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The 1998 Annual Spring Dance Theatre production offers a broad spectrum of performances this year. They will be performing through Saturday.

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FRIDAY

Highs should be in the mid 50s, while lows will be in the mid 30s. Partly cloudy.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Much like Friday, with highs around 57, low around 38.

Sunday: Highs drop to the low 50s. Partly cloudy and windy.

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Assault raises safety concerns

■ March 9 attack near Rodli prompts warnings, spawns false rumors

Jennifer Murphy
News Editor

UW-River Falls students should be on the lookout for suspicious people and report anyone who looks out of place on campus. This advice is given by River Falls Police Sergeant Jeff Linehan following an assault of two students near Rodli Commons on Monday, March 9.

Two women who were walking on the sidewalk in front of Rodli Commons at about 9:30 p.m. were approached by a man wearing a dark colored ski mask, blue jacket, tan

pants and carrying a dark colored book bag. The women heard the man running behind them and assumed he was a jogger, Linehan said.

The man came up behind them, grabbed one and assaulted her, Linehan said.

"That's what scared us the most," said one victim, who asked to remain anonymous. "We were by Rodli — right on Cascade and under street lights — and we both knew he was behind us."

According to Linehan, the victim pushed the man and attempted to punch him. The man fell to the ground and ran away.

"A lot of girls think they'd react and be able to run and get away if this happened to them," said one victim. "But when it happens, you're so terrified, you're in a state of shock. We fought back, but we didn't scream or

run. We're worried about naive people who think this campus is so safe and that something like this can't happen."

The incident is currently under investigation and no suspects have been named. It is unknown if the suspect is a UW-RF student.

"They reacted appropriately," Linehan said about the women. "(Suspects) don't like having attention brought to them, so this guy got up and ran."

The incident is classified as a fourth degree sexual assault. A fourth degree sexual assault is an act in which unwanted fondling under or over the clothing takes place. Punishment for the crime is a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or 9 months in jail or both. However, suspects of the crime usually are fined about \$200 and receive

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KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE

AVOIDING ASSAULT

- Walk on lit pathways
- Let roommates know when to expect you home
- Travel in groups
- Carry pepper spray (it's now legal in Wisconsin)
- Enroll in a self defense class
- Use the UW-River Falls escort service. Phone 425-3133
- Scream "Help! I'm being attacked!" not just "Help!"
- Lock your doors

Source: River Falls Police Investigators Jeff Linehan and Dennis Kreuziger



Mark Danielson / The Student Voice

A member of the River Falls Fire Department works at extinguishing the fire that broke out in the garage located next to UW-River Falls's Q-Lot, across from the Student Center and North Hall, late in the afternoon of March 26.

Fire destroys garage near campus

■ Motorcycle ignition may have been source

Jonathan Tatting
Chief Copy Editor

A charred interior exposing blackened wooden boards and a bent steel beam is the aftermath of a March 26 fire at a garage bordering the Q-lot on the UW-River Falls campus.

According to the River Falls Fire Department report, fire units arrived at the garage, 208 Spring St., at 4:25 p.m. and fully extinguished

the fire an hour later. The garage is located on the northwest corner of the metered parking lot just west of North Hall.

The seven tenants who live at the residence 15 feet away from the garage were not hurt.

"We got a call that smoke was coming from a building across from Hardee's," said Bernie Purfeerst, assistant chief of the River Falls Fire Dept. "There was little smoke followed with flames."

UW-RF News Bureau Director Mark Kinders

said he called 911 after seeing smoke and then flames coming from the garage as he exited South Hall.

"The flames came out pretty fast," Kinders said. "There were 15-foot flames. It (garage) went up pretty fast. Whatever was in there was pretty flammable judging by the popping sounds."

But he wasn't the first to make the call. Tenants and the property owner of the residence made the call well before.

Catherine Gibcke, a tenant, had just arrived home from grocery shopping when her daughter

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INSIDE:

Residents are thankful the damage wasn't worse. See page A3

Incident closes Leadership Center early

Jennifer Eberspacher & Mark Danielson
The Student Voice Staff

The UW-River Falls Leadership Center closed its doors early Tuesday night following an incident in which a student allegedly threatened to "unload a shotgun."

Steven D. Dykstra, 34, was escorted off University property and issued a citation for disorderly conduct by the River Falls police. He denies making any threatening remarks.

Asked why he was given the disorderly conduct citation, Dykstra replied, "I don't have a damn clue."

Dykstra, W10361 879th Ave., entered the Student Center at approxi-

mately 5:30 Tuesday evening to place a phone call to the Sheriff's department, according to police reports. While in the Leadership Center Dykstra allegedly commented to one of the workers there, "I'm gonna unload a shotgun pretty soon."

The employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, proceeded to inform a co-worker of the incident who in turn walked to the information desk and called campus security.

Shortly after the incident occurred and Dykstra was escorted off the property, officials at the Leadership Center decided to close it early. Students who were working in the Leadership Center at the time were asked to leave.

Ron Burandt, freshman, was one

"A guy got kicked out of the dorms and got pissed off and threatened he'd get a shotgun. As I see it, the situation is diffused."

-River Falls Police Sergeant Jeff Linehan

of the students asked to leave. He spoke to the UW-RF Student Association Student Senate Tuesday evening in regard to the incident.

"I was just kicked out of the Leadership Center," Burandt said. "I was deeply disturbed. I wanted to know why."

Lisha McLean, student affairs and

academic service director, addressed Burandt's concerns.

"A student was out of control, threats were made," McLean said. "It was necessary to close the doors for the safety of the students."

See "Center" page A6

Quilt back at home in library

■ Stolen in early January, the \$150 handmade quilt mysteriously materialized in Davee Library three weeks later

Allison Johnson
Staff Writer

When the handmade quilt Helen Spasojevich sewed especially to decorate the walls of Davee Library was stolen she showed what is right with people.

She showed her distress over the stolen quilt—it took her an entire weekend to make it—by telling about the incident in the St. Paul Pioneer Presses Jan. 31 edition of the Bulletin Board column. The heading? "What is wrong with people?"

Ironically in the column Spasojevich says in a message to the person who stole the quilt, "I think if they liked it that much, they should have told me. I would be quite willing to make one for them."

Spasojevich, who is a government documents assistant in Davee Library, made "Victorian Puzzle," a 3 1/2 by 3 1/2 multi-colored quilted wall hanging, especially for the library in order to diversify the art displayed. At the time most of the art was either oil paintings or sculpture.

"Victorian Puzzle," valued at \$150, had been on display most of fall semester when it was stolen sometime between the library closing on Friday Jan. 16 and the opening on Tuesday, Jan. 21, according to police reports.

Mysteriously the quilt reappeared about three weeks later on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 4 rolled up on a desk in the far corner of the Cataloging Department. It's an area no one has access to without a key.

Donna Gleason, a cataloger at Davee Library, says that she noticed the door to the mailroom, which is attached to the Cataloging Department, was unlocked when she arrived at work that morning. The quilt was discovered on the desk of Kay Montgomery, chair of the Exhibits Committee, as they were both talking by Montgomery's desk.

Spasojevich says that student assistants from the Circulation Department who walk around the library before close made sure that the mailroom door was locked at the end of the night.

Currently there are no suspects, but Spasojevich thinks her quilt,

See "Quilt" page A3

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION, FINANCIAL AID 1998-99 Students who have filed for Federal Financial Aid for 1998-99 should stop by the Office of Financial Assistance to complete an Institutional Application for Financial Assistance for 1998-99.

SENIOR RECITAL PRESENTED BY FLUTIST Flutist Gretchen Westergard, a senior music performance major, performs at William Abbott Concert Hall in KFA on Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. There is no cost for admission. For further information, contact the music department at 425-3183.

DISCONTINUED TEXTBOOK SALE at Textbook Services from now until finals week. Textbooks are available in all subject areas at prices ranging from 25 cents to several dollars per copy.

SPRING CURRENT TEXTBOOK SALE will begin Feb. 16 and resume through April 10. Twenty to 40 percent discounts will be available on textbooks previously checked out from Textbook Services.

WANT TO BE A CAMPUS TOUR GUIDE? Interested in promoting UW-River Falls to prospective students and families? Application and interviews are required. Applications to be a campus tour guide are available in the Admissions Office, 112 South Hall and are due April 6. Questions? Call Kris Anderson at 425-3500.

LION'S PAW BOOK CLUB Mama Day by Gloria Naylor, lead by Jenny Brantley of the English department. Offered Wednesday, April 8 at noon in the library's second floor breezeway. For more information call Curt LeMay at 425-3360.

STUDENT READING SERIES Listen to poetry and prose. Read at the open mic. Chalmer Davee Library, second floor breezeway, Fri. April 3, 3:30-4:45 p.m. All majors welcome to attend. For more information or to sign up to read, call Susan at 426-1678 or Dr. Brantley at jennifer.s.brantley@uwrf.edu.

ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE-LANCASTER, ENGLAND Applications for this exchange are due April 15, 1998. Contact the Office of International Programs, 104 North Hall.

CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE for Young Professionals, supported by members of the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag. The program is designed for students ages 18-24 in business, technical, vocational and agricultural fields, though others are encouraged to apply. For more information contact Congress Bundestag Program at (212) 497-3500.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR will be held Wed., April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Karges Gymnasium. The fair is sponsored by the Recreation and Wellness Committee, Department of Health and Human Performance and Student Health Services. All students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome. Contact Alice Reilly-Myklebust at 425-3293/3292.

SCHOLARSHIPS

HELMUTH F. AND ELSE N. ARPS SCHOLARSHIP Sponsored by UW-Oshkosh Trust Department and Board of Regents. Open to any major, applicants must be residents of Calumet County, who have graduated from a Calumet County high school. Applicants must be undergraduate students during the 1998-99 year at a UW-System school and must demonstrate financial need. For more information and applications contact the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall. Deadline is June 4, 1998.

ERNIE GUENTHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Sponsored by the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Society of Metals. Applicants must be a metallurgical engineering, materials engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, chemistry or physics major. Applicants must be enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall. Deadline is April 17.

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CLARK COUNTY ASSOC FOR HOME & COMMUNITY ED. scholarship sponsored by the Clark County Association for Home and Community Education is available to those applicants who are residents of Clark County and in the process of completing one year of higher education beyond high school and have 24 credits by June 11, 1998. Deadline is May 22.

SPRINT AND NCSL NETWORK is available to applicants majoring in Public Policy, Political Science, Public Administration or related fields. Applications are available to those who carry a 3.5 GPA in undergraduate study. Contact the Office of Financial Assistance, 122 South Hall. Deadline is June 23.

MEETINGS

TUESDAY: STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday, at 7 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 of the Student Center.

WEDNESDAY: SOCIAL WORK CLUB will meet April 8 at 7 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet April 8, 5 p.m. in 331 Agriculture Science Building.

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.

**A walk for safety
Many work to make walk success**

Jennifer Eberspacher
Viewpoints Editor

On Monday April 13, Chancellor Gary Thibodeau, along with Vice-Chancellor Virgil Nylander, architectural consultants, campus security and an officer from the River Falls Police Department will be taking a walk around the UW-River Falls campus.

The purpose of the walk is not fresh air and nice scenery, but the spring 1998 Campus Walk for Safety. The Walk for Safety is sponsored by the UW-RF Student Association, Student Senate and the Student Senate Diversity Issues Committee.

The walk is a way to "address concerns, look at the landscape and see how safe it is for students," said Diversity Issues Director Nathan Thompson.

This will be the second Campus Walk for Safety the UW-RF campus has held. The first was held last September.

"We decided to do one again to follow up our concerns," Thompson said.

One of the results from last semester's walk was the repairing of the campus Blue Lights, which are there for students to use in case of an emergency. Nine or 10 new lights are scheduled to be put up

around campus.

