone. After each person had a flower, the group went to a bridge that crossed over the Kinnickinnic River.

With candles burning in the dark, each-person threw their flower into the water, one by one, in remembrance of someone they had know, who had been a victim of abuse.

When the last flower was tossed, the candlelight vigil was concluded. Free brochures that each person

could pick up. One of the pamphlets contained information on domestic abuse and violence in the surrounding area.

The statistics cover Pierce, St. Croix, Dunn, Polk, and other surrounding counties.

From January to August of this year alone, 42 adults and 70 children had been victims of domestic abuse and were housed by Turningpoint alone.

During the same time frame, Turningpoint also received 502 referral calls and 1,740 crisis/support calls.

In St Croix County a total of 87 women, four men, and nine children were helped and taken out of domestic violent situations.

For help you can contact Turningpoint's 24-hour crisis line at 425-6751 or 1-800-345-5104.

Or for more information you can write to:

Turningpoint
P.O. Box 304
River Falls, WI 54022

Suited up



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice
Junior John Allen, a computer science and business administration major, checks out the deals at UW-River Falls first ever suit sale. The sale was held in the Student Center all week. Suits sold for \$15, jackets went for \$10, shirts and skirts each cost \$5 and ties were \$1. Sally Berkholder (shown) helped organize the sale.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Campus theft reported

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

A female student reported an incident in which a man appeared to be following her as she left the Davee Library at about 8 p.m. and walked towards Rodli Commons, two weeks ago.

She reported that when she left the library, she noticed the sound of footsteps in the grass behind her. She reached the street between KFA and the library and stopped to listen.

The person took two steps and stopped. She started to walk again and it sounded like the person was keeping pace with her.

At a light pole near the south entrance to KFA, she stopped and looked behind her. A man was standing still about 50 feet behind her on the grass south of the sidewalk.

She asked him if he needed help and when he didn't respond, she kept walking east. The man followed her until she met friends at the south entrance of Rodli Commons. He then turned around and walked west.

She described him as "a white male with thick, dark eyebrows, about

5'10", weighing around 180-200 pounds. He wore a dark sweatshirt and pants, with a dark stocking cap pulled tight to his scalp, folded up in front about two inches and black Adidas shoes with white vertical stripes."

Dan Curran, project manager for Simon Electric reported an equipment theft at the New Teachers Education Center. Found missing on September 23 were a Bosch Rotary Hammer Drill along with a Spindle Chipper bit and other materials. The drill, an industrial model, blue and weighing approximately 25 pounds. The drill bit is 2 x 12 and is worth \$110. The identification number is SE-4061.

A clock on the wall near the Davee Library ground floor lobby was stolen. Dan Asp of the Maintenance Department reported the theft after Joe Langer, a custodian, discovered the clock missing on October 5. The clock is a University Franklin clock and is worth \$75.

Asp also reported vandalism to an alarm inside Prucha hall October 6. The strobe of alarm was torn off and left hanging by a wire.

Alliance celebrates Coming Out Day

Mary Sandelands
Staff Writer

The Gay/Straight Alliance(GSA)celebrated National Coming Out Day last week, without a hitch.

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Oct. 11, is a day for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) communities. A day created for members of the community to 'come out' while surrounded by supportive people.

Part of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual history month founded by Rodney Wilson, a high school history teacher in St. Louis, NCOD is now celebrated across the U.S.

GSA, a student organization at UW-River Falls, held a movie night, a dance and a religious panel to celebrate and educate people about homosexuality for NCOD.

"I want the campus as a whole...to realize that there are LGBT students at UW-RF," said Joe, a member of GSA.

GSA held these events the week prior to Oct. 11, ending with chalking the sidewalks of UW-RF on Friday. GSA chalked at 5 a.m. this year. Other years the chalking done at 10 p.m. and some hateful slurs were written in censure. Members of GSA felt threatened by some more severe remarks from last year.

"I was genuinely afraid for people's well being," said Melissa Richie, president of GSA.

The early morning chalking was done to avoid any retaliation. The school considers the day of chalking a day of free speech and therefore won't wash any chalking off.

"Would we wash that off and leave the others? No," said Roger Ballou, Dean of Students.

Ballou said that he couldn't explain or understand why anyone would hate someone because of his or her sexuality or race.

Some members of GSA show an indifference to any hate-slurs. They try to avoid confrontation, but would prefer it not to be there at all.

The school does take the matter seriously and has organized the Safe Space Program and The Chancellor's Ad Hoc Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues. The latter is a committee that meets monthly during the academic year. The Safe Space Program is a product of the committee designed to identify safe and supportive people.

A card, with a pink triangle, displayed in office windows distinguishes members. The Safe Space Program "is for anyone feeling harassed" said Wade Warner, chairman of the chancellor's committee.

Roger Ballou said that the school wants to be considered a safe, secure, welcoming place that encourages students.

All three school organizations a formed by homosexual and heterosexual members.

"In addition to there being gay people on this campus, there are also plenty of heterosexuals who support them," said Amanda Schumacher, secretary/treasurer of GSA. "Students should know that when anti-gay slurs are made, it hurts a lot more people than they may be aware of."

Many members of GSA did not want their full names printed. "I really don't feel like fielding harassing phone calls as I and others have in the past," Joe said.

"The fact that members are unwilling to share their names shows the continuing need for SSP and the committee," claimed Wade Warner.

GSA is a more social and casual group formed by heterosexual and homosexual students. Run by students and for students, it offers support for anyone who needs it.

GSA is a place where students can feel comfortable with their sexuality. It has helped many students deal with the pressure of 'coming out' at school.

One member who came out last year said, "Coming out tells you who your friends are." This member chose to stay anonymous.

The overall view from GSA is that UW-RF is a pretty safe place, "The faculty are phenomenal," expressed Melissa Richie.

However, as one anonymous student put it, "I don't think that anywhere is safe, people are crazy everywhere."

GSA meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Student Center. Anyone may attend to show support.

Panel uses Bible to discuss homosexuality

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

The panel members of "Homo sexuality and the Bible" argued last Thursday night that a relationship between a homosexual couple is not condemned in the Bible.

Four panelists, who work in religious leadership positions, spoke of their convictions on homosexuality, using the Bible as a reference.

The panel was presented by the UW-River Falls Gay/Straight Alliance and the United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE).

"The panel chose the Bible as text because they grew up with the Bible and it is familiar to most people," said panel moderator Bridget Serig, the campus ministry coordinator for UMHE.

Panelists stood up and introduced themselves to the audience, talking about their background and experience.

"Anyone who is on a spiritual journey is welcome," said Rev. Paul Graetz of All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church in Minneapolis. "No one is a second-class Christian."

Dennis Galvin is a Christian Brother in the Roman Catholic Church. He serves as a retreat director at the House of Remembering and Prayer in Stillwater, Minn.

"The retreat's main goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment in schools for gay/bisexual youth," Galvin said. "I have worked with the Christian Brothers since I've come out."

Cindy Crane, an ordained ELC for 10 years, organizes seminars for attorneys and educators to confront church and state issues, especially discrimination against homosexuals.

Rev. Janice Best is the pastor at the

Eau Claire Lake Street United Methodist Church, an open and affirming church that ministers to gays and lesbians. Best also serves on the Ryan White Title 11 Consortium and the AIDS Resource Center at Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

"The Lake Street United Methodist Church is the first place of worship in Wisconsin to sponsor an AIDS Care Team that I have worked on," Best said.

Serig opened the discussion by advising the audience to be open to yourself, to their expertise and to the spirit in this room.

"We're not here to recruit you or change your viewpoints," Serig said.

The discussion started with the interpretations of the purity laws found in Book of Leviticus, notably chapter 18, verse 22, in which God calls homosexuality "an abomination."

"It's believed that Leviticus was written during or after the Babylonian exile," Crane said. "The Hebrews were captured by the Babylonians and introduced to idolatry and the Cananite religion, which practiced homosexual and sexual prostitution acts to worship their gods."

"The Hebrews were tempted by this religion and their reaction to idolatry and homosexuality was strong."

The purity laws were made in order to keep the Hebrew nation separate and distinctive from other nations.

"The Jewish laws were their guardian," Rev. Graetz said. "The laws defined the Jews as a separate nation."

The Bible mentions homosexuality only in reference to idolatry or other religions.

"In Leviticus, there is no understanding of a committed homosexual relationship," Crane said. "Homosexuality was always connected to

prostitution and idolatry. No place in the Bible mentions that a committed homosexual was condemned as we understand the Bible today."

The panel did suggest that possible homosexual relationships between biblical characters existed such as David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi, Jesus and John and Paul.

"David and Jonathan may have had a homosexual relationship, that was acceptable because they were both soldiers," Crane said.

The panel used the story of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) as an example from the Bible to illustrate that homosexual acts combined with violence is looked down upon.

The panel's main arguments was that a loving, caring, committed homosexual relationship is not the same as homosexual acts included with idolatry and violence.

"Rape and violence have nothing to do with consensual sex," Rev. Graetz said.

Rev. Graetz shared his testimony as a gay Christian.

"At age nine, I believed that I was called to the ministry by God," Graetz said. "I prayed to God 'make me the man you want me to be.' I didn't choose to be gay. God made me a gay man."

