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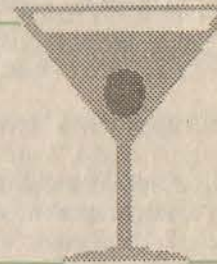
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Friday will be cloudy and cool with highs in the mid-50s and lows in the 40s.

WEEKEND

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Sunday: Cloudy and cool with highs in the high 50s and lows in the 40s

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Upgraded technology system raises havoc



Brandon Eytcheson / Photo Editor

Senior Jennie Wahlstrom worked this week on a computer in a campus lab. "I think it's convenient, I like it," she said about the upgraded system.

■ Changes in campus computer labs include an assigned login password, student file server, a new version of Netscape, upgraded Eudora and new printers

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

UW-River Falls Information Technology Center has made some major changes to the computers on campus including new passwords for every student. For freshmen, this isn't a big deal. But for returning students, it's a change.

"Finally I had gotten the system down, and now I have to relearn the new one," said Laura Balsanek, a senior. "I only knew about the changes because I was a R.O.A.D. Crew Leader."

Many students were unaware of the changes made in the computer lab until they returned this semester.

Some of the changes include: a new password to login, a new student file server with home space, a new version of Netscape, upgraded Eudora and new printers.

Gary Knigge, coordinator of user services, said the new passwords were necessary for security reasons. Students' accounts were getting broken

into. They also ensure that students and faculty, not the general public, are using the labs.

"We sympathize with the fact that they are hard to learn," he said. "We wanted to make it as generic as possible."

Knigge said the new login procedure does two things: gives access to home space and keeps people out.

With the new program, each student is given their own home space. Robert Robust, an ITS staff member, said home space gives students the equivalent of 70 floppy disks-worth of free space on the computer.

"That's where e-mail is stored," Robust said. "It's nice not to be fixing floppy disks."

The home space is available with the addition of a new student file server called TUX.

Although the changes are supposed to improve the computers, the changes are bringing many concerns.

Robust said that he hasn't heard any positive comments. He mainly hears about problems with logging in and the computers being slow; espe-

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25 years for Hunt Arena celebrates its silver

Troy Mallat
Viewpoints Editor

From national champions to a group of smoking Russians, Walter H. Hunt Arena, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this week, has pretty much seen it all.

Hunt Arena has been a valuable commodity for the university for the past quarter century. But if it weren't for the love of hockey in the city of River Falls and a little state funding during the early 1970s, the building would have never gotten off the ground.

According to former Admissions Director Bill Sperling, the money for the arena was meant for a new Ramer Field. The University had a different idea.

State money was being used to build new football stadiums (in the system)," Sperling said. "But we had the idea to use the money for a hockey arena."

So UW-RF asked the state for the funding of a new ice rink instead of a new football field. The state agreed. The deal wasn't finished, though because the state only appropriated

money for the basic structure of the building, including the shell and the rink itself. There were to be no locker rooms or offices in the

building.

With the help of the Hunt family and the community of River Falls, the arena received the necessary facilities. William Hunt, the son of former UW-River Falls professor

"It's a great advantage to have a beautiful arena."

-Coach Steve Freeman

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Mural depicts 150 years of River Falls



Jenny Murphy / The Student Voice

A mural featuring historical and present River Falls scenes was painted over a three-month period by River Falls resident David Markson. The mural was dedicated last week.

■ A scene that highlights River Falls landmarks now marks a downtown building

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

What do a John Deer tractor, South Hall, a cow, fly-fishing and football have in common? Well, if you are David Markson, they are some of the mural depictions on the Hallmark building on the corner of Maple and Main streets.

River Falls residents gathered on Maple Street at noon on Saturday with cameras in hand and dressed in historical costumes to witness the dedication of Markson's mural. The event was part of the River Falls sesquicentennial celebration.

"It is a dream come true for me," said Markson, a 20-year resident of River Falls. "I began the project mid-May of 1998 and I finished the mural the first week of August."

Markson said he was asked to design the mural when the idea originated at a meeting of the Kinnickinnic Enhancement Com-

mittee earlier this year.

He said he had help from River Falls citizens and received input from the enhancement committee about what to include on the mural, but most of the design and work were his own ideas.

"I worked on the mural two-to-four days a week," Markson said. "Most of the ideas came from me. All I was told was that River Falls was the theme. The sesquicentennial year was incorporated, but it was not the reason for the mural."

The mural includes three different views of Junction Falls; one from 1848, one from 1900 and the third at present. It also includes a detailed drawing of Cascade Falls. The final

proud," said River Falls Mayor Cecil Bjork. "The mural is a heart and a soul and that is what River Falls is all about."

The dedication, which was conducted by Janet Halaas, president of the Kinnickinnic Enhancement Committee; included a short speech by LaMoine MacLaughlin, president of the Wisconsin Association of Local Arts Agencies; who sang an Aaron Copland song as part of the dedication. It also included a speech by the mayor and a few words from Markson.

"This has been a labor of love," said Halaas. "We should all be very proud of David and this beautiful mural."

Markson said the mural is a "grass roots funding effort." He said funding came from the enhancement committee, the River Falls Main Street Project, the River Falls Sesquicentennial Committee, a grant from the Ann Marie Foundation and donations from individuals and area businesses.

As a finale to the dedication, Markson and Bjork each took a hand-held screwdriver and installed a plaque, including a description of the mural and the names of everyone who made a contribution to the project.

image is an overview of the Kinnickinnic River with various historical buildings and River Falls landmarks along side. A giant trout jumping from the water is also included.

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-Mayor Cecil Bjork

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAUW BOOK SALE The River Falls branch of AAUW will be holding its annual book sale Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3, at Kruger Auction Services, 218 S. Main St., River Falls. Sale times are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday, the sale time will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the special of \$5 for a bag of books. The proceeds from the sale are used to fund local scholarships.

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 show 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 Duvé at 426-1149.

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.

INTERNATIONAL CAREER INFORMATION, INC. issues the Autumn 1998 International Recruit magazine which features jobs for bi-linguals (with Japanese and other language skills) who are seeking opportunities in Japan and beyond. Copies of this magazine can be ordered from the InterCareer Net at www.intercareer.com and InterCareerNet Japan at www.intercareer.com/japan. A copy of this magazine will be available at the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall in early October.

TURNINGPOINT TROT 5K RUN AND FAMILY WALK & ROLL will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, to raise funds and awareness for the shelter. The 5K will start at 9 a.m. in Glen Park and meander through the charming town of River Falls near the Kinnickinnic River. Runners can preregister before Sept. 28, or on race day from 8-8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 per person or \$15 in pledges. Prizes will be awarded to individuals and teams. To register for this event, make a direct donation, or receive additional information about Turningpoint, call 425-6751.

UW-RF CONCERT/PEP BAND has openings in all sections. No auditions required. Rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 129 Kleinpell Fine Arts. Instruments available if needed. For more information call W. Larry Brentzel, director, 425-3183 or come to the next rehearsal.

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM Graduate International Fellowships has opened the competition for U.S. graduate students to pursue specialization in area and language study deemed critical to U.S. national security. These fellowships enable graduate students representing a broad range of academic and professional disciplines to add a significant international dimension to their curricula. Application materials, list of geographic areas, languages and fields of study are available at the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall. Applications must be postmarked no later than Jan. 15, 1999. More information is available at e-mail address nsep@aed.org

THE FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM offers grants for graduate study abroad for U.S. students. The program is designed to give recent B.S./B.A. graduates, master's and doctoral candidates and young professionals and artists opportunities for personal development and international experience. Application deadline is Oct. 23, for the 1999-2000 school year. Information on this program can be obtained at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall, or at the Institute of International Education web site at www.iie.org

THE AMERICAN SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION announces the 1998-2000 awards for study in Scandinavia, Grants and Fellowships, advanced study, or research in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Applicants must have completed their undergraduate education by the start of their projects in Scandinavia. The deadline for fully documented applications is November 1, 1998. Information on these awards is available at the Office of International Programs, at 104 North Hall or at the American-Scandinavian Foundation web site www.amscan.

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION announces a fellowship program for young American researchers in professional, policy and public administration-related fields who want to develop a specialized knowledge of the Newly Independent States (NIS). The application deadline is February 2, 1999. Information on this program is available at the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall.

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION will award approximately 1,000 new Graduate Research Fellowships to support graduate study in science, mathematics and engineering. Each three-year fellowship provides a stipend of \$15,000 for 12-month tenure, and a cost-of-education allowance of \$10,500 per tenure year. For more information call (423) 241-4300 or send an e-mail to nsfgrfp@ora.gov

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.

WEDNESDAY:

THE ROAD TO SELF ESTEEM: SEMINAR FOR WOMEN meets 3-4:30 p.m. (SEPTEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 2) in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center. Contact Gretchen Link or Sally Berkholder at 425-3572 for more information.

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.

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

Sheer force



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Falcon Kelly Caldwell advances the ball upfield in the team's 3-0 loss to Macalester College Monday at Ramer Field.

More construction on campus New dairy center offers cow technology

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

The dairy cows of UW-River Falls will be living in luxury by Sept. 1, 2000, thanks to plans for a new Dairy Teaching Center. The center will replace the current facility located on the University's Mann Valley Farm.

This \$2.8 million project will provide state-of-the-art technology, teaching and laboratory experience for more than 140 students studying dairy science, according to Dean Gary Rohde, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

"Currently, our lab farm is over 30 years old and in very poor condition," Rohde said. "The existing facilities are obsolete, and it would've cost between one and \$1.5 million to upgrade."

Dr. Virgil Nylander, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, agrees, and is looking forward to completion of the building.

"It's like upgrading a chemistry lab from test tubes being the most advanced technology," Nylander said. "I'm very excited about the Dairy teaching center. It will consist of some strong agricultural facilities for the University."

According to Rohde, the 750,250 square-foot facility will be able to house 80 milking cows, consist of a modern classroom and laboratory facility, new technology for a nutrient management system, and a modern free stall barn for the milking herd.

"Many of our students will be working with farmers when they graduate," Rohde said. "The new facility will give students valuable

lab experience and teaching experience that they'll need when they graduate."

The finished project, to be located on Mann Valley Farm just outside of the River Falls city limits, will also be used by the community as well as university students.

"We're working right now on educational workshops for industry personnel," Rohde said. "Other community projects include tours, sales, training programs for dairy workers and applied research."

"This will be a model for regional dairy farmers in the community," Nylander said. It is for the use of actual dairy producers as well as students.

According to Rohde, \$400,000 of the total \$2.8 million will come from private sources. If the \$400,000 mark is reached by CAFES (College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences) at the end of 1998, then the State Building Commission will fund the rest.

The remaining \$2.7 million will be part of a two-year budget in 1999-2001. The Commission has listed the Dairy Teaching Center as a special building project during these two years, according to Nylander.