"The walk will cover the entire campus from Crabtree Hall to Johnson Hall to Hunt Arena and back," Thompson said.

All UW-RF students and faculty are invited to participate in the walk.

"The Campus Safety Walk will proceed from the main entrance of the Hagestad Student Center at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 13," according to the memo that the Student Senate Diversity Issues Committee sent out.

At the Tuesday evening Senate meeting, the senators passed a motion to sponsor the Walk for Safety.

LET THE SUMMER SPENDING BEGIN

The UW-RF Leadership Development and Programming Board allocated the summer Segregated University Fees (SUF funds) during its March 25 evening meeting.

The board had \$18,300 available for summer activities and organizations.

The St. Croix Valley Summer Theater was allocated \$5,000, the Body Shop received \$500 and the entertainment committee was given \$11,300 for its summer amphitheater program.

The board was left with \$1,500 which will be

placed in the University Reserve Fund.

The budget has to be initially approved by the university budget officer, Mary Halada and the Chancellor.

The board decided not to give the remaining money to a group just because they had the money to give, said Joseph Smithwick, Leadership Development and Programming Board Chair.

BOXING UP CONCERNS

Students may have another way to voice their concerns to the Student Senate besides appearing at the Tuesday, March 24 evening meeting.

The UW-RF Student Association Student Senate passed a resolution Tuesday to place concern boxes in Rodli Commons and Hagestad Student Center where students can write concerns and views on campus issues.

The Student Affairs and Academic Services Committee will be responsible for dealing with all concerns placed in the boxes and bringing them before Senate.

Senate must first have permission from Student Center officials before placing the boxes there.

The resolution was a reaction to the lack of student involvement and feedback about campus issues.

CAMPUS SECURITY NEWS

Unknown fumes cause evacuation of Parker Hall

Jenny Murphy
News Editor

The pungent smell of rotting sauerkraut would have been more welcome than the smell some Parker Hall residents caught a whiff of last Sunday night.

A strange odor in Parker Hall was reported to Campus Security at about 8 p.m. Sunday. Rotting garbage in the basement was giving off methane, according to reports. The River Falls Fire Department responded to the scene.

Residents on all west wings and fourth floor of the east wing were evacuated after one resident alerted a resident assistant of feeling sick resulting from the smell. Three students complained of light headedness, headaches and watering eyes, reports stated.

About 130 students spent an hour in the Parker Hall lobby and other residence hall lobbies, said Assistant Area Coordinator and Professional Staff Member of Parker Hall Collette Landsberger.

"I think it was an isolated thing," Landsberger said. "I don't think

there's any toxic smells in the area. I'm not worried there's something dangerous in the building. The fact they let people come back in that night tells me it's safe. I'm still living there and I feel safe."

"I'm not worried there's something dangerous in the building...I'm still living there and I feel safe."

-Collette Landsberger, PSM Parker Hall

lot. When Ptacek fled, the Shopko employee notified another employee and the pair chased Ptacek in a car. Ptacek was on foot. The chase ended in the Perkins' parking lot, where police were waiting.

The CD's, valued at \$70, were not recovered. An employee said he observed Ptacek throw something into the Kinnickinnic River from the bridge on Main Street. Ptacek was fined \$157.

Matthew J. Swett, 19, 421 Johnson Hall was cited for shoplifting at Holiday convenience store last. Swett was arrested for taking two candy bars valued at \$1.15 and was fined \$157 for the incident.

HIT AND RUN

A vehicle belonging to a UW-RF student was damaged in a hit and run accident on March 27 or 28. The student's car was scratched with a white paint mark.

THEFT

A March 9 spree of stealing CDs, movies and video games from residence hall rooms resulted in three UW-River Falls students and one recent graduate being charged with party to the crime of theft.

John J. Biezuns, 22, 523 S. Wason Lane #8; Jared M. Jacobson, 21, 905 Sycamore St. Apt. A; Brett T. Kohler, 20, 272 Hathorn Hall and Robert T. Stevenson, 23, 208 S. Fifth St. were caught stealing various items March 8 at 5 a.m. when a victim woke up from sleeping and saw one suspect standing in the victim's room, according to police reports.

The victim realized a CD case and about 27 CDs missing from his room the following morning and contacted Campus Security.

The victim confronted one suspect and asked for his belongings. The suspects admitted to taking the items and returned two bags of items. The bags contained CDs, movies, video games and a bottle of cologne. The items were given back to residents of four rooms that had items stolen, reports stated. About \$650 worth of items have not been returned.

The suspects are summoned to appear at the Pierce County Courthouse in Ellsworth on April 20 at 10 a.m.

IN OTHER NEWS

Jacques M. Baumer, 23, 930 S. Main St. Apt. 5A, was ticketed March 27 for speeding.

Julia M. Romero, 24, 431 N. Second St., was ticketed March 30 for speeding.

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ELECTIONS

Primary Date If Necessary On--
Wednesday, April 15 • Student Center 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

Tuesday, April 21 • Student Center 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Rodli 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22 • Student Center 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Up in smoke Blaze claims property near campus

■ Vehicles and personal valuables were damaged in the late afternoon fire

Dan Hilsigen
Assistant Sports Editor



Mark Danielson/ The Student Voice

After many 911 calls were made, the River Falls fire department arrived to a burning garage that had sprouted flames reaching heights of 15 feet. The garage is located at 208 Spring St., just northwest of campus. No one was hurt.

While Sandmann praised the fire department other residents thanked God.

"We praise God that the house wasn't touched and that everybody's OK," resident Catherine Gibcke said.

Sandmann lost a 1996 Harley Davidson 1200 Custom Sportster motorcycle, 1997 American Classic Edition Honda motorcycle and a 1995 Geo Metro, along with other smaller items.

"I just bought the Harley in January," Sandmann said.

The Gibcke's, who have lived there for almost two years, lost a Pontiac Grand Am, a bicycle and a grill. A pop-up camper was also damaged in the garage fire.

"It just seems like maybe (the fire department) could of got here faster," Catherine Gibcke said. "But good things have come out of it."

Because their car was damaged, some friends of the Gibcke's decided to lend their Toyota van to them for a week. Now they want to sell it to the Gibcke's for \$100.

Another resident who uses the ga-

rage lost some belongings as well.

"I lost an antique rocking chair and an air conditioner," resident Bob Jorgenson said. Damages were estimated at \$150.

Jorgenson did observe a potential problem.

"When I called 911 it was busy," Jorgenson said. "It's kind of weird. If there is an emergency, people can't get through if it is busy."

Gibcke and Mark Kinders, the UW-RF News Bureau director, called 911 at around the same time other eye witnesses dialed in.

The only car to escape the damage of the fire was a Mazda RX7. It was the only automobile that wasn't in working condition at the time. The car was parked closest to the house, to the north of the Pontiac.

Even though much was lost in the fire, everyone came out of the situation unhurt.

"Everybody's OK and that's the main thing," Sandmann said. "You can always replace stuff."

-information contributed by Jonathan Tatting

How 'bout them Apples? Macintosh to PC

■ A high demand for PC computers will find residence halls Apple-less next semester

Mark Danielson
Editor-in-Chief

Apple Macintosh fans who live in the residence halls and don't own their own computers may find themselves somewhat disgruntled this coming fall semester.

Due to high demand for PC computers, or IBM clones, over the summer all of the residence hall labs will be converted to PC only.

Macintosh computers will still be available in Davee Library.

According to Larry Testa, adviser to the UW-River Falls Residential Living Committee, the committee randomly sent out 500 surveys to residence hall residents last semester asking them about their usage of computers in both their room and the residence hall's computer lab. Of the approximately 200 surveys returned, 94 percent said they would prefer clones instead of Macintosh computers.

Testa said the results of the survey paralleled with what he frequently sees when walking past the com-

puter lab in Hathorn Hall, where the Macintosh computers are often empty.

"Usually both clones are being used," he said.

According to Dawn Schmitt, chair of the Residential Living Committee, the committee includes two representatives from each hall. Over the week's discussion concerning the labs was going on, they went back to their respective halls and talked to the residents about their preferences. The response favoring PCs was pretty unanimous, she said.

Brad Holmberg, the committee member who moved the motion to make the change to all PCs, said the computers often wouldn't be able to fit the purpose they do in the Davee labs.

"Most people who have to use Macs use them for a specific class or program—programs that wouldn't be on the computers," Holmberg said.

The computers are covered through residential service funds, which students pay when they pay their tuition, room and board.

Schmitt said one benefit of having all the computers being PCs will be reduced cost to the halls, as separate software will not have to be purchased for both PCs and Macs. Testa said having equivalent computers will result in easier maintenance, and therefore better service to students.

The new PCs will be Gateway 2000s similar to the clones already in the labs, Schmitt said.

RES. HALL

LAB SURVEY

Of the 500 surveys sent out to residence hall residents regarding their computer habits, about 200 were returned. Some highlights from the survey:

—71% said they use the computer labs in the halls

—94% would prefer new clones (PCs or IBM compatible) instead of Macs

—48% have computers in their rooms, 12% of whom have Macs

—76% of those who have computers have a phone modem

—90% of those experienced at least one busy signal the fall semester, while 51% experienced at least eight busy signals

—78% consider it a problem not having a phone when using the modem

—19% would spend \$150 for an additional line, while 20% would spend \$250 for direct access to the network

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which was returned in perfect condition, was stolen by a University employee who had access to the room. She did say that no one on the library staff would have a key to the area.

Spasojevich credits the quilt being returned because of the publicity she received from the Bulletin Board Column.

She says people from the Twin Cities have asked her and other library staff about the quilt and has been asked by the River Falls Sesquicentennial Committee to donate a quilt for a display this upcoming summer.

"Someone must have had a guilty conscience and had trouble sleeping at night," Spasojevich said about why the quilt was probably returned in her second and final message to Bulletin Board column appearing in

the Feb. 7 edition.

She said she was ecstatic that the quilt's return, but still feels terrible that someone would steal it in the first place.

Members of the library staff are also very happy about the quilt's return.

"We really appreciate the quilt now," Gleason said.

The guilty conscience that returned the quilt may have been swayed by Spasojevich's emotional words in

her first Bulletin Board message.

"I am heartsick about this," Spasojevich said. "I can't imagine why someone would do this."

She also said that she had a photograph of the quilt, but she felt it would never be the same, even if she made another quilt.

"Victorian Puzzle" is currently back on display across from the Library Director's office above a couch and some easy chairs, though Spasojevich says she has secured it

to the wall better and has embroidered her name on the backside of the quilt.

In the end, Spasojevich shows what is right about people in her final message to the Bulletin Board, which reminds everyone why she created "Victorian Puzzle" in the first place.

"Perhaps he realized how his actions affected all of us who enjoy working and studying in a place where art is valued," Spasojevich wrote.

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A life remembered

Former student touches many lives

■ The tough issue of suicide and signs of depression are stressed after recent UW-RF graduate, who was named Outstanding Senior within CAFES and Chancellor Award recipient, takes her own life

Colette Diers
Staff Writer

She was known for her zest for life and touching the lives of everyone she knew. In 1997, as a UW-River Falls student, she was named Outstanding Senior within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and received the Chancellor's Award.

Michelle Sands, a 1997 UW-RF graduate, died March 3 at the age of 24. According to Colby, Wis. Police Chief Ron Gosse, Sands committed suicide at about 6 p.m. at Colby High School where she taught agriculture.

"In the seven months that she taught at Colby, she touched just as many lives as I have in three years," said Gary Wirkus, a co-worker.

Sands and Wirkus shared office space and worked together with the high school Future Farmers of America members. Sands, a full-time teacher and middle school FFA adviser, will be missed by many. Some of her students expressed their grief.

According to Wirkus, one of the students said, "We just lost our mom of FFA."

