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FRIDAY

Cloudy and cold with a high of 33 degrees and a low of 23 degrees.

WEEKEND

Saturday: Clouds and sun; cold with a high of 37 degrees and a low of 23 degrees.

Sunday: Clouds and sun; cold with a high of 43 degrees and a low of 26 degrees.

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Student killed in rollover accident

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

A UW-River Falls student was killed and four others suffered minor injuries in a one-car rollover accident just north of Ellsworth Wednesday.

According to police reports at the Pierce County Sheriff's department, the accident occurred at 2:11 a.m. at the junction of Pierce County Highways N and J in Martell Township.

Anthony D. Stodola, 20, of Lena, Wis. was killed in the accident. He was a junior majoring in broad area agriculture.

Four of Stodola's friends were in the car, but they were treated and released from the River Falls

Area Hospital. All the students were members of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Brian Haag, 21, a junior horticulture major; Toni Cina, 22, a junior horticulture major; Travis Delzer, 24, a senior in broad area agriculture; and Joel Ehlen, 21, a junior in broad area agriculture, were all involved in the accident.

The car was heading westbound around a curve on county road N when Haag, the driver of the vehicle, lost control, according to reports. The car swerved into the left lane and rolled over in the road until it came to a halt in the ditch.

Pierce County Sheriff James

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'He was one of God's gifts'

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

Tony Stodola left this world surrounded by friends.

Stodola, 20, a junior majoring in broad area agriculture, was killed in a one-car rollover accident early Wednesday morning just north of Ellsworth. Four of Stodola's friends in the car with him were not seriously injured.

Stodola, who was known as "T-Bone" by friends, was described as a good student and a great friend by those who knew him.

The student body mourns the loss of Stodola, and stories of his wonderful personality fill the halls of campus buildings.

According to Stodola's friend Robbie Dopp, he was a big Green Bay Packer fan who enjoyed just

hanging out with the guys.

"We had a lot of good times together," Dopp said. "He was always a happy guy with a good story or joke to tell you. I don't think I ever saw him mad."

Toni Cina, another of Stodola's friends, agreed.

"He had a great personality; he was a great person," Cina said.

"He was one of God's gifts, and I wish everyone could have known him. He always had a smile on his face."



Tony Stodola

Friends remember him best for his positive attitude and his effect on people, friends said.

"When I came to school Tony helped me," friend Wes Meddeugh said. "He introduced me to people and got me comfortable with the school. There were seven million memorable moments with him."

Stodola was not only a great friend but also a good student and hard worker.

"He was one of the most outgoing and cheerful students," said Donovan Taylor, a plant and earth science professor. "The last experience I had with Tony was helping fill up sandbags in Afton. I'm glad that was the last experience."

Jerry Nechville, who taught

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Housing crunch lessened

Jim Little
Assistant Editor

The combination of a smaller entering freshman class than initially expected and the planned renovation of excess University space has calmed worries concerning next year's potential space crunch.

Director of Admissions Alan Tuchtenhagen said his office is beginning to cut back slightly on the number of freshmen it is accepting, and he expects the actual number of freshmen who will be here next fall to be around 1,100. This year's freshman crop was 1,162 students.

Tuchtenhagen said enrollment could have exceeded 1,200 if space had permitted. He expects between 85 and 90 percent of incoming freshmen will request housing in the residence halls. Currently 88 percent of freshmen live on campus.

"One of the things that makes us different from most other state

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Flooded with help



Jen Sellmeyer/The Student Voice

Lending a helping hand by sandbagging in Afton, Minn., is geology Professor Mike Middleton, right. Instead of taking his Geology 102 class on a scheduled field trip to look at glacial deposits, Middleton brought the class to Afton to help locals halt the spread of the St. Croix River, which is swollen with flood waters. See related story on 5A.

Grade inflation concerns faculty

Penny Huntington
News Editor

Students concerned about the effect of grade inflation can rest easier; faculty members at UW-River Falls are interested and concerned with the effect that the issue has on the way they grade.

Over time, the average grades in a class increase, and that's when inflation occurs, said Ian Williams, UW-RF plant and earth science professor.

An open forum led by faculty members Tuesday addressed the topic of grade inflation with emotional and educational comments from several members of the University faculty.

Several factors lead to grade inflation, said Tom Russo, professor of counselor education. Russo divided the factors into societal factors and institutional factors.

One societal factor Russo explained was the increase of non-traditional students. This leads to grade inflation because when compared to younger students, older students tend to score higher on exams and get higher grades.

Another factor that Russo presented was rising ACT and SAT scores, which lead to higher grades and higher grade point averages. A study at the University of Missouri showed that freshmen who scored high on their ACTs or SATs were more likely to average higher grade point averages and be better prepared, Russo said.

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"One factor is that American parents have more influence..."

-Tom Russo, Counseling and School Psychology

Look both ways:

Need for pedestrian safety growing on Cascade Avenue

Sarah Colburn
News Editor

Students dart across Cascade Avenue in a mad dash for class. The flashing yellow lights blink rhythmically as cars approach the crosswalk.

Some creep slowly and others whiz by before pedestrians have a chance to cross their path. Students dart back and forth without giving the oncoming cars a second thought.

This scenario was the cause of four pedestrian-car accidents on Cascade Avenue in 1996. According to police reports, in other years the incidents have been few and far between. In 1995 there was only one accident on Cas-

cade and two on Main Street.

Officials have no real explanation for why there was such an increase in accidents over the year, but that question has some students wondering how to educate others on the danger of the street.

A group of six UW-River Falls speech communications class members took it upon themselves to find solutions to the problem. They formed Pedestrian Safety Friends, and they have begun a safety campaign on campus.

Bright red and yellow fliers posted in buildings across campus urge students to be on the

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When pedestrians are struck by a moving car:

• at 20 mph 5 percent are killed, most injuries are slight and 30 percent suffer no injury at all

• at 30 mph 45 percent are killed and many are seriously injured

• at 40 mph 85 percent are killed



Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation, Office of Transportation Safety

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISCONSIN IN SCOTLAND program is open to students for spring semester 1998. Students interested should stop by the Office of International Programs, 225 East Hathorn Hall, for more information, 425-4891.

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM is offering two courses that satisfy the diversity requirement. These courses may also be able to satisfy the liberal arts requirement in the social and behavioral sciences category. The courses are: 200 INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES; 220 GENDER ISSUES IN SCIENCE. For more information contact Kathy Tomlinson at 425-0619.

AUDITIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS to give the commencement address at this semester's graduation ceremony will be taking place April 7-11 and April 14-18. For additional information contact David Trechter at 425-3129.

GUADALAJARA EXCHANGE PROGRAM is an excellent way to broaden your skills in Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Applications for summer and fall 1997 can be picked up at the Office of International Programs, 225 East Hathorn Hall, 425-4891.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB BAZAAR will be held Wed. April 23 from 11:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. in Karges Center Gymnasium. Students with ID and senior citizens 50 cents; without ID \$1.

EVENTS

DANCE THEATRE CONCERT will be held in the Blanche Davis Theatre on April 9, 10, 11, 12. Admission for students and children is \$3. It is \$5 for adults. The concert will be held at 8 p.m.

LUTHER COLLEGE CATHEDRAL CHOIR will be performing in concert Sun., April 13, 4 p.m. at Ezekiel Luthern Church, 202 S. 2nd Street. The River Falls concert is part of the choir's spring tour of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The performance is free and open to the public.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH brings poet Joy Harjo, professor of creative writing at the University of New Mexico and member of the Muscogee tribe, to UW-Stout Wed. April 16. The reading will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

CAREER AND COUNSELING SERVICES WORKSHOPS
Mon. April 14 Job Searching on the Internet, Noon-1 p.m., Orange Computer Lab in the library; Resume Writing, 3-4 p.m. St. Croix Room, Student Center.
Tues., April 14 Researching Occupations and Employers, 3-4 p.m., 24 E. Hathorn Hall.
Wed., April 16 Career Walk-Thru Workshop, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Student Center.
Thurs., April 17 Cover Letter Writing, 3-4 p.m., Falcon Room, Student Center.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION is available in the Office of Financial Assistance. Student guides for 1997-98 are now available from the office. Students who have filed for 1997-98 should stop at the office to complete an Institutional Application for Financial Assistance.

ERNIE GUENTHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP application deadline April 18, 1997. Applicants must be interested in a career in the Metals/Materials field. Must have a minimum GPA 3.0, must be sophomore, junior or senior in the fall of 1997. For more information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

CLARK COUNTY ASSOCIATION for Home and Community Education Scholarships. Application deadline May 23, 1997. Applicants must be a Clark County resident, completing first year of college and have at least 24 credits by June 11, 1997. Applications are available at the Office of Financial Assistance.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN deadline April 15, 1997. Limited to certain community residents. Must be a full time student, junior/senior or graduate student. For further information contact the Office of Financial Assistance.

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP foundation is offering applications by mail only to Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation 721 N. McKinley Road, P.O. Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012. Deadline is April 22, 1997.

SIMENSTAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND open to majors in the health care field. Must have completed one year of post-secondary education in a health care field. Must be a resident of Osceola, Wis. or adjacent areas of Wis. and Minn. Deadline is April 25. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Assistance.

MEETINGS

HOMECOMING '97 there will be an open forum to discuss homecoming events for next fall Wed., April 23, from 5-6 p.m. in the President's Room of the Student Center. For more information contact Kendre Galanti at 425-3255.