Jim Kjelgaard, professor in the Ag Engineering department, also gave his personal insight about the Bible and homosexuality.

"My understanding is that the Bible should be plain to us," Kjelgaard said. "God has provided a written document, the Holy Bible, as our guide."

The panels' goal was to provide answers, but after the two and a half-hour discussion, the audience left silently after Rev. Best closed in prayer.

Can you dig it?



Jennifer Eberspacher/The Student Voice

Campus organizations had 15 minutes to create a sand sculpture of Freddy the Falcon for Homecoming. The sculptures were judged on quality, originality and the use of the theme "Falcon Fest."

Plan 2008

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keep target groups in college once they are enrolled. According to Reavill, UW-RF has student organizations and Academic Success Programs that provide help for students so they feel more comfortable on campus.

The diversity requirement, which was established nine years ago, will remain intact under Plan 2008.

"The diversity requirement is very important to this campus," Reavill said. "I think it helps students in the focus groups feel more comfortable on campus."

According to Reavill, the number of students from the four focus groups has doubled at UW-RF in the past four years. She said she hopes the results will grow even more in the next four years.

Dean of Students Roger Ballou is also part of the committee writing the plan. Ballou said that in the past seven years he has seen small increases in the number of students

from each of the focus groups. But he has seen a significant increase in the acceptance of diversity at UW-RF.

"There has only been a slight increase in students of color at UW-RF, but this campus has become much more hospitable to diversity," he said. "With Plan 2008, we have many more multicultural goals. One of our biggest goals is to have 275-300 students of color on this campus by the year 2001. We currently have

215."

Reavill said one point that she wants to make very clear is that Plan 2008 is a new plan with new goals and ideas.

"Plan 2008 is not a continuation of Design for Diversity, but another 10-year-plan with the same purpose," Reavill said. "It started over with the knowledge we gained from the previous plan in hopes to achieve even better results."

Homecoming

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accord on one major issue: the weekend should be a good time. Just what kind of good time is up for some interpretation.

"My advice for students is to get involved and have some fun," Stevens said. "But be reasonable about the fun."

Stevens said the police will be

working with campus security like they normally do. They will be at the football game, and after that, they will be called in if needed.

Many students seem to think that the security should be relaxed for one weekend out of the year.

"They need to be more laid back about handling out minors," said junior Travis Bellman. "They should

worry more about when students are driving drunk or are causing trouble."

But Leque said officers still have to uphold the law even though it is homecoming weekend.

"We're going to be there to deal with problems," Leque said. "But we really hope that there aren't any problems."

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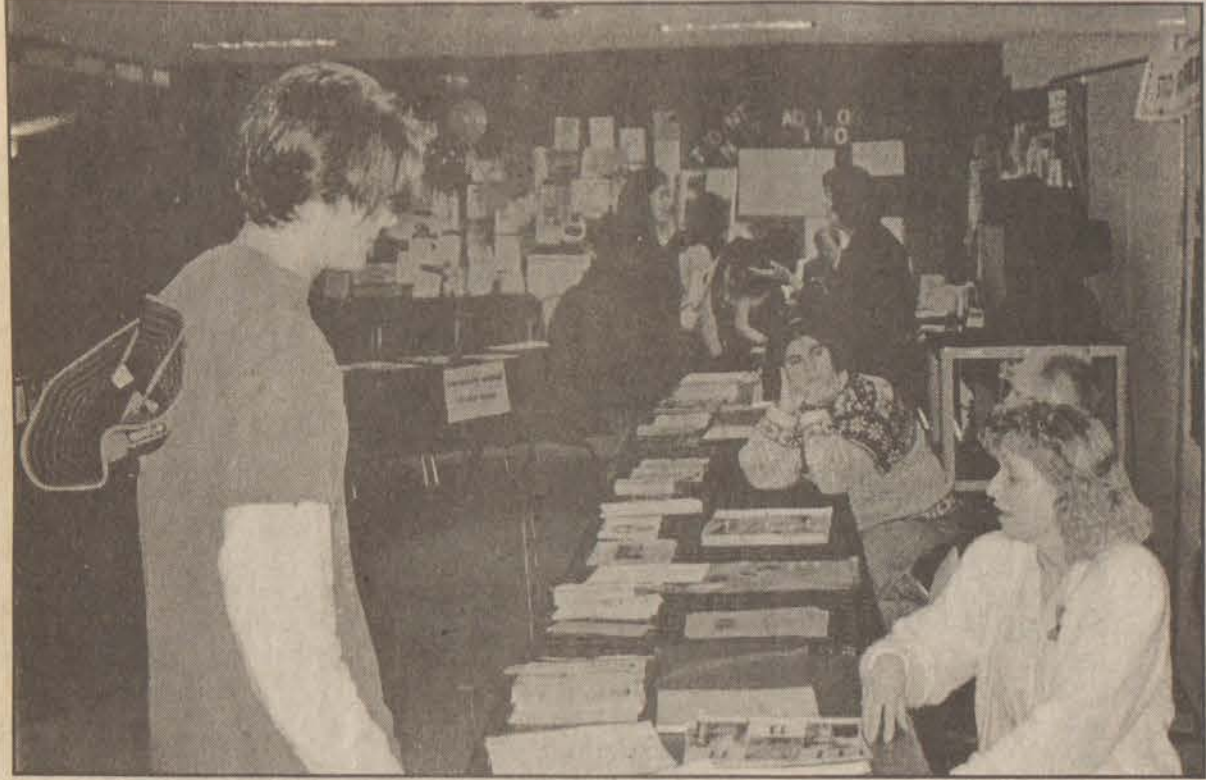
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Study abroad widens education



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice
Alex Schitz, UW-River Falls Broad Field science major, attended the Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday in the Student Center.

Christy Brendel
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself on a picnic in Ober-Eschbach. Wait a minute. The town of Ober-Eschbach, that is in Germany, isn't it? What would you be doing in France or Germany? If you are interested, you could be spending a semester, studying, traveling, and learning about a different culture firsthand. UW-River Falls semester abroad programs are open to all majors and offers the flexibility by allowing you to choose location and curriculum. Established in 1963, international programs allow students to establish exactly what they want to learn. The students pick a research project to study while in the country of their choice. Participating students are required to prepare a 60-page project during the spring before their departure. Before their international study begins, students attend meetings every Tuesday night to get answers questions they may have. These sessions help prepare students for their next semester. The meetings cover

things like what to pack, what to eat, how to obtain rail passes, and where to stay. These meetings will also help students contact people in the country they wish to visit. Through e-mail, it is possible to set up arrangements months in advance. Fluency in the country's language is not necessary, actually, only about half of the students that go every year have any language training at all. Then, around Labor Day, the students fly with one faculty advisor to Paris, where they stay together in a youth hostel for the first week. After that, everyone is off to their own country. Six to eight weeks are spent researching projects in the most comfortable fashion, whether on a farm, in a school, in the natural environment, or perhaps by staying with a host family. Advisors meet with the students for one day during this time to discuss how everything is going, and then in November everyone meets, this time in Barcelona, for one week. After that week, the students are free to return to their research, to go traveling, or to do whatever they want.

During the trip, up to six credits can be earned towards a major, and another six can be earned towards elective credits. While the students are gone in the fall, their advisors register them for spring classes. The cost of the program is not fixed, as a student's lifestyle will affect how much is spent. Roughly, students are advised to bring \$3,000 with them for spending money, and the other costs are estimated as: \$1,200 for tuition; \$1,000 for airfare and the Paris stay; and around \$1,000 for the rail pass, although these prices may vary. Students are advised to keep a journal or diary while on their trip, or perhaps even to begin a rough draft of their project before returning to the U.S. Financial aid is available through the financial aid office, located in North Hall. There are special loans, as well as some scholarships and grants, available for semester abroad students. Questions about study abroad should be directed to David Heberlein, at 425-3308, or Katrina Larsen, at 425-3276.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Senate warns tuition may rise