Rohde said that April 15, 1999 is the date of final approval by the State Building Commission. If approved, the HSR Associates in LaCrosse, Wis. will begin construction in April 2000. The building is expected to be finished and ready by September 2000.

"We shouldn't have any problems getting the final approval," Rohde said. "This project will be ideal for the University to work with agricultural businesses and the community."

New Dairy Center will cost \$2.8 million and will benefit more than 140 Dairy Science majors.

Third floor South Hall back in action

After more than 20 years, the top floor of South Hall will once again be filled with students.

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

The third floor of South Hall will be going through some changes.

By December 1, remodeling will begin on the third floor, cleaning up the large piles of desks, and filling in gaping holes in the walls and ridding the floor of odors reminiscent of an attic in an old home.

"I didn't even know there was a third floor," said junior Jason Holmgren.

Not many people have ventured to the top of South Hall, a building which was once the only campus building with classrooms. According to Tim Thum, facilities engineer for the University, the third floor has not been used for classes since the 1970s.

"It's a pretty simple project compared to others," Thum said. "It shouldn't take more than three months to complete, and should be ready for use by fall of 1999."

Thum said the project will total \$280,000, which includes heating,

ventilation and air conditioning, electricity and general maintenance.

In 1992 when South Hall was last restored, the windows and some of the heating ducts were the only parts that could be replaced.

"We didn't have enough money to finish the restoration," said Virgil Nylander, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Construction by three different companies is expected to begin around the first of December, according to Thum. Four new classrooms will be added to this 100-year-old building, along with two storage areas.

"Our goal is to get the rooms to look exactly like the other rooms in the building," Thum said. "We'll extend the ventilation ducts, bring power and lighting to the rooms and remodel the ceilings and walls."

Modernizing the resources in the classrooms will be an important project in remodeling the third floor.

"We are going to increase the technology used in the four rooms," Nylander said. "These will be smaller classrooms, but very high-tech, top-notch classrooms. They will have overhead projectors in each room and computer projectors like you see in other classrooms around campus."

Nylander also feels that this project will draw alumni back to the University.

"Prior to the 1950s, South Hall and North Hall were the only buildings on campus," he said. "People will return to the University, see what we've done, and say, 'Wow, I had classes on this floor.'"

CAMPUS SECURITY

Stolen parking permit found in car

Sara Quaidoo
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 19, a complaint by an anonymous caller alerted the River Falls Police department to a loud party located at 1077 East Cascade. According to police reports thirty people were cited for underage consumption.

"We try to be preventative rather than reactive," said Sergeant Linehan.

When the officers were met with the situation, they handled it like they have always done, he said.

"The response to citizen complaints will function the same," Linehan said.

On Monday, Sept. 21, three UW-River Falls parking permits were reported stolen. Sharon Bonesho of UW-RF Public Safety and Parking said she believes they were taken from a box on the counter in the Public Safety office. One permit was found on a car in O-lot. The permit was removed from the car and the car was towed, according to

police reports.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, a bike was vandalized while parked at South Hall, according to police reports. Two wires leading to the mounting bracket for the bike's computerized electronic speedometer were pulled loose. A rear tire also had a pin stuck in it.

Graffiti on the outside door of the daycare center in Hathorn Hall was reported on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

The windshield of a vehicle parked in the E-lot on campus was damaged between Thursday, Sept. 24, and Saturday, Sept. 26. The cost of damage is \$400, according to police reports.

Damage to a fire detector was reported on Sunday, Sept. 27. The fourth floor detector had been ripped from the ceiling. The River Falls Fire department responded.

On Monday, Sept. 28, Steve Thompson, Facilities Manager, notified police about a broken window in South Hall. It was suspected that the double-pane window had been broken for some time.

TUESDAYS

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TACO JOHN'S

One of the best Psych professor awarded top honor

Max Date
Staff Writer

School of psychology associate Professor Judy Emmett believes that there are two ways that a teacher can have a profound effect on a student's life: by being one of the best teachers that a student has ever had or by being one of the worst.

By recently winning an award for Outstanding Faculty member in the College of Education and Graduate studies, Emmett has secured a spot as one of the best.

"The award is very meaningful," she said, "Because this college is full of excellent teachers."

Emmett has served on numerous University committees, works with the St. Croix Valley school system, and has had many publications to her name in scholarly journals on such topics as decision making factors in gifted young adults and the teaching of career counseling to counselors. Emmett has presented on counseling in Wisconsin, Oregon, and Missouri.

Emmett feels that her strongest asset as a teacher isn't so much a skill as it is an attitude.

"I think the fact that I care about my job and that I want students to learn is probably my strong point as a teacher," Emmett said.

She also thinks that bad teachers can have as much impact as good ones when it comes to decisions about a teaching career.

"When students want to get into teaching, it is usually because they had a teacher who was good at what they did and encouraged the student, or just wasn't very good in the student's eye," Emmett said. "The student then wants to show how much better he or she is."

Emmett believes that teachers still hold the key to unlocking the potential in today's youth.



Judy Emmett

"The role of educators is critical because that is who young people in college are in the most contact with on a day-to-day basis," Emmett said.

Emmett holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Aquinas College in Michigan, a master's in biology from Marquette University, and a doctorate in counseling from North Illinois University. She spent the first 20 years of her teaching career as a biology teacher, but says that the career was not for her.

"I wanted to get a job where I had to learn more and get more training," she said. "It turned out to be a real good choice. In my 20's, I don't think I would have been with [psychology], but now I can't see myself teaching biology."

Emmett came to UW-River Falls in 1991 teaching courses in career development, school counseling and crosscultural counseling, among others.

Some of the councils that Emmett has served on include the Graduate Council, the University Curriculum Committee, and the advisory board on cultural diversity.

Fall interview schedule

Sign up immediately in Career Services for interviews. Information packets and materials must be completed prior to meeting employers. Students must be registered by using the IMB 1st Place Disc Resume Program to interview. The disk can be purchased for \$25 along with an instruction packet. Registration disks must be completed and returned to Career Services three days prior to the date of your interview. Registration entitles you to on-campus interviewing and fax referrals to all employers requesting this service. If you have questions or concerns regarding the registration process, please stop by Career Services and ask June for assistance.

Wednesday, October 21 Growmark is seeking Crop Sales Associate, Feed Sales Associate or Structure Sales Associate. Open to any agriculture student.

Thursday, October 22 Cenex/Land O'Lakes agronomy Company is interviewing for Crop Production Specialists. Open to any Agronomy major or minor.

Tuesday, October 27 Hormel Foods: Accountant (accounting maj. with min. of 3.0 GPA or better), Computer Analyst (computer Science with min of 3.0 GPA in major), Production Management (animal science, and agriculture fields including Science, business, Economics, Engineering, Broad area or administration with min. of 2.7 cumulative GPA.).

Wednesday, October 28 Northwestern Mutual Life, Eagan, MN is seeking applicants for a Financial Product Sales position. Open to any major, must view videos before interviewing.

Wednesday, October 28 Andersen Windows-IT Group is interviewing for an Engineer I (Applications Development) or Administrator (System Administration). A computer skills background is required.

Thursday, October 29 DynaMark Inc., St. Paul, MN is interviewing for a Technical Support Specialist. Majors qualifying include computer science, math, business administration, marketing or management. Any major with COBOL, Main Frame or SAS or Desktop skills.. Fax resumes to employer by October, 23.

Thursday, October 29 and Friday, October 30 Hillshire Farms/Kahn's needs to fill Quality Assurance Inspector/Supervisor Trainee or Production Supervisor with a major in food science, animal science, or business administration-management.

Monday, November 2 EDS, Eagan, MN seeks an Information Associate. Applicants should be a computer science or math major with programming course-work and COBOL and and/or mainframe experience. 3.0 GPA required. Resumes should be faxed to EDS on Monday, 10-26-98.

Tuesday, November 3 North Star Financial Group, Wausau, WI seeks a Financial Planner. Should have a major or minor in business administration.

Tuesday, November 10 Allied Interstate seeks a Collection Liaison. Position open to any major.

Wednesday, November 11 North Star Resource Group, Minneapolis is interviewing for a Financial Planner with any business major including marketing, finance, management or international business.

Enough said?



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Drywallers working on KFA posted their predictions for this Monday's football game when the Vikings take on the Packers at Lambeau Field. See Points of View on page E3 for more game predictions.

STUDENT SENATE NEWS

Senate votes to cosponsor debate

Max Date
Staff Writer

For the second week in a row, a majority of the Student Senate business dealt with the organization of committees for the 1998-99 school year, but Senate President Mac Guptil felt that the Senate was moving in the right direction.

"Right now, I feel that the student senate is getting a good start and is on track," Guptil said.

However, Dawn Schmidt mentioned that several committee spots were still available. If there were any interested students, Schmidt said, they should try to contact a member of the Student Senate.

Several plans were in the making for next week and the near future, as Guptil announced that there would be a United Council meeting next Tuesday. The United Council is organized within the University of Wisconsin system where each school or group of schools can send a delegation of senators and students to vote on state level issues. Guptil said that the council is just another step in determining the issues which students think are important.

Another possible plan for next week was to possibly have a debate

between candidates for the Wisconsin State Assembly. One of the candidates had wanted to talk to students, and the Senate was exploring the option of hosting the other candidate as well for a debate.

Guptil also suggested that the senate start sending representatives to the various hall meetings, to help encourage and foster communication between the senate and students.

This week, the Senate passed a proposal to cosponsor a debate along with the league of Women Voters between the third congressional district candidates. This was supported unanimously and is aimed at promoting a more educated vote among students in a nonpartisan way.

"I think that this is good to sponsor and get students to vote," Guptil said.

In other business, the following students were named to the following committees: Amy Jurgens was appointed to the Student Affairs and Academic Services Board, Sarah Klein to Theatrical Arts, Heather Mullinax to Musical Arts, and Mikki Rothbauer to the Recreation committee.

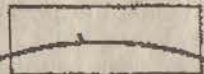
The following students were also removed from the Senate for various reasons: Mike Allen, Sarah Shoberg, and Jen Mundt. The vacancies leave six Student Senate openings.

"Right now, I feel that the Student Senate is getting a good start and is on track."

-Mac Guptil

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EDITORIAL

Lost in (parking) space

Commuter update: The parking situation has grown from a problem in recent years to a larger hassle this year.

As if student drivers need to be told.

For those commuters who have classes after 8 a.m., it takes a watchful eye and clever parallel parking to find a spot close to campus. If drivers don't have these skills or the patience, then a good pair of walking shoes pave the way for a long haul. Other challenges include racing traffic and puddle-filled sidewalks, which will soon turn to slush from snowfall.

As if student drivers need to be told.

Then there's the art of attending class on time. More and more teachers, it seems, are warning students to sustain from being late — a concern that may be overrated since many purposefully play hookie altogether. Perhaps faculty parking should be substituted for a campus free-for-all showing these professors this year's parking hassle, but that's another story.

As if student drivers need to be told.