Suicide is a very tough issue for people to discuss as well as deal with. According to UW-RF psychologist Dan Ficek, people commit suicide for different reasons. He said there is usually some history of unhappiness or depression in the majority of cases.

According to Wirkus, Sands had expressed she was depressed at one time. He said she was assuming more responsibility and striving to achieve excellence, "110 percent." Wirkus believes that when a person sets priorities, they may reach excellence but they may also fail. Wirkus said the first year of teaching is tough while remaining motivated is equally difficult.

Other than that one occurrence, Wirkus said he never would have thought Sands was depressed.

"I have never met a person who has been so energetic, organized and full of zest," Wirkus said.

He said she was even organized and smiling the day of her death. According to Wirkus, Sands made sure that he had the budget and FFA Degree handed in that day.

"Her grades and lesson plans were all done," Wirkus said. "She had all of the percents figured up."

According to Ficek, suicide is somewhat predictable, but peers and family do not want to accept it as a possibility. Some indications of a planned suicide

are personal or important clues are given away. The victim says good-bye or like Sands, they will make sure everything is caught up before they follow through with suicide, Ficek said.

"Suicide is usually not an impulsive act," Ficek said. So other than depression, what can lead to suicide? Ficek said there are many also be some component of mental illness that leads to depression. The victim may have a history of alcohol and drug abuse or a medical problem.

"Often times, suicide is an act of a confused, irrational mind," Ficek said. Due to the sense of being irrational, Ficek said an individual's perception is that things are a certain way. An example would be someone who perceives they are overweight when in fact they may be underweight.

"I have never met a person who has been so energetic, organized and full of zest."

-Gary Wirkus, Michelle Sands' co-worker

According to Ficek, because there are symptoms and causes, the victim can be treated. Nevertheless, he said a person will find a way to take their own life, if they desire to do so.

To treat the victim, many steps have to be taken. Initially, if someone expresses thoughts about suicide. Ficek said "Don't ignore it." According to Ficek try the following steps.

- Involve yourself with the friend, confront them and talk about it.
- Get some help, sometimes that means breaking confidentiality.
- Talk to someone who knows more about suicide.

Ultimately, Ficek said the best thing to do is "break the conspiracy of silence." He warned that no one should take responsibility for the victims' actions. According to Ficek, many people blame themselves for the suicide of a friend or family member and they may have nothing to do with it.

UW-RF is setting up a scholarship for Sands in memory of her achievements. According to Agriculture Education Professor Gerald Matteson, anyone can donate to the scholarship. Along with her achievements, Sands was involved in various UW-RF organizations and FFA.

"I have so many good memories," said junior Laura Heiden, a friend of Sands. "She was a positive influence and has always been my role model."

Matteson shares similar sentiments. "She was very well liked and was one of the kindest, most caring people I know," he said.

After graduating from UW-RF, Sands, her husband Aaron Sands, and their two children, two and a half-year-old Mariah and 8-month-old Douglas, resided in Colby. Originally from Taopi, Minn., Sands was a former ambassador for the Minnesota Pork Producer's Association and served as a 1992-93 Minnesota State FFA officer.

Sands' suicide leaves many with questions and grief, but ultimately no one has the answer to why.

Ficek said if anyone has a friend or family member who is considering suicide that they are aware of to remember this: "It is better to lose a friendship than a friend."

Great rate date



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

At Wednesday night's date auction, sponsored by Tri Sigma sorority, a date with Theta Chi fraternity member Burl Johnson (middle) was bought for \$22. Dave Chell and Nancy Nelson were auctioneers for the event, held at Brandy's.

Law requires looser education standards

ST. PAUL (AP) - A judge who will rule on the need for controversial proposed graduation standards has urged the State Board of Education to consider an optional phase-in plan for some districts.

Administrative law judge George Beck, responding to "hundreds of ... teachers, parents, students and administrators," recommended Monday that the standards be adopted, but he also suggested dropping the number of standards from 21 to 18.

The proposed standards, also called the Profile of Learning, would require students to prove their knowledge in several areas, including culture, composition, applied math and resource management.

Beck suggested increasing the number of elective standards from three to six to meet the required 24 for graduation.

He also cited the "unreasonable" burden the profile would put on high-achieving students. He recommended that students in advanced-placement or International Baccalaureate programs be allowed to substitute their advanced courses for profile standards.

Beck's report will be reviewed by the board at a special meeting April 8. The board doesn't have to adopt his recommendations.

The report acknowledged the difficulties with the profile.

"It will certainly require teachers to work far beyond the call of duty for the first few years of implementation," he said.

He stressed the need for flexibility in requiring all the state's districts to put the profile in place.

Kate Treweek, assistant commissioner for teaching and learning at the Department of Children, Families and Learning, said the findings are "consistent with themes that have been emerging throughout the process."

The department supports a three-year phase-in for some districts and sees the need for "serious consideration" of fewer standards, she said.

The Senate wants the profile in place by fall. The House's plan would allow a phase-in while requiring all of next year's freshmen to meet the requirements when they graduate in 2002.

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The drinking age is just an arbitrary number

It is an integral part of the modern college experience. We have all partaken in (or abused) it. It has been a part of life since its discovery. It is America's favorite pastime. It is arguably the cultural symbol of Wisconsin's largest city. It is served at many religious gatherings. It has been said that it is the cause of and solution to all of life's problems.

I am speaking of alcohol, of course. This commodity has long ago been deemed acceptable for a certain segment of the population (notably adults). The definition of this has changed somewhat over time. At some points in history 18 years has been the age at which society feels we automatically wake up responsible enough to partake in the sweet delight of alcohol. More recently, 21 years has been the magic age. Regardless of the exact drinking age, the very existence of one should be examined.

Do we, as a society, have a right (or obligation) to tell certain people they can drink and certain people they can't? I would argue that we do.

For obvious medical and social reasons a 12-year-old should not be able to buy and consume a liter

of vodka. The trick then becomes deciding at what age to draw the line.

The stated goal of a drinking age is to better society by keeping alcohol from those not physically or emotionally mature enough to handle it. The problem with this is the paradox we create.

We spend millions telling those under 21 that alcohol is evil. We then spend billions promoting such evils at sporting events and in movies. A drinking age of 21 is futile, if not counter-productive.

The "danger" associated with under-age drinking combined with societies mixed message may actually serve to increase under-age drinking. Not only does restricting age make drinking seem more attractive, it forces minors into more dangerous situations to consume it. Rather than being able to easily hang out at home and drink, they may decide to road trip around and drink. This is definitely a valid factor to consider.

Trying to keep any substance from any population is futile; especially when the substance in question is such an ingrained part of adult society. The fines and penalties levied by the tyrannical hypocrites of law enforcement do nothing to help the situation.

My best friend has earned eight under-age drinking violations and currently owes over \$5,000 in fines in two states and several municipalities. He is completely devoid of remorse (and rightfully so).

course free from artificial age restrictions. No one learns to use alcohol responsibly overnight: not an 18 year old and not a 40 year old.

I am still trying to learn the

JASON CHILDRESS

"The fines and penalties levied by the tyrannical hypocrites of law enforcement do nothing to help the situation."



Here is a 19-year-old in debt beyond belief for doing something that the world thinks I am (by simply having turned that magic age of 21) responsible enough to do. He has no less right to drink than I. He is simply a victim of a system that stereotypes young adults as irresponsible and irrational.

We are all victims of a system that believes that at midnight of your birthday, exactly 21 years after you were born, you become rational and leave all the problems of youth behind.

This is a gradual process. It is one that needs to be left to run its

meaning of the word moderation. I am an avid lover (and arguable abuser) of alcohol. I cannot help but question a system that leaves me free to drink at will and denies this right to the millions of 18-21-year olds who are more responsible than I. I simply say this to you. We all have a responsibility to search for a responsible way to use our respective poison.

This takes years and many mistakes. It is simply drawn out and made less rational by government age restrictions. If we are ever to come to terms with our "national pastime," we must free ourselves to find peace with it.

EDITORIAL

Placing the blame

With senseless tragedy following senseless tragedy, more and more Americans find themselves feeling the need to pinpoint exact reasons why such terrible things happen, especially when children are involved.

The recent schoolyard shooting in Jonesboro, Arkansas is no exception. Last week the quiet little town was the scene of a horrific ordeal that left four children and one of their teachers dead.

Just as horrific as the fact that the alleged killers are children themselves. Eleven-year-old Drew Golden and 13-year-old Mitch Johnson have politicians and citizens alike calling for better gun control, more parental supervision, and yes, some even suggest the death penalty for this particularly heinous act, no matter what the age of the offenders.

It is easy to be extremely angry when an incident like this occurs. It is easy to blame the government, or television. But after all that one fact remains; four young girls and a teacher are dead, and no amount of finger pointing can change that.

Drew Golden, like many young boys, grew up in a family where hunting was a valued family tradition. He did

receive a shotgun at the age of six for Christmas, and a good argument can be made that young boys of that age should not have a gun. However, no reasonable argument can be made that the bestowing of such a gift in turn caused the tragic event in young Drew Golden's life five years later.

It is also easy to blame the family. What kind of family could raise such psychopathic killers? Where were the parents when these kids were growing up to be such menaces to society?

Well, Mitch Johnson's father, Scott Johnson, was working long hours as a long-haul truck driver to provide for his family. For this he has been criticized, as he has been accused of depriving fatherly guidance. The fact is, none of us know these families, and therefore have no right to pass judgment on them.

As if the families of the two alleged killers haven't been through enough, they must sit back and listen to the nightly news as interviewee after interviewee profess their "eye for an eye" belief, saying the children should be put to death.

Legislation is sure to come out of this and everything will be fine until the next time something like this happens, then blame will be shifted somewhere else, perpetuating the never-ending cycle.

Perhaps the most tragic is the feeling that two young, confused boys felt that they had no where else to turn, no other way to vent their frustrations. Remorse and guilt might not come instantly, but it will come, and perhaps that will be the strongest punishment these two young boys could ever receive.

In the meantime, say a prayer for the families of the victims and the victims themselves. And don't forget the suspects, for they may need your prayers more than anyone.

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UW-River Falls' dirty little secret

Last year I began to take Chinese at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. My teacher, Sharon, (American translation) was from Beijing China. She lived in River Falls for an entire year and returned to China after her teaching job. I and many members of the class came to be very good friends with her.

I met with her on a daily basis because we both lived in Prucha Hall. My girlfriend and I had dinner with her regularly. We often ventured to see the sites of the surrounding areas of River Falls. Besides the many great things that I learned from her I learned a very bad fact about UW-River Falls.

The conditions that Sharon was subjected to living in were insulting and callous. The actions taken, or not taken, by this University were enough to make anyone feel absolutely embarrassed to be a part of this institution. I came to realize this plight was a motif that most foreign students were experiencing here.

Before Sharon arrived in America she was told that the University would take care of most of her needs, such as housing and anything else one would need for a long stay. On international flights you can often bring only one suitcase, which was all she was allowed. Coming into a foreign, distant country, she had only one suitcase for the whole year.

Sharon is 41 years old, married and has a daughter. She is a professor of English and business at her university in Beijing. When schools have an exchange program for professors like Sharon, they lodge them in an apartment. They try to make their stay as pleasant and dignified as possible.

For what ever reason, whether it be ignorance, obliviousness, racism or just plain stupidity, this institution miserably failed its job to do anything for Sharon. She was insulted, disrespected and treated like less than that of her peers.

When she first arrived, she was put in the residence halls. This was far below her expectations, but she had no real problem with it. Then to her disbelief, they had given her an 18-year-old student roommate. This is a 41-year-old professor forced to live in a dorm room with a student. For some

reason the people in charge found absolutely no problem with this.

All the things that the University was supposed to provide for her were completely absent. She was given one sheet for her bedding, nothing else. She was given no cooking utensils whatsoever. I had to lend her my own pots.