Max Date
Staff Writer

Tuesday's Student Senate meeting featured discussion about a possible tuition increase and a visit from UW-River Falls campus planner Dale Braun. Braun visited the Senate to discuss the possible location of the new Programming Center, which has encountered problems recently because of an objection to the original site by the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Braun said that there would be "an exhaustive evaluation of alternatives," possibly including a site around the Hagestad Student Center. The initial deadline was revised from this month to March 1, 1999. The problems with the Student Center locale could be because of unfinished planning for the Physical Education Department. Braun called the whole scenario as of the moment "a little convoluted." Any funding for the project are all but a wish now. The university foundation was not interested in donating. Braun discussed the progress of the expected new residence hall, to be located by the tennis courts south of Crabtree Hall. Braun said he had toured colleges like Macalaster to get a rough idea of the project, but claimed a bit of "sticker shock" when he saw the proposed cost. Where the fees go In the United Council reports, sen-

ate member Chris Silver discussed implementing possibilities for "Southworth." Southworth v. Grebe, et al., a lawsuit that was filed by three UW-Madison Law students versus the UW-Board of Regents. The students disagreed to the use of their student fees to go to "political and ideological" groups that they personally objected to (Examples of "political and ideological" would be the 10 percent society, et cetera). The students fees on campus costs roughly \$10-15 per student, according to Theresa Zirbel. The Senate said that they are against the case, like the campus' democratic style of funding. Zirbel also mentioned that the students' lawsuit is being funded by an Arizona-based group. Silver said that there were several options to implement new fees policies on campus, such as paying for none or paying for all, or by defining what actually consists of a political or ideological group. The latter was said to be the favorite right now of the choices. A tuition increase In other United Council news, senate member Paige Steele said the UW system financial aid may start to be adjusted to support increases in tuition during 1999-2001. Steele said that tuition may be as high as the 25 percent hike that was experienced between 1995-1997. In other news: Senate President Mac Guptil said

there would be a Student Association Student Senate dance next Tuesday from 9 p.m. to midnight. The purpose of this is for students to meet the Senators, and get involved with Senate. He also encouraged the setting up of a web page for the Student Senate, to make things more accessible to the students. Senate accepted the resignations of Tosia Priebe and Sharon Willig from the Student Senate, due to lack of time. Priebe (Curriculum and Alumni Relations) and Willig (Curriculum and Campus Planning) were also removed from their respective committees. The following students were appointed to the respective committees: Jeffrey Coogins and Kari Nelson (Student Academic Success Center Advisory Board), Kari Mahar (Diversity Issues), and Theresa Zirbel (Student Organizations and Health Services). The following senators were appointed to student senate committees: Jon Proehl (Legislative Issues), Stephanie Biondi (Shared Governance), Eric Hanson (Justice and Ethics), and Morgan Jindrich (Diversity Issues). The senators were also appointed to faculty senate committees: Proehl (Alumni Relations and Faculty Salary), Biondi (Academic Standards and Curriculum), Hanson (Athletics and Library), and Jindrich (Faculty Welfare & Personnel Policy and Legislative Advisory).

Career Fair

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Martineau believes a benefit of the fair is that students can speak with employers directly. "It's important to make personal contact," she said. A variety of services will be offered on Tuesday. From noon to 2 p.m., a career walk-through workshop in the carpeted area of the Student Center will include representatives from several companies. Representatives will be available for mock interviews but reservations must be made ahead of time. Contact Career Services in Hathorn Hall. All the programs are sponsored by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education and Graduate Studies, the School of Business and Career Services.



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EDITORIAL

Students should plan before graduation

Whenever students feel lazy, they should think of a free poster some UWRF are given freshmen. 'After four years I will...' It is disappointing that some UW-RF students don't take the time to complete this statement before graduation.

Attending class is only the first step in exploring career options and strengthening skills.

It is amazing how many students spend most of their time in their rooms doing things other than studying. Video games, solitaire on personal computers and excessive online chatting only aid in perpetuating common stereotypes many people hold depicting college students as pizza-eating, half-dead and drunken individuals stuck in between a campus and the real world.

Students need to prove to future employers during interviews they don't fit this description. Isn't that hard to do if the weekly highlight is the high score on computerized cribbage?

Extracurricular activities, internships and volunteer experiences are all necessary to plan ahead before graduation. Take the time to invest in your future. There are many chances.

HINT: Career Fair in Hagstad Student Center, October 20 and 21.

"Attending class is only the first step in exploring career options and strengthening skills."

Television causes communication collapse

It's winter again (or at least it's freakin' cold outside). This time of year, people begin to hunker down, tape up the windows and hibernate. The days get shorter, the color disappears and time is filled with that little flashing box we call television.

Life revolves around "Mustsee TV"; people alter class and work schedules around Monday night football. We are slaves to this device. We eat what it tells us to eat and drive what it tells us to drive. "Whatever the advertising man says."

It is futile to resist. We cut our hair like our favorite sitcom characters. We compare our own life situations to the ridiculously simplified fictitious situations on television shows. Television is downright evil.

The only remotely relevant argument I have heard regarding television's contribution to society involves the scattering of information. Even this argument is flawed when held up to the light. What information do we get on TV? Oprah crying over a makeover? Even the History Channel feels it cannot hold an audience without lots of shiny objects and loud explosions.

So-called "mainstream" news is no better. In the 30 seconds that aren't devoted to murders, fires, or murders by fire (the "if it bleeds it leads" theory), their efforts at reporting real issues are pathetic at best. Reality consists of sound bites. They seem

only capable of reporting on events that relate to issues, not the issues themselves. They won't run a report simply on international affairs unless it involves the President puking on a head of state. They don't seem willing to probe an issue unless it surrounds a catastrophic event and there is video

JASON CHILDRESS

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of it.

This is why print will never die.

I don't even want to get started on the hacks and con-men who pass themselves off as preachers on TV. I wouldn't want to offend any more of God's soldiers (Although, it is comforting to know you're all praying for me. Take comfort when I tell you that I sincerely sleep better at night knowing you're all holding hands in a river somewhere praying for my soul.)

Either way, it seems they will give any lunatic a TV show these days.

My point???? Turn the damn thing off!!! Television is bad, to put it bluntly. To be more eloquent, television is responsible for the exponential decay of society. This device becomes the centerpiece of homes. Family conversation around the dinner table is replaced with eerie silence and

the sounds of chewing and slurping as family members devour takeout pizza and stare blankly into the abyss of television.

We are no longer content with social interaction. We need video games and million-dollar movies (full of the same shiny objects and explosions the History Channel relies on) to fill in space and hide the fact that we really don't want to talk to one another. We're sick. We're afraid of communicating.

When we communicate, we might hear something we don't want to hear. With the nurturing hum of the television always on, we feel safe. Surely television will take care of us and keep us free from unpleasantness (or at least de-personalize it). All conflicts are solved and status quo is triumphantly returned to in 30 minutes.

How comforting.

Television is not about the dissemination of information, it's about escape. Television is a drug -- a cheap way to escape the pain of being alive. Only the side effects are catastrophic.

So I say to you...turn away from the light. Embrace life and all the highs and lows that come with living it. Don't shut off intelligent conversation to hide in front of the television. Control it, don't let it control you. Better yet, throw the thing away or make it into something useful. Subscribe to a newspaper (for those very few nuggets of information you can't get from *The Voice*).

Whereas broadcast media is commercialized fluff, print is focused and issues oriented (Don't forget to patronize our sponsors, though. Why let the "commercialized fluff" people tell you what to eat and drive when we can do that for you.). Live a television-free life, a happy life, a good life. "Shine on you crazy diamonds."

The gray line between good and evil
Anti-abortion activists fighting from both sides

Murdered children slashed from their mother's wombs by grinning toothless executioners only minutes before birth. Screams of horror and maniacal laughter firing through the rotund caverns of a subterranean medieval dungeon. The only witness to these horrors, the animal fat torches that burn and drip as their life is slowly exhausted by the incinerating demon devouring their flesh. The precipitate corpses are exhumed from a crusading border patrol. Giant fetuses displayed like a kingdom's war dead on funeral pyres. Masses chanting allegiance. Legions whipped into frenzied roars of revenge by brigade commanders as they march through their city's arches to avenge their unborn dead.

Broken Jewish bodies in grainy black and white. American GIs pouring through obliterated barbed wire fences. Black uniforms with laughing silver skulls and crossbones fire remorselessly into the GIs but are over run and sent to the black hole that their souls shall spend eternity in. Colorless, vacant, questioning stares, wonder how such evil exists in the universe. What vast pit of darkness do these horrors emanate from? The festering wounds of their black and white bodies testament to the pure and utter savagery mankind has brought upon itself in a time of an ungodly New Roman Empire. Stand up brothers and sisters relinquish your muzzles and spiritual chains! We will stand and fight as one! We will fight for the unborn who have no voice! We shall fight all unjust foreign, internal and external evils of the world! Unite, God shall resume his true place as the head of our country!

These are the images and voices that screamed at me as I came upon at the intersection of Cascade and South Main Street this summer. The scenarios above were realized to me through an anti-abortion demonstration taking place. I was assaulted in every angle by accusing 10-foot high billboards of aborted fetuses' gory remains, displayed for all to see. There must have been about ten of them positioned in every which way. You absolutely had to see them if you passed through the intersection. Children conspicuously played around the signs as their parents looked on with Cheshire smiles. The contradiction between the children and the giant aborted fetuses was purely savage.

When I first came upon this conundrum, I

didn't know what the hell to think. My defense was calloused indifference, an ability which was cast to me by an image engrossed media that trivializes pain and suffering. I took it all in, as I had no choice, I was literally assaulted with these images of violence and despair. Children, sitting out in front of the signs eating Dairy Queen ice cream having a great summer day snarled any

MARC DITTOFF

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understanding that I tried to have. They could have been in Disney World preparing to ride Space Mountain. Instead, they were oddly all hanging around these awful signs of aborted mess. I found this strange because I have never known a kid that enjoys hanging around large signs of aborted fetuses. I then came upon a sign that on the upper portion was an aborted fetus, and on the bottom half, a black and white picture of what appeared to be a mass grave of slain Jews from a WWII concentration camp. The caption read, "6 million dead, 15 million and counting." This in itself began a cascade of emotions as the whole picture started to culminate within my brain. I began to see the entire framework of this "rally" within its context. It was images, images to foster a calculated emotional response.