In comparison, the argument supporting the non-existence of a parking controversy at UW-River Falls doesn't come close to the dilemma at the University of Minnesota. Which is true, considering the 5,000 enrolled at UW-RF is dwarfed by the almost 100,000 at the U of M. But let's get real. Despite the obvious, parking improvements need re-evaluating from this University.

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As the year progresses, however, a mysterious change occurs among the usual long line of parked cars along area streets. Thanks to the students who gradually drop classes or completely withdraw, more parking spots are available; thanks to those who rely on their syllabi enough to know when exams occur or papers are due, more parking continues to be available. Why sacrifice sleeping-in on days when no crucial assignments are due in order to avoid the pilgrimage to campus? The parking challenge shouldn't persuade a student's decision to drive to class — even on non-test days.

As if student drivers need to be told.

Ways that commuters can conquer the parking dilemma appears three-fold. One way is setting the alarm clock for either 6 or 7 a.m., although the first class may not commence until 9 a.m. or later. The prime time zone for the most convenient parking — at least two blocks away — is anytime before 8 a.m. The commuters who participate in this strategy are the ambitious drivers who won't let the system interfere with their parking endeavors.

A second way marks the bravest of all strategies. This risk-taking student will try their luck with a tentative drive down Cascade Avenue. A vacant parking spot can make a commuter's day or break their day if no vacancies are found. A successful park under this method is a rarity and if regularly successful, there wouldn't be a need for this editorial. But there indeed is.

The third way in conquering the present parking controversy takes another kind of risk — one that may get expensive. Out of clear desperation, a commuter could park their vehicle the night before classes. This would necessitate a place to sleep, of course (And hopefully not in your car). But as many know, the prime spots close to campus are accompanied by street signs labelled, "No parking from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m." Consequently, the fine is a mere five dollars, but this may prove expensive enough for a poor college student. The risks and unnecessary early hours of driving to school will most likely continue to test the competitiveness and athleticism of commuters — probably the best fit survivors on campus.

As if student drivers need to be told.

Construction efforts on campus have been the main focus in developing a better tomorrow for students. How about a commuter's tomorrow? Their struggle to find that ample parking space may keep stretching further away.

"...[I]t takes a watchful eye and clever parallel parking to find a spot close to campus."

River Falls has drinking problem of its own

The reports are out again. UW-Madison is the second-ranked party school in the nation. Way to go! I'm quite sure that the entire UW system (the entire state for that matter) has a perpetual hangover.

And why not? It's damn cold up here. We have nothing better to do. When it's -10 degrees outside, and all we get on T.V. is Minnesota news, who in their right mind wouldn't turn to the bottle? We drink just to keep the blood flowing.

The first-ranked school is the State University at Albany. This I don't understand. They actually have things to do in New York.

The administration here (insightful, progressive individuals that they are) would like to think that this binge drinking "problem" is isolated in Madison. HA HA. This is hardly a sober school. Drinking is a way of life here. It's like a game. The object is to black out four nights a week and still go to class. The winners graduate stronger, better people (seven years later) and the losers, well, the losers continue to black out four (oh hell... seven) nights a week.

While this is anything but a healthy, productive lifestyle, it seems to be the norm up here. I'm originally from Illinois. People there drink light beer on the weekends. When I moved to Wisconsin, I was appalled. People here drink Jack Daniels at 9 a.m. on Monday and aren't sober enough to be ashamed of it. While I eventually learned to

accept (yes, sometimes even participate in) this lifestyle, it was made clear to me early on that this is anything but a dry state.

Here's my philosophy. Those that don't binge drink now are prolonging the inevitable. The trick

especially when Wall Street bankers are drinking 10 martinis after dinner then doing a line of coke and a hit of ex to go out dancing. Most people I know drink five drinks before they go out, and you're damn right they have the intention of getting drunk.

So are we just really bad or are these researchers completely out of touch? It's probably somewhere in-between. To sane and healthy people, drinking 10 Long Islands then puking and urinating on your R.A.'s door

doesn't seem like normal behavior... and it's not. Maybe we need to drink a little less. Maybe they need to spend less time doing studies on drinking and spend more time actually drinking themselves. We would all be a lot happier.

As for Madison's spot at number two in the party school ranking, I'm sure they're quite proud. Maybe with a little focus, some determination, and a lot of daddy's money, these students can achieve the number one ranking next year. Liver disease and poor grades are a small price to pay for such an esteemed distinction. God (or fill in the name of your deity here) bless Wisconsin!

JASON CHILDRESS

"People here drink Jack Daniels at 9 a.m. on Monday and aren't sober enough to be ashamed of it."



is to get it out of your system now, when your entire life's commitment consists of three one-hour classes a day and Bo's will still accept your parents' credit card. Those that don't drink now will take up drinking when they are 30 and have a wife, a kid, a mortgage, and presumably a job. Not a good time to discover the sweet allure of alcohol.

Some of you might think I am advocating unhealthy amounts of drinking. I'm not. I don't have to. We have television and sports to do that. A similar study defines "binge drinking" as having five drinks at a time (four for women) with the intention of getting drunk. That's pretty mild,



PRINT ALREADY!!! I am not getting any younger here!!!!!!

A nightmarish ride through TV land
Columnist describes out-of-body experience in front of tube

So there I sat, lounging in my Lazy Boy, chewing on a Swisher when it happened, we got cable. I had heard all the reports and yet, like all made-for-TV prophesies, it came true, and I saw the other side. There in the dark recesses of TV land, amongst a half-mad sea of Mr. Rogers and sexual discontent, lies someone's idea of entertainment and what we need.

I had been in my Lazy Boy for quite some time when an important piece of angling evolution came on the tube. It was a special infomercial hosted by none other than Bill Dance, bass man extraordinaire. Now dear reader, I ask you. Is there anything more interesting or more exciting than improving one's angling prowess? I dare say no, and that I was jiggly with the notion of acquiring even more skill with my trusty fishing rod.

No longer would I have to come home with that sad empty stringer. I could for a limited time, acquire this bit of fishing magic for only \$39.95. I became so understandably enthused by this bit of knowledge that I leaped straight up into the air and, much to my chagrin, landed face first upon the smoking table where I had only moments before placed my Swisher. That is when the adventure began.

I cannot pretend to know just how I arrived at the not yet mentioned place, yet suddenly, I was aboard Star Trek's SS Enterprise. Whilst this is the stuff of dreams, it was not to be so. They were experiencing a time-space anomaly in the Delta Quadrant. I, being of the curious sort, asked what exactly this phenomenon was. Before Jordy had a chance to tell me though, Wonder Woman arrived upon the scene.

Resplendent in her flag-wrapped ass and gold brazier, she allowed no time for questions. Raising her arms and clicking her superpower bracelets above her superpower tiara-crowned head, she transported us to a very busy street.

That is when I noticed to my intense dismay that we had arrived in the middle of a NFL gameday procession. Wonder Woman had somehow disappeared before I could expose her true identity and I was stuck inside a rapidly overheating red Ford Festiva.

To make it worse, hovering there before my field

a tad anxious. I must admit that these animalistic cravings drove me to their front as I pounded sweating and salivating in my lustful craze.

Somewhere in my passions I must have blacked out, for when I awoke, I was covered with pieces of those very sandwiches, and shame.

Fortunately, I noticed that the alley leads to the shipyards and the fairy. I had somehow to my folly, forgotten that I could "take the voyage home" about every 15 minutes or so. And so now I report to you again from the sanctity of my living room.

What sweet relief it was when again, I returned home. Now

friends, whilst this journey was exciting as well as educational, and one that I don't believe I'll forget anytime soon, I do not recommend to you. The methods that I unwittingly described that induced this trauma go far beyond scientific study. Non-stop viewing of quality programming and "must see TV" must come to a halt.

To ensure the continued propagation of life as we know it, I thoroughly ask the turning off of the TV for at least, and it may be hard at first, at least one hour a day. I am sure that even now that you probably curse my very name, yet I am not saying you have to read or anything superfluous like that. So until next time friends, remember the mighty triad of "Community, Identity, and Stability(1)" and be sure to drink your Ovaltine.

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NEIL RHINES

"Non-stop viewing of quality programming and 'must see TV' must come to a halt."



of vision was that madcap Madden in his blimp as he blocked traffic for miles upon many more miles.

Now I tell you reader that this normally would have elicited a rather curt response from me, yet I swear that what transpired was entirely happenstance. I was about to raise my middle digit in a non-too friendly manner, when a red light began to glow on the dashboard of my Festiva.

That is when I hit the eject button and was catapulted into a soft group of bystanders. Shrugging off several old hippies eating two all-beef patties, I dashed around a corner not a second too soon. I then heard the ominous blowing-up noise that was emitted from my cute, little red Ford Festiva.

That is when, a bit distraught, I heard the soulful baritone of Barry White. Sinful desires of bacon and Swiss cheese layered seductively between dead poultry and mushy bread began to make me

Follow the money
Superbank on its way

With the current international economic crisis beginning to look like a world-wide depression, Tony Blair of the UK and President Clinton are proposing a new course of action. Mr. Blair was quoted last week as saying that we need a "new Bretton Woods." Bretton Woods is the fabled New Hampshire town where allied forces planned the post-WWII economic world in 1944.

This is a profound statement because of the seriousness of the first Bretton Woods meeting, which literally planned out the world's economy for the last 50-some-odd years. A meeting of this nature would most likely be dominated by the G-7, but it would also be necessary to include many newly developing nations such as India and Brazil.

A possible outcome of this meeting may be the merging of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The IMF deals with bailing out countries in economic crisis while the World Bank deals more with giving countries capital to develop. This merger would make the new body that would replace the two extremely powerful in international relations.

Much of the current economic collapse, experienced by such developing nations as Malaysia, has been blamed on "wild capitalism." A phrase that describes absolutely free markets with little or no fiscal controls. This is believed to have had the effect of an untenable level of investment and cash flow into developing markets, which then, like a wave crashing on the beach, gets eventually drawn out to sea.

It has been said to be a possibility that currency flows may be regulated internationally by an economic board of sorts. This would be an extreme action, for no organization has ever had such power before. Whatever does happen, keep your eyes open. We are about to see the groundwork laid for our 21st century, one that we will all participate in and be a part of.

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Diversity defines individuals, not just campus

The content of my dilemma is that my need to write comes more from the issues I have with interacting with others not a creative aesthetic; an angry need that churns my guts when I consider the worth I am allotted by no effort of my own.

As a man of mixed ethnic heritage, there is a chagrin to having to mark "other" when it's recommended to note race somewhere,

ANTHONY PADILLA

"As a man of mixed ethnic heritage, there is a chagrin to having to mark 'other' when it's recommended to note race"



forcing contemplation of what that term is supposed to mean and what it connotes when I resign myself to it. Bad enough the initial connotation of "other" as somewhat negative, you might as well read "unlike," "different," "dissimilar," or "separate," there also seems to be an insistence on categorization by race that demands one fit into such absolute descriptive content for legitimate citizen status and identify with it as championed civil policy as if not doing so inevitably diminishes your social worth.