TUESDAY:
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CLUB meets first and third Tuesday of each month in 337 Agriculture Science Building.

WEDNESDAY:
HORTICULTURE SOCIETY will meet at 5 p.m. in 331 Agriculture Science Building. All majors are welcome.

FRIDAY:
ENERGY/RECYCLING COMMITTEE will hold its spring semester meeting April 25 at 11 a.m. in the St. Croix Room of the Student Center.

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.

Speaker targets Native American issues
Hopes for change; control of decision making

Todd Schlerenbeck
Staff Writer

Over 200 students, faculty and community members gathered in North Hall auditorium Friday, April 4, to hear Winona LaDuke talk about issues facing Native Americans in the waning of the millennium.

LaDuke thinks solving those issues can help fix some of the things wrong with the American society.

LaDuke, a member of the Mississippi band of Anishinabe and, by extension, the Ojibwe tribe, has a long list of impressive credentials. She has been called a "leader of tomorrow" by Time magazine and been profiled by People magazine. She was the 1996 vice-presidential candidate for the Green Party, which won the most votes of all independent parties (except the Reform Party) with over a half million votes. She is a board member of Greenpeace U.S.A., a mother of two, a member of the Indigenous Women's Network, an environmental worker in the Seventh Generation Fund and campaign director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project.

She spoke first about her work with the White Earth Land Recovery Project, an organization that seeks to return land confiscated from Native Americans.

In 1910 the state of Minnesota took possession of 99 percent of the land, or 250,000 acres, for taxes. Native Americans living on the White Earth reservation in northern Minnesota are among the poorest people in the state, something LaDuke blames on the lack of a true home for her people.

"If you don't control your land, you don't control your destiny," she said. "We're not the poorest people in the state because we're stupid but because someone else has our bootstraps. We lived on

our land for thousands of years, and they've had it for a little over a hundred. If it takes a couple hundred years to get it back, we can wait."

Much of the land currently in state possession is being used for resources such as timber, ore and fishing. LaDuke lashed out at the policy makers, saying that they approached the regulation of lands from the wrong viewpoint.

The Department of National Resources refers to a forest as 'timber resources'; I call it a forest," she said. "The Fish Consumption Advisory says that you shouldn't eat more than one walleye a week (because of higher mercury levels in lakes and fish). People in my community have to eat those fish day in and day out; we rely on them for food. The whole policy is based on the premise of fishing being a luxury instead of a necessity, which it is for us."

LaDuke also lashed out at the consumer culture that currently permeates America, saying that it contributes to the corporatization of our democracy. She cited statistics that say Americans consume seven times more in materials, and that Americans, only 5 percent of the world's population, consume about one-third of all resources being used in the world today.

"The biggest challenge our society faces is this: The common people have lost control over meaningful decision-making," she said. "Washington makes all the important decisions, and they

don't even make all of them anymore. We don't live in a democracy anymore. The only freedom we have is in choosing what to buy. I'm afraid that I will see the next millennium brought to you by Coca-Cola."

According to LaDuke, multinational corporations yield much

the environment when the white man thinks his testicles will shrink," she said, eliciting laughter from the crowd.

Students who attended the lecture seemed excited about LaDuke's words. Aminda Edgar, 20, a sophomore art major, said that LaDuke's point about industry vs. environment was something she was concerned about.

"I've worked for the Department of Natural Resources and I was raised around forests, so I know where both sides are

We lived on our land for thousands of years, and they've had it for a little over a hundred. If it takes a couple hundred to get it back, we can wait.

-Winona LaDuke

more influence in the world than some countries do, and America has often led the way in giving them access.

"(Democrats and Republicans) spend \$9 million on their conventions that they have to raise and then you wonder why we get public policy that looks like Motorola wrote it," LaDuke said. "That's also how you get policies where public parks have logging trucks coming (fully loaded) off of them."

LaDuke said that the only way things will change is if people actually stand up and say no to businesses putting financial concerns ahead of environmental ones.

LaDuke joked that things will change when those in charge are directly affected by environmental changes they engineer. She cited Dioxin, a commonly used chemical that decreases sperm count and increases testicular cancer in men, as something that may cause corporate America to wake up to what they are doing.

"A friend of mine once told me, 'Money will flow like water to

coming from,' she said. "Some-one should give a little. (Industry) should be giving a lot, because they're taking a lot."

Stephanie Bostwick, 19, a member of the Ecology Club, said that the organizations that sponsored the event were pleased by the turnout. The lecture was co-sponsored by the Diversity Awareness Committee, the Native American Council and the Ecology Club.

"We went and put up signs all around different communities like Hudson, Prescott, and Stillwater, and we went to other campuses," she said. "It was a large effort. We were pleasantly surprised by the number of people that showed up."

Bostwick also said she felt that LaDuke, whom she first heard about in the 1996 presidential campaign, had made many salient points in her lecture.

"It made me feel like the issues are so large," she said. "I feel like I can't put a dent in it, but I have to keep trying. Everything she said was so profound and so true."

By-laws topic of heated discussions

Student Senators toiled with amendments and parliamentary procedures as they reviewed the Shared Governance structure.

Jason Egerstrom
Staff Writer

In about the same amount of time a professional runner could have run two marathons (52.4 miles), Student Senate discussed and voted on approximately 27 motions Tuesday night.

Twenty-two of these motions were amendments to the UW-River Falls Student Association By-Laws.

After much heated discussion, the by-laws were sent back to committee and will be voted on at a later date.

"It's a whole revision basically," Student Senate Vice President Karen Kubes said of the extent of the changes. "(They're) all changes in the Shared Governance structure."

The By-Laws concern issues such as an equal number of stu-

dents on committees from each academic college as well as representation on committees from students who live on and off campus in addition to many more diverse issues.

According to Kubes, the original By-Laws were posted two weeks prior to Tuesday's meeting for Senators to review and make amendments. The Senate discussed these amendments Tuesday, some more extensively than others.

Former Student Senate President Chris Patton observed Tuesday's action.

"(They) have changed some things. Now they need to take the time to change the rules to govern it," Patton said. "(They) have made some mistakes."

One mistake Patton referred to was the movement of quorum, the number of Senators needed to vote on motions and conduct other business, from the Student Senate section of the By-Laws into the General Student Association section.

Student Senate President Grant Staszak offered his frustration in reaction to the results of the lengthy meeting.

"Don't pass these By-Laws," Staszak urged senators. "They're conflicting.... Pass these and you're causing more problems."

The issues referred to the way senators vote on the requirements

of committees when recruiting members.

A debate arose about what to do if a particular spot on a committee was not filled because of potential members not being from a specific academic college or not. The issue quickly grew into specifics. One Senator suggested that a spot on the Joint Foods Committee be reserved for a vegetarian.

The Senate took Staszak's advice and decided to move the new amendments to the executive committee for proper review.

The executive committee consists of student senators including President Grant Staszak, Vice-President Karen Kubes, Dennis Paquette, Kristopher Thompson, Natalie Parmentier and Kelly Keyzers.

Once rewritten with no contradictions the revised By-Laws will once again return to Senate to be passed, according to Facilities and Fees Board Chair Heidi Hulloper.

Time is also becoming an issue, according to Hulloper.

"We have four or five documents to pass soon," Hulloper said. However, she was unsure if the documents are as urgent to pass as the By-Laws so elections can be done before the end of the year.

The urgency of amending and passing the By-Laws was a factor in some motions Tuesday night.

One of the most debated mo-

tions of the night was a move to adjourn early by Student Senator Doug Raymakers.

At approximately 10:20 p.m., nearly three and a half hours after the meeting began, Raymakers pleaded for an early adjournment.

"Some (senators) have exams tomorrow," Raymakers said. "If we continue we may not get done until midnight.... That's physically impossible."

Staszak explained to the Senate how important it was the Senate not get any further behind than it already is.

Raymakers responded with the last word.

"I'm a student first and a Senator second," Raymakers said. "If I'm academically ineligible I can't be a Senator anyway."

After a heated debate, Raymakers' motion to adjourn failed, and the meeting resumed after a short recess. The recess brought the absence of three senators, including Raymakers.

IN OTHER SENATE NEWS:

Staszak announced that the Student Senate is forming a task force to research the question of how to replace the internship office after its closure in June. The task force needs to have a proposal to Senate by May 1.

Anyone interested in participating on the task force should submit a letter of application. Application are due in Staszak's box, in the Shared Governance Complex by Monday, April 14, at 4 p.m.

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Student arrested for assaulting officer

Sarah Colburn
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Jennifer Eberspacher
Staff Writer

A UW-River Falls junior was arrested on April 5 for assaulting an officer and possessing an open container. The student was detained without bond in the Pierce County jail in Ellsworth.

Officer Michael Reardon was patrolling the 100 Block of South Main Street and the east alley when he noticed a group of six young men headed south in the alley behind the River Falls Bakery and Bo's N' Mine.

According to police reports, the following events occurred: One of the males proceeded to walk down the middle of the alleyway, forcing Reardon to stop his car to avoid hitting the male. Reardon

then noticed that one of the male subjects was trying to conceal a bottle of Michelob Golden Draft that he was carrying.

The group was ordered to stop but the males kept walking. The male carrying the beer began walking faster and the officer had to run to catch up with him. According to reports, the Officer caught up with the male at the intersection of an alley and East Walnut St.

Reardon informed the student he was being issued a municipal citation for an open container. According to police reports, the student then asked why he was being cited.