Sharon did not want to speak up as I had implored her to do. She did not want to make any trouble because she thought that this was the American way! She would not let me say anything either. Besides my girlfriend myself, and a very few people, Sharon was completely alone.

She had no real support network given to her. Her "host" family had her over about four times her entire stay. They didn't even bother to invite her to Christmas. On Chinese New Year (like Easter, Christmas, and your birthday in one) she sat alone in her room. If I did not go see her, she would have stayed alone in her room.

On Christmas, my class mates and I bought her a Christmas gift while she sat rotting in the residence halls for all of Winter break. She was so excited to see someone and know that someone was thinking about her that she broke down and cried in front of us. Where was the University support network for this woman? No where.

The students and RA staff on third floor Prucha did a great job of making her feel like an entire outcast. She was often talked about and leered at from many of the students. I experienced this often, hearing and seeing students whispering and rolling their eyes when we were cooking in the kitchen.

She said that at other times she felt absolutely invisible to everyone. The R.A.'s on that floor did a particularly horrendous job being sensitive to her differences in culture. She, as most Chinese do, wash their clothes by hand. She did this in the kitchen sink of third floor Prucha, not thinking anything of it. Many students complained to the R.A.'s. Instead of talking to her like an adult and explaining that this was not acceptable, given our different environment, they hung up a sign over the sink saying that washing

clothes in the sink is not allowed. Sharon was very embarrassed and angered by the R.A.'s' action.

Another instance of ineptitude on the R.A.'s' part was when her husband came. He is a geologist

and was in Canada by chance. He was able to get a visa and come and see her. Sharon had been very depressed because she had been separated from her family for so long. She had excitedly anticipated her husband's arrival for a month.

Sharon, her husband, my girlfriend, and I all prepared a meal together the second night he was here. We cooked in the evening and had a great time. We then ate it in the study lounge as no one was using it. We talked after dinner until about 10:30 or so. We had finished cooking and moved our pans off to the side. We were going to come back and clean them after dinner.

MARC DITTLOFF

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While we were eating, an R.A. walked in, looked at us, did not say anything, and left. We didn't think anything of it until we went to retrieve our dishes. To our disbelief, the R.A. had locked the kitchen because the kitchen was supposed to be closed by this time. She had seen us in the lounge eating and locked it anyway. I don't know if she was trying to be a good little soldier or had ulterior motives. What ever her intentions were, they were completely asinine. I could fill this whole paper with stories like the ones I just told you. She was continually mishandled and ill-treated during her entire stay at this University.

Her lovely stay was capped off with a rather profound gift from the University. I asked her if the University had given her anything. She pulled out a three dollar key chain that had the UW-RF insignia on it. Looking up at me with tired eyes she said, "Look Marc, this is

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tions were very wrong. The reality of her "America" fell far short of her dreams. The University needs to examine what in God's name it is trying to achieve here. A person like Sharon is not only a professor. She is a student, a mother and a human being. She is for all important purposes an ambassador from China. She will go back and inform her peers of what America is like. Unfortunately she will go back and inform them of what UW-RF is. Great. UW-RF needs to make a decision now. Is it going to have exchange programs to exchange information and culture to better the world community? Or is it going to have an exchange program to look good on the recruiting brochure? Right now they are perpetuating a relationship of intolerance and ineptitude in their exchange programs. This has international humanitarian repercussions and the leadership of this University is apparently unable to grasp and/or does not care. The actions of this University have gone above and beyond the normal everyday stupidity of neo-phytes.

If you cannot understand the importance of these exchanges to all of humanity and your own backyard then you should completely disband this institution's exchange programs. Give these Ambassadors to a college that has the ability to understand the full scope of their actions. Currently UW-RF does not deserve to have the honor of these individuals enriching this institution.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boredom a result of the lack of diversity on campus

This is a belated response to two previous articles in the Voice. One, an article concerning the creation of a "diversity board" to ponder why we can not retain more "students of color," (read: less rural and suburban honkeys.) The second, a rather fiery, slashing tirade by one Marc Dittloff denouncing our fair campus because of its unchecked boredom and absolute absence of any kind of intellectual culture, the type that some of us were expecting when setting off for a liberal arts environment. I totally agree that both of these issues should be gravely concerning the administration of this institution. I also believe that these issues are directly related to one another and that the root of these problems are rather obvious, if we so dare to look into it. The real solution to both problems would necessarily be to go back a couple hundred years or so and halt the wave of Calvinist settlers to Wisconsin and Minnesota. It has always been the descendants of these people that is the pool that UWRF recruits from. It is my considered opinion... that because our

university is filled with these white, Christian, uptight, close-minded, privileged, and reactionary students, that any semblance of a real academic environment is squelched through lack of demand or supply. (Face it white America, you're boring!) I have never talked to a foreign exchange student, or any other "student of color" for that matter, who did not say that this is a very boring, conservative college and often it does not seem like college at all. I myself feel like I am in a church sometimes. I would be shocked if there is a student who is not white and not from a suburb or a small town who thinks this is a great place to be; hence your lack of diversity problem, and hence, your boredom problem. Since one can not go back in time, I do not have any other solution. Just like Northern Ireland can not exile its Calvinist majority, neither can we. It looks like we are both stuck with our "Troubles" for a long time.

Timothy M. McAndrew

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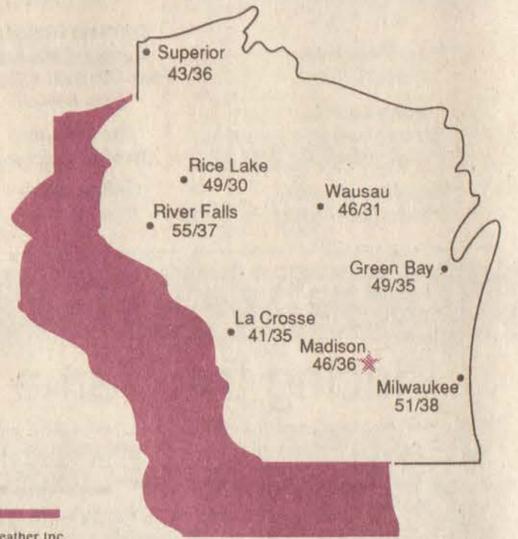


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| Partly Cloudy; Mild High 55/Low 37 | Partly Sunny; Mild High 57/Low 38 | Partly Cloudy; Windy High 52/Low 35 | Partly Cloudy High 49/Low 37 | Partly Sunny; Mild High 54/Low 41 | Partly Sunny High 52/Low 42 | Cloudy High 50/Low 41 |

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Friday, April 3, 1997



Monthly Forecast

April is here to make everything green and cheerful again. We have already received the average amount of rainfall for the month. There will still be plenty of warm weather and sunshine ahead, but with occasional rainy days scattered throughout the month.

Temperatures

| | High | Low |
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| Average | 57 | 35 |
| Record | 73 | 5 |
| | (1981) | (1954) |
| Yesterday | 43 | 32 |

Precipitation

| | Actual | Normal |
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| Yesterday | — | — |
| This Month | 2.75" | 2.62" |

Sky Data

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|----------------|----------------|
| Length of day: | 12 hr. 55 min. |
| Sunrise | 5:47 a.m. |
| Sunset | 6:42 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 10:56 a.m. |
| Moonset | 1:12 a.m. |

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Assault/Rumors follow

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probation, said River Falls Police Investigator Janice Bock.

The act committed is classified as a sexual assault, but Linehan stresses that there is not a reported sexual offender registered on campus, as has been rumored.

Wisconsin law requires sex offenders to notify local authorities when moving to a new community. Level one offenders, those with minimal or no threatening factors to individuals, must notify only the police department before moving to an area. Level two offenders, those who may threaten certain groups of individuals, must notify groups and agencies that may be threatened. For example, an offender with a history of assaulting children must contact schools in the community. Offenders who possess a significant number of factors of suspicious patterns of behavior must contact the entire community of their residence. The third level of offenders requires a risk to the safety of the public, Linehan said.

A sex offender is classified on the degree of their crime. If an offender lived on campus, the police department would be notified, Linehan said.

Incident evokes rumors

Since the assault, posters have shown up in some residence halls to warn students of such incidents. But the victims feel this approach is minimal to what should be done to protect the safety of students. "There's a poster that says something like 'be aware when walking alone on campus at night because students have been assaulted,' and that's all," said one of the victims. "I'm disappointed because that's all that's been said. There's no education about crime, sex crimes or anything on this cam-

pus. It's like it's being hidden and it's sad. I started hearing the rumors and you have to wonder how much is rumor."

The March 9 assault has blown certain facts out of proportion and has caused some UW-RF students to confuse fact and fiction. One such rumor floating around campus involves questions of a sexual predator, or rapist, to be roaming campus. This is false.

These concerns surfaced in a Wednesday meeting between security officials and some concerned student senators.

"There are a lot of rumors on campus," said student senator and Student Affairs and Academic Service Director Lisha McLean. "People are really talking. There are rumors of rape, sexual assaults and people running around with guns. We want to clear things up so things don't get blown out of proportion."

Senators Theresa Zirbel and President Dennis Paquette agreed.

"We don't want to start a mass panic," Zirbel said.

UW-RF Security Director Priscilla Stevens, Campus Security Officer Ken Kromley, River Falls Police Sergeant Jeff Linehan and River Falls Police Investigator Dennis Kreuziger cleared the air on rumors of a sexual predator.

"The rumors on sexual assault are confounded," Linehan said. "There is no sexual predator on campus or in any of the dorms."

The authorities said students should always focus on safety. The March 9 assault has geared awareness of safety issues on campus.

"It's never a negative to think about safety," Linehan said. "This chaos can be looked at as a positive. That way, if anybody would ever come to somebody out there, safety is on their mind and they'll have a jump start on safety measures."

Center / Student cited had called police

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Dykstra, a United States Air Force veteran who was honorably discharged, was allegedly upset about being evicted from his residence hall Friday of last week.

"A guy got kicked out of the dorms and got pissed off and threatened he'd get a shot gun," said River Falls Police Sergeant Jeff Linehan. "As I see it, the situation is diffused."

Dykstra was informed that he was not allowed on University property until he spoke with the Dean of Students Roger Ballou.

Dykstra spoke with Ballou on Wednesday morning and was given

permission to attend classes at UW-RF, but he is still restricted from the residence halls and the Leadership Center. If Dykstra is found in either of these locations he will be arrested for criminal trespass and will be immediately suspended from the University.

Earlier in the evening Dykstra, who had been living in Prucha Hall, had asked campus security to go with him to the hall and retrieve his mail. While at the residence hall Dykstra attempted to take several photographs, according to campus security reports. Dykstra was told several times not to take the photographs, when he continued to do so he was escorted out of the building. Campus Security confiscated one

roll of exposed Kodak Royal Gold, 24 exposure film.

According to Campus Security reports, Dykstra was mainly concerned with an incident that had occurred earlier in the evening and denied any disruptive behavior in the Leadership Center.

When asked why he was evicted from the residence hall Dykstra said he had problems with staff and other residents, including being a victim of an alleged assault.

Dykstra also said that after his room allegedly had been entered and tampered with, he had asked to get his door lock changed.

"I'm the injured party here," Dykstra said.

On March 25, Dykstra was given a

letter informing him of his eviction from Prucha Hall from Residence Services Associate Dir. Lawrence Testa and Leadership Center Assistant Director Terry Wil. The letter outlined their reason for his eviction:

"A comment to PSM (profess staff member) in a public area (Leadership Center) and witness other staff members and was threatening to the physical health of other individuals in your dorm hall."

The letter also stated that all dorm halls are off limits to Dy until further notice. He is allowed no contact with any residence hall professional and student members.