I distrust anything, even the most

noble of intentions, that urges I should feel pride for my ethnicity when I damn sure haven't had experience to warrant it, as I've been slurred and preferred. Accounting for the slurring is easy enough as I've been called "chinc" and "guke"

voritism. I was born in this country 30 years ago, at best a decade more than most people on this campus. Even that doesn't matter in associating with them regardless of my age being diverse enough. And hell, actually being as American as anyone isn't a guarantee of inclusion, but I gotta ask why my racial diversity be celebrated and not my diverse interests? Or is only giving a flyin' "F" about hamburgers, comic books, cartoons, and action figures too American or not American enough?

I want to believe in something called the American Dream because it seems to be the only haven I have in identifying myself, but I'm not sure what it is. The best I can fathom is this wanting ache for something coming from some implicit promise of a fuller life by such an ideal, for something right. But I gotta bad feeling it's right in front of me and it's an ugly, twisted thing more frightening than it is stupid, fraudulent and mean. I may have made a horrible mistake in what I've done to comprehend human nature by majoring in psychology and sociology and being trained to observe

and theorize in the context of social interaction of what people do to themselves and to others, or perhaps more saliently "others". I have been trained not to shut my eyes to the truth that seems too evident. I joke to myself, "It's my gift; it's my curse" like that guy on "Millennium," but the more I think about it the more I can't find anything funny about it.

So, frustrated, confused, scared, and above all angry, I write like this. There's nothing noble about it, it's too desperate, but it's the best I can do to shout into a black hole sometimes. There's this great quote from Donald Duck, "Until I get mad, I don't know my own brains," that I find hilarious, true, and applicable. Becoming angry is what made me see, what made me feel alive, and that is what I need, the thing in my gut snarls at me. Expect that of this column and know I am not representing some group of half-breeds or some pseudo-liberal movement as nothing represents me in anyway to my satisfaction. I intend to find something real in the American context, just as much for myself as for that ideal. And if being the Donald Duck of this reality is a start, then so be it. And what can be more American than Donald Duck? Heh. That's the kind of absurdity I love that cheers me up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Childress on the run

Jason Childress,
Your Sept. 17 Student Voice column on Christian bashing leads me to believe you are running from a Christian experience in your life, or perhaps a relative is praying for you, and you are running from God. Your article says God-fearing Christians are scaring you. I feel sorry that you have taken offense to people who are trying to bring values, morals, and truth back to our campus. Although it is very easy for me to be angry with you and though I disagree with your column, I am praying for you.

It seems as if you have totally missed the concept of Christianity. You took the stereotypical view from a few and ripped the rest of us to shreds. Do you really believe that the average college student is so obsessed with the present that they don't think about life, its purpose, and what happens when it ends? I'm sorry if you believe you are being bombarded by a few Christians (followers of Christ) who care about your life and what will happen when it is over.

People can find God through a simple pamphlet. The Holy Spirit works through many methods and people to change hearts and lives. I know it can be difficult to under-

stand if you have never experienced the joy and fulfillment of having a Christ-centered life, but we have an instruction manual that can help us understand. It's called the Holy Bible. Those who read it and follow it will lead that wonderful fulfilling life. We aren't "selling Christianity." It has to do with a lot more than religion. It has to do with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Again, I don't expect you to understand this if you have never experienced it. It is far beyond a simple explanation.

I hope someday you too may understand knowing Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. No one can force you to do that. God has given us a free will. Only you can make the decision to follow Christ. I hope you choose the right option.

Becki J. Ogne

Blame goes on President

With the seemingly incessant coverage of the Clinton-Lewinsky debacle, some of the facts seem to have been overlooked. In response to the article by Jason Childress, "Public just as guilty as President" in the Sept. 24 Student Voice, the fact that Clinton should be held responsible for his actions was somehow omit-

ted. We should not have to worry about having to explain to our "five-year-olds what a 'semen stain' is" because our glorious, benevolent leader, Mr. Clinton, created the television ratings system. Wasn't this great creation, by showing "TV-MA" in a small box in the corner of the TV, supposed to keep our innocent children from casting their eyes on adult topics? Mr. Childress continues the article by saying the "biggest crime" of the investigation was spending an estimated \$40 million of taxpayers' money. If Clinton would have admitted what he had done (it obviously must not be wrong if the President was "just taking care of himself"), this investigation would have stopped seven months ago. We could have donated the excess money to all the starving families on the brink of death in this nation as stated in the article. The fact of the matter is that the only way "we are to restore even the most trivial amount of respect to the Presidency" is not to send a message to Ken Starr, as suggested by Mr. Childress, but to stand up to Bill Clinton. Besides, do those people who favor Clinton find Starr's tactics appalling, or are they purely comforted because Clinton makes their personal transgressions pale in comparison? We need to remove Clinton from office, whether through a forced resignation or impeachment, before he can further devalue the highest position in the nation by his adolescent lying and escapades.

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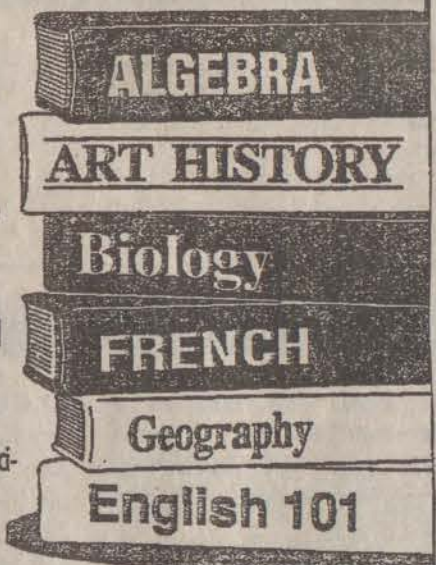
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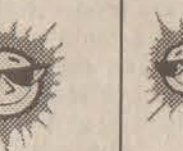
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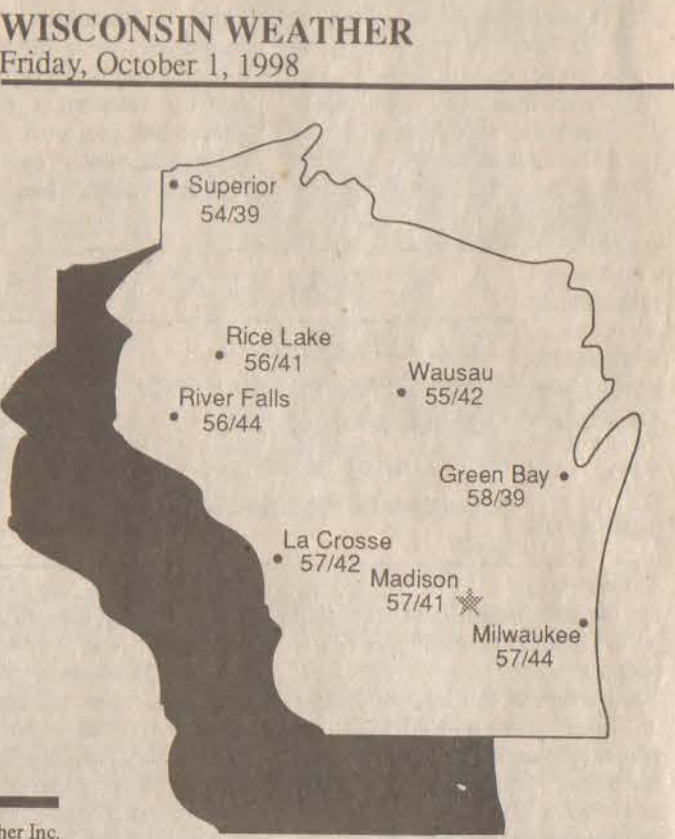


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Monthly Forecast	Temperatures		Precipitation	Sky Data	
October will be warmer and drier than normal. This month will begin with record heat. However, the first frost of the season is not far away. Although that is good news for allergy sufferers; gardeners will be saying their good-byes to seasonal plants.	Average	High 66 Low 44	Yesterday — This Month —	Length of day: 11 hours, 45 min. Sunrise 7:07 a.m. Sunset 6:52 p.m. Moonrise 4:38 p.m. Moonset 1:57 a.m.	
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Hunt Arena / 25 years

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Walter Hunt, donated \$125,000 in his father's name. The community, in return, matched that amount. Sperling says Main Street businesses raised \$100,000 in just one week. "[Main Street businesses] really came through," Sperling said. The new arena, which was dedicated as Walter H. Hunt Arena on October 6, 1973, was a far cry from practicing outdoors and playing games at St. Mary's Point. "It made the University a center for hockey," Sperling said. "[Hunt Arena] made it possible for the high school to start a team," said Sperling. "Karyn Bye wouldn't have made it to the Olympics." But the building's function wasn't just hockey. According to current arena coordinator Steve Stocker, Hunt Arena was used to house wrestling, volleyball, and tennis before the Knowles Recreation Center and other facilities were built. When the

sheet of ice wasn't there, the University would put down rubber mats with lines to hold athletic competitions. Hunt Arena has lured some promising young players and coaches to the University. Some have made a name for themselves at the next level. Three former UW-River Falls coaches are now at Division I programs. Dean Talafoos (1989-96) led the Falcons to a national title in 1994. He is now head coach of Alaska-Anchorage of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. George Gwozdecky (1981-84) is the head coach of Denver, and Craig Dahl (1985-86) coaches at St. Cloud State. One former River Falls player is currently playing professionally. Jeff Heil, a goaltender from 1994-97, will start his second season on one of the New York Rangers top farm teams after a strong showing in pre-season camps, according to current River Falls head coach Steve Freeman.

Heil holds net-minding records at the University for shutouts in a career (eight), shutouts in a season (four), and save percentage in a career (.991). UW-River Falls continues its tradition of being dedicated to hockey under third year coach Steve Freeman. The team finished second in the NCHA and made a trip to the NCAA playoffs last year. "It's a great advantage to have a beautiful arena," Freeman said. "It makes it an easy sell during recruiting." Hunt Arena also offers advantages for the fans. "There are great acoustics and the fans are right on top of the ice," Freeman said. And those fans were treated to some great teams. Falcon hockey teams have won three national championships and nine conference championships since 1983. Hunt Arena was also the site of the 1996 NCAA Division III playoffs. The Falcons were defeated in the

semi-finals. Rochester Institute of Technology 2-1. Freeman also remembers a game that doesn't count in the standings. In 1992, River Falls hosted an exhibition game with the Russian team Metallurg. "They were all supposed to be college age, but they all looked like they were about 30," said Freeman. "They were all smoking in the locker room before the game." The Russian team was very skilled with the puck, but the Falcons made the game respectable with their physical style of play. The Falcons eventually lost the game 5-2. Today, Hunt Arena is used for all different types of teams, says Stocker. It houses River Falls Youth Hockey imers' league. Even the Kansas City Chiefs use Hunt Arena. The National Football League team put of the building to watch film. "We didn't think we were selling the work out great," said Stocker.