Officer Reardon explained to the student that possession of an opened container outside of a licensed establishment is illegal. According to reports, the student then asked how he was supposed

to know that if he was intoxicated. Reardon fined the student \$61.90.

The student argued with the officer, according to reports, he said the bar let him take the beverage outside, so it was the bar's fault for letting him do so. Reardon explained that if there was no attendant by the door the student should have known better and left the beer at the bar. The student continued to argue and the officer explained to him that he would have to come contest the citation in court on April 23.

According to the report, upon Reardon's attempt to leave the premise, the student opened the driver's side door of the squad car. Reardon stopped the squad car and got out to arrest the student for disorderly conduct.

The officer attempted to hand-

cuff the subject and take him into custody. The suspect resisted and made it difficult for Reardon to handcuff him because he kept spinning around rapidly and the officer could not get a grasp on his hands, according to reports. After a struggle, the subject was handcuffed, and Reardon reached for his portable radio to call for assistance. As Reardon was reaching he felt a sharp pain in his wrist, apparently caused by the struggle.

Officer Bryant Ekstrom appeared on the scene and readjusted the subjects handcuffs, they were not on correctly because of the struggle. Sgt. William Rasmussen then arrived and charged the suspect with battery to an officer. The subject was then transported to the Pierce County Jail and Officer Reardon was sent to the River Falls area

hospital to have his wrist looked at.

The hospital X-rays show no signs on broken bones but the doctor diagnosed it as a sprained ligament. Charges have not been filed.

IN OTHER NEWS:

A rash of smoke detector vandalisms took place over the weekend in Hathorn and May halls, according to police reports. The repair or replacement cost of the detectors was \$170.

Large furniture was thrown through the second floor screen window in the north study lounge of Johnson Hall. Two chairs were found in the bushes outside the hall along with the window screen. One of the chair arms was damaged, according to police reports. The chair is valued at \$75 and the window screen was valued at \$15. The incident

is still under investigation.

A gray 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix parked in lot N was damaged. The damage occurred between March 31 and April 3. The driver's side front fender was pushed in. The owner could not get the door open because of the damage. Police were unable to determine the cause of the damage according to reports.

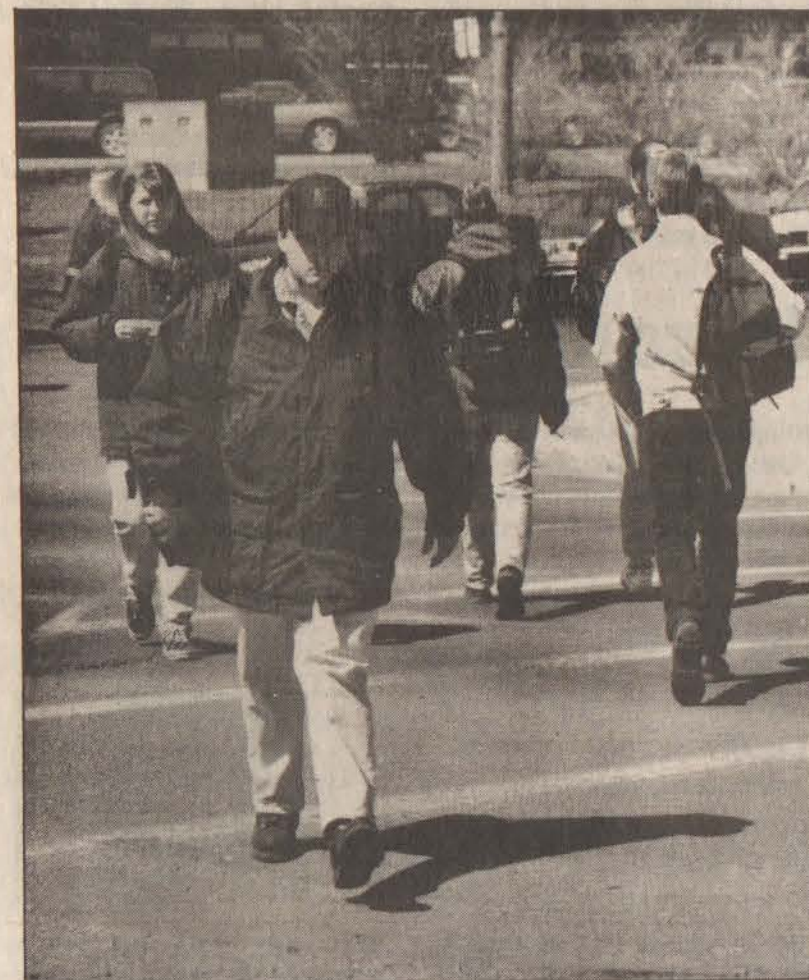
A vehicle in lot O was damaged between April 4 and 5. The taillight of a blue 1984 Ford Tempo was damaged. Repair costs are estimated at \$70.

Elizabeth A. Vick, 867 Monroe St., Prescott, was cited for speeding on April 4.

Dale D. Brueggen, 515 Cascade Apt. 1, Canton, was cited for speeding on April 4.

Amy L. Knox, 234 Stratton Hall, was cited for speeding on April 3.

Cascade / Accidents prompt students to form pedestrian safety group



Michael McLoone/The Student Voice

Students hope travel across Cascade Avenue will be safer thanks to the Pedestrian Safety Friends' campaign.

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lookout when they cross Cascade Avenue.

The campaign originated from a class assignment, but some members really took the problem to heart and discussed the issue.

"People usually don't pay attention," group member Beata Galecka said. "Cars just go through. People need to be more careful."

Getting people to pay attention is part of the problem, said group member Janet Stradman. The street is owned by the city and not the University, and she said this may put limits on what the group can and can't do to help the situation and make the problem more visible.

Sharon Bonesho, Campus Security secretary, said she agrees. "I don't think there's anything the University can do," she said. "It's ultimately a city decision."

Bonesho said students need to take care of themselves.

"There's a point where you have to be defensive yourself, defensive both as a driver and as a pedestrian."

As part of the Pedestrian Safety Friends' campaign, the group contacted the WRFW radio station on campus for help and publicity.

According to group member and WRFW sports director Joe Hunstock, the station ran a 30-second public service announcement that urged both pedestrians and drivers to keep an eye out for each other on the road. Stadman said she hopes it helps get the word out.

"I believe in our cause," she said. "I believe in our campaign; I don't want to see six people get hit in 1997."

Local law enforcement officials are taking different action to help the cause. The River Falls Police Department is planning on repainting the approaches to the crosswalk so the lines are more visible. Captain Carl Shrank said

that, short of putting a walking bridge over the street, the problem will have to be solved by individuals.

"The problem is that in these situations people need to use the crosswalk," Shrank said. "If you stand on Cascade, a lot of times people just cross where ever they want to."

Shrank said that the statistics for 1996 are somewhat out of place when compared with previous years. So far in 1997 there has only been one pedestrian-car accident, and it didn't take place on Cascade.

"One main intersection is very well marked," Shrank said. "I'm looking as a police officer and if people are crossing (the intersection) people are stopping, although not everyone does."

He said that one accident is too many when people are getting hurt, but he doesn't think the numbers justify a big change to the street.

"We do take enforcement when

we see it," Shrank said. "With failure to yield to a pedestrian there's a good chance a ticket will be issued."

The fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk is \$117.25.

Student Jessica Peters witnessed a near-accident outside of the Fine Arts building, where the car was about two inches from hitting the person.

"There are a lot of stories about cars almost hitting people," Peters said. "It's a huge intersection; pedestrians need to watch better."

Although pedestrians do have rights, they still need to be aware of what's going on, Shrank said.

"Even though they have the right of way they should use caution," Shrank says. "Don't take anything for granted, like any and all safety issues."

Look and Listen before you cross Cascade

Housing / Students to live in basements

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schools is the high number of freshmen who live on campus," Tuchtenhagen said.

After making the final decision to renovate Stratton Hall next year, associate director of Residential Services Larry Testa began making a list of possible sites on campus that could be renovated to accommodate student housing needs.

Certain criteria, including cost of renovation, environment and the quality of living were taken into consideration when the possible sites were narrowed down.

Space that Testa said will house students next year includes the first floor and first center east floor of Hathorn Hall, the study lounges in the residence halls on the east end of campus, two apartments in Hathorn Hall and open basement areas in Parker and Crabtree halls.

First and first center east of Hathorn Hall will be converted from office to residential space and will house about 60 students, and 12 students will call the two Hathorn apartments home next

year. The study lounges will be shared by four students each and the basement rooms will house eight students each.

Also, resident assistants will have roommates next year, Testa said. This fact, combined with the renovations, will provide housing for more than 200 students.

As for holding off on the Stratton renovation, Testa said it could not wait any longer.

"We have to get it done," Testa said. "We felt it was important to proceed. We've put two years of work into the project. It will put us in a bit of a pinch next year, but to delay the project would have been a disservice to the future of our residence life program."

The idea of renovating unused space came as a result of a sophomore lottery system which did not go quite as planned.

Under the system, current freshmen were able to enter a lottery that would allow 150-200 of them to seek off-campus housing.

However, when the deadline for entering the lottery rolled around only 107 freshmen had taken advantage of the opportunity. Of

those 107 about 30 were able to find housing by the April 4 deadline. Twenty more freshmen who did not enter the lottery have canceled their housing contracts and found off-campus housing.

Testa had hoped that 300 freshmen would enter the lottery but was not discouraged by the low level of interest.

"I think we have a good product, and the students are satisfied and realize it is worthwhile to live on campus," Testa said.