Fire / Nearby apartments were not damaged

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ter, Becca, told her there was smoke and the garage was on fire. The fire claimed her Pontiac Grand Am and pop-up camper, which were parked outside of the garage.

"Not long after the fire started, I had used the car," Gibcke said, pointing to the Pontiac. "Everyone called 911. We praise God that the house wasn't touched and that everybody is OK."

Items lost or damaged in the fire included an antique rocking chair, a grill, a bike, an air conditioner, and assorted tools.

Estimated damage to the garage, motorcycles, vehicles, the camper, and other property ranged

between \$40 and \$50,000, Purfeerst said.

The most significant loss financially, however, was that of property owner Gary Sandmann. He lost a recently purchased 1996 1200 Custom Sportster Harley Davidson, a 1997 American Classic Edition Honda, both located in the garage, and a 1995 Geo Metro, which was parked outside next to Gibcke's Pontiac.

According to a member of the R.F.F.D., the damaged motorcycles were estimated at \$20,000. Sandmann said they were insured, but the vehicle wasn't.

"That was enough," he said of his losses in the fire. "I think I was the last one to notice. I was sleeping up in my apartment (when) I smelled smoke and thought someone was grilling. I looked

and noticed it was my own garage. I don't know how it started."

And neither does the River Falls Fire Department. Yet.

According to the report, the cause of the fire is still under investigation. However, Sandmann fire inspectors informed him the fire may have started from one of his own belongings.

"The origin was the motorcycle area," said B Purfeerst, assistant chief of the River Falls Dept. "Now we got to figure out why."

Sandmann said fire inspectors informed there was a possibility the fire could have started within the ignition of the Harley motorcycle. "The wiring (in the Harley) was destroyed than the Honda's," Sandmann said

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Wartburg 4, River Falls 0
River Falls 2, Monmouth 1
River Falls 3, Platteville 2
Dubuque 6, River Falls 1
River Falls vs. St. Thomas PPD, rain

BASEBALL

River Falls 9, Viterbo 8
River Falls 14, Winona 4
River Falls 10, St. Mary's 6
Winona State 10, River Falls, 4
River Falls vs. Carleton PPD, rain

CLUB SPORTS

Men's Rugby:
River Falls 14, Stout 12
Women's Rugby:
River Falls 51, Winona State 0

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Penguins steal beer, but can they steal ice cream? Off-Beat / B4



DAN HILSGEN

White eats Jim Crow

Green Bay Packer Pro Bowl defensive end Reggie White changed sides of the ball and went on the offensive on March 25 when he spoke to the Wisconsin Legislature. More specifically, White spoke to the Assembly.

Lawmakers, who invited White to the Assembly to speak, thought he was going to talk about his community work and his recent trip to Israel. It turned out that they were in for quite a surprise. In his almost hour long speech, White did talk about his community work and the trip to Israel. However, what shocked and all but silenced the lawmakers was White's comments on the homosexual lifestyle and his racial stereotyping remarks.

White, an ordained minister, made many controversial remarks during his speech. "When you look at the black race, black people are very gifted in what we call worship and celebration," White said to the Assembly. "A lot of us like to dance

... "White people were blessed with the gift of structure and organization. You guys do a good job of building businesses and things of that nature and you know how to pocket some money pretty much better than a lot of people do around the world.

"Hispanics were gifted in family structure. You see a Hispanic person and they can put 20 or 30 people in one home. "When you look at the Asians, the Asians are very gifted in creation, creativity and inventions. If you go to Japan or any Asian country they can turn a television into a watch ... "I mean, you look at the Indians, they've been gifted in the spirituality. When you put all of that together, guess what it makes? It forms a complete image of God."

Maybe White really thinks this forms a complete image of God. However, I feel it forms a completely different image. It forms an image of racial stereotyping and shows Reggie White for what he truly is, and that is a 'closet racist.' White tried to put a positive spin on his questionable comments by saying that "God made us different because he was trying to create himself."

White then began to preach to the lawmakers through a sermon-like rant that centered on homosexuality being a sin.

"One of the biggest one's (sins) that has been talked about, that has really become a debate in America is homosexuality," White said. He went on to say a couple minutes later that "we've allowed that sin to run rampant in our nation and because it has run rampant in our nation, our nation is in the condition that it is today."

White is basically saying that all of America's troubles and problems are attributed directly to homosexuals. No matter what anyone says, all of America's problems can't be the direct result of a particular choice of lifestyle. I highly doubt, and refuse to believe that the reason why many Americans are drug addicts or why US postal workers every so often go into work to blow off steam by taking their life and the lives of others with a gun are the direct results of homosexuality or any

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Clare, Egner entertain NFL dreams

After a tryout in front of NFL scouts last weekend in St. Louis, two former Falcon players are awaiting a telephone call that could change their lives forever

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

When the Kansas City Chiefs open their summer training camp at Ramer Field this July, local spectators in the stands may recognize two former Falcons on the NFL practice field: linebacker Damon Clare and kicker Jesse Egner.

Last Friday, just months after their NCAA Division III collegiate careers came to an end, Clare and Egner drove to the University of St. Louis to display their athletic talents at a general football camp tryout. Those doing the judging included scouts representing the NFL, CFL,

World League and Arena Football League.

Both players, who were formally invited to the tryout, were pleased with their individual performances at the combine. So now the waiting game begins. According to Egner, any feedback concerning the players' performances could take from two days to two weeks. However, regardless of what the results say, Clare said he will not be disappointed.

"I was just happy to compete," Clare said. "I saw only one other division three player there. That's what I wanted to get out of it. I wanted to see if my ability was up to the division one and division two levels."

Clare did just that in the linebacker coverage drills. In 14 attempts at covering running backs and tight ends in pass patterns, he failed on only two occasions, catching the attention of the camp coordinator, according to Clare.

"The camp coordinator was throwing the passes during the coverage drill," Clare said of his timely success. "Near the end he (the coordinator) was saying, 'Damon get in there and cover him. Damon now cover him.' I thought it was cool he knew my first name."

While Clare was getting on a first name basis with the camp coordinator, Egner was impressing scouts by

competing with the kickers.

"I thought I was in the top five," Egner said of how he fared in the estimated field of 30-35 competitors.

Egner, who handled all of the Falcons punting and kicking responsibilities, had planned to also have a punting tryout but was not allowed to complete at two positions.

Regardless, Egner made the most of his experience.

"It was a neat experience," Egner, a health and human performance major, said. "I got to meet new people and it was interesting being around division one athletes and seeing if there is a gap between us."

Egner and the kickers were judged on four kickoff efforts, two down the middle and one kick deep to each sideline, scoring points for hangtime and distance.

The kickers were then asked to boot field goals from 30-55 yards away. From under 50 yards, where Egner was perfect, the kickers had two attempts from each hash mark. Egner missed three kicks, two from 50 yards and one attempt from 55 yards.

"I was really, really pleased with my performance," Egner, a Rochester, Minn. native, said. "Now we just have to wait for the results to get to the league."

Egner, confident he may get an



Damon Clare



Jesse Egner

offer from one of the four levels of football leagues present at the camp, will meet his agent for the first time this weekend.

Meanwhile, Clare has already been offered \$600 per game to play for the Green Bay Arena Football League franchise. However, he's awaiting any other possible offers coming out of the St. Louis tryouts before he accepts anything.

"I might have a chance," Clare, a

business administration major, said. "I met an agent at my hotel who wanted to sign me."

All business matters aside, Clare made some impressive feats at the camp.

The four-year Falcon starter from Delano, Minn., ran a 4.69 in the 40-yard dash and recorded a 34-inch

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Baseball wins with long ball

Five different Falcons hit home runs to lead the team to three victories in Winona

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

For the third time in this young season the Falcons baseball team had to rally in the late innings to pull out a victory.

After two come-from-behind wins on the team's spring trip, Falcon catcher Bill Julson hit a home run in the top of the ninth Friday to lift the Falcons to a 9-8 victory over Viterbo in tournament play.

The Falcons (8-2) were down 4-0 after two innings. However, the team jumped out to a 7-4 lead in the third when Joel Schaffer hit a two-run home run, his fifth of the season, that cut the Falcon deficit to one. Three batters later, A.J. Burr hit a three-run shot, his second of the season, to give the Falcons their first lead of the game, 6-4.

Falcon starting pitcher Shawn Peck and reliever Adam Williams sur-

rendered three runs in the seventh and Viterbo tied the contest at eight. Williams went on to strike out four of the next seven Viterbo batters, setting up Julson's dramatic home run, the Falcons fourth of the contest.

Despite having to come back in the game's final innings, Falcon head coach Dale Varsho said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"Overall, I think we did pretty well," Varsho said of the Falcons play against the Division II opponents. "I think we can compete with anyone."

The Falcons proved just that to Winona State in the team's finale on Friday.

Eight Falcons crossed the plate in the fifth inning and the Falcons never looked back as the team soared to a dominating 14-5 victory.

Once again Schaffer led the Falcons, collecting three hits, including his sixth home run of the season, and six RBIs in the contest. Falcon A.J.

Burr contributed his second home run on Friday with one of his two hits. Falcons Nick Reimler and Ryan Whalen also contributed two hits each.

Meanwhile, freshman starting pitcher Tom Wolvers struck out four in his second complete game win of the season, drawing the praise of his coach.

"Wolvers pitched really well," Varsho said of his young pitcher.

But veteran pitcher Jason Van Rossum struggled in the Falcons 10-6 victory over its first opponent Saturday, St.

Mary's. "We need to be consistent," Varsho said of his pitchers' control struggles over the weekend. "We are walking too many guys. Van Rossum walked some guys and they all scored."

Despite the slow start, Van Rossum got back on track by retiring 10 of the last 11 batters he faced in his second complete game victory of

"Overall, I think we did pretty well. I think we can compete with anyone."

-Dale Varsho, Falcon baseball head coach

Softball wins two in Iowa; moves to 5-7 on season

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The UW-River Falls softball team headed south again this past weekend. It wasn't as far as Florida, however (where they played over spring break), but Dubuque, Iowa for the Loras Tournament.

Decent weather allowed the Falcons to play all four scheduled games. They returned home winners of two, putting their overall record at 5-7.

The Falcons got off to a bad start in the tournament, losing to Wartburg College 4-0. The Falcons suffered from Sick Bat Syndrome throughout the game, as they could not get any significant offensive threats going. Every inning, the Falcons were held to four or five batters, with no innings over five. When the Falcons got on base, bad baserunning ruined any attack, according to interim head coach Chris Stainer.

"(The baserunning) wasn't very smart," she said.

Wartburg got two runs right away

in the first inning off Falcon senior pitcher Amy Benoy, but a sparkling play by the Falcon defense was actually the highlight of the inning.

The leadoff batter for Wartburg slapped a triple into the gap in right field, but as she tried to stretch it into a home run, she was gunned down at the plate by shortstop Krista Kirkeide.

Two consecutive walks to the second and third batters in the lineup put runners on first and second with one out. A fielder's choice, an error and a single in the next three at bats led to the two Wartburg runs.

Benoy and the Falcons defense held Wartburg scoreless for the next five innings, with one-two-three innings coming in the third, fifth, and sixth. Wartburg added two more runs in the seventh for the 4-0 victory. Benoy pitched a solid game overall, allowing five hits and two earned runs, with five strike outs. The Falcons managed just four hits, none of them for extra bases, in the loss.

Things improved the next two games for the Falcons as they pulled out tight victories in both games. In



Michelle Hosfield

the second game Saturday the Falcons took on Monmouth College. After a strikeout by freshman outfielder Jenny Heitz to lead off the second inning, freshman infielder

Sarah Hachey doubled to get aboard.

She moved to third on the next at bat as sophomore infielder Tiffany Peterson grounded to the pitcher for the second out of the inning. Junior catcher Karin Rumpza, batting eighth in the order, hit a grounder to short, but a passed ball across the infield allowed Hachey to score and Rumpza to move to second. A single by freshman right fielder Cindy Ostertag moved Rumpza to third. She was then driven in on a single by Kirkeide. The inning ended with the Falcons up 2-0.