What was this display really saying I asked? What did they want me to think or feel? The calculated response was supposed to be one I described in the paragraphs above, summarizing epic stories of good vs. evil. Pictures of right and wrong, good and bad. A truth as black and white as the grainy pictures of the contorted emaciated bodies of the dead Jews. A picture which has been socialized into our heads as evil; one that only a pure monster could dare question. The smiling children eating ice cream became a testament to the gift of life, of pure innocence and good. The dead fetuses coupled with the dead Jews as if to say we once avenged their deaths, now let us unite against the same evil as we did in a simpler black and white time. We are correct now, just as we were in WWII.

Through this manufactured billboard of uncomplicated truth in a harsh, complicated world, I began to notice other currents flowing within this spectacle. Uneasiness began to churn in my gut as

my evil rational mind began to question what I was seeing. The children were not present because of their own decree. They had been paid. They had been recruited (with ice cream, their currency of choice at the time) to serve a purpose. To forward the adult's political, social, and religious objectives. They were being used just as the signs were used to evoke emotion and a calculated response.

Just as this became evident to me, the ghastly faces of the dead concentration camp victims flashed before my eyes. These views of the dead were not meant to mourn the people in the picture or to protest the vile dog of genocide, but to harvest the emotions common in American society that we feel when viewing these images. Twisting it into the cloak of anti-abortion sentiment. To use the deaths and torture of millions and quantify it into a political manifesto of their choice. One that takes away any independent thought, bringing it down to them and us. The bloodthirsty, toothless executioners and the brilliant, just crusaders.

At this point, I became quite taken aback by the ramifications of this utter display of textbook propaganda. These people were inciting the core of political and religious fanaticism that has plagued mankind for centuries. The same tools that brought into fruition the calculated slaughter of the same Jews on their own billboards. The tools Stalin, Mao, and Suharto used in their bloody purges. I find these actions absolutely vial and undeniably wrong. The same things that these protesters were supposedly holding in esteem and honor became nothing more than a cheap propaganda tool. The children became one with the signs, nothing but cheap plaster, ink, and cardboard. An image, not a person or entity. The dead Jews an empty, combustible fiery rhetoric, no different from "Seig Heil."

The actions of these protesters are both frightening and appalling. The people who were involved in this display of unabashed dogmatic propaganda should take stock of their actions and ask themselves if victory in their battle shall come at any cost. The assassins that murdered the abortion doctors in previous years have made their decision. How many more will be driven over the edge to absolute war by your fanatical tentacles? Please end this Goebbels-style war of images and words. This is not a question of "winning their hearts and minds." I challenge your assumptions that I shall be taken like a sheep by your simplistic radical view of reality. I challenge that everything right and just is behind you. I challenge your Gestapo-style propaganda regime in which I am a murderer for questioning both your ethics and cause. I challenge your underlying motives and extent to which you are willing to go to achieve your goal.

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by Brad Renner

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Higher education in jeopardy

Tuition has gone up — again. Last summer I worked between 65 to 75 hours a week to afford the college tuition here. The amount that I saved did not nearly equal the tuition here plus the added expenses of gas for my car or food. One of my friends did not return to school here this year because she did not have enough money, and financial aid did not cover enough of her expenses.

Does this seem fair to you?

From 1997-99, tuition has gone up more than twice the rate of inflation. For the next 1999-2001 biennium the estimated tuition increase will be between 17.8 percent and 27.5 percent — unless we as students take a stand. Access to a quality, affordable public education in Wisconsin is quickly eroding away. State support for the UW-system has been dwindling. In fact, from the 1994-95 academic year to the 1997-98 academic year, state support for the UW-system actually went down 4 percent when adjusted for inflation.

Huh!?!?! The state is supporting public higher education less and less, shifting a greater burden to students. This has got to end. Higher education is an investment in Wisconsin's future. The UW-system is key to the stability of this state's economy. It is time that the government do its share and support its future.

We must make our elected officials accountable! This fall, it is important for each of us to vote and let our voices be heard to the elected officials. As students, we must send a message loud and clear that continued attacks on us will not be tolerated!

Paige Steele

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This weekend will be pleasant as showers will move through River Falls on Friday, but Saturday will be sunny and pleasant. This should be good news to everyone who will spend homecoming weekend out and about.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Average	60	40
Record	85	25
	(1968)	(1974)
Yesterday	62	50

Precipitation

	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	—	—
This Month	—	0.18"

Sky Data

Length of day:	11 hours, 25 min.
Sunrise	8:20 a.m.
Sunset	7:42 p.m.
Moonrise	10:51 p.m.
Moonset	12:48 a.m.

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FINAL SCORES
FOOTBALL

River Falls 39, Platteville 0

VOLLEYBALL

River Falls 3, Bethel 1
River Falls 3, Macalester 1
River Falls 3, St. Thomas 0

SOCCER

River Falls 1, Bethel 0
River Falls 0, Platteville 0
River Falls 1, Whitewater 1

TENNIS

Lawrence 5, River Falls 4
Oshkosh 6, River Falls 3
Eau Claire 9, River Falls 0J A S O N
EGERSTROMPrediction:
Falcons 42, Stout 38

Don't let the Falcons' 42-34 football loss last season at Stout fool you, the Falcons (3-0, 4-1) will defeat the explosive Blue Devils (1-1, 3-2) this weekend. But it won't be easy.

Falcons' pass defense vs Stout's pass offense. The Falcons' defensive backfield was abused by Stout quarterback Matt Bunyan in last season's loss. And Stout wide receiver Jesse Witcraft caused havoc for the Falcons by catching three touchdown passes, including one 63-yard reception and a 74-yard scoring play.

And this Saturday, Witcraft and Bunyan both return for a rematch with the Falcons. The Blue Devils' stars come to Ramey Field with some momentum following an impressive 35-7 victory over Eau Claire last weekend. In that game, Bunyan tossed for five touchdowns and a school-record 444 yards. Meanwhile, Witcraft was one of three Stout receivers to record 100-plus yards receiving in the win as he caught three passes for 129 yards and one touchdown.

Stout will move the ball through the air with ease against the Falcons. Remember just two weeks ago, the Falcons' defense allowed six touchdown passes and 459 passing yards to a similar talent-rich passing Oshkosh offense.

The Falcons will literally give the Stout passing attack anything underneath coverage in hoping to prevent Witcraft's uncanny speed from beating them deep.

Falcons' rushing offense
vs Stout's rushing defense

The Falcons' wishbone attack has been more than productive the last two weeks: 579 rushing yards against Oshkosh and 440 rushing yards last week in Platteville.

The Falcons' newest play, the mid-line belly, has the Falcons' halfbacks carry the ball directly up the middle of the line behind the fullback. And more importantly, just as it was for the Platteville and Oshkosh defenses, the play is one that the Stout defense has yet to see from the Falcons, providing for some big-play potential on Saturday.

The Falcons' offense will have continued success against Stout. The new play attracts all 11 defenders to the middle of the field and should open up things on the outside for the Falcons quick halfbacks.

The Falcons offense will score quickly and often on Saturday because its running attack is balanced. Quarterback Randy Johnson, fullback Andy Kruger and halfbacks Michael Grant, Nick Scribner, Taylor Hall and Mark Shepherdson all have the talent to carry the team to victory.

In last season's loss at Stout, the Falcons offense produced 34 points and 441 yards on the ground. The Falcons even had a shot to tie the contest but a Johnson 10-yard pass attempt fell incomplete in the end zone on the game's final play.

See "Prediction" page B2

FOOTBALL FACT: The Falcons' rushing attack ranks second in NCAA Div. III competition averaging 372.2 rushing yards per game after five contests.

Runners place 10th

The Falcon cross country team is peaking at the right time as it prepares for its final regular season meet

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams competed in their fourth meet of the year on Saturday, this one just down I-94 in Eau Claire. Both teams took part in the Eau Claire Invitational.

The Falcons had big fields to run against two weeks ago at the University of Minnesota Invitational, but the fields were significantly smaller this time. The men's squad finished 10th out of 11 teams while the women finished 10th of 14 teams.

Jim Felling ran hard again for the Falcon men. Typically among the top finishers for the Falcons, Felling came in first for the Falcons at 58th place, with a time of 27:53. Miah Fredrickson and Shawn Schoelzel were the second and third

finishers for the Falcon men.

"The men really stepped up," coach Kristi Wagner said. "There was a fantastic team improvement and we look forward to a healthy Tony Ptacek getting in the mix next week at La Crosse. We have solid young guys who will only keep getting better."

Meanwhile, the women were led by Ryan Fagerland, who finished 57th with a time of 20:20. Fagerland, Felice Birmingham, Trish Moore, and Hope Onken all finished within twelve seconds of each other.

"For the most part, the women too enjoyed another step in the right direction," said Wagner. "Our two top runners, Ruth and Ryan Fagerland, are sick and failed to race well, but we are not concerned. It is an easy problem to fix. Just a little rest and they will be fine."

UW-La Crosse was the team winner for the women. The host school, UW-Eau Claire, was the top finisher for the men.

The Falcons have its final regular season meet this week, at UW-La Crosse.

"Next week is the La Crosse meet and we must finally put it all together. Everyone (must) race well to assess where we stand going into the conference meet on October 31," Wagner said.