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ITS / Campus changes

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cially in word processing. Some students complained that they wouldn't use the computer labs because they are always locking up. "It takes forever to log on," said senior Bec Rottering. "I could walk from Crabtree and back twice before logging on." Joe Waltz, ITS staff member, said the reason for the computers are slow is because people are logging in at the same time and the server isn't able to support all of them. "Once it does start running, it will be much easier," Waltz said. The ITS staff has been working very hard to make the log in process more efficient. Knigge said that it has improved. "The first two weeks were really awful," Knigge said. "Everything is much better, but we are not neces-

sarily past all the problems." The first week, Knigge was busy showing students how to login and get their new passwords set up. One big improvement is the labs are using laser printers instead of the Epson dot matrix printers. Knigge said the laser printers are nice because they are quieter, quicker and they do not jam as easily as the old printers did. Laser printers are located in all of the computer labs. Students must bring their own paper to the computer labs. The ITS help desk does not provide paper. But here are 21 staff members who work at the ITS help desk this year. Knigge said that if people have questions about the lab, go to the help desk. "If a staff member cannot answer your question, ask to be referred to a permanent staff member," said Knigge.

Habitat house / campus built

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lot. During that week, the second-story exterior and interior walls of the house were constructed. The house took six months to complete with volunteers working two days a week. The house was dedicated within the last two weeks to Nancy Koskie of Spring Valley and her eight children. The homes built by Habitat for Humanity are "affordable" because the loans are interest-free. "The homes aren't free, it isn't a handout," Breen said. "They pay for the house. What most people end up paying forever is the interest on the

loans." Candidates for a Habitat for Humanity home are located by recommendations for churches, community members or sometimes the candidates themselves respond to advertisements that are posted in the area close to the building site. The candidates are selected on the "need for adequate housing, the size of their family, income, and some other factors," Breen said. The St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate is working on a house in Baldwin and hope to finish it this year. Two more homes will be started in Glenwood City this year also.

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FINAL SCORES

FOOTBALL

River Falls 18, Stevens Point 13

VOLLEYBALL

River Falls 3, Stevens Point 0
River Falls 3, St. Catherines 0
River Falls 3, Northland 0
River Falls 3, Eau Claire 2
River Falls 3, Superior 0

SOCCER

River Falls 1, Stout 1
River Falls 9, Superior 0
Macalester 3, River Falls 0
River Falls 2, St. Thomas 0

TENNIS

Stevens Point 7, River Falls 2
St. Thomas 9, River Falls 0
La Crosse 8, River Falls 1



JASON EGERSTROM

Ripken? Zzzzzz...

Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire, okay I got it out of my system, now to the column: Drowned in the home run hoopla last week, Cal Ripken, Jr. ended his consecutive games played streak at 2,632. But, nobody should care.

If I counted the consecutive days I have either gone to classes or worked over my 21-year career of life, I would have surpassed Ripken long ago.

For Ripken the streak was a relatively easy accomplishment compared to a normal blue-collar worker: A five-month off-season and a day off at least once a week during the season.

Granted, Ripken has one of the most demanding off-season training programs, but remember he plays a game for his job. Who wouldn't want to do that every day?

In addition, I understand how important Ripken's career is to the Baltimore Orioles' faithful, but for years he has been the most boring "All-Star" in the game of baseball.

I would never consciously go to a baseball game to watch Ripken play and I can't understand why anyone would. Sure, he's talented. A solid glove, a two-time American League MVP and a perennial All-Star.

But he's not flashy. Not that he'd have to be the next Deion Sanders, but there are many other players I would rather pay to watch play a game before I'd watch Ripken.

For example, Tony Gwynn. Anyone who has played baseball competitively and understands how tough it can be, Gwynn is the ideal role model. He's not flashy, in fact his left-handed stroke is rhythmic and methodical.

But watching Gwynn hit is a thing of beauty and well worth the price of admission. He makes one of the toughest things in sports look so incredibly easy, it's almost unfair.

On every pitch, his stride foot plants in the exact same spot. On every stride his hands move slightly back to help keep his weight back on breaking pitches. And he's just as dangerous with two strikes on him than when the count is 3-0.

In many ways, the attraction of watching Gwynn is similar to Ken Griffey, Jr. and McGwire. They make the game look easy.

Meantime, Ripken's style is ugly. Holding the bat like a struggling little leaguer-lying flat nearly parallel to the ground-Ripken's style is truly unique. Consequently, his ensuing movement (a.k.a. a swing) is so terrible to watch because he simply doesn't look comfortable.

The point of watching any sport at any level of competition is admiring the athletes make dominating a game look easy. Ripken certainly didn't do that throughout his streak of 2632 consecutive games.

Unlike Gwynn, playing baseball is a job to Ripken. And many Americans have worked more consecutive days than Ripken will ever play.

Jason Egerstrom is a senior majoring in journalism

Volleyball extends streak

Team ties record with 16-1 start

■ Since Falcons have reset the record, the team realizes future opponents will be gunning for them

Dan Hillsen
Assistant Sports Editor

The UW-River Falls volleyball team repeated team history by defeating UW-Superior 15-6, 15-2, 15-12 in front of a home crowd Wednesday. The win extends the team's season record to 16-1 while tying a two-year-old season win/loss record.

The 1996 Falcon volleyball team set that 16-1 record start.

"It reminds me of 1996," Falcon coach Patti Ford said. "We have a lot of the similar characteristics of the team. We've got good leadership, a balanced attack, things like that."

"It's exciting, yet you know you kind of have to take a deep breath every once and a while cause you know from here on out every team is going to give their personal best against you."

Ford assures that the team won't be caught off guard.

"You can't get caught up in, we're, you know, 16-1 or eighth in the nation or number two in the region," Ford said. "I mean, those are all great accolades to have. Those are things that you work hard to attain, but not to say that we don't have to do the day to day tasks to stay ahead of every other team that's aiming for you or gunning for you."

However, Ford also realizes the winning streak will come to an end sometime.

"Well, it could end this weekend," Ford said. "You know, when you go up against two of the powerhouses in the NCAA Div. III—Oshkosh and Whitewater—even though Oshkosh isn't having a terrific win/loss record, still they've had a lot of tradition in their program. Of course you'd like to go to the limit, but we know in reality it won't. But I think you just have to keep reality in check."

Ford said the team did all of the little things against Superior in a



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Falcon Sara Tibesar kills the ball in the team's 15-6, 15-2, 15-12 victory Wednesday night over UW-Superior. With the win, the Falcons tied a school record by starting the season 16-1.

relaxed fashion.

Two Falcons led the team in kills. Junior Meggan Klassen and freshman Joy Nicholson each tallied 9 kills while sophomore teammate Holly Olson set up kills with 48 assists.

On the defensive end the Falcons were led by Olson with 11 digs.

Earlier in the week the Falcons faced two non-conference opponents sandwiched between two WIAC foes in the Lisa Siegenthaler Memorial Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 25-26. The team faced and overcame the challenge en route to winning the tournament.

The team began play on Friday against UW-Stevens Point. The Falcons were able to dispose of the Pointers in three games: 15-7, 15-12, 15-6. Sophomore Melissa Mattson led the Falcons with 13 kills and a .434 hitting percentage. She had three solo and one block assists. Senior Caroline Schwarz

added 11 kills and nine digs. Olson had 38 assists. The Falcons hit .317 as a team.

"It was a tough match to open with," Ford said. "It was a good battle between both teams."

The end result of the Falcons' second match on Friday almost mirrored the first match. The Falcons were able to dispose of St. Catherine 15-8, 15-13, 15-7.

Eleven Falcons competed with Mattson leading the team with eight kills while Schwane had seven and Klassen six. Olson had 31 assists and Nicholson had four aces. Junior Sarah Carlson and Schwane had nine digs each. Klassen added two solo blocks and three block assists.

After a good night's rest the Falcons rose to the challenge and defeated Northland 15-7, 15-8, 15-11 on Saturday, which put the team in

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Soccer goes 2-1-1

Teresa Kusske
Sports Correspondent

On Wednesday afternoon the Falcons women's soccer team shut out the St. Thomas Tommies 2-0 behind yet another strong performance from forward Kate Pelinka.

Pelinka scored two goals which sailed past the goal line in the first half. The first one came at the 17:48 minute mark. Falcon Jessica Jankowski came up with the assist. The second and final goal of the game came right before the end of the half.

On Sunday the Falcons were once again on the winning end of a beating against the UW-Superior Yellowjackets. After ending with a 1-1 tie against UW-Stout on Thurs-

day, the Falcons broke out the beating stick stinging Superior 9-0.

The Falcons were a dead even match for the Stout Blue Devils. The game appeared to be flowing well for the Falcons with Pelinka scoring on a break away. But the tides turned not in the Falcons favor.

Neither team could override each other at the end of 120 minutes of play. The Falcons were exhausted after the effort put forth. Coach Derek Appleyard was very pleased that his team never once gave in to the exhaustion. The team fought the entire length of the match but could not close the deal when it was all over and done with.

See "Soccer" page B2

Runners improve

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The final results may not necessarily show it, but the UW-River Falls men's and women's cross country teams performed nicely at their meet this past weekend. Both teams participated in the Griak Invitational on Saturday at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

The men's squad placed 29th of 31 teams, with the women taking spot number 25 out of 35. Though neither team was in contention for first place, it seems what matters most to the Falcons are running hard and constantly improving.

Coach Kristi Wagner complemented men's runner Shawn Schoelzel, in particular, for taking a minute off his last finishing time. She also had good words for women's runner Lisa Traxler, who ran hard after coming off of a recent injury.

Many top teams from around the five state area competed at Griak. St. Olaf finished atop the women's division. The University of South Dakota won the men's division. Coach Wagner thought her women's team ran very well against many good Div. II teams. Kudos to the men too. They faced equally stiff competition.

Ruth Fagerland was the top individual Falcon finisher, coming in 70th. She covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 38 seconds. Ryan Fagerland and Hope Onken also finished high for UW-RF. They crossed the finish line

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Tennis drops 2

Sports Information

The Falcons won one match and lost two last week before falling to UW-La Crosse 8-1 on Tuesday to put their record at 3-3 this year.

"We had a tough week," coach Cindy Hovet said. "But it was good for us to go through it because this

will help us prepare for the rest of the WIAC schedule."

The Falcons dropped a 9-0 decision at St. Thomas on Saturday morning.

On Friday at Stevens Point the Falcons dropped a 7-2 decision in its first WIAC match of the year.

On Wednesday the Falcons topped Northwestern, Minn., College, 7-2.

Football tackles Pointers in WIAC opener

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive week, the Falcon football team had to battle back from a halftime deficit to win a contest.