The score remained the same until the fifth inning when a couple singles and a sacrifice bunt allowed a run to score. That would be all the scoring in the game, as senior pitcher Gina Masanz pitched five and one-third solid innings for the win. Benoy came on for the last inning and two-thirds to get the save as the Falcons went on to defeat Monmouth 2-1.

The Falcons took the field bright and early Sunday morning to take on WIAC rival UW-Platteville. The Falcons grinded out another close win, which ended with another one-run margin of victory.

The Pioneers started off the scoring by grabbing two runs in their half of the second inning. A lead-off single on a full count got one runner on board for Platteville. Then a series of unearned efforts by the Pioneers got several runners aboard and a couple runs across. The seventh batter in the order for Platteville singled to centerfield, but reached second on an error by center fielder Michelle Hosfield.

With runners now at second and third with one away, a walk by Benoy loaded the bases. Benoy struck out the last batter in the lineup for the second out of the inning, but hit the batter at the top of the order to force a run in. Another walk forced another run in. Benoy then struck out the last batter of the inning to stop the scoring at two.

The score remained 2-0 for Platteville until the Falcon fourth inning when they were able to tie it up. Hosfield led off the inning with a double. Haly Barker followed with a single, which put runners at first and third with no outs. A

See "Softball" page B2

SCOREBOARD

WIAC BASEBALL (Overall as of March 31)

| | W | L | Pct |
|---------------|----|---|------|
| Oshkosh | 7 | 1 | .875 |
| River Falls | 8 | 2 | .800 |
| La Crosse | 10 | 4 | .714 |
| Whitewater | 10 | 6 | .625 |
| Stout | 9 | 7 | .563 |
| Stevens Point | 6 | 5 | .545 |
| Platteville | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| Superior | 2 | 9 | .182 |

WIAC SOFTBALL (Overall as of April 1)

| | W | L | Pct |
|---------------|----|----|------|
| Whitewater | 11 | 1 | .917 |
| Eau Claire | 11 | 3 | .786 |
| Stevens Point | 14 | 7 | .667 |
| Oshkosh | 7 | 6 | .538 |
| Superior | 4 | 5 | .444 |
| River Falls | 5 | 7 | .417 |
| La Crosse | 5 | 9 | .357 |
| Stout | 5 | 9 | .357 |
| Platteville | 4 | 10 | .286 |

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

| | April 3-9 1998 | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Baseball | | Mt. Senario 1 p.m. | | | | | | at St. Olaf 2:30 p.m. |
| Softball | | at Stout Tourney | St. Mary's 1 p.m. | | | Stout 3 p.m. | | at Eau Claire 3 p.m. |
| Track and Field | | | at Carleton Invite 10 a.m. | | | | | |

FALCON ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

SOFTBALL— Outfielder **Michelle Hosfield**, a junior from Forest Lake, Minn., helped the Falcons to a 2-2 record at the Loras Tournament. In the four games she was 5-10 at the plate with two doubles, two runs scored and one RBI. She walked three times and had a .692 on-base percentage. In the field she had one error in 11 chances. She had a diving catch to end the game against Monmouth, a 2-1 UW-River Falls win.

BASEBALL— Hitter: Outfielder **Joel Schaffer**, a senior from Eau Claire, Wis., was 7-14 at the plate with three runs scored in the four games played. He had nine RBI's, two home runs, one double and three walks. In the field he had seven put outs and one error.

GYMNASTICS— **Annie Renelt**, a freshman from Lakeville, Minn., finished in a tie for eighth place in the All-Around. She earned All-American honors. She had a 8.775 in the vault, and 8.775 on the bars, an 8.9 on the beam and 9.35 on the floor for a 35.8 total. **Nicole Glunz**, a freshman from Maple Lake, Minn., finished 17th on the bars with an 8.975. **Debbie Rea**, a junior from Minneapolis, Minn., and **Melissa Schaub**, a senior from Cottage Grove, Minn., were both named to the NCGA National All-Academic team.

SPORTS SUMMARIES

BASEBALL

Friday's results
River Falls 007 000 101-9
Viterbo 310 010 30-8

2B—Reimler, Sackman, Samuel, Samuel. 3B—HR—Schaffer, Burr, Johnson, Julson, Sackman. SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Peck 6 1/3 8 8 7 6 5
Williams 2 2/3 1 0 0 1 4

River Falls 014 270-14
Winona 101 200-4

2B—Bayer, Schaffer, Whalen, Braund, Popp, Moe. 3B—Welch, Moe. HR—Schaffer, Burr. SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Wolters, W 7 12 5 4 6 4

SOFTBALL

Saturday's results
River Falls 112 06-10
St. Mary's 302 100-6

2B—Johnson, Bayer, Sanders, Schaffer, Stevens. 3B—HR—Whalen, Stevens, Setterland. SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Van Rossum, W 7 8 6 6 2 5

River Falls 000 121-4
Winona St. 010 405-10

2B—Sanders (2), Miesko, Moe, Lester. 3B—HR—Popp (2), Olsen. SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Fitzgerald, L 4 5 5 5 3 3
Eichten 2 5 5 5 2 0

SOFTBALL

Saturday's results
River Falls 000 000 0-0
Wartburg 200 000 2-4

2B—3B—Loy. HR—SB—Verba.

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Benoy, W 7 5 4 2 4 5

River Falls 000 121-4
Winona St. 010 405-10

2B—Sanders (2), Miesko, Moe, Lester. 3B—HR—Popp (2), Olsen. SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Fitzgerald, L 4 5 5 5 3 3
Eichten 2 5 5 5 2 0

SOFTBALL

Sunday's results
River Falls 020 000 0-2
Monmouth 000 010 0-1

2B—Hosfield, Hachey, Wagner. 3B—HR—SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Masanz, W 5 1/3 5 1 1 2
Benoy, S 1 2/3

River Falls 000 201 0-3
Platteville 020 000 0-2

2B—Hosfield, Heitz. 3B—HR—SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Benoy, W 7 3 2 0 6 7

SOFTBALL

Sunday's results
River Falls 000 010 0-1
Dubuque 001 160-6

2B—Kirkeide. 3B—HR—SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Masanz, L 4 6 2 1 1 2
Benoy 1/3 2 6 3 4
Peterson 1 2/3

River Falls 000 010 0-1
Dubuque 001 160-6

2B—Kirkeide. 3B—HR—SB—

Pitching
River Falls IP H R ER BB SO
Masanz, L 4 6 2 1 1 2
Benoy 1/3 2 6 3 4
Peterson 1 2/3

White

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other lifestyle choice. Then White began lecturing on how he thinks homosexuals are trying to compare their plight with the plight of black people.

"In the process of history homosexuals have never been castrated," White said. "Millions of them never died. Homosexuality is a decision. It is not a race."

This was White's reasoning for why he is not a "closet racist." It was a valiant attempt Reggie, but you didn't pull the wool over my eyes.

The bottom line is my perception of who White is and what he stands for has changed forever. Before he made those statements I thought he was a man who was above stereotyping people based on their race and bashing people solely based on their choice of lifestyle. It turned out that I was wrong.

Americans hold a variety of viewpoints on whether homosexuality is right or wrong. This is a country where you are free to speak your mind and live your life how you see fit. White's comments came as a shock to many people, not because they had not heard comments like those before, but because the words came from White's mouth.

Dan Hilsen is a sophomore majoring in journalism

NFL

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vertical leap—four inches higher than his leap made prior to his final college season last fall.

Even when Clare fell, as he did in the bench weight lift (by his standards anyway), he was tops among linebackers at the camp.

"If I would have done 22 reps at 225 pounds like I normally can do I would've been the best of the linebackers on the bench," Clare explained. "But I did 18 reps and the best guy did 20 reps."

Clare and Egner may not make the cut. But Clare, whose parents live in the Bahamas, probably has more international support than any other athlete at last weekend's try-out.

In fact, Clare is a sports hero in the Bahamas. Last month, while on a visit, Clare was a guest on an hour-long radio sports talk show. The visit included Clare as the subject of a trivia question: What number did Damon Clare wear as a UW-River Falls football player? An experience Clare won't soon forget.

"They were giving away an all expenses paid stay in a hotel, for knowing my number, that was pretty cool," Clare said.

Cool indeed. But Clare and Egner may have to get used to the media attention soon if a fateful phone call comes to River Falls this spring.

Softball

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fielder's choice on sophomore catcher Michelle May scored Hosfield and mover Barker to second to cut the Falcon deficit in half.

The next batter, Jenny Heitz, sacrificed to short, scoring Barker to tie it up. But as May tried reaching third on the play she was thrown out for a double play. Junior Kara Malec grounded to short to end the inning.

The game remained tied until the sixth inning, when Hosfield walked to lead off the Falcon's half of the inning. Barker then sacrificed Hosfield over to second. A couple batters later, Heitz knocked a double to score Hosfield.

With that, the Falcons took a 3-2 lead they would not relinquish. Amy Benoy pitched another strong game, going the distance for the win. She struck out seven and allowed no earned runs. Stainer was much happier with the team's baserunning in the game, calling it much smarter than the game against Wartburg.

The last outing of the tournament was one to forget for the Falcons. They took on the University of Dubuque and were soundly defeated 8-1.

Stainer called it the worst game of the season for the Falcons. It was an especially difficult game for the Falcon pitchers, as the umpires were giving them no strike calls on the corners.

"The umpires were very difficult," Stainer said. "They wanted the ball right down the pipe." And Stainer pointed out, when you do that, the opposing hitters will have a field

"The umpires were very difficult. They wanted the ball right down the pipe."

-Chris Stainer, Falcon softball head coach

The Falcons got their lone run in the game in the fifth inning also.

Kirkeide singled and was sent to second on a sacrifice by senior infielder Chris Caliguire. An RBI single by Hosfield then drove in Kirkeide. That was all the scoring in the game, as the final was 8-1.

Despite the Falcons 5-7 record early on in the season, coach Stainer is looking forward to the coming weeks. "I'm very optimistic," she said. In the Loras Tournament, Stainer saw signs that things are starting to come together.

Although things could've gone better at Loras, Stainer thinks the team has improved. "I'm still testing out players at different positions, so the lineup isn't set yet," Stainer said.

In the upcoming weeks when things become more clear, players get settled into their spots, and they get used to playing with each other she thinks the team will be much improved.

"The process will progress," Stainer said.

Baseball

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"The loss was pretty bad," Varsho said about the Falcons struggles. "We should've lost. Winona threw their ace because we beat them the night before—I know we can play better."

Sunday, the Falcons two scheduled games were canceled due to rain, making it eight total games lost from the schedule due to weather. Nevertheless, a frustrated Varsho said the season will continue.

"I really wanted to play (those games)," Varsho said of the late cancellations.

Last Tuesday, the Falcons' first scheduled home game versus Carleton College was postponed due to rain. The game was the ninth rainout of the team's young season and has been rescheduled for April 14. Friday, Mt. Senario will visit Ramer Field for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

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CHRISTY NELSON

'80S ARE STILL RAD

Help, I'm stuck in the '80s! Now granted, I very rarely don my red and black Thriller jacket anymore, and I am pretty much the same height with or without my hair done these days. But when it comes to entertainment, it's the 1980's that have their one-gloved hold on me.

"It seems like you can't 'clap on' a radio these days without stumbling across a 'Retro,' or 'Flash-back' show..."

Recent occurrences have led me to believe I'm not alone. It seems like you can't "clap on" a radio these days without stumbling across a "Retro," or "Flashback" show, complete with cheesy DJs and '80s rock trivia. 1980's music also seems to be a favorite of the VH1 "Pop-up Video" people, undoubtedly because '80s artists, especially the innumerable one-hit-wonders, seem to have the most dirt to be dug on them. As if we needed a word-bubble to tell us that people with that hair and fashion sense have been in and out of rehab.