Testa said his office is still urging freshmen who would like to live off campus to take advantage of any opportunity that may come along.

"We'll look at each individual case, and given the situation we are in, I would anticipate being able to approve most, if not all, of current freshmen requests to

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Grades / Certain things may alter them

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Russo presented institutional factors that lead to grade inflation such as increasing study opportunities for students and making admissions policies more selective. Attendance and participation also lead to the increase in grade inflation, Russo said.

Russo presented this fact and backed it with the fact that there has been documented grade inflation at post-secondary levels. This is often attributed to two factors, Russo said.

"One factor is that American parents have more influence in school policies than in other countries that they are compared to," Russo said. "The more influence they have leads to a demand for higher grades. In countries where parents have less parent influence, grades tend to be less inflated."

The other factor is that there is

no national testing that supports less parental involvement in grading, Russo said.

Williams backed Russo's facts with personal experience. He explained that the grading system in the United States is taken much more lightly than in his native England.

"It worries me slightly that if we are too liberal with our grading, then maybe the grades will become worthless," Williams said.

Several faculty members agreed that their grading procedures should be viewed by another colleague so that instructors could receive criticism to improve their methods.

"With another colleague look-

ing at my grading procedures, I can have some guidance and learn from it," said Joe Conrad, a chemistry professor.

UW-RF doesn't have a system that allows faculty and staff the option of pluses and minuses in the distribution of grades. This leads to the concern of how grades should be weighed and distributed.

Faculty members discussed the benefits of a plus/minus system. It would help determine whether or not a student is above or below the average set for the class, said Faye Perkins, a health and human performance professor.

"We should have higher expect-

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EDITORIAL

It's headache time

Registration time is once again here, and with this time comes countless headaches for students across campus. One suggestion the Registrar's Office makes to students is to use the current postings of class schedules, not the books put out specifically for registration.

What is the purpose of this book, if not for registration? The Registrar's Office says that students would save themselves a lot of headaches if they would schedule classes by looking at the most current postings on boards outside of their offices, yet they put out a book, wasting not only the students' time but also the advisers that help them schedule classes using these books.

It's probably time for UW-River Falls to start thinking about a new form of registration. The Registrar's Office already makes the class schedule available on the Internet, so why not go one step further and make registration available on the computers on campus.

Other schools, such as UW-Eau Claire, register over the computer. It has worked for them for years and could probably save our students some headaches as well.

Registration is never an easy thing for students on this campus or any other. With the help of the Registrar's Office, students here at UW-RF could make a computer-aided registration work as good, if not better than the system we have now.

Another problem some graduating seniors have stems from too many people registering for senior capstone courses. These classes are almost completely filled every semester, yet half the people taking them are not graduating that semester, or even that year.

The University needs to reconsider these required classes; if it really wants everyone to graduate as soon as they can, the University should probably consider changing the regulations for these capstone classes.

In all, the registrar's office may try to make registration as easy as possible for students, but how many students actually know everything there is to know about registration? Maybe the registrar's office should spend more time educating the students about registration and less time typing up books that can't even be dependable registration devices.

It's probably time for UW-River Falls to start thinking about a new form of registration.

Anti-choice movement full of inconsistencies

Over the past few months I have watched the abortion debate with amusement. One side calls itself "pro-choice" because it believes that a woman has a right to make a choice regarding her own body. The other side calls itself "pro-life."

I cannot figure out why. It seems to me that those who are "pro-life" will go to great lengths (including twisted rhetoric and clinic bombings) to protect the fetus for the nine months it is inside the mother. After that, conservatives don't support Head Start to help the child get a good start in school. They don't support public schools to ensure a good education for the child. Conservatives also want to cut down on financial aid to help college students. They will do anything to protect the unborn but nothing to help the living. This is wrong.

The term "pro-life" is an oxymoron of sorts. They see no problem with killing doctors who perform or counsel on abortions.

Whatever happened to the "Sanctity of Human Life?" There are surveys that show the majority of people who consider themselves "pro-life" on the abortion issue are also "pro-death" on the capital punishment issue. How in the hell can human life be "sacred" in the unborn and not for grown men and women?

The simple fact is that the majority of Americans are pro-choice, not pro-abortion. Americans, especially women, overwhelmingly feel that abortion, right or wrong, should be a personal decision among each woman, her god and her doctor. They feel, and rightfully so, that Newt Gingrich has no business in their uterus.

Religion has played a big part in the abortion debate. It seems every week a group of male Catholic priests is on the steps of the Capitol protesting a woman's right to choose. Once again, I would argue that religion has no place in government. If the Catholic Church is against abortion,

fine, let Catholics not have abortions. Leave the rest of us the hell alone!

The anti-choice movement has suffered several blows to its publication, fine, let Catholics not have abortions. Leave the rest of us the hell alone!

the life or health of the mother is seriously jeopardized. This is a medical procedure that should not even be looked at in the context of "choice."

JASON CHILDRESS

We as Americans need to respect a woman's right to choose what is best for her body and her family.



lic image lately. A string of abortion clinic bombings hasn't helped either. In a desperate attempt to go mainstream, these groups have clamped onto "partial-birth abortion" as a main issue. They have managed to convince many moderate legislators that this is a gruesome act performed daily by trained killers. This is a fundamental, conscious distortion of medical fact. Late term abortions are performed very, very rarely. They are only considered when

Overall, I would urge people to look beyond the anti-choice scare tactics. We as Americans need to respect a woman's right to choose what is best for her body and her family. We also need to expose the hypocrisy and inconsistencies that plague the anti-choice movement. They constitute a dangerous segment of society desperately intent on imposing their twisted will on the masses.

Victims of floods should consider moving

It would seem that we should be happy for spring to be here and for the endless drudgery we know as winter to be over. After all, there's very little snow to be found, some trees have dared to produce buds, daylight savings time is back in effect, and bikes are once again appearing in the racks. It appears to be a good time of the year, it seems that very little that can go wrong now.

Unless, of course, you have the misfortune of living near a river.

The spring of 1997 seems to be on its way to being one of the worst years for flooding in a long time. Rivers, especially the Minnesota, seem to be going wherever they please, regardless of human efforts to make them to do otherwise.

All over the state of Minnesota, the efforts have been valiant to save property and to stop the water's endless advance. Students have been let out of schools so they can join sandbagging efforts. Farmers have used tractors to drive across flooded roadways to rescue elderly citizens stranded in their homes. National Guardsmen have used amphibious vehicles to save some of the others who found themselves with nowhere to go.

And in the background, as should be expected, conversation has centered on what can be done to keep similar disasters from happening again.

Maybe new levees can be built, some have said between breaths while passing sandbags down the

line. Maybe old ones can be raised or strengthened, others have replied while receiving the bags. Maybe new dams can be constructed somewhere, drivers have wondered as they reroute their morning commutes out of flood-surrounded towns. Maybe we should call up the Army Corps of Engineers and have them build something, city officials have thought out loud as waves have lapped at the neighborhoods of their communities.

Unfortunately, few of those ideas, if implemented, would have any positive effect in the future. The problem is that engineering moving water just doesn't work. If a levee is built on one side of the river, the other side will get the flood waters. If levees are built on both sides of a river, the people downstream will get washed out. If a dam is built, people upstream may find themselves under water. If a dam fails, people downstream could get a flash flood, and, sometimes, killed.

With all that having been said, there's really only one solution left for those who find themselves at war with high water.

Move.

I know that's probably not the answer many want to hear. After all, many have lived much, sometimes all, of their lives on the property they're now trying to defend and are therefore very attached to it. That's understandable and I do sympathize. Still, if people don't move, it's all just

going to happen again.

One argument that would likely come up against moving would be that it would just be too much work. Although I'll admit dams

battling the river, readily accepted the offer and moved to other parts of city. The few who refused were later forced to take the deal. Everything of value was re-

MARK DANIELSON

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and levees aren't removed often, moving people has been done, and done successfully at that.

When the 1970s began, there was a well-established neighborhood on Feriole Island in the city of Prairie du Chien, Wis. Although the neighborhood was very old and tight-knit, it had the unfortunate trait of being flooded on a regular basis by the Mississippi river.

Instead of building levees or some other futile water-control project, the city decided that it was time to move people off the island.

At that point the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (in a very rare moment of clarity on its part) moved in.

HUD spent \$50,000. The Corps spent \$5 million. People were offered more-than-fair amounts for their property. Most homeowners, tired of constantly

moved, the houses were bulldozed, and flooding ceased to be a problem on Feriole Island. In the end, the project came in 1/2 million dollars under budget, a rare occurrence considering the general efficiency of the government.

Despite its success, no similar project has been tried since.

Although I don't think people should have been forced to move out, the Prairie du Chien experiment shows that a little work can save a lot of work and pain. After all, if people tear down the levees, get rid of the dams, move off the flood plains and allow nature to run its course, they'll hardly notice when the river rises 15 feet.

Because of that, it's probably an option that should be looked at a little more seriously in the future.

In the meantime, though, good luck to those fighting the rivers. See you in two weeks.

Accident

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Hines said the reports showed that none of the students were wearing seat belts. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

According to police reports, alcohol was involved in the accident. Blood alcohol levels will not be known for another 10 days. A breathalyzer was not given because the students were taken to the hospital.

The sheriff also stated that the report in Thursday's *Pioneer Press* was factually inaccurate. According to the sheriff, Haag was not arrested on suspicion of homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle. Haag was, however, cited for causing injury while operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, Hines said.