Trailing 7-6 to UW-Stevens Point at the half in the team's WIAC opener on Saturday, the Falcons strung together two third quarter touchdowns, including a 14-yard run by halfback Michael Grant and a 3-yard plunge by fullback Andy Kruger. Then, the Falcons nonchalantly ate up 9:50 of the fourth quarter to earn themselves an 18-13 victory in front of an estimated crowd of 900.

While the Falcons' offense took control in the second half, it was the Pointers' offense which looked unbeatable early on as quarterback Curt Wiese picked apart the Falcons' defense on a 16 play, 65-yard scoring drive capped by a Wiese 1-yard scoring strike to tight end Tom Nolan. Quickly the Falcons found themselves behind 7-0 after the contest's opening possession.

But the Falcons counter-attacked on its first possession thanks to a 41-yard return by Ben Kolstad on the ensuing kickoff. Five plays later, Falcon quarterback Randy Johnson capped a 41-yard scoring drive with a nifty 21-yard scamper into the end zone. But the Falcons' extra point attempt was blocked and the team found themselves

down 7-6.

However, the halftime score doesn't show up in the WIAC standings.

"We don't pay much attention to the score at halftime," Falcons head coach John O'Grady said of his team's second comeback in two weeks. "We had the extra point blocked and we missed a field goal so we shouldn't have been down. But we made the proper adjustments at the half."

But after each team scored easily on its first possession, the Ramer Field scoreboard wouldn't change again until the two Falcon scores in the third quarter. A stand that can be attributed to the tough defenses of both clubs, according to Falcons head coach John O'Grady.

"Our defense has dramatically improved," O'Grady said of the low-scoring affair. "Stevens Point is very big and physical and they had two weeks to prepare."

Following the Pointers' opening scoring drive, Falcon defensive end Matt Roerig and safety Ben Kolstad lead the Falcons' defense to a dominating performance for the remainder of the contest.

Roerig, who was named WIAC defensive player of the week, recorded three sacks and six tackles on the afternoon for a total net loss of 54 yards. And while Roerig was pressuring the Pointer attack, Kolstad took advantage by intercepting two passes.

"No doubt Kolstad has made a difference on the defense," O'Grady said of last season's all-WIAC first team all-purpose back selection after playing a season as quarterback and halfback on the Falcons' offense.

Meantime, defensive back Tim Sukalski also intercepted a pass on an impressive diving effort in the second quarter, a play which also caught the eye of O'Grady.

"It was probably the greatest interception I have ever seen," O'Grady said of Sukalski's lunging pick-off. "You can see the confidence of the defense this year. They are really going for the ball."

Nevertheless, the contest wasn't as close as the 18-13 final score indicated.

The Pointers' final score came on the game's last play from scrimmage on a 17-yard pass touchdown pass on the Falcons' second and third string defensive backs.

The defensive effort was helped by a solid performance by freshman punter Richard Timm who boomed eight kicks for an average of 37.9 yards after struggling in the team's first two outings.



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Falcon safety Ben Kolstad returns a punt in the Falcons 18-13 victory over Stevens Point on Saturday. Kolstad returned five punts for 61 yards and recorded two interceptions defensively.

"He had a great day," O'Grady said of his up-and-coming punter. "He made all of the difference in the world."

However, the same cannot be said of Dan Toninato, who handled the Falcons' kickoff and place-kicking duties in Saturday's thrilling win.

The freshman Toninato failed to convert on two extra point attempts

and missed on two field goal attempts of 32 and 42 yards. In addition, Toninato booted two of his kickoffs out of bounds, resulting in penalties, and would have booted a third out of bounds if it hadn't been improperly handled by a Pointer return man.

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HOCKEY FACT: Local gold-medalists Neal Broten and Karyn Bye were named Grass Roots Hockey Advisors for the NHL's Minnesota Wild last week.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings				
WIAC FOOTBALL (As of Sept. 29)				
	W	L	T	Pct
River Falls (2-1)	1	0	0	1.00
Oshkosh (3-0)	0	0	0	.000
Eau Claire (3-0)	0	0	0	.000
Whitewater (2-0)	0	0	0	.000
Stout (2-1)	0	0	0	.000
Platteville (1-2)	0	0	0	.000
La Crosse (0-2)	0	0	0	.000
Stevens Point (1-1)	0	1	0	.000
WIAC VOLLEYBALL (As of Sept. 15)				
	W	L	T	Pct
Whitewater (13-3)	3	0	0	1.00
River Falls (15-1)	2	0	0	1.00
Stevens Point (11-4)	2	1	0	.667
La Crosse (7-5)	2	1	0	.667
Stout (8-4)	1	1	1	.500
Eau Claire (9-6)	1	2	0	.333
Oshkosh (2-14)	0	1	0	.000
Platteville (10-6)	0	2	0	.000
Superior (7-11)	0	3	0	.000
WIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER (As of Sept. 29)				
	W	L	T	
Eau Claire (9-1)	4	0	0	
Stevens Point (6-2)	3	0	0	
La Crosse (5-3)	3	1	0	
Whitewater (3-6)	2	1	0	
River Falls (3-7)	2	2	1	
Stout (3-5)	1	2	1	
Platteville (3-8)	1	3	0	
Oshkosh (2-8)	1	4	0	
Superior (2-5)	0	4	0	

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

October 2-8 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football		Oshkosh 1 p.m.					
Volleyball	at Oshkosh 7 p.m.	at Whitewater 2 p.m.				Eau Claire 7 p.m.	
Tennis		Whitewater 9 a.m.			at Stout 3:30 p.m.		
Soccer							at Bethel 4 p.m.
Cross Country							Oct. 9 at Eau Claire Invitational

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

VOLLEYBALL—Melissa Mattson, a sophomore from Alden, Minn., led the Falcons to a 4-0 week and helped the team win the Eau Claire Tournament. Her overall hitting percentage was .421. She averaged 3.64 kills per game. Against UW-Stevens Point, which is fourth in the region, Mattson hit .434. To finish up the tournament, Mattson hit a .500 and tallied 38 kills against the fifth regionally-ranked UW-Eau Claire. "Her hitting stats are outstanding," Falcon coach Patti Ford said. "She was overlooked for all-tournament."

FOOTBALL—Offense: Halfback Michael Grant, a junior from Minneapolis, Minn., had a solid game in the win over UW-Stevens Point. The 5-7, 165-pounder gained 45 yards on 11 carries and scored on a 14-yard run in the third quarter to give the Falcons a 12-7 lead. "Michael not only ran the ball well but he blocked extremely well for our other backs," coach John O'Grady said. Defense: End Matt Roerig, a sophomore from Wausau, Wis., was nearly a one-man wrecking crew against Stevens Point. The 6-2, 220-pounder recorded five tackles including three sacks. His performance earned him WIAC Player of the Week honors. "Matt kept the pressure on the Point quarterback all game long. He also had several hurries," O'Grady said. Special Teams: Punter Richard Timm, a freshman from Amery, Wis., stepped up and had an excellent day punting against Stevens Point and performed well enough to be named WIAC Player of the Week. He kicked eight times and averaged 37.9 yards a kick. He had two downs inside the 20 yard line. With the Falcons leading 18-7 and with 2:08 to play, Timm punted from the Falcon 10 and hit a 60-yarder that forced Stevens Point to start from its 37 yard line. The Falcons held Stevens Point to four plays and took the ball over on downs after the punt. "Richard hit his pooch punts very well and also came up with a big one when we needed it," O'Grady said.

SOCCER—Offense: Forward Rachel Booth, a senior from Arden Hills, Minn., scored three goals and had an assist in the teams 9-0 win over UW-Superior on Sunday. Defense: Defender Nora Bedard, a junior from St. Paul, Minn., had three solid games for the Falcons as the team finished with a 1-1-1 record for the week.

TENNIS—Singles: Julie Willkom, a junior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., had a solid match on Sept. 25 against her UW-Stevens Point opponent. She won 6-1, 6-1. Doubles: Christine Kraft, a sophomore from Apple Valley, Minn., and Julie Willkom, a junior from Chippewa Falls, Wis., teamed up on Sept. 25 against their UW-Stevens Point opponents and lost a close match 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-7 (2-7).

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY—Shaun Schoelzel, a freshman from Colby, Wis., was the third Falcon to cross the finish line at the Griak Invitational held Saturday at the University of Minnesota. He finished the 8,000-meter race in 30:17. "Shaun took a minute off his previous best time," coach Kristi Wagner said.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY—Lisa Traxler, a freshman from Menomonie, Wis., was the sixth Falcon to cross the finish line at the Griak Invitational held Saturday at the University of Minnesota. She finished the 5,000-meter race in 20:45. "Lisa has been injured, but has run tough through the injury," coach Kristi Wagner said.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

FOOTBALL
Saturday's results
River Falls 18, UW-Stevens Point 13

Score by Quarters
River Falls 6 0 12 0—18
Stevens Point 7 0 0 6—13

Scoring Summary:
1st quarter
9:34 SP-Nolan 1-yd pass from Wiese (Steuck kick), SP 7-0
6:41 RF-Johnson 21-yd run (kick blocked), SP 7-6
2nd quarter
No scoring
3rd quarter
13:24 RF-Grant 14-yd run (rush failed), RF 12-7
5:46 RF-Kruger 3-yd run (kick failed), RF 18-7
4th quarter
00:00 SP-Ullsperger 17-yd pass from Wiese, RF 18-13

TENNIS
Friday's results

Singles
UW-Stevens Point 4, River Falls 2
Doubles
UW-Stevens Point 3, River Falls 0
Final Score
UW-Stevens Point 7, River Falls 2

Saturday's results

Singles
St. Thomas 6, River Falls 0
Doubles
St. Thomas 3, River Falls 0
Final Score
St. Thomas 9, River Falls 0

Tuesday's results

Singles
UW-La Crosse 5, River Falls 1
Doubles
UW-La Crosse 3, River Falls 0
Final Score
UW-La Crosse 8, River Falls 1

VOLLEYBALL
Eau Claire Tourney
Friday's results

River Falls 15 15 15
UW-Stevens Point 7 12 6

River Falls Leading killers: Melissa Mattson 13.
River Falls Leading assists: Olson 38.

River Falls 15 15 15
St. Catherine's 8 13 7

River Falls Leading killers: Melissa Mattson 8.
River Falls Leading assists: Olson 31.

Saturday's results

River Falls 15 15 15
Northland 7 8 11

River Falls Leading killers: Schwane 15.
River Falls Leading assists: Olson 47.

River Falls 15 8 4 15 15
UW-Eau Claire 10 15 15 3 13

River Falls Leading killers: Melissa Mattson 19.
River Falls Leading assists: Olson 56.