The decade that was the '80s also holds enough appeal for modern pop-culture fanatics to make Adam Sandler's recent spoof of the '80s, "The Wedding Singer," a worthy competitor for "Titanic" (for a little while).

And speaking of sinking ships, April 13 marks the debut of "The Love Boat—the Next Wave" on UPN. So what's the big appeal with the '80s?

For me, especially since it was the decade I, and most students here, grew up in, the 1980's were a more innocent time, when it was enough to just like candy, not to smell sex and candy. It was a time when you had an Atari system — not an Atari-Boy or Power Atari. Just "Pong!" and "Pitfall Harry," baby, and you liked it. It was all so simple. Back then, a \$200 million motion picture budget was unthinkable. If C. Thomas Howell's name was somehow attached to a film, it was a blockbuster. As far as decades go, the '80s were the leader of the pack. You had Pac-Man, the Brat Pack and Lick-em-Stix 3-flavor packs which ployed you with enough sugar to get through an afternoon's "Scooby Do!" "Smurf" bender.

1980's television had a certain laugh-track enhanced appeal as well. I mean, "Friends" is okay, but it's no "Bosom Buddies." Now taking the cue from the popularity of '70s spoofing "The Brady Bunch" movies, deals are in the works to bring the '80s popular show "Fantasy Island" to the big screen, with many more deals to follow. Cross your fingers for "Night Court — the movie." Young screenwriter Ben Queen from California recently sold his treatment for "Totally '80s" to Universal Studios. The film, due out in 1999, is about a high school guy who awakes one morning to find himself stuck in a world where "everyone has big hair and parachute pants," according to one sneak preview.

While movies of the 1980's were wonderful — I still catch myself spewing forth John Cusack-isms from such classics as "Better Off Dead" or lines from "Weird Science" — the music is my real addiction. With names like Bananarama, Men at Work, Fine Young Cannibals and Frankie Goes to Hollywood, the bands and songs of the '80s seemed to be about little, but who cared. It left us with quirky melodies and catch phrases that only we of the '80s

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Annual Dance Theatre Concert '98

The 1998 Annual Spring Dance Theatre production goes through Saturday night. Tickets are still available.

Amy Carrell
Staff Writer

The flowing movement to the rhythm of the music, a dancer's expression as he/she dance about in a uniquely designed costume. The feel, the music and the costume seem to make dance look so easy.

From Hip-Hop to South Indian tradition dance, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Dance Theatre performed their 1998 annual spring production with a variety of dances Wednesday night in the KFA building.

Dance Theatre opened their performance with a traditional that dance originated in South India. Dancers wearing purple, green and burgundy costumes with bells attached to a vest combined rhythmical foot work and gestures through graceful arm movements as they performed an up-beat story telling piece. As the music becomes slow, dancers followed the beat and moved more gracefully to the music. In the dance, the participants formed a circle around a single male dancer moving and alternating their feet and arms out to the sides.

In a dance entitled "Piece of Mine" choreographed by Stephanie Schotter, dancers wearing short flowing purple, green and blue chamomise dresses performed a more lyrical piece. The dancing involved a lot of falling to the music with the brushing of their arms and graceful turns across the stage. As the music changed to a slow-hard rock song, the dancers thrust upon each other in a hug. At one point, the dancers came together lifting another dancer up above their heads in the air and slowly letting the dancer down. The movement, the music and the choreography was able to show a strong connection between all of the dancers in a piece, the trust and the team-work involved.

In "Flight of Color," choreographed by Ricardo Suarez, who often does pieces that are up-tempo and playful, he tried to portray a happy feeling through dance as his dancers wore shiny-white leotards with splashes of pink tie-dyed color and their hair in pig-tails. Throughout the piece, the dancers leaped, jumped as well as carried and twirled one-another on their backs or dragged each other across the stage. The piece involved interesting and unique motion; and, as the piece closed, the dancers reached their arms to the air. The pieces ended with a pose as a lighted screen radiated a dim light onto the dancers on the stage. Suarez, who has danced and now has choreographed for ten years, says that he likes to do fun pieces and enjoys working with the students.

"The dancers and students are wonderful and they let me use them as victims," Suarez said.

Hip-Hop was also performed in the annual-spring concert this year. Guest choreographer Torrin Amie, a dance teacher at the Jr. and Sr. High Schools in Burnsville, Mn., used his urban-street knowledge of dance to give the Dance Theatre a taste of Hip-Hop. Starting out with a smooth beat of "Hot



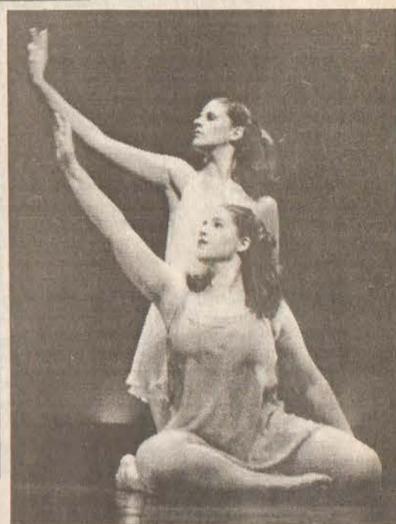
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Upper left: (L to R) Mary Aguilar, Jan Peterson and Heather Mullinax dance in "Hot Phenomenon" a hip-hop piece by guest choreographer Torrin Amie. Upper Right: Haley Laski extends in "Kissed" choreographed by Risa Persson. Bottom Right: Kimberly Johnson (behind) and Deanna Patterson perform in Stephanie Schotter's "Piece of Mine." Center: Tom Lettice and Sara Monson come together in "Duo" choreographed by Karla Zhe.



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What peeves UW-RF students the most?

Peeves range from crusty food to over-sized rodents.

Christy Nelson
Staff Writer

Pet peeves, things that, whether big or minute, bug mild-mannered people as they trudge their way through life, minding their own business. Everybody has them, but what are some of the most common pet peeves of UW-River Falls students?

Food seems to be at the forefront of many students' peeve list.

"The food at Rodli...well, just say it could be a little better," said Heather Jokela, a freshman majoring in marketing communications.

Patty Ostberg, a senior double majoring in political science and broadcast journalism, said that "dry, hard, sticky spaghetti noodles," which she has encountered in certain campus eateries, is a pet peeve of hers.

Food preparation has even come under attack by peeved students.

"Look at this," said junior art education student Than Astin, disgustingly holding up a particularly flat taco. "I swear someone sits on the tacos before they go into the wrappers."

In a possibly related peeve, sophomore communications major Kerry Inda complains of smelly bathrooms on campus, especially in the dorms.

"They can get pretty bad," Inda said of the peeve potties. "And they overflow a lot, too."

The floodgates are often opened when questioning students about pet peeves as stress-filled days seem to magnify the smallest of annoyances.

"Don't get me started," declared Astin when asked about his campus pet peeves.

In addition to his aversion to flat-

Mexican food, Astin said he is peeved by the campus' new \$100 class registration fee, snobby and unfriendly people and the absence of a cross-walk leading directly from the front doors of South Hall to the other side of the street.

"Also, the squirrels around here are too fat," Astin said matter-of-

factly. Paul Diederich voiced his peeve of seeing "swarms of people in yellow jackets," an apparent trend in recent years.

"It's a bumble-bee thing," Diederich said. "It's frightening."

Joel Anthony, a senior speech communication/theater emphasis major, said that he is peeved by the hordes of people who have conformed to being non-conformists on campus.

"It bugs me when people tell me I'm peevish and a conformist," Anthony said. "Then I see them walking around in huge groups of identical people wearing all black with all sorts of peircing, like they're originals."

As always, parking issues weighed in heavily with students airing their annoyances. Senior marketing communications major Amy Ozman said

she is peeved every morning by the lack of parking spots.

"And then when I do finally find a parking spot, I have to parallel park, which I can't do," Ozman said with a laugh.

Jokela added that "it stinks" that people can't park on the street overnight.

"What about when people visit overnight," Jokela said. "Where are they supposed to go?"

And once again, the library and computer labs take a shot when it comes to student unrest. Senior speech communication major Amy Kramlinger said she hates the fact that the computer labs aren't open past 11 p.m. Ostberg wonders why there is such a prevalence of old, outdated books in the NEW library facility. Ryan said her major computer lab peeve is when printers don't work, to which all present nod in agreement.

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"Also, the squirrels around here are too fat. They look like raccoons, for God's sake."

Than Astin, Junior

"POINTS OF VIEW"

"Will the upcoming warm weather affect your ability to attend classes?"



Gene Hageman, Senior

"Seeing as I'm graduating next December, it'll be pretty hard. The golf courses are open; it'll be pretty tough."



Angela Schaffer, Senior

"It'll stay the same because I commute. I haven't missed any classes yet so I can miss if I really have to."



Andy Jacobson, Senior

"It's gonna be bad. I think I'll be laying out side."



Beth Laws, Freshman

"I will probably be attending less afternoon classes. It'll be hard to go, people will be doing stuff outside."



Lucas Chase, Freshman

"I guess that it will help. I go to class anyway."



Jessica Degear, Sophomore

"I'd rather go to class."

'Dance'

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Like Fire" by Alliyah, the dancers, dressed in sequined tank-tops, baggy jeans and black shoes, rolled, rotated and swirled their bodies within repetitious rhythms of soul. Moving into the song "Phenomena," the dancers changed into a more fast-paced style of Hip-Hop.

Amie, originally from Phoenix, Az., carries a background in jazz and tap. However, he has a strong interest in West-Coast Street Hip-Hop.

"I came and met the ladies and greed to do a Hip-Hop piece and started putting it together," Amie said.

In the piece, Amie says he was trying to create a club-type of scene. Although he admits some did not have any knowledge of Urban-Hip-Hop, he has never met a person that he could not teach. He says the most rewarding part of choreographing a piece this year was giving the Dance Theatre dancers a knowledge of Hip-Hop.

"Seeing some people who have no idea about what Hip-Hop is about and knowing they now have a taste

of it is great," Amie said.

The dancers also became playful in a dance called "Hotel Room Something." With a vanity and stool set up on rear stage, dancers dressed in short-satin pajamas of all colors show enthusiasm as they leaped, kicked and rolled with their legs in the air across the vanity stool. Throughout the piece, the dancers made glamorous poses while dancing near the vanity, ending with a fall to the floor as though they were exhausted.

Other dances in the annual-spring performance involved dancers in Spanish-style dresses and others in white-shiny dresses. With the use of unposed kicks and formal leg extensions, another piece portrayed a ballet and lyrical dimension. And in the final piece, entitled "Corraline," choreographed by Dance Theatre Director Karla Zhe, dancers dressed in aqua-tie dyed jumpsuits creating the illusion of the movement of a coral reef. Tie dyed draping, which hung from the stage ceiling, portrayed the illusion of being under water, Zhe said. The dancers began the piece back-to-back while swaying back and forth upon each others' backs slowly progressing their way up and down. As the dance progressed, the

dancers begin swaying their arms to the music in meditation. The stage became a free flow of movement. Standing, the dancers move in pairs around in a circle as though their cheeks were connected to one-anothers' shoulders. By the end of the piece, the dancers move to their original positions and sway back and forth as the lights fade.

Zhe says the dance was influenced from Caribbean sounds. The dance originally was performed ten years ago by Dance Theatre and involved 27 students. Zhe said she chose to reconstruct the dance due to the large number of Dancer Theatre members. This year the dance involved 38 dancers.

"The repetitive movement is powerful," Zhe said. "The whole idea is based on Coralline. In a coral reef, each coral is individual, but they move together with the waves in the water."