Visitation for Stodola is at the Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home in Lena, Wis. from 4-9 p.m. on Friday. The home is located at 438 W. Main St. in Lena. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lena.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer thanks supporters of office

During the past couple of weeks, one of the topics of discussion in the *Student Voice* has been the closing of the Student Professional Experience office in June. By the time this issue is released, a final decision will most likely have been made as to the ultimate existence of the SPE office. Although this letter comes too late to urge more students to show their support, I would like to personally thank all of the students who signed the petition and approached the Student Senate. It is in all students' best interests to be involved and supportive of the services that enrich their college experiences and prepare them for a better future.

Internships are critical component of every student's educational background. Businesses are expecting students to enter the job market with the skills that enable them to function at a proficient level. Because the job market is so competitive, those students who have the applicable

experience from internships will have the advantage over those who do not. After investing in the future through college, wouldn't any student want to find a job? This is why the future of internship services are so important.

Regardless of the location of services, there are some areas that must be emphasized to ensure that students are receiving quality assistance. In order to achieve the optimum level of opportunity for all departments, there must be communication among the departments and an organized way for students to locate the provider of the services for their field of study. It is essential that the faculty members who coordinate the internships understand and are current on the techniques students need. The importance of developing a professional resume, portfolio, cover letter, and interviewing skills must not be de-emphasized in the process of finding an in-

ternship. In addition to these areas, students want and need paid internships. Although a portion of internships are non-paid, the majority of internships offer a salary or a stipend.

Whatever the outcome is, I would like to encourage students to be proactive in their search for internships. If it happens that the invaluable services of Bill Jacobsen and Lisa Kramer are unfortunately discontinued, those students who have had the fortunate opportunity of working with these knowledgeable and determined individuals may find the new process to be an adjustment. However, the departments will undoubtedly operate the internship process in the best manner possible.

Internships are a crucial element in any student's education, so be persistent in your search for quality internships.

Rebecca Falstad

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Temperatures in April will continue to be relatively cold, with snow possible into early May. April 11-15 chilly. April 16-19 warmer, but some showers.

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	(1966)	(1972)
Yesterday	43	35

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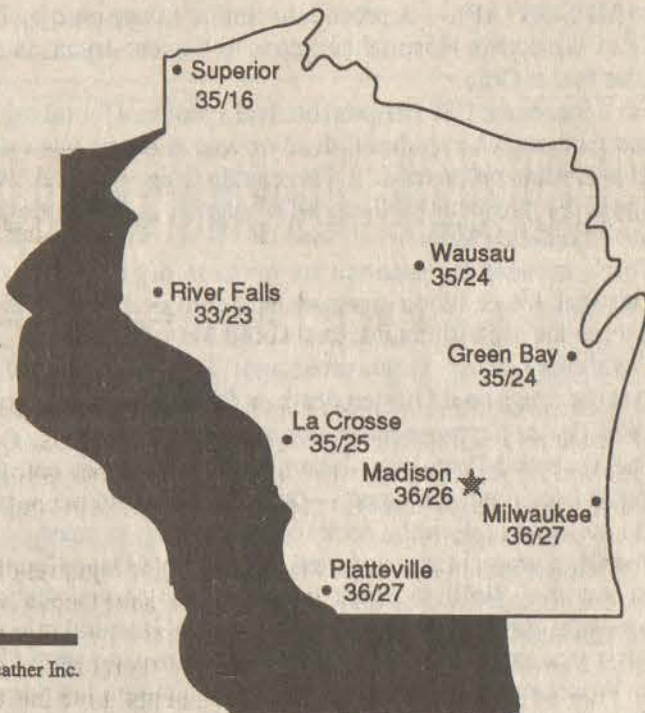
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Moonrise	7:54 a.m.
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WISCONSIN WEATHER

Friday, April 11, 1997



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1,200 high school students attend annual Agricultural Technology competition

Jaime Larson
Editor-in-Chief

The campus is usually a pretty quiet place on Saturdays, but the action picked up considerably last Saturday.

About 1,200 high school students from 78 high schools throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota visited UW-River Falls for the 37th annual Agricultural Technology Contest.

The contest, started in 1961 to offer agricultural competitions for high school students and give them a chance to visit the campus, offers a wide variety of agricultural competitive events from a rubber band tractor pull to forestry, crop, livestock evaluation and ag mechanics contests just to name a few. On Saturday students competed in contests in the Student Center, on both lab farms and in classrooms throughout the Ag Science building.

In the Student Center high schoolers competed in the rubber band tractor pull. For this event students designed and built their own tractors, which had to weigh under 5 pounds and fit inside a small wooden box at the contest site. Contestants competed to see whose tractor could pull at least a 20 gram weight connected by a pulley system to two No. 64 rubber bands.

Andy Schaal, a 10th grader from Gillett, Wis., built his tractor using blocks from his Lego collection. Other students constructed their tractors from a variety of

materials, including scraps of wood and tires from model tractors.

Over in the Ag Science building students competed in a number of other competitions.

In the forestry competition students had to take three different tests: a written examination, a tree identification test and a test asking them to identify equipment used in forestry. According to forestry Professor Mike Kaltenberg, the tests were pretty tough, especially for high school students with limited knowledge of forestry.

Tanner Turquist, a 12th grader from Greenwood, Wis., agreed. Turquist said he doesn't have much experience with forestry and entered the contest to try something new.

"I just laughed at how many I knew," he said.

Tim Woychik, an 11th grader from Independence, Wis., didn't think the test was too bad; however, he admitted that the fact that he took the wildlife class offered at his high school helped him answer some of the questions.

"I knew quite a bit," he said.

Students in the agricultural mechanics contest had some problems of their own. For one of the events they had to put themselves into the shoes of a service person called on to fix an engine problem in an elevator used to transport hay bales to a hay mow. After donning safety glasses, they delved into the owner's and service manuals for the elevator and

examined the engine to see if they could find the problem. After only about 15 minutes of work both Scott Demulling, a 10th grader from New Richmond, and Brandon Frank, an 11th grader from Clear Lake, agreed that it was a piece of cake.

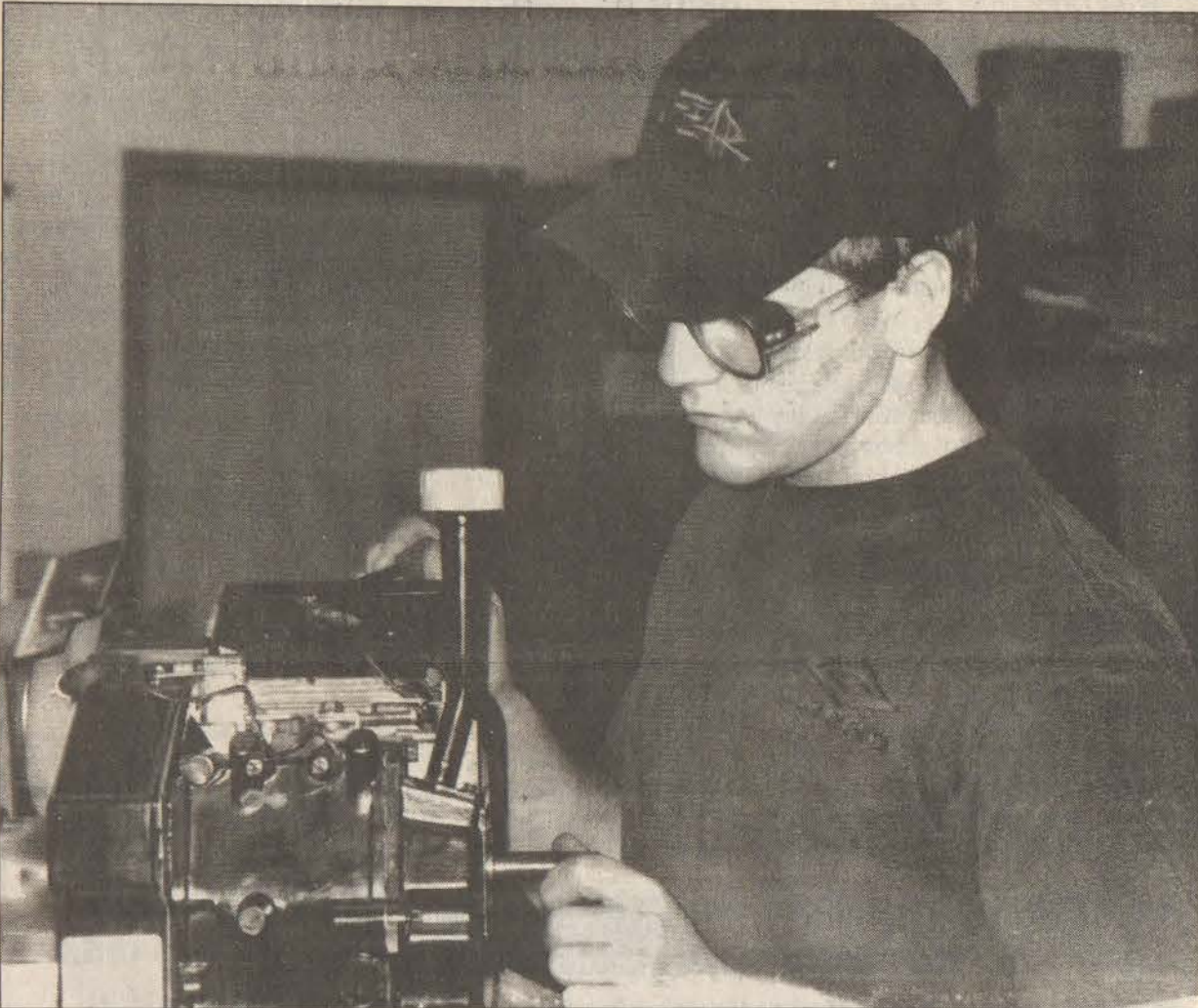
The Agricultural Technology Contest wasn't just a good experience for high school students, it was also a learning experience for some UW-RF students.