"The men really stepped up. There was a fantastic team improvement..."

-Kristi Wagner,
Falcons head cross country coach

Football dominates Pioneers
Team ranked No. 4 after 39-0 win

EARNING RESPECT

The Falcons prepare to defend its unblemished 3-0 WIAC record in Saturday's Homecoming contest against Stout

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — Last week's offensive explosion in UW-River Falls' 44-42 football victory over UW-Oshkosh was as predictable as any after experiencing last season's Falcons-Titans contest.

So when the Falcons traveled to Platteville this weekend, the team expected a competitive game similar to last season's 34-27 Falcons' overtime victory.

Well, forget about trends.

The Falcons whipped the Pioneers in every facet of the game Saturday in a 39-0 rout of its rivals from Platteville.

The win earned the Falcons (3-0, 4-1) the No. 4 ranking in the Div. III West Region poll released on Tuesday.

"It was a game we dominated offensively and defensively," Falcons head coach John O'Grady said. "I didn't expect that. I expected a tight game throughout the fourth quarter."

Traditionally, the Pioneers defense has played the Falcons' wishbone offense well, but Saturday was an exception as O'Grady used his new mid-line belly play to take advantage of the Pioneer defense.

The play, which was executed to perfection numerous times against Oshkosh for significant yardage, wasn't used as often on Saturday in Platteville, but was just as effective.

"It's new," O'Grady said of the play which has a Falcon halfback carry the ball up the middle behind the Falcon fullback. "It highlights the halfbacks. We needed to find new ways to get our halfbacks the ball and that's one of them. We felt (the Pioneers) would've defended us well running outside so we ran it up the middle."

But the Pioneers struggled in defending the Falcons' new favorite play as the offense racked up 440 rushing yards. Leading the way for the Falcons was quarterback Randy Johnson who carried the ball 12 times for 112 yards and a touchdown. Meantime, halfback Michael Grant rushed for 78 yards on six carries while fullback Andy Kruger pounded out 60 yards on 15 carries, including two touchdown runs.

Meanwhile, the Falcons' defense shut down any type of Pioneer offensive effort by allowing only 133 total yards on the afternoon. More importantly, the defensive effort came with its star, safety Ben Kolstad, on the sidelines with a knee injury.

"We played well defensively," O'Grady noted. "We didn't give up big plays and we made them earn the yards they gained."

After struggling a little early in handling the Pioneer option attack, the Falcons' defense made some adjustments to earn themselves the shutout.

While the defense was preoccupied in shutting down the Pioneers, the Falcons' array of ball carriers were having huge success in moving the football.

On the Falcons' opening drive, halfback Nick Scribner capped an eight-play, 3:33 scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

Then, the Falcons converted a two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead. As for the decision to go for two, as the Falcons did following its first four touchdowns, O'Grady attributed it to the struggling kicking game from the kicker to the snapper and holder.

"Our overall execution is not there," O'Grady said. "Our snaps aren't consistent and we've changed holders."

But new holder, backup quarterback Cory Mueller,

DIVISION III
WEST REGION
RANKINGS

1. CENTRAL, IOWA

Overall record: 6-0

2. ST. JOHN'S, MINN.

Overall record: 5-0

3. LINFIELD, ORE.

Overall record: 4-0

4. UW-RIVER FALLS

Overall record: 4-1

5. WARTBURG, IOWA

Overall record: 5-0

OTHERS WITH VOTES:

Gustavus Adolphus, Minn.;
Coe, Iowa; Crinnell, Iowa;
Willamette, Ore.; UW-Eau
Claire and UW-Whitewater

Graphic by Jason Egerstrom

V'ball topples Tommies

Dan Hilsen
Assistant Sports Editor

Wednesday night, while the Homecoming Lip Sync was going on in the North Hall Auditorium, the UW-River Falls volleyball team also put on a show for the home crowd in Karges Center by defeating the St. Thomas Tommies 15-3, 15-9, 15-11.

"We took care of our side of the court," said Falcons' head coach Patti Ford. "We passed well, we served well and consequently that helps us to win the games."

Ford is happy with the way her team is performing.

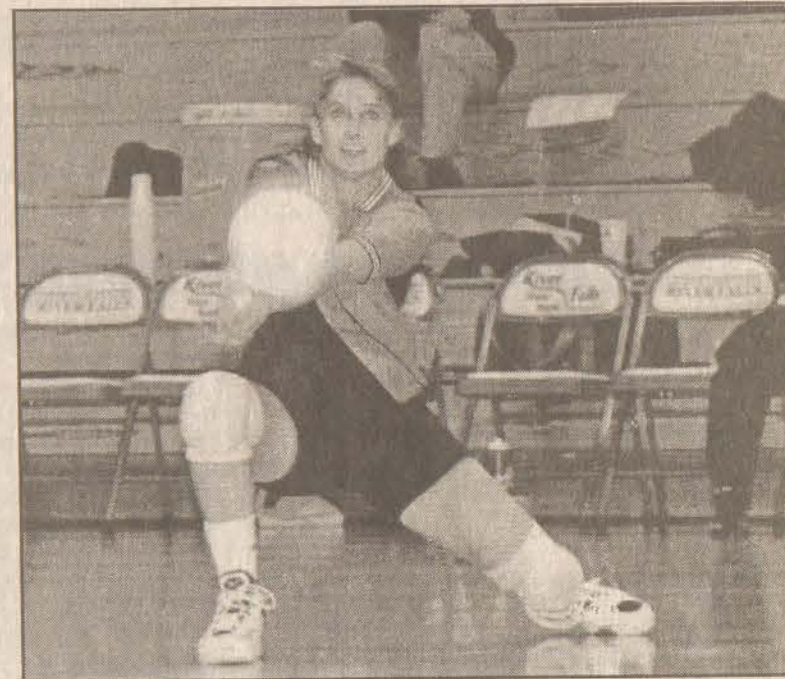
"We have a tough part of our schedule left and I think, you know, we're just building momentum, building confidence and you know I just think it's a nice display of the group that we have," Ford said.

Falcon sophomore Melissa Mattson led the team offensively with 11 kills. Sophomore Holly Olson led the Falcons in assists with 43. Defensively, the Falcons followed senior leadership with Caroline Schwane digging up 11 digs.

In a closely fought match last Saturday, the Falcons triumphed over Macalester 15-10, 8-15, 15-11, 15-10 and in the process extended the team's season record to 20-2.

"We started off a little sluggish but ended up taking the match into our own hands as the match progressed on," Ford said.

Mattson led the Falcons in kills with 14 and teammate Sara Tibesar, a senior, supplemented the Falcons'



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Falcon freshman Leigh Saxton makes a pass in the Falcons' 15-3, 15-9, 15-11 victory over St. Thomas Wednesday at Karges Center. The Falcons improved to 21-2 with the win.

attack with 13 kills. Meantime, Olson led the Falcons in assists once again with 39.

Three Falcons owned the defensive floor. Schwane had 19 digs while freshman Joy Nicholson dug up 18 and Tibesar had 17. Junior Meggan Klassen led the Falcons in blocks with three.

Earlier on Saturday the Falcons took on Bethel and dominated play after the first game by winning 14-16, 15-2, 15-4, 15-5.

"A little more frustrating," Ford

said.

Ford added that the Falcons let their guard down and were fatigued after back-to-back matches.

"We stayed steady and consistent and pushed through the not-so-good times," Ford said.

Tibesar led the Falcons with 17 kills. Melissa Mattson and Schwane also had 13 kills each. Olson served up 47 assists and Tibesar led the team in digs with 15.

Saturday, the Falcons travel to UW-Stevens Point.

Adversity fails to
ruffle Falcon
soccer feathers

The Falcon soccer team battled through poor field conditions and questionable officiating to go 1-0-2 last week

Teresa Kusske
Sports Correspondent

The Falcon women's soccer team has had its ups and downs thus far this season. The team was hopeful for two wins to come out of last weekend as the team traveled to UW-Platteville and UW-Whitewater. But poor field conditions and two terrible displays of officiating hampered those hopes.

"Over the last three games the players have experienced the frustrations of questionable refereeing, below par field conditions, and fatigue," Falcons head coach Derek Appleyard said. "Their resolve and unwillingness to give up allowed them to play through adversity when many teams would have given up."

Falcons 0, Platteville 0

The Falcons faced a struggling Platteville on Saturday. But neither team was able to score a goal in regulation and throughout overtime.

The Pioneer defense shut down the Falcons' front line and in return some Falcon defensive players stepped up their game to make up for the void. But the extra offensive effort from the defense was not enough as the game ended in a scoreless tie.

Meanwhile, Sunday brought a rejuvenated Falcon team ready to

play.

Falcons 1, Whitewater 1

The coaching staff did some repositioning of a couple of players hoping to increase the offensive output. But halfway through the first half the changes were put back in place.

The Falcons seemed frustrated with not only their performance but with the questionable officiating.

In fact, the game resembled a hockey game without ice. Body checks, tripping and pushing from behind were frequently seen during the game.