Zhe says having a variety of choreographers and dancers was Dance Theatre's plus this year. According to Zhe, with a small program it can be hard to get different types of choreography, which they have this year. This year a total of 16 dances were performed by Dance Theatre, each

showing an artistic value separate from the other. Students expressed their enjoyment and enthusiasm throughout the program.

For UW-RF student Alyssa Hanson, this year's performance was her first time viewing the Dance Theatre.

"The visual really added to the music," Hanson said. "Music that was dull to me before was appealing to me in the dance. The dance had a lot of grace and discipline."

Hanson described the performance as phenomenal and found that the dances performed moved her deeply.

Freshman Carrie Semi was also able to watch the Dance Theatre performance for the first time. She came to watch her classmates perform and said she felt like getting up and dancing with the dancers.

"It was interesting to see my classmates so involved in something they were interested in," Semi said.

Freshman Anthony Bergemann also enjoyed the performance.

"Karla Zhe did an excellent job in choreography and I was delighted to attend the 1998 Dance Theatre spring production," Bergemann said.

Bergemann says the performance gave him a very relaxed feeling.

"It was a very balanced production," Bergemann said. "It was both soft and flowing and movin' and groovin.'" The performance gave a balanced spectrum."

'Peeved'

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"And when the labs had the dot matrix printers, they supplied the paper for us," Ostberg vented. "Now with the laser printers we have to bring our own."

So how do students' pet peeves compare to common peeves across the country? According to an Internet poll, some of the leading peeves today include Leonardo DiCaprio, telemarketers, junk e-mail and people at the gym who circle the parking lot for 10 minutes, searching for a spot close to the door.

"If you are at the gym, you would think people might decide to walk an extra 30 seconds to the door!" commented one online respondent.

Whether pet peeves deal with weighty issues or small pesterings,

it's obvious that the stress college students feel is bound to blow even seemingly little things out of proportion until they resemble the obese squirrels waddling around our campus. So take heed. The next time you squeeze yourself into your jeans or leave a restroom less than April fresh, you might be throwing a wrench in someone's otherwise bright day.

Nelson

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get, "867-5309," "Take on Me" and "Straight Up Now Tell Me." Everytime I tune in to KS95, the latest home for eighties-music, with its '80s class reunion Monday through Thursday nights and Friday night '80s, I am constantly reminded of a better time, when Brett Michaels and Tommy Lee had videos on MTV, not the Internet.

Christy Nelson is a senior majoring in journalism.

Weird Ideas and Odd People

lets get drunk and...

RALEIGH (AP) — They've got fans to the left, fans to the right, but come Thursday, it was not all right.

The Triangle area's top-rated morning team at radio station WDCG was suspended indefinitely Thursday after urging listeners vying for tickets to a Jimmy Buffett concert to get naked in public.

The stunt by Bob Dumas and Madison Lane, hosts of the "Bob & Madison Showgram," apparently chafed the station management.

On Thursday morning, the "Showgram" held two races on a downtown pedestrian mall. The contestant who reached the finish line with the least clothes would win the concert tickets.

"They had to run, touch a police car and run back," said Karen Banks, a florist who said two men and two women participated in the second race.

On the scene was Tommy Owen, aka "Flash," the Showgram's producer.

The runners set off, and on the way back, Banks said, one woman removed her bra and a man, perhaps sensing defeat, went the full monty.

Police took the man away, Flash dashed, and the topless woman got the free passes and escaped the law. The man was released when a mag-

istrate decided his actions weren't disorderly conduct.

While Bob and Madison were reveling on the air, an angry program director Kip Taylor called. They argued on the air, then, suddenly, another announcer was on, saying Dumas and Lane were in with management and that he wasn't discussing the whole thing under threat of being fired.

The station's owner, SFX Broadcasting, issued a news release announcing the suspension.

Fans started firing messages at the station's Web site, calling for a boycott of all of the company's stations, as well as a boycott of the Showgram's advertisers.

Neither Dumas nor Lane was available for comment.

caught with pants off

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Talk about action.

A Tallahassee teen-age couple was out for a drive without their clothes on and, you guessed it, ran into another car.

Bystanders discovered Kelsey A. Bowser, 17, and her passenger, Matt Ferguson, 18, scrambling to get their clothes on after the evening crash Tuesday at an intersection west of the Florida State campus.

Bowser, who was pinned in the car, managed to only get her underwear

on before waiting for authorities to cut her out, said Cynthia Pearson, who witnessed the accident.

"I was standing over the window so she could do what she had to do," said Pearson, who was eating at a Chinese restaurant with her family when Bowser's car careened to a stop just shy of the building.

Ferguson, who had been riding in the back seat, had to find his clothes first. However, he was able to get out of the car.

Bowser faces charges of driving while her license is restricted, driving without headlights and having no proof of insurance, said Tallahassee Police Department spokesman Dan Buie.

Bowser also submitted to a blood alcohol test, but results won't be available for several weeks, the officer reported.

holy sweet tooth

TURTLE CREEK, Pa. (AP) — A thief who probably had a freezer truck and a serious sweet tooth managed to make off with \$15,000 worth of gourmet ice cream from a suburban Pittsburgh shop.

No money was taken in the robbery at Emack & Bolio's Ice Cream and Yogurt in Wilkins Township — just 75 three-gallon tubs of such flavors as Black Raspberry Chip, Cosmic Crunch and Serious Chocolate

Addiction.

Owner Pete Zafris said the building contractor suggested installing a burglar alarm before the shop opened.

"I said, 'What are they going to steal, the ice cream?'" Zafris said. Zafris figures he's out about \$15,000, which is the approximate retail value he would receive for 225 gallons of premium ice cream yielding about 7,500 scoops at \$2 each.

The thieves didn't break in, so they must have had a key. And this was no crime of impulse. They would have needed a freezer truck and a big freezer, so they must have planned ahead, Zafris said.

Then, they either sold the ice cream to another restaurant or pigged out, suggested Bob Rook, the founder of the Boston-based company.

"I think somebody's having a hell of a party," Rook said.

Emack & Bolio has about 40 shops, including one in Indonesia. Some have been burglarized, and the thieves until now have always concentrated on the money, although they have given in to other temptations as well, Rook said.

dead for a day

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — A man apparently lay dead on a couch in his apartment for at least a day before his wife of 26 years noticed he had

died, according to police reports.

Authorities said Saturday that Carl R. Brown, 51, appeared to have died of natural causes.

His wife, Andrea L. Brown, 55, told police she and her husband had a living arrangement and had rarely spoken over the past decade, according to the police reports.

Mrs. Brown told police she had seen her husband lying on a couch Thursday and Friday but spent her time at work or in her bedroom and did not speak to him.

After waking up early Saturday, she said, she realized she had not noticed her husband walking around the home. She checked on him and found him dead, the reports said.

She told police she felt responsible and that she should have checked on him earlier.

Police said Brown appeared to have been dead at least 24 hours.

where's Kevin?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seventeen-year-old Macaulay Culkin, the

cute little kid in the "Home Alone" movies, is marrying his 17-year-old sweetheart, Broadway actress Rachel Miner, the actor's publicist said.

"We're so happy and proud that we found each other at such a young age. We look forward to spending our lives together," the couple said in a joint statement released Monday by spokesman Paul Bloch.

The couple added: "Our wedding date has not yet been set."

Culkin starred in "Home Alone" in 1990, "My Girl" in 1991, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" in 1992, "The Good Son" in 1993 and "Richie Rich" in 1994. He also appeared in friend Michael Jackson's 1991 video for the song "Black or White."

Miss Miner is currently co-starring on Broadway in "The Diary of Anne Frank."

Bloch said the couple met through friends some time ago and have been dating ever since.

Culkin made the Forbes magazine richest entertainer list in 1993 after earning \$23 million in two years.

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Freddy / He's one for the birds

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Running low on fuel, Freddy retreated to his home in River Falls, where he would stay until the shootout with authorities the next morning.

According to police reports, a search of Freddy's house after the standoff yielded over 30 automatic and semi-automatic weapons, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, three vials of crack cocaine, a "large amount" of heroin, stacks of child

pornography, 300 pounds of an ammonium nitrate fertilizer, and a copy of the Anarchist's Cookbook.

Friends said they were surprised by Freddy's behavior.

"I couldn't believe it," said neighbor Julie Standafer. "(Freddy) was always willing to lend a helping hand, or give you a warm hug. You know, now that I think about it, the only lights we ever saw on in his house were in the basement..."

According to Freddy's psychologist and lawyer Daryl Packard, Freddy's behavior is actually the fault of society.

"He grew up in a society alien to him," Packard said. "There were no other birds around, just humans. He had no one to associate with. Heck, even Eddie the Eagle was actually a human. What was Freddy supposed to do?"

Packard said he felt the rampage was actually a desperate cry for help, and said his client "just needs some counseling and tender loving care."

"And stop referring to him in stories by his first name," added Packard. "Who do you think he is, Saddam Hussein?"

Fish

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closer to the shore," Bart Bass, Alumni Chairman, said. "We wanted to avoid any injuries due to hitting the bottom of the dammed up river."

Since the university can only afford one bus to transport the swim team to the diving board to the North Fork, the swim team must be careful of the undertow in the water caused by the River Falls power plant turbines.

"We wouldn't want a swimmer to get swept away and never seen again," Stream said. "So far, to the best of our knowledge, everyone that has started a race has finished it."

The swimming pool on campus that has been leaking all season is expected to be fixed by the time the swimmers show up for their first practice next season.

"Even if the pool is fixed by the time practice is slated to begin, I think practice will still be held in the Kinnickinick River until the snow begins to fall," Stream said. "It strengthens our teams overall performance, that is until winter begins and the cold water starts causing problems."

Gavel / Thinking can cause some problems

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an impromptu game of hide-and-seek the remaining representatives gathered once again in the Antarctic Room.

The search had turned up nothing even remotely resembling a gavel. The Representatives had no other option than to declare their group disbanded.

"It was a sad turn of events, but what could we do," O'Tree said. "You can't run a meeting without a gavel."

However the representatives did agree to form an ad-hoc committee to discuss the possibility of re-instating Bovine as Emperor of UM-RF.

"I don't know what ad-hoc means, it could be a stone for making stone washed denim jeans," Representative Rug Burns said.

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Stinky Gilmore/ The Student Void

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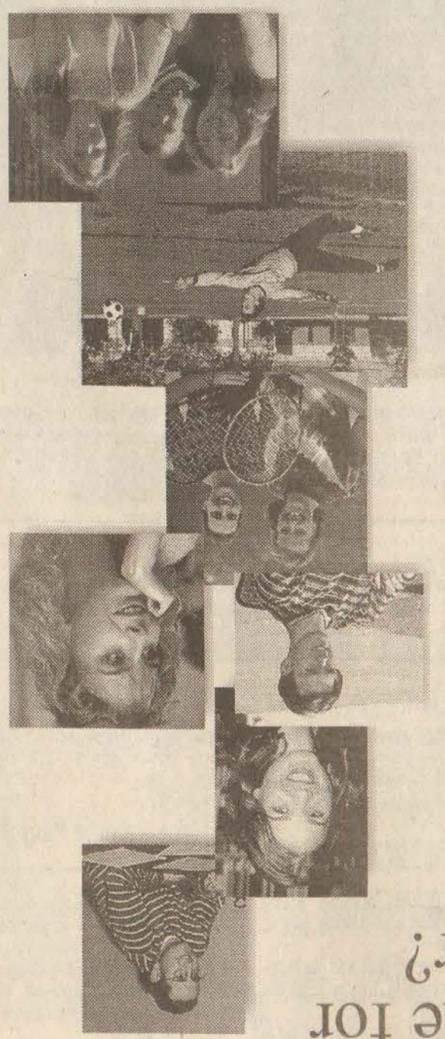
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