As part of the invitational crops contest, UW-RF students put classroom knowledge to use to judge crop samples brought in by high school students from their family farms. University students filled the second floor of the ag science building, carrying armfuls of hay or carefully inspecting soybeans, oats or other crops.

Steve Carlson, a professor in the plant and earth science department, said judging crops at the contest gave students a great opportunity to see a number of crop samples at once. Students had to examine each sample very carefully before ranking as many as 25 samples in order from best to worst.

"This is like a practical experience for them," Carlson said. "They get the opportunity to look at many different samples at one time. Generally you see one sample when you're buying or selling."

While the Agricultural Technology Contest mixes learning



Jaime Larson/The Student Voice

Scott Demulling, an 11th grader from New Richmond, examines an engine to try to figure out why it's not running. Demulling was one of about 1,200 high school students who attended the annual Agricultural Technology Contest Saturday at UW-River Falls.

with fun, it also serves another purpose: It's a great tool for bringing prospective students to the campus. Students spend most of the morning and early afternoon on campus, and they have opportunities to see the lab farms, Ag

Science building and Student Center as well as get to know some of the instructors.

"It's an excellent opportunity for them to get a feel for our campus," said Gary Rohde, dean of the College of Agriculture,

Food and Environmental Sciences. "It's one of the key things we do during the year to introduce students to our university and to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences."

Geology students abandon field trip to help Minnesota flood victims

Jenny Murphy
Staff Writer

News of floods has occupied almost every aspect of the media and the minds of many concerned people over the past few weeks.

Many people, including me, have ignored the importance of the surrounding floods of the Mississippi, the Minnesota and the St. Croix rivers. The Kinnickinnic River won't flood the UW-River Falls campus, right? The problem of floods doesn't directly pertain to me, so why should I worry about it?

Tuesday my personal outlook on the seemingly simple overabundance of water forever changed.

I went to Geology 102 lab expecting to participate in a field trip to observe Wisconsin glacial deposits for three long hours. As 25 students piled into two red, oversized UW-RF vans, Mike Middleton, professor of the introductory-level lab, announced that we would not be viewing glacial trademarks on our adventure. We would spend the afternoon significantly helping potential flood

victims by sandbagging in Afton, Minn.

Approximately 20 miles later we arrived in the small community, home to a few shops specialized in crafts and flowers, a shoe-box-sized barber shop, Lerk's Bar and a small, old-fashioned ice cream parlor.

The ice cream parlor served as headquarters of the flood relief in Afton, which is located on the St. Croix River. The small white, pink and green building displayed a sign begging for volunteers to help with tragedies associated

with the flood, hopeful that the community members would get a response from the willing public. Afton residents were grateful when Geology 102 students showed up to help with the back-breaking job of sandbagging.

Future geologists trudged down to the eight-foot pile of sand and immediately grabbed shovels and joined in the assembly line-like chore.

It sounds simple: shoveling sand into a little white burlap bag, tying the barriers shut with orange twine and piling them neatly on a

pallet, where they are picked up by a forklift and transported to the shore of the river and stacked as a restraint against the water.

It takes millions of sand-filled bags to resist the threatening water of the St. Croix River and save the little town of Afton from becoming drowned. The view of sandbags lined up and stacked against the shoreline, and the time and effort displayed by volunteers amazed me.

One nervous resident informed me that the demanding water had risen almost two feet since the

previous night and is due to crest at almost 700 feet on Saturday.

A house presently being built on the site of the upcoming flood stood empty and unfinished, sure to be affected by the rising water. When we were warming up in the generic headquarters from the 30 degree weather outside, I overheard someone say, "We are standing on water." The entire basement of the ice cream parlor was apparently flooded, along with the basements of many homes in the area.

The St. Croix River is not only

drowning the trees; the high water is having an emotional impact on residents who live in flooded areas.

I encourage anyone who has a chance to help victims of the floods, or any disaster, in some small way. When we went to sandbag, I realized that people truly appreciate all the help they can get. One man said to me, "Thank-you, thank-you so much, you are helping to save us."

I was proud to say I was from UW-RF.

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Questions raised about UW organ harvesting

MADISON (AP) — A procedure similar to one used by University of Wisconsin Hospital surgeons to harvest organs is coming under fire in Ohio.

For decades the UW Hospital has had a protocol for taking organs from patients who are brain-dead or whose hearts have stopped. But a similar proposal at a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital was red-flagged by prosecutors there who warned it could violate that state's homicide laws.

That's because medications are given to organ donors prior to death that lower blood pressure and thin their blood to better preserve the organs that doctors would transplant.

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, prosecutor Tom Sammon and others felt those drugs could hasten death or fool doctors into harvesting organs before the prospective donor is legally dead.

The proposed "non-heart beating protocol" could cut off life support from brain-damaged — but not yet brain-dead — patients if no pulse was felt in the neck for at least two minutes.

The Ohio prosecutors contacted Wisconsin's Dane County District Attorney William Foust because they learned that similar drugs were used in a similar procedure at UW Hospital in Madison.

Foust evaluated the UW program and consulted with Coroner Ray Wosepka about it over the course of a month last year.

"I concluded it was a non-issue," Foust said. "They urge restraint, and you don't go in before death."

The UW Hospital has been using the procedure for about 30 years.

MINNESOTA

Carlson speaks out on treaty fishing issues

ST. PAUL (AP) — Flanked by legislative leaders and Lt. Gov. Joanne Benson, Gov. Arne Carlson urged Minnesotans in a televised address Monday night to peacefully resolve their problems with the Chippewa Indians' fishing rights.

"For those who are tempted to take the law into their own hands I say: Do not underestimate our resolve," Carlson said.

While they appreciated Carlson's effort, some attending an informational meeting at the Minneapolis American Indian Center, doubted the address would have much effect.

"The folks who are hotheaded enough to be confrontational are going to do what they want no matter what Governor Carlson or anybody else says," said David Sam, a New Hope resident who will exercise his fishing rights as a member of the Mille Lacs band of Chippewa. The Mille Lacs and Fond du Lac bands of Chippewa in Minnesota and six Wisconsin Chippewa bands are expected to start spearing and gillnetting on 29 Minnesota lakes this month. The tribes won the rights to fish on territory ceded to the federal government in an 1837 treaty.

To give his address, Carlson made an unprecedented request for television time for the speech during the 6 p.m. While some radio stations, including Minnesota Public Radio, carried the speech live, three Twin Cities television stations did not.

NATION

NASA forced to call off shuttle mission early

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Flying on only two-thirds power, space shuttle Columbia returned safely to Earth on Tuesday after a research flight that was cut to just four days because of a dangerously defective generator.

NASA brought the seven astronauts back 12 days early.

It was only the third time in 16 years of space shuttle flight that NASA brought astronauts home early because of equipment failure.

Ginsberg remembered at Buddhist service

NEW YORK (AP) — Beat poet Allen Ginsberg was remembered Monday morning by several hundred mourners sitting shoeless on the floor of a Buddhist meditation center before a shrine of candles, fruit and flowers.

The counterculture artist, who had liver cancer, died of a heart attack Saturday at age 70. The memorial service, called the Ceremony of Sukhadati, was held at the Shambhala Meditation Center on the sixth floor of a Manhattan office building.

Ginsberg's first taste of notoriety came after the publication of his "Howl and Other Poems" in 1956. The profane, graphic work dealt with Ginsberg's homosexuality and communist upbringing, and shocked the conservative, McCarthy-era 1950s.

WORLD

Romanian girl adopted two years after attempted smuggling by British couple

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — A Romanian family is adopting a 3-year-old girl who had languished in an orphanage since a British couple was caught trying to smuggle her out of the country in a cardboard box.

Monica Baiaram is currently in the foster care of the prospective adoptive couple, Rodica Irimia of the Department for Child Protection said Monday.

"We hope the adoption procedures will start very soon," Irimia said. By law, a child must live with potential adoptive parents for three to four months before adoption can take place. Irimia identified the couple only as Florentin, 39, and Ana, 38, of the western county of Arad, saying confidentiality rules prevented her from giving more details. But Ion Predescu, head of the non-governmental agency For Our Children, who is familiar with the case, said the couple are well-off Gypsies who already have two children.

Adrian and Bernadette Mooney were arrested in July 1994 when they tried to take then 5-month-old Monica across the Romanian-Hungarian border. The baby was hidden in a cardboard box on the floor of their car and allegedly was doped with cough medicine so she would not cry and alert border officials.

The Mooneys, who legally adopted another Romanian baby in 1991, said they paid \$6,000 in various fees and didn't know they were breaking the law.

Worst flooding since 1993 strikes much of Minnesota

Levels expected to keep rising in many communities.

MINNESOTA (AP) — President Clinton declared flood-stricken Minnesota a disaster area Tuesday, freeing up federal money to clean up damage from severe rain and snow storms.