On one occasion, sophomore Diane Rodman was in pursuit of the ball in the goalie box when a Warhawk player shoved Rodman in the back putting her on the ground and out of the play. The whistle was blown and the Falcon bench and players were ecstatic for a direct penalty kick. But the referee signaled for an indirect kick allowing the Warhawks to make a wall in front of Kate Pelinka who was taking the kick.

The referee called it a dangerous play allowing for the indirect when it should have been a direct penalty kick.

Despite the call, Pelinka went and put the ball over the wall and into the net. But once again the Falcons were stunned.

The referee explained the goal did not count because it did not touch another player before it was kicked into the net. That is the rule for an indirect kick, but Pelinka shot the ball thinking it was a direct kick. Pelinka was not the only one confused. The Falcon sideline was seeking answers as Appleyard confronted the line judge. No answers were given to Appleyard as the referring only became more questionable.

However, Pelinka was finally able to put one in the net and tie the game

See "Soccer" page B1

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC FOOTBALL (As of Oct. 14)

	W	L	T	Pct
River Falls (4-1)	3	0	0	1.00
La Crosse (2-2)	2	0	0	1.00
Eau Claire (4-1)	1	1	0	.500
Whitewater (3-1)	1	1	0	.500
Stout (3-2)	1	1	0	.500
Stevens Point (2-2)	1	2	0	.333
Oshkosh (3-2)	0	2	0	.000
Platteville (1-4)	0	2	0	.000

WIAC VOLLEYBALL (As of Oct. 14)

	W	L
Whitewater (20-4)	7	0
River Falls (20-2)	5	1
Stevens Point (15-4)	3	1
Stout (13-5)	4	2
La Crosse (11-9)	4	2
Platteville (14-9)	2	4
Eau Claire (10-9)	2	5
Oshkosh (4-20)	0	5
Superior (8-15)	0	7

WIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER (As of Oct. 14)

	W	L	T
Eau Claire (12-2)	5	0	0
Stevens Point (9-3)	4	0	0
La Crosse (7-5)	5	1	0
Whitewater (5-7)	2	1	2
River Falls (5-7)	2	2	3
Stout (6-7)	2	3	1
Platteville (3-10)	1	4	2
Oshkosh (2-11)	1	6	0
Superior (6-7)	0	5	0

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Oct. 16-22 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football		Stout 1 p.m.					
Volleyball		at Stevens Point 2 p.m.				at Stout 7 p.m.	
Tennis							Oct. 23-25 at WIAC Meet (Madison)
Soccer		Gustavus Adolphus 2 p.m.		Augsburg 3:30 p.m.			
Cross Country		at La Crosse Invitational 10 a.m.					
Swimming		at Mankato Pentathlon 11 a.m.					

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL— **Offense:** Tackle Rich Grabarski, a senior from Grand Marsh, Wis., helped the Falcon offense gain 440 rushing yards and 503 total yards at Platteville. "Rich had his best game ever," Falcon coach John O'Grady said. **Defense:** Defensive Back Brian Katlack, a sophomore from Brooklyn Park, Minn., finished with six solo and four assisted tackles to lead the Falcons in tackles. He had one tackle for a loss. "Brian was all over the field defending both the pass and run," O'Grady said. **Special Teams:** Punter Richard Timm, a freshman from Amery, Wis., had three punts and averaged 37 yards a kick.

SOCCER— **Offense:** Kelly Caldwell, a sophomore from Coon Rapids, Minn., had three strong games for the Falcons. She scored the only goal in a 1-0 Falcon win over Bethel and picked up an assist on the Falcon's goal in a 1-1 tie at Whitewater. **Defense:** Defender Nora Bedard, a junior from St. Paul, Minn., played her usual strong game in helping the Falcons allow only one goal in three games. She was able to limit shots from her side of the field and cleared the ball away from trouble when necessary.

VOLLEYBALL— Meggan Klassen, a junior from Mountain Lake, Minn., led the Falcons to a 3-0 week with wins over UW-Eau Claire, Bethel and Macalester. "Her outstanding blocking gives UW-River Falls an advantage in every match," Falcon coach Patti Ford said. "She is the intangible offensively."

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SPORTS SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL

Saturday's results

River Falls 39, Platteville 0

Score by Quarters

River Falls	8	16	8	7	39
Platteville	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring Summary:

1st quarter

7:01 RF-Scribner 1-yd run (Johnson rush), RF 8-0

2nd quarter

5:32 RF-Kruger 13-yd run (Hall rush), RF 16-0

00:12 RF-Kruger 2-yd run (Shepherdson rush), RF 24-0

3rd quarter

00:16 RF-Johnson 1-yd run (Johnson rush), RF 32-0

4th quarter

5:57 RF-Mueller 3-yd run (Totinato kick), RF 39-0

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday's results

River Falls 14 15 15 15
Bethel 16 2 4 5

River Falls Leading killers: Sara Tibesar 17.

River Falls Leading assists: Olson 47.

River Falls 15 8 15 15
Macalester 10 15 11 10

River Falls Leading killers: Melissa Mattson 14.

River Falls Leading assists: Olson 39.

Wednesday's results

River Falls 15 15 15
St. Thomas 3 9 11

River Falls Leading killers: Melissa Mattson 11.

River Falls Leading assists: Olson 43.

SOCCER

Thursday's results

River Falls 1, Bethel 0

Score by halves

River Falls	1	0	—1
Bethel	0	0	—0

Scoring Summary:

1st half

33:02 RF-Caldwell (Booth)

2nd half

No scoring

Saturday's results

River Falls 0, Platteville 0

Score by halves

River Falls	0	0	0	—0
Platteville	0	0	0	—0

Scoring Summary:

1st half

No scoring

2nd half

No scoring

Overtimes

No scoring

Sunday's results

River Falls 1, Whitewater 1

Score by halves

River Falls	0	1	0	0	—1
Whitewater	1	0	0	0	—1

Scoring Summary:

1st half

5:00 WW-Raasch (Quade)

2nd half

86:00 RF-Pelinka (Caldwell)

TENNIS

Friday's results

Singles

Lawrence 4, River Falls 2

Doubles

River Falls 2, Lawrence 1

Final Score

Lawrence 5, River Falls 4

Saturday's results

Singles

River Falls 3, Oshkosh 3

Doubles

Oshkosh 3, River Falls 0

Final Score

Oshkosh 6, River Falls 3

Tuesday's results

Singles

Eau Claire 6, River Falls 0

Doubles

Eau Claire 3, River Falls 0

Final Score

Eau Claire 9, River Falls 0

CROSS COUNTRY

Blugold Invitational

Friday's results

Men's results

1. Eau Claire	24
2. Stout	64
3. MN-Duluth	105
4. Macalester	119
10. River Falls	278
11. St. Scholastica	295

Women's results

1. La Crosse	71
2. St. Thomas	92
3. Stout	117
4. St. Ben's	126
10. River Falls	249
14. St. Scholastica	439

Prediction Football / Johnson runs wild in win

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Why the Falcons will win

Accept for a non-existent kicking game, the Falcons special teams have thrived all season—specifically, the Falcons' return teams. The highlight thus far was a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Michael Grant two weeks ago against Oshkosh.

Meantime, the Falcons will also welcome the return of kickoff and punt return man Ben Kolstad to the lineup this week after he sat out last week with a sore left knee.

Kolstad and Grant have consistently put the Falcons in great field position all season and the same success can be expected on Saturday.

However, the Falcons also have seemed to find a secret weapon on two-point conversion plays. The team was successful on all four attempts last weekend against Platteville and the Falcons plan to continue to be aggressive with its two-point play calling this weekend.

In addition, punter Richard Timm has improved from the season's first three weeks and is beginning to boot higher punts with increased airtime allowing the coverage team to get down the field to make a tackle.

The last word

Both teams rely on highly productive offenses. Thus, the team with the ball last will win. Saturday, it will be the Falcons.

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has experience holding and is expected to do a nice job replacing Johnson, who was removed from the position to avoid the risk of injury.

However, the Falcons' success on two-point conversions on Saturday (the team went 4-for-4) may have added a new arsenal to its powerful offense.

"It puts pressure on others," O'Grady said of converting on the two-point conversions. "It's a hard offense to stop from just a few yards away. We are considering going for two the rest of the season."

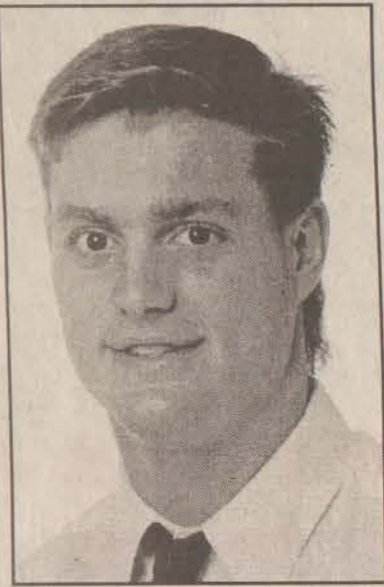
After taking the lead, the Falcons' offense continued to tire the Platteville defense by mixing up runs and even six pass attempts, four of which were complete. By the end of the first half, the Falcons' defense had tired and Falcon halfbacks Grant and Mark Shepherdson were able to make some unbelievable runs by breaking through the arm tackles of the Platteville.