Wednesday's results

River Falls 15 15 15
UW-Superior 6 2 12

River Falls Leading killers: Meggan Kiessen 9, Joy Nicholson 9
River Falls Leading assists: Holly Olson 48

CROSS COUNTRY
Roy Griak Cross Country Invitational
Saturday's results
Men's results
1. South Dakota 95
2. North Dakota State 100
3. Mankato State 110
4. Central Missouri State 118
29. River Falls 885
31. Northwestern (Minn.) 997

Women's results
1. St. Olaf 150
2. North Dakota State 185
3. Wartburg 206
4. Hillsdale 212
25. River Falls 579
35. Hamline 1000

SOCCER
Thursday's results
River Falls 1, UW-Stout 1

Score by halves
River Falls 1 0 0 0 0 0 —1
Stout 1 0 0 0 0 0 —1

Scoring Summary:
1st half
14:00 RF-Pelinka
33:55 S-Unterweger (Halverson)
2nd half
No scoring
Overtime
No scoring

Sunday's results
River Falls 9, UW-Superior 0

Score by halves
River Falls 4 5 —9
Superior 0 0 —0

Scoring Summary:
1st half
8:00 RF-Jankowski
11:00 RF-Pelinka (Booth)
19:00 RF-Pelinka (Caldwell)
40:00 RF-Booth
2nd half
67:00 RF-Pelinka
65:00 RF-Rodman (Schroeder)
62:00 RF-Pelinka
81:00 RF-Booth (Schroeder)
88:00 RF-Booth

Monday's results
Macalester 3, River Falls 0

Score by halves
River Falls 0 0 —0
Macalester 0 3 —0

Scoring Summary:
1st half
No scoring
2nd half
47:15 MAC
50:10 MAC-Epperson (Harris)
68:03 MAC-Harris (Epperson)

Wednesday's results
River Falls 2, St. Thomas 0

Score by halves
River Falls 2 0 —2
St. Thomas 0 0 —0

Scoring Summary:
1st half
17:48 RF-Pelinka (Jankowski)
36:08 RF-Pelinka
2nd half
No scoring

Streak

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the championship match against WIAC conference rival UW-Eau Claire. The Falcons hit .339 as a team. Schwane led the Falcons with 15 kills, Tibesar had 13 and Mattson 11. Tibesar also led the team with 11 digs. Klasson had four block assists and Olson led the team with 47 assists. "Northland was tough to get fired up for," Ford said because the team was looking ahead to possibly playing UW-Eau Claire. "We struggled with focus and attention." In dramatic style, the Falcons were able to defeat Eau Claire 15-10, 8-15, 4-15, 15-3, 15-13 and extend the

Runners

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at numbers 126 and 136 respectively. Jim Felling was the top men's finisher for the Falcons. Felling finished in 166th, with a time of 29 minutes flat. Miah Fredrickson and Schoelzel weren't far behind, coming in numbers 207 and 216 with times around 30 minutes. The Falcons have a couple of weeks off before taking part in the UW-Eau Claire Invitational on Friday, Oct. 9.

Football

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Despite the slow development in the kicking game, O'Grady remains confident that noticeable improvement is just around the corner. "He has to work on some of his fundamentals and then we expect him to come around," O'Grady said of his young kicker. "He does it right in practice." As the defense forced three turnovers, the Falcon offense quietly rushed for 268 yards—a mediocre number by the Falcons standards, but brutally effective nonetheless. Down 7-6 on its first possession of the second half, the Falcons surprised all in attendance when the team decided to pass the ball on four consecutive plays to start the half. The run-oriented Falcons seldom pass four times in a contest, much less on consecutive plays, but O'Grady said his play-calling was simply a reaction to the flow of the game. More importantly, the passing attack was effective, setting up the Falcons go-ahead touchdown courtesy of Grant. "The first route to (Running back Nick) Scribner (for 32 yards) I knew was going to be open," O'Grady said. And although the next two attempts fell incomplete, and Johnson was forced to scramble

for the first down on the fourth, the play selection opened things up for the Falcons' rushing attack. "It loosened them up," O'Grady said of the pass plays. "But throwing on consecutive plays was spontaneous." As important as winning the conference opener was for the Falcons, it may have come at a costly price. Starting offensive tackle Michael Snowberry broke his fibula in the contest and will be lost for the remainder of the season. Meantime, starting linebacker Matt Norstad dislocated and broke a finger on his right hand and his playing time will depend on whether or not he's comfortable playing in a cast. Despite the significant injuries, O'Grady understands the importance of starting the WIAC season 1-0 heading into this weekend's matchup with the high-powered offense of the UW-Oshkosh Titans. Meantime, the Falcons will need a similar defensive effort this weekend when the team plays host to the Titans. In last season's contest, the Titans, lead by talent-rich quarterback Brian Tomalak, scored touchdowns on five consecutive possessions. The Falcons managed to rush for 616 yards in the 49-39 Falcon victory, but this year Tomalak returns and he returns with more weapons. "They have a great running back this year—he looks good," O'Grady said. "Add that to (Tomalak) and they'll be tough. I don't know what to prepare for at this point."

Soccer

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There were a couple of close encounters where the game could have been ended, but it turned out to be a mirage. In the end, the Falcons played a better game considering the circumstances. Due to injuries and family matters, there were only two substitutes available. The players stepped up their game and played through any situation that came their way. Sunday brought on a different story. With some players back on the able to perform list, the Falcons were in full force to hand out a loss. And a loss is what Superior left with. Superior's defense was no match for the Falcons' goal-hungry forwards. Pelinka knocked in four goals giving her a total of 24 points on the year. And senior co-captain

Rachel Booth contributed with a hat trick of her own and an assist. Booth lifted her point total to 13. Tallying up the score further for the Falcons were junior Jessica Jankowski and sophomore Diane Rodman. And Lisa Schroeder added two assists for the day. The Falcons seemed to pull everything together against the Yellowjackets. The offense and defense were clicking together providing each other with ample support needed to win a game. The Falcon defense dominated the Yellowjacket's offense allowing only 10 shots. And the Falcons offense pounded the nets with 34. The Falcons improved their conference record to 2-2-1 with the challenge of facing the number one team in the nation on Monday. Macalster College will venture down to face the Falcons at Ramer Field 4 p.m. A win is not expected against Macalster, but it will be a definite test for a struggling young team.

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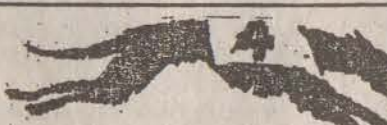
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MONICA MANSKE

TV scoffs

Are we there yet? Seems as if I've been in school for eons, yet a month hasn't been completed yet. Life seems so supine and disorganized lately. There never seems to be enough time to do anything, but somehow boredom is still readily available. Not to mention repeatedly attained. This general feeling makes one (namely me) ponder: Where did this sluggishness originate? Since this is an Arts and Entertainment column, I intend to turn this listless rambling into a focused piece of brain filler for all of you to absorb. I wish to make my intentions crystalline clear so the message contained in the next few paragraphs will reach everyone. I sincerely hope none of you reading this will have to go through the heartbreak I have. I do have a point and a scapegoat for my discord. Television has broken my heart repeatedly, yet I return for her emotional rollercoaster ride.

"I'm convinced (today, at least) television is the primary factor in my recent wanderings of the soul."

I'm convinced (today, at least) television is the primary factor in my recent wanderings of the soul. Television is like the lover I won't soon forget (Mr. X, this means you), and will reflect kindly upon this conversation despite the words chosen by the heart. Oh bitter-sweet glowing box; with your sparkling fallacies, mindless fodder, and your ceaseless sensationalism you say less than I care for. Television is the bitch-goddess I'm hopelessly, sickeningly, addictively in love with. She seduces me in with her hushed whispers of human revelation, and then delivers the mindless drivel of "Home Improvement" (Jill is mad at Tim again, ha ha ha). Sometimes I come to my senses and realize my relationship with television is merely superficial; she will never love me back like I want her to. It is at these moments of profound realization that I'm almost free, the possibilities of a normal life stretch before me. She won't let me go, I think it is a matter of sick possession with her. Just when I think I'm disentangled, television (oh my goddess) presents me with "Neighbors From Hell" (or something akin to it). I become her slave again, enchanted with her tales of topless lawn mowing and other feuds of the domesticated. Television reduces me to nothing; a drooling, blinking shadow of my former thoughts.

The warning signs of television's power struggle with me were evident from the very beginning; via clever product display (Smurf cereal anyone?) and shows geared for my young, impressionable mind. I took Transformer-esque baby steps towards my enslavement, and now I fear I'm permanently shackled. I shouldn't have ignored the signs for so long! Severe restlessness during commercial breaks, refusal to consume food or drink for fear of missing part of a good re-run (I term this a Seinfeld-fast), and scheduling events around tape-worthy programs. I will never be able to marry on a Sunday, unless Fox moves some things around. In fact all the days are out as far as exchanging vows goes, unless those vows are to television. Have I painted this picture pathetic yet? Don't choose the path I have! You can fight this evil enchantress, or at least hold her off a bit while you live your life. I'm trying to start a life out of her shadow, but the sun burns me initially. I somehow managed this weekend to pay little attention to my beloved, spurned television. Well, we had a few guilty trysts; but I won't mention them considering her evil needs no more free

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Performance celebrates Wisconsin's history

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

The audience sat expectantly waiting, fanning themselves with their programs while they whispered to their neighbors. The stage held the sound system, musical instruments, props and featured a 17-by-25-foot projection screen centered behind the stage. The U.S. flag and the Wisconsin flag hung above the stage. Finally, the lights went out and the show of a lifetime began.

"The 30th Star," a production of songs, Wisconsin stories and more than 1,000 photographs premiered last Saturday night at the Knowles Center to celebrate the sesquicentennial of Wisconsin and the city of River Falls.

"The show was planned intentionally for this weekend to celebrate the 150 years of the history of Wisconsin and the city of River Falls," said Kaye Schendel, program assistant at the Leadership Center. "We sold tickets for about 1,480 people."

The show, which featured 13 performers and eight band members, started with the announcement of the statehood of Wisconsin. "The 30th Star," was created by Warren Nelson and Betty Ferris of the Nelson-Ferris Concert Company and produced by the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua.

Nelson took part in the production as the narrator and also as a vocalist.

"On the 29th of May, the year of our Lord, 1848," Nelson said in his role as narrator. "Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union."

During the whole production, along with the music and performances, more than 1,000 photographs featuring historical places and famous people were shown on the projection screen.

A loud alarm, which interrupted the beginning of the show, did not take the audiences focus away from the show. The music and the performances captured the audience and held them spellbound.

The show introduced two actors who played the part of an old couple in a European country and their correspondence with their son in the new land of America. The old woman with a shawl wrapped around her tried to persuade her husband to move to America. The old man, who sat smoking a pipe, didn't respond until his wife read his son's letter to him: "Dear Mother and Father, my boots are brown with American soil. I met a Yankee who owns a ship. I will be sailing over the Great Lakes. The port of Milwaukee is like a forest of masts of the ships that dock there. I met all kinds of people from all over Europe such as Irish, Polish, Dutch and Germans. When you come to New York City, watch out for thieves because they come in pairs. The Erie Canal is too slow to travel by. Take the train instead."