The declaration will make funds available for grants, disaster housing and low-interest loans for uninsured damaged property. The money will be made available to individuals and business owners in the following counties: Benton, Big Stone, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Kittson, Lac Qui Parle, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Sherburne, Stearns, Swift, Traverse, Washington, Wilkin, Wright and Yellow Medicine.

Federal funding also will be available to certain local governments on a cost-sharing basis for debris removal, emergency protection measures and hazard mitigation.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will oversee distribution of the money.

The state has no official damage estimate, but Jim Franklin, state emergency management director, said costs would exceed the floods of 1993. Those caused some \$125 million in infrastructure damage, he said.

Appleton loses to river

The Pomme de Terre River near

Appleton, Minn., hit 16 feet over flood stage Monday and topped sandbag dikes protecting 16 homes and a Lutheran church.

National Guard members and volunteers evacuated residents from the homes and church Sunday as the Pomme de Terre continued to rise.

Stillwater prepares for April 14 crest

Hundreds of volunteers joined by some prison inmates finished building a 5-foot dike protecting the historic downtown business district from the rising St. Croix River earlier this week. State Department of Transportation crews Sunday also finished stabilizing the deck of the lift bridge between Stillwater and Houlton that was closed to traffic on Saturday.

Stillwater Public Works Director Choc Junker predicted the dike would be enough to hold back the 89.7-foot flood crest predicted for the St. Croix by April 14. That crest would be 2.7 feet above flood stage.

State transportation department crews used cranes to load 110 concrete highway barriers, each weighing two tons, onto the deck of the lift bridge above bridge piers. The middle section of the bridge was raised to protect its motors from floodwater and authorities feared the two end sections of the bridge might wash out without the extra weight.

Corps closes locks

High river stages forecasted for the Mississippi River forced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin closing locks from Minne-

apolis to Red Wing. The corps' St. Paul District closed the Upper and Lower St. Anthony Falls locks and Lock No. 1 at Minneapolis on Friday and Lock and Dam 4 near Alma, Wis., Sunday.

The St. Paul District operates 13 locks on the Mississippi River between Minneapolis and Guttenburg, Iowa. With the forecasted river stages, it appears all the district's locks will close, the corps said.

Wisconsin flooding

Observers monitored the Mississippi River for possible flooding at the end of this week, even as the threat of serious flooding on some inland rivers receded Monday. "People around here are breathing a little easier," Pepin County emergency government

director John Egli said.

Heavy rains expected over the weekend were a no-show, reducing the flooding risk of the Chippewa River. The river now is expected to crest at 3 feet over flood stage.

A flood warning continued Monday for parts of Sauk and Columbia counties adjacent to the Wisconsin River. Other rivers at or above flood stage included the Wolf River at New London and Shawano, the Embarras River in Waupaca County and the Eau Claire River in Marathon County, according to the National Weather Service.

Rising Waters
THE FLOOD OF 1997

AT A GLANCE:

ROAD CLOSINGS & DETOURS

I-94 bridge at Hudson: expected to be only open bridge crossing St. Croix for 50 miles by this weekend

Highway 10 bridge at Prescott: still open as of Thursday at noon; may close if waters continue to rise

Highway 41 bridge at Chaska: closed

Stillwater lift bridge: closed

Highway 25: closed in Carver county between the junction of Highway 7 and north to Watertown

Highway 101: may experience flooding between Highway 212 and Shakopee

I-35W at Burnsville: lanes may be closed Friday during diking at Black Dog Road

Highway 243 bridge at Osceola: expected to remain open

Dow Corning seeking separation of claims

Motions filed say implants didn't result in disease.

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — Dow Corning Corp. wants to separate breast implant claims into one group involving complications and ruptures and a separate category claiming that the silicone implants caused disease.

Motions it filed Monday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court also ask the judge to dismiss all the claims alleging the implants caused disease.

The company is willing to re-

solve claims stemming from ruptures or other localized breast-area complications from implants, Dow Corning Chairman Richard Hazleton said in a statement.

"A prolonged debate on disease delays the resolution of local complication and rupture claims for women with breast implants," Hazleton said. "Our motions filed today... would allow claims to move forward by separating local complications from disease claims."

A global settlement of breast implant claims reached several years ago fell apart when thousands more women than expected sought compensation.

The motion filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Bay City is "based on scientific evidence that other federal courts have ruled is valid in disproving claims that breast implants cause disease," company spokesman T. Michael Jackson said.

Dow Corning said federal judges in Oregon, New York and Texas have found the evidence insufficient to support claims that breast implants cause generalized disease.

Attorneys for women with implants disagree. "It's a legal maneuver," said Ed Blizard, a Houston attorney for women with implants. "I haven't seen any of the motions yet but we don't think the scientific evidence is there for a summary judgment."

The decision whether to dismiss those claims rests before Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Spector. The next court date in the bankruptcy case is scheduled for April 14.

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Good news, Flash! The Dukes return to CBS

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FALCON RUGBY SCOREBOARD

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Saturday, April 5	Sunday, April 6	Saturday, April 5	
River Falls 10	River Falls 51	River Falls 12	
Macalester 7	St. Thomas 0	Eau Claire 10	

Firefighter sets fires to gain ex's attention

A&E/3B



CHAD URDAHL

Harnisch faces addiction head-on

The New York Mets' Pete Harnisch was scheduled to pitch against Los Angeles Dodgers last Sunday, but was unable to take to the hill.

You see, he is facing a much larger hill to climb. Harnisch's absence wasn't due to injury, his arm felt just fine. His absence stemmed from insomnia, likely caused by his attempt to quit using smokeless tobacco.

Harnisch contracted Lyme disease in 1995, but after an evaluation club officials ruled out the disease as a cause of the sleeplessness and attributed it to the withdrawal of nicotine.

After pitching five-plus innings in the Mets' first game April 1 on a serious lack of sleep, Harnisch acknowledged the problem he is facing. According to the 30-year-old pitcher, he started chewing tobacco 13 years ago when he was a freshman at Fordham University.

His symptoms, particularly sleeplessness, began a week later.

Harnisch's addiction has landed him on the disabled list, retroactive to April 2, meaning he won't become eligible to pitch until April 17.

Barry Bonds, Mike Piazza and Tony Gwynn have probably caused some National League pitchers to lose some sleep over the years, but none of them have given pitchers mental fits like tobacco has given Harnisch.

For this he deserves all the credit in the world. Harnisch may not be able to kick this habit for good. He may crumble to the addictive nature of nicotine and resume chewing tobacco in the future. That's not the point. At least he is addressing the problem, which is not easy, especially in the sports world.

Our sports heroes have many times been identified by a protruding lip. When you think of Lenny Dykstra, a golfball-sized cheek comes to mind even before his Philadelphia pinstripes. Tobacco is to baseball players what gasoline is to a Ford.

Baseball is not the only sport infested with this habit. Jim McMahon almost always had his lip full of chaw on the football sidelines. He's not the only football player, you should see the stash of tobacco the Kansas City Chiefs bring to town along with their training supplies and Gatorade.

Hockey players don't take a back seat to any other athletes in their consumption of chewing tobacco. It just seems natural, especially in leagues that include long bus rides. What else is there to do, read a book? Get real.

That's where I got my start, in

"I agree with Dodgers' manager Tommy Lasorda who once said that chemical addictions aren't illnesses but instead are weaknesses."

Joe Hunstock
UW-RF Sports Information

A wise coach once said that to be the best, you have to play the best.

What this old cliché does not mention is sometimes in doing so it opens the door to defeat and disappointment. This can be said about the UW-River Falls baseball team.

After a frustrating 3-9 start against an assortment of Division II talent, a young and inexperienced Falcon team returned from its spring trip with an understanding of what it needed to improve if they wanted to repeat as WSUC Northern Division champs. The pitching needed to be more consistent, the bats needed to stay hot, and the defense needed to start making routine outs.

The Falcons not only took notice of what needed to improve this past week, they applied their newfound knowledge with four solid wins.

On Thursday, April 3, the Falcons traveled to Northfield, Minn., to face against the Carleton Knights in a double header. The Knights, also with a young team and struggling, were hoping to avenge a pair of losses to the Falcons a year ago, but again fell short.

In the first game, the Falcons came out swinging as they won handily, 20-4. Second baseman Jason Bayer, a junior from Prescott, went 5-for-5 with two doubles, three singles and a walk, and scored five times for the Falcons. Sophomore first baseman Dusty Schommer, also from Prescott, had two home runs including a grand slam in his final two at bats to secure the victory.

junior hockey. I'm not going to use peer pressure as an excuse. It was a decision I made on my own, or a weakness I knowingly exposed.

I agree with Dodgers' manager Tommy Lasorda, who once said that chemical addictions aren't illnesses but instead are weaknesses. I knew what I was doing but chose to ignore it. That's not sick; that's weak.

I've always been under the impression that when I wanted to quit I could. It's easier to say that and ignore the weakness than face it head-on.

Quitting the use of tobacco has never been an option for me because I simply have never wanted to. It may not be attractive, but it is something I actually enjoy, addictive matters aside.

I've always assumed that at some point in time I would give it up, but it was easier to keep that day on the horizon.

Then reality sets in and you realize that this habit may kill you someday, just as chewing tobacco prematurely took the life of a high school coach in West Central Minnesota. He was my father's assistant and a family friend when he died less than two years ago.

It feels strange saying this because I'm chewing as I write this, but it is time for me to quit. It's time to let go before I'm using that big brass spittoon in the sky.

Some day I'll thank people like you, Harnisch. Now please pass the sunflower seeds, it's time to get tough.

Chad Urdahl is a senior majoring in journalism.