Two second-quarter scores by Kruger, a 13-yard scamper up the middle, then a 2-yard plunge gave the Falcons a 24-0 lead at halftime.

The Falcons' fourth touchdown drive was all Johnson as the Falcon quarterback carried the ball six of the drive's nine plays. His 56-yard run over the left side of the line set up his own 1-yard touchdown dive two plays later.

Then, Mueller scored the Falcons' final touchdown on the afternoon on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Despite playing a near-perfect football game on Saturday, the Falcons



Randy Johnson

did come away with a huge loss along the defensive front. Sophomore defensive tackle and rising star Bill Bromeland collapsed to the ground early in the contest clutching a knee. Bromeland is expected to miss the remainder of the season while the damage to the knee is repaired and healed, according to O'Grady.

Now, the Falcons will look to three more young defensive linemen in freshmen Jeremy Larson, Ryan Eiler, and sophomore Josh Vollrath to fill the vacancy left by the injury to Bromeland.

And the three youngsters will have to prove themselves quickly as the Falcons prepare for an explosive UW-Stout offense which scored 42 points on the Falcons last season in a 42-34 victory at Stout.

But O'Grady believes the Falcons have a lot of things going well for them in preparation for Saturday's homecoming contest at Ramer Field.

"No one has said anything about River Falls," O'Grady said of his team which currently sits alone atop the WIAC standings at 3-0. "We'll find out if we belong and maybe get some respect."

But earning respect means beating the Blue Devils, and quite simply, that's easier said than done.

In UW-Stout's 35-7 thumping of UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Blue Devils quarterback Matt Bunyan tossed five touchdowns and a school-record 444 yards.

Wide receiver Jesse Witcraft, a track star who burned the Falcons a number of times in last season's contest, added three catches for 129 yards and a touchdown in Stout's win over the Blugolds.

So how do the Falcons plan to stop the Blue Devil offensive machine after being torn up by Oshkosh just two weeks ago?

"Our defense coaches have been studying (Stout's) film for over a year," O'Grady said. "We're going to use different types of coverages and different rush packages. We will not look like the same defense they played a year ago."

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Soccer / Hachey stars

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with three minutes let in play.

The game went into overtime as a furious Falcon team sought revenge. But fatigue would not allow the Falcons to score and the contest ended knotted up at 1-1.

Falcons 1, Bethel 0

Oct. 8, the Falcons challenged Bethel College in nonconference action. The Falcons dominated the first half keeping the ball in Bethel territory. Sophomore Kelly Caldwell put the Falcons on the

scoreboard and that was all the team needed. Goalie Sarah Hachey recorded the shut out as the Falcons were victorious 1-0.

Meantime, Appleyard was pleased with the Falcons' performance in the three contests last week.

"The players showed a lot of character and left everything on the field," Appleyard noted. "Winning is nice but it's the desire to give it your all that really counts."

Saturday, the Falcons host Gustavus Adolphus at 2 p.m.

Tennis nets win

■ The Falcons won its first WIAC contest this season last week

Sports Information

The UW-River Falls Falcons finished 1-3 for the week and won their first WIAC match of the season by beating Stout 6-3 on Oct. 6.

On Tuesday the Falcons were swept by the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds 9-0.

Meanwhile, the Falcons lost to Lawrence 5-4 and to Oshkosh 6-3 last weekend. The Falcons are 4-7 overall and 1-5 in the WIAC.

"We didn't play well against Lawrence. Five hours in the van and eight game pro sets didn't help, but there was no excuse for us to get beat," Falcon coach Cindy Hovet said. "We played much better against Oshkosh. Nelson and Milligan had outstanding singles matches. We have to keep plugging away everyday. Our ability to hit consistently and execute the big shots is getting better. That's a key to success."

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MONICA MANSKE

"Monica's favorite picks"

Hello again dear friends. This week we find our heroine lamenting her lack of true, deep connection with a card-carrying member of the Y-chromosome set. I know I'm not alone, but damn it, I covet that which I observe around me! Is it just me, or does it seem like the whole world has paired up? Thank god I have movies or I'd just (insert grotesque exaggeration here).

Yes, without great films I would suffer that and other such horrid fates. In fact, I've always wanted to work at a movie store just so I could have a shelf entitled "Monica's favorite picks." Alas, I have not yet realized my retail dream; so this particular column will have to serve as my dire influence on the public. Here then, are some of my favorite movies in no particular order.

"The Rumor Mill (Malice in Wonderland)"

One of the truly greatest bitches of this century, this movie details the lives of gossip columnists Hedda Hopper (Jane Alexander) and Louella Parsons (Elizabeth Taylor). I love this film because Elizabeth Taylor is fabulous (of course). Also, I enjoy comedies with caty-women and the fumbling morons left trembling in their wake.

"Jeffrey"

I must have watched this movie over 15 times by now. It deserves more than this meager number, but I only have so much time. The story involves Jeffrey (Steven Weber of "Wings"), a gay man, who has decided to give up sex because it has become too complicated due to AIDS. I know this sounds like a preachy and depressing premise, but I assure you "Jeffrey" is mostly about living life to the fullest. This movie is hilarious due playwright Paul Rudnick's ("Addams Family Values") twisted sense of humor, and the tonnage of great actors involved. Most noteworthy of these are Patrick Stewart as Jeffrey's best friend, Sigourney Weaver as a post-modern evangelist and Nathan Lane as a Catholic priest. The latter teaches Jeffrey the secret(s) of life via "My Fair Lady." "Jeffrey" is so good I demand you all watch it.

"Monty Python's Meaning of Life"

Much like the wondrously intelligent show, this movie is comprised of sketches involving all topics on the human brain; birth, Heaven, war and sex. This is one of those choice movies that remains funny no matter how many times you watch it. By far this is definitely my favorite Python project.

"Transformers the Movie"

As a child "Transformers" was my favorite cartoon. As an adult I watch this film whenever I'm having a bad day (week, month, etc) because it reverts me back to a happier time. Okay, I admit I also enjoy it because it is incredibly cheesy. "Transformers the Movie" features the voices of Orson Wells (as an evil devouring planet/robot), Leonard Nimoy, Eric Idle, and Judd Nelson. Especially endearing is the film's rock score; this combined with the animation makes it a great stoner-flick. Although I no longer cry when Optimus Prime dies, I still love this movie as much as I did at age nine. This movie is a prime example that movies don't have to be profound to be enjoyable.

"Night of the Living Dead"

By far the best horror movie ever

"I've always wanted to work at a movie store just so I could have a shelf entitled 'Monica's favorite picks.'"



Scenes from the 1998 Annual Homecoming Lip-Sync contest

Above: Alison LaFontaine (Alpha Omicron Pi) and Michael O'Keefe (Sigma Tau Gamma) cross-dress their way to the crown by proving that "Opposites Attract." Left: Isaac Mbiti (AAA) dances and gropes himself to the tune of "Billy Jean." Right: Monica and Bill (Chris Reckinger and Julie Tonn, Prucha Hall) "I Think We're Alone Now." There was a cigar involved. Photos: Brandon Eytcheson



Wyman's new book, legends and folklore

■ Former UW-RF faculty member Walker Wyman answers many local questions

Jaime Jung
Staff Writer

Why are residents of Indiana called "Hoosiers," Minnesotans called "Gophers" and where did the story of Paul Bunyan originate? All of these questions and many more are answered in "Great Legends and Stories of Mid-America" by Walker Wyman.

This book contains many stories of legendary heroes from Mid-America. They range from Casey Jones, Johnny Appleseed, Jesse James and Paul Bunyan.

The legends and stories are from Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Wyman began writing in 1945 with the publication of "The Wild Horse of the West," and during that same year, "California Emigrant Letters."

"I got the idea for 'Wild Horses' when I was visiting Colorado," Wyman said. "I married a Colorado girl and visited her home. I looked

over a mountain and saw lots of wild horses. After that I went to the library to find books about wild horses and I couldn't find any. That's when I started doing research for my first book."

Wyman was a teacher at UW-River Falls for 44 years and has lived here since 1932. He has also written many historical books about the UW-RF campus and some of the people buildings are named after.

Wyman said while teaching a radio course at UW-RF a student told him of an old lumberjack to write a story about.

"I interviewed the lumberjack and wrote a book about him," Wyman said. "He was a very interesting, very common man. All of my stories were about common people."

Wyman said that he wrote several books about people before he started writing folklore stories.

"I just drifted into folklore," Wyman said. "I started researching it a little, and then I got really interested in water witching, which I wrote a book about. Then I just kept researching and writing."

As a result of much research and teaching about folklore, Wyman was declared to be Wisconsin's first official folklorist.

Wyman said finding someone to publish his latest book was a challenge.

"I got the idea for this book a number of years ago," he said. "All states

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Meddling Melinda

Concerned Girlfriend

Dear Meddling Melinda,

My boyfriend is a manic-depressive and I am going to stick with him through everything. But the problem is he can't afford to get help. Until that time when he can get help, how can I help him through his tough times and tempers?

-Concerned Girlfriend

Dear Concerned Girlfriend,

The first thing I'd like to say is that I admire your strength. It takes a lot of courage to stay with someone who has a mental illness. Before I give you any advice, I would like to tell you that this letter really touched me because I happen to have someone very close to me who has been diagnosed as bipolar.