The song "Under the 30th Star" described the process by which Wis-

consin became a state and explained the symbols of the Wisconsin state flag. The flag represents different aspects that made the State of Wisconsin what it is today. The flag features a sailor, an anchor, an arm, a badger, the corn of Capricorn, a plow and a pick.

"Immigrants rushed to Wisconsin

his hard labor.

Two performers dressed as miners sang about iron mining in "The Black Hats." Railroads and steamboats also played an important role in Wisconsin history.

The show also gave special attention to inventions that Wisconsin contributed over the years for our

Army of the South.

Nelson lifted a statue of an eagle from the trunk. According to Nelson, the golden eagle's name was Old Abe. He was the mascot for the Wisconsin Eagle regiment. Old Abe would fly over the battle sites and encourage the men to fight. Old Abe survived through 22 battles and 60 skirmishes.

"Racine, Wis. became an underground railroad station to assist escaped slaves to freedom," Nelson said. "One famous escaped slave, Joshua Glover was captured and thrown in a county jail. One hundred men, led by the editor of the Herald, rescued Glover."

"Native American tribes, who lived here before whites came, gave Wisconsin a great heritage by naming places like the Fox River, the Chippewa River and the Wisconsin 'Owiskonsing' River."

The French also left an impairing on Wisconsin history.

"According to Nelson, the French missionaries/explorers Marquette and Joliet were among the first whites to come to Wisconsin. Lter, Nicolet, the new governor of the Wisconsin Territory, landed on the shore of Lake Michigan and frightened the Indians by shooting two pistols high into the air."

Fur trading, especially beaver pelts, became the occupation of many French settlers and lasted for 200

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Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

"Shameless Self-Promotion"

Adam Benedetto is a published poet. His book "HANDWRITINGS" is on sale at the Bookpress Bookstore located next to the Theater in downtown River Falls.



What's to say about the guys on the second floor of Prucha Hall who have a giant poster of a scantily clad silicon-endowed female facing out their window? Well for you two guys, here's some advice, on a personal note, because freshman do need guidance; "Guys really- that's no way to get the ladies."

Speaking of poor judgment. With so much strange press lately, I was hardly surprised when the Ghost of Nixon was conjured from the depths of Hell and showed up at the foot of my bed holding a giant breakfast! "I love your column so much I decided to come and make you breakfast," he said with a cheery smile.

Ghost or no ghost, Nixon always has his finger on the pulse of the nation. "Thank you Mr. President." I said as my heart swelled with delight. No one had ever made me breakfast in bed before, and here I was with a giant omelet and the Dick Nixon Special - Cottage Cheese and Ketchup.

"So Adam, are you thinking about entering politics after you graduate. Seems like you'd be a natural."

Nixon is always right. What he was telling me was that it's time for UW-RF to have a Student President who isn't afraid to laugh at their own farts, who isn't afraid to take bribes and use them to buy drinks for the bar, who isn't afraid to shake things up a little (even if it means being viewed as a person who is stark

raving mad). AND THAT PERSON IS ME! Where the blind bump into things — I will guide them! And at Rodli, where the students groan over complex carbohydrates — I will feed them 3 meat hot-dogs! Where albinos tan — I will rub them with aloe lotion! And should there be oppressors in my kingdom — I shall pants them! And, should there be an evil professor — I will chase them down and vomit on them! May God almighty be my witness!

"Where the blind bump into things - I will guide them! And at Rodli, where the students groan over complex carbohydrates - I will feed them 3-meat hot-dogs!"

words that are too big. For a while I was worried that I might have to cut my language down to monosyllable words, but then I noticed that all of the people who wrote to me are Child Ed. majors. If that explains anything. I'll refrain from passing judgment one way or another.

Back to breakfast-

Everything was great until the Ghost of J. Edgar Hoover showed up unexpectedly. I hate that guy. "Get lost," I hollered as he came into my room, "You know I don't like your swarthy character around here."

"I didn't come here to talk to you," J. Edgar retorted in a voice

And while I'm on the topic, some of my critics have said I skip around too much. To them I say, "Shut up! Ser dum kopf!"

And speaking of char- treuse-porcine thinkers, I should mention that I have received numerous E-mails stating that I use

like a vacuum, "I came to talk to Dick."

Nixon got nervous and asked J. Edgar to leave. J. Edgar started to cry which must have sparked Nixon's compassionate side. Nixon got up and gave J. Edgar a hug. Then Hoover smiled over Nixon's shoulder as he coyly placed his hand on the thick curve of Nixon's rump. It was becoming harder and harder to eat my cottage cheese and ketchup.

The two walked into the hall and I heard a lot of lovey-dovey-cutesy noises. It must have been a romantic moment because they came back into the room holding hands looking very excited. "Let's tell him together," J. Edgar said looking up at Dick with puppy dog eyes.

Nixon blushed, "You see Adam... J. Edgar here and I... Well, when two people love each other... O there's just no easy way of saying it so I'll just say it. We're pregnant! J. Edgar is going to have a little baby Nixon."

I was in shock. "Congratulations," I said as I offered Hoover a cigar.

"No thanks," J. Edgar said as he refused, "they go straight to my cervix."

I had to know more. "So tell me J. Edgar, now that you're having a baby, are you going to keep running the F.B.I. or take some time off?"

"No, no. Death didn't stop him and neither will pregnancy. I'm going to be a stay at home Nixon."

"Well you've always been interesting."

"Yep, we certainly gave the White House a reputation to live up to," said Hoover looking down right satisfied.

Then out of no where Freddie Falcon bust into the room and put Dick at gun point! Freddie was squawking and chirping angrily! Then it hit me- "Nixon, where did you get the eggs for that omelet?"

At this point Freddie noticed my breakfast and lunged for his cooked and partly eaten scrambled fetus. I barely escaped with

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"POINTS OF VIEW"

"This upcoming Monday is the first big Vikings vs. Packer game of the season. What will be the deciding outcome in the game?"



Brad Willet, senior

"Vince Lombardi will rise from his grave and strike Denny Green's purple warriors down."



Angie Jedinak, freshman

"Defense, probably."



Brian Dressler, senior

"Vikings are gonna kick ass."



Janell Goihi, junior

"It doesn't matter, the Vikings are gonna win anyway. Vikings are superior athletes and they have nice butts."



Chris Morehead, sophomore

"It depends on how much Brett Favre has to drink before the game."



Jessie Swenson, sophomore

"Cheer for Vikings because I'm from Minnesota. Gotta cheer for the hometown."

Manske

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One of the brightest moments of this, my first weekend on the way to liberation was spent feeding ducks. My roommate and I set out on our trek to the park, with old bread from our dorm room in hand. Down to Kinnickininc Park we went, entranced with melodies of birds, power drills, rustling leaves, and the other trademark sounds of nature. I won't pretend to know much of ducks and other fowl; but it was almost as if these creatures knew we were coming. The scene was almost too picturesque; the ducks and geese delicately placed in the water, sunshine of the day guiding their soft feather sounds and quacks, rippling of the water swaying the entire frame. Perhaps I found it so serene simply because it was real, and not an imitation projected by my television. I never would have thought something so simple could be so entertaining. The ducks and geese put on quite an amusing show, each giving their all for a little chunk of our stale bread. After a couple of minutes a couple and their two children happened by. Only one of the children, an adorable little girl, was old enough to appreciate the feeding. She added an extra nostalgic quality to the moment. I remember feeding ducks with my parents. I wonder, did this little girl appreciate this moment of human connection on her own level? Or was she like me at that age, where everything was a sort of intermis-

sion to my TV programs. Deep thoughts aside, it truly was beautiful to watch her joy that afternoon. Unfortunately, I damn near freaked when she started to eat some of the stale bread! I know she won't mutate into some horrible, deformed creature but still I felt guilty for not warning her parents of the bread's less than fresh condition.

If this were particular column were a sitcom (oh television, must you invade everything I do?), this would be the part of the show where the entire message would neatly be wrapped up, with n from me: If you sit and wallow, the bitch goddess of television will enslave you. She will make you slowly lose your ability to think for yourself; you will rely on her to feel anything. You may become so devoid of self-thought that you may take seriously every word I poured into this column. I hope there is still life out there to read this and take it for the spin of the often regurgitated "Get involved, kids!" column that it is. My fondest wish for this effort is to have saved some of you from the grip of my spiteful temptress, television. Better yet, I wish that a notable percentage of you have a hearty chuckle at my expense. It sure as hell beats my readers laughing at "Wings" re-runs.

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Big Top

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Wisconsin cities made an impact on the history of Wisconsin. Portage became the "old heart of Wisconsin." Portage means "place of one who takes canoes and carries on shoulders." A person can walk in 28 minutes across a piece of land that connects the Fox River to the Wisconsin River. Portage became the link that opened up passageways to the Gulf and to the Atlantic.

Crops were important to farmers in Wisconsin. The *Milwaukee Sentinel* reported in 1860 that Wisconsin was the "King of Wheat and that wheat was Wisconsin's gold."

After the intermission, the show focused on the local history of River Falls and the beginning of UW-River Falls. Joel Foster explored the valley of the St. Croix and settled here. Photographs were shown to contrast the old and modern River Falls.

The Lake Superior Big Top Chatauqua show, incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1986, was founded in the spirit of turn-of-the-century traveling tent chatauquas that entertained rural America.

Many people came in their Sunday best to visit their neighbors and to enjoy themselves.

Jon Lin, a freshman international exchange student from Taiwan, said "The show was unique and unbelievable. The performers are masters; they can sing, playact and play musical instruments. I really enjoyed the music."

Young children also enjoyed the show, along with their parents.

"I love it," said 10-year-old Amy Lolpin of River Falls. "I like the mining part best."

Some UW-RF faculty and staff members also came to watch and celebrate history.

"I'm very impressed," said David Kabes, the director of the Survey Research Center on campus. "I'm taken back at how smooth it flows and how moving the show is. I'm seeing something that I will never see again. It reminds me of my first time I seen Mt. Rushmore. It sums up the whole history of Wisconsin."

Nelson and the rest of the performers ended the show with the song "Down the Home River," which tells people that they have something to give their children—the history of our state.

Benedetto

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my life by jumping out of bed and knocking Hoover to the floor.

After such a strange morning I thought it best to go to the river and write poems in the sand that focus on man's temporal state. Here is one I wrote to my lawyer and house-guest Joseph T. Smolinski:

10 A.M. Poem In The Sand
Yesterday I did no cigarettes, no booze,
(and no homework but I'm not proud of that one)
Some habits are hard to quit..

Some are hard to start.

This morning I wake up and go to the bathroom to greet Joe's pubic hair on the edge of the toilet.

Mornings can be lonely but not with friends like these.

"Hello little hair" so good you can be here with me while I do those little chores of showering and tooth brushing that are no fun to do alone.

"O little hair you are so nice there" I will love you now, and if someday Joe should wipe you from your porcelain home, I will miss your curly love.

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