There are many things that I could tell you, but I think the most important piece of advice I can give you is

that you alone can't help your boyfriend. You're not a doctor and no matter how hard you try you're not always going to fully understand him and his different moods. You can't be the only support system in his life. He has to get some kind of outside help.

The second piece of advice I'd like to offer you is somewhat of a survival kit. First, always remember to put your needs in front of his. This may sound a little selfish but if you spend all your time trying to make him happy you're going to end up being the unhappy one. Secondly, you are going to need to find your own kind of support system. Maybe you could talk to a friend or join a support group with people who are in the same kind of situation.

The worst thing a person can do in a relationship like this is to not be open and honest with your boyfriend and yourself. If things aren't going well, don't lie to yourself or to him. Living your life in denial can damage you as well as everyone you love and care for.

Psycho Boyfriend

Dear Meddling Melinda,

I came to college and right away I got a boyfriend. I was really excited. This guy was sweet and cute and he had a really good personality (at the time). Then we broke up for unexplainable reasons. We didn't become really attached or anything so I wasn't that upset and I figured he wouldn't be either. Well, he became very obsessive and would not leave me alone. He thought we should get back together and he kept pestering my roommate to get us back together. I don't know what to do. He is really annoying and he kind of scares me. Help!

-Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

You have every right to be scared. I think it's time for you to get a little blunt and tell this freak of nature to leave you alone. You do not de-

serve to be harassed like this. If you live on campus, tell your Residential Assistant that you do not want this guy in your building or on your floor. Make sure you tell your roommate and friends how uncomfortable he is making you.

When someone is harassing you there are a few things you could do to ensure your safety. First, I would make sure someone knows where you are at all times. Tell them where you're going and when you will be back. If you can, have a buddy with you at all times. Never walk alone at night. I know this may seem a little drastic but it's better to be safe than sorry.

If he still is harassing you I would then go to the police or someone with authority to help you at UW-River Falls.

"Are you looking for some bold, honest, advice? Hi, I'm Meddling Melinda. I'm a student here at UW-River Falls who wants to give helpful advice to the everyday student. Submit your woes and worries "confidentially" to Melinda through e-mail, phone, fax or letter."



"POINTS OF VIEW"

"What section/articles/columns/pictures do you like/hate most about your student newspaper? What improvements would you like to see made to The Student Voice?"



Nick Feyereisen, junior

"I like campus security because I read about the crimes. I would also like to see more updates on sports and players."



Jenn Reinardy, senior

"The only thing I read is Adam Benedetto because he is a jack-ass. I would also like to see some horoscopes."



Keith Johnson, senior

"I really like the sports sections because I was in them. I wish (the writers) wrote more about wrestling because that was my sport. Wrestling needs more publicity because it is a young program with a new coach."



Jen Rudin, junior

"I think the paper does a good job of keeping people informed of what is going on. I would like to see a bigger swimming article."



Alan Bartelme, sophomore

"I really haven't read The Student Voice this year. I read it more last year. I like the sports sections last year."



Mary Anne Faupel, senior

"We need to have more pictures. I like the security section to see who's done what. We need to have more events posted and more organizations need to be involved and post their events."

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Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



Back when I was young *Choose Your Own Adventure* books were the coolest thing on the market so in that tradition- Here it is, the first ever *Choose Your Own Adventure* Column!

Here's how it works. The paragraphs below are all numbered so read the first one and continue to the paragraph of your choice. If you make it through all of the paragraphs you've successfully followed my chain of thought. Those of you who follow this column know that is quite an accomplishment. Let's begin shall we....

The world has fallen to pieces! The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are having a rodeo contest on

the south end of campus, crazy eyed masturbators are roaming the sidewalks, and garnishing the insanity sits Larry Testa the Housing Administrator of UW-RF! Surely God has abandoned us and the end of the world is coming. To- Go to the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse take over UW-RF rodeo go to #1. To Masturbator #2. To- Larry Testa Overlord of Hell #3. To- Mystery Box #4.

1. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse decided in a joint meeting last Thursday that before they sweep though the world tormenting everyone with fire and brimstone they will first stop here on campus and work out a few flaws in their

choreographed dance of destruction. To- Drunk Horsemen sing "Take Me Back To My Boots and Saddle" #6. To- What Started their Wrath of Destruction #3. To- Theta Chi's No-Drinking Policy Leads Members To Heavy Use of Marijuana #7.

2. One of my college roommates lived in a strange world of Charlie Brown and hard-core porno-movies. I can't honestly say what scared me more, his yellow shirt with a black zig-zag or his collection of "The Buttslammers Big Adventure 1-9," but I was frightened. What is really disturbing is the amount of physical turmoil he put himself through with me in the room- I was actually worried he might have a heart attack. To- More Detail Of The Event # 5. To- How I Was Treated By The Administration #3

3. It was a gray-sky day when I went into Larry Testa's office to tell him about my masturbating roommate. I told him my story with the full recognition that masturbation is

a normal and healthy thing to do, but carefully explained that my roommate has crossed the line between happy single masturbator and creepy-scary deviant. Larry Testa listened to me carefully as he pursed his lips, then responded, "Now, I'm sure you're telling me the truth...." as he gently walked me out of his office. Needless to say he didn't believe me despite all of my details. I was irritated by his condescension but

"Please God, don't cast Larry Testa and the rest of mankind into the eternal pits of damnation."

still would have let it go. He must have offended God though because the Horsemen have put on their spurs! To- Horsemen #1. To- SEX #7.

4. Congratulations Phi Sig on your mud wrestling tournament! I didn't think the sorority girls around here were that exciting. Now I'm doubly proud to say that I'm a Student of UW-RF! Hopefully you've set a trend that will give this university a national reputation other than "MOO U." To- Freddy Falcon Found In

Shallow Grave #7. To- Strange Campus Antics Continued #2

5. My first night in my new home in River Falls went something like this: "Good night." (I turned out the light.) SQUEAK-SQUEAK-SQUEAK! His bed was shaking and rattling and he's panting and doing all of this breathing..... It was like a Lamaze class gone horribly wrong! To- Reconciliation #8. To- Students Vow to Get Really Stinking Drunk During Falcon Fest #7.

6. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse had been getting really drunk and picking up girls at Club Kaos when I bumped into them on the street. We had a nice drunken chat, in the course of which they explained that Larry Testa has offended the "BIG Guy Upstairs" and they had to come down and destroy all of the world. I tried to relate to what they were saying as best I could saying, "I've had Jagermeister tonight too dude!"

Then we staggered down Cascade St. singing our favorite Gene Autry song, "Take Me Back To My Boots and Saddle." To Student Ambition On Unrelated Topic #4.

7. You lose! Start over!
8. Please God, don't cast Larry Testa and the rest of mankind into the eternal pits of damnation. For Larry Testa is but a pawn in the bureaucratic structure of this university. The dorms are all full and when I went in crying about my creepy roommate there was nothing he could have done. God, I know that you wish this campus could better accommodate its students but until we can create something out of nothing the way you can- we need to save our pennies and dream of the future. Please, God, stop the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse from their path of destruction and let them put on the best rodeo this campus has ever seen. Thank you God! I promise never to get drunk and lose my boots and saddle again. Go on to #9.

9. You made it! Congratulations!

Wyman

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have a legend and I wanted to take two from each state and tell them. The problem was when I was finished, the book was 400 pages and the publishers said it was too long. So, I had to shorten it. UW-RF Press decided to publish it and I was so glad. It is a very interesting, modest little book."

Wyman has written a total of 25 books and numerous articles on everything from hunting to cows and horses. His wife, Helen, has illustrated all of the Wyman books.

"This is a good career for us," Wyman said. "I have had a number of people call my attention to the positive role older people have on society and I am proud to contribute to that."

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Manske

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made. In fact, this is the quality that horror movies of today should aspire to. The plot is the dead rise one night hungry for flesh, and a group of strangers have to fight for safety in an abandoned farmhouse. This movie is scary even today because it plays on so many issues humans try not to face. The finality of death, questions of courage and various power struggles all are addressed in the abandoned farmhouse. I won't give the ending away for those of you who haven't seen it (or rarer still, are reading this), but it is truly ironic. I own the \$4 Blockbuster Classics version; grainy black and white, bad sound, etc. I refuse to buy the colorized version, because I truly believe "Night of the Living Dead" is scarier in its original form. It has more of a bad dream feel without color. I suggest ignoring all the remakes of this film, because they just mostly involve the evolution of the zombies' tastes via moaning speech (from unintelligible "muunnnghhs" to "braaaaimnns"). We, the cynical generation, know remakes suck, huh, huh.

This is just the tip of the iceberg (this "Titanic" crap must end by the way) as far as my beloved movies go. Back to the topic of my retail vision, I'm reminded of one of my favorite episodes of "Seinfeld," where Elaine falls for a guy at the video store based on his favorite picks shelf. I wonder how many people out there relate mostly through their movie selections. God knows no one really reads anymore (a whole different column), so our society needs some medium to start conversation. Maybe one of these days I'll meet my match in the comedy section at TapeDek? Either way, I will be sure to write y'all a stellar column next time. Um, I promise and stuff.

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