"In that game, we did everything right," said head coach Dale Varsho. "It was a game against a team that was less talented, and we proved that weren't going to take them lightly by beating them handily. It also really helped our confidence."

The Falcons jumped to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, and were up 9-0 before the Knights finally scored in the bottom of the fifth, giving junior starter Justin Carlson more than enough run support to get the win. Carlson pitched the entire game, spreading out four runs on seven hits through seven innings. He also struck out four and walked none en route to his second win of the season.

In the second game senior Ryan Bishop, getting his third start of the year for the Falcons, limited the Knights to one unearned run on four hits, as the Falcons went on to win 4-1. Bishop had all of his pitches working, striking out ten and walking one, as he picked up his first win and improved to 1-1.

"Bishop had a great game with 10 strikeouts," said Varsho. "We faced a better pitcher [in the second game] than in the first and we didn't hit well, but we had some clutch base hits."

The Falcons were down 1-0 going into the third inning when freshman Cory Wright led off with a single, advanced to second on a Nick Reimler groundout, and scored on a double by Bayer.

The Falcons took the lead for good in the fifth when Reimler led off the inning with a single and scored on a one-out double by sophomore Joe Reich.

The Falcons played at home for

the first time on Friday, April 4, hosting St. Olaf in a soggy double header. Knowing that St. Olaf was a much better team than Carleton, the Falcons needed to play well.

In the first game, St. Olaf sent to the mound its pitching ace, lefty Colin Brackeen. Brackeen threw well, limiting the Falcons to two hits and no runs through 3 2/3 innings. As the rain started to come down at a more constant rate, St. Olaf coach Matt McDonald decided to sit



Mike Weatherwax

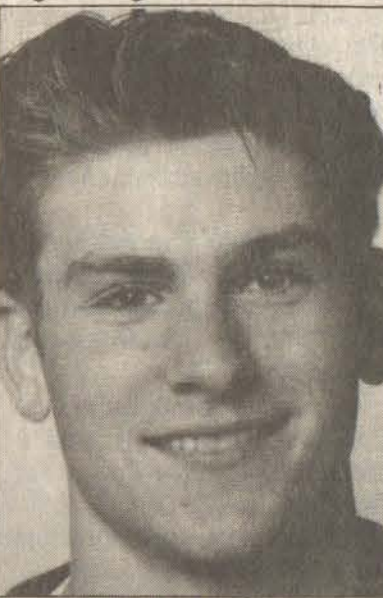
Brackeen down for reliever Charlie Brookins, who pitched well until the seventh and final inning.

In the final frame with the Falcons down 2-0, Nathan Brown flied out to the shortstop, Chris Yates doubled and scored on a single by Wright. Leadoff hitter Joe Schmitz then drew a walk and was forced out at second on a grounder to short by Bayer. With Reich at the plate and Yates on third, Bayer stole second, and

both runners scored on a hit into deep center by Reich.

With the comeback, Dan McNamara became the third Falcon pitcher in as many games to throw a complete game and pick up the win. McNamara limited St. Olaf hitters to nine hits and struck out two while walking none, improving his record to 1-1.

In the second game, the rain decimated as the Falcons held on to win another nail-biter 2-1. Again the game was not decided



Dan McNamara

until the bottom of the seventh.

The Falcons went up 1-0 in the second inning when senior Mike Weatherwax hit a two-out double and scored on an RBI single by Wright.

Senior starter Mark Ince was on cruise until the sixth inning, limiting St. Olaf to only four hits. With two outs in the sixth inning, St. Olaf scored an unearned run on a fielding error by Weatherwax on a sharp grounder. To end the inning, Ince helped his own cause

by striking out the next batter with runners on first and second.

After Ince retired the first batter he faced to lead off the seventh, he walked St. Olaf's leadoff hitter, speedy second baseman Neil Lerner. Varsho brought on junior closer Jason VanRossum to close the inning. After Lerner stole second and advanced to third on a wild pitch, VanRossum got both batters he faced to ground out to second base.

With their rally caps on again, Weatherwax led the bottom of the seventh off with a single, and stole second. Cory Wright then put down a bunt along the third base line. St. Olaf pitcher Chad Pylka bare-handed the bunt, turned and fired a throw off the mark to third. As the ball rolled towards the fence along the third base line, Weatherwax darted home as the winning run.

"Those were two huge wins. It built a lot of confidence," said Varsho. "We did a great job [against St. Olaf]. We played great defense, we had some clutch hits, and we had some very good pitching. It was fun to watch."

With the four wins, the Falcons improved their record to 7-9 with a five-game winning streak going into a weekend tournament April 11-12 at Oshkosh. The Falcons play UW-Oshkosh at 1 p.m. and Lakeland College at 4 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday the Falcons play two more games against St. Scholastica at 10 a.m. and UW-Stevens Point at 4 p.m.

The Falcons will continue to stay busy, playing at Winona State on Monday, April 14, with conference play beginning Friday, April 18 at home against UW-La Crosse.

Falcons hit skids at UNI tourney

The Falcons started out the week well with two victories over La Crosse on Tuesday, April 2. However, their success stopped there as they went into the UNI Domes Invitational, hosted by Northern Iowa, and lost all but one game. The Falcons next game is at UW-Stout on April 8.

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UW-River Falls
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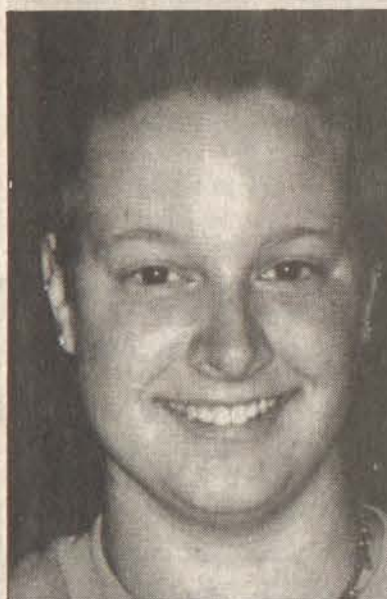
River Falls took the lead in the first inning and never gave it up, allowing only one run in the sixth inning and scoring 5 times. Michelle Hosfield had two RBIs, and Jami Fenske, Krista Kirkeeide and Tiffany Peterson each had one. Alicia Dougherty pitched five innings. She allowed six hits and one earned run. She walked two and struck out two. Amy Benoy pitched the last inning and allowed one hit.

UW-La Crosse
0000000 0-4-1
UW-River Falls
010120X 4-7-1

Strong offense and an unforgiving defense allowed the Falcons to win their second game against the Eagles. Jessi Welch hit two home runs in her three at bats and had three RBIs. Hosfield also had an RBI. Benoy pitched all seven innings of the game, allowing four hits. She walked four batters and struck three out.

UW-River Falls
0001000 1-7-3
St. Xavier
060001X 7-9-0

Gina Masanz gave up six runs in the second inning and dropped



Jessi Welch

her pitching record down to 1-4. In her one and one-third innings as pitcher, she gave up four hits and six runs. Benoy relieved her in the second inning and allowed five hits and one run. She had two walks and two strike outs. Michelle May had the lone RBI and had three hits. Angela Bunde, Kirkeeide, Jessi Welch and Nikki Fennem each had one hit.

St. Cloud State
0001010 2-7-0
River Falls
0100000 1-4-0

Christina Caliguire scored the only RBI. She had two hits and Dougherty and Bunde each had one hit. Dougherty pitched all seven innings and allowed 8 hits and two runs, both earned. She walked three and struck out two.

UW-River Falls
103300X 7-7-0
North Dakota State
2012000 5-10-0

The Falcons made up for their

loss to St. Xavier with a victory in an offensive battle against North Dakota State. Welch, who was named the WWIAC Player of the Week, had four RBIs, three of which came off a fourth-inning double. Hosfield had two RBIs and May had one. Dougherty pitched the whole game and allowed 10 hits and five runs. All of the runs were earned. She walked four and struck out 5.

River Falls
0000000 0-2-2
Mankato State
100032X 6-12-1

Benoy gave up 12 hits and six earned runs, five of which came in the final two innings. She walked one batter and struck out three. Kirkeeide and Hosfield were the only two Falcons who had hits.

River Falls
0000000 0-3-3
Winona
010000X 1-5-0

Masanz give up a home run in the second inning to allow the only score of the game. She pitched a total of six innings, giving up five hits and one earned run. Masanz also had one strike out. Dougherty, Welch, and Fennem each had one hit.

River Falls
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Winona
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Benoy pitched the distance and allowed four hits and three earned runs. She walked three and struck out four. Welch and Peterson had the only hits for the Falcons against Winona.

Track finishes fourth



Karianne Wold

The Falcon women's track team placed fourth at the Carleton Invitational held Saturday. Jamestown won the team title with 171.2 points in the 14-team meet.

Lynn Krentz provisionally qualified for the NCAA national meet in the hammer with a second-place throw of 151-7.

Karianne Wold won the 100 hurdles, was fourth in the 400 hurdles, finished third in the high jump and helped the 4x100 relay team to an eighth-place finish.

Wold was named the WWIAC Player of the Week.

Sarah Peterson finished third in the long jump, fifth in the shot put and she came in second in the triple jump.



CHRISTY NELSON

'The Dukes of Hazzard' reunion causes nostalgia for columnist

Well ya'll, it had to happen. The Brady Bunch did it; the Waltons did it; even J.R. and the folks at South Fork did it. And now, to the delight of country boys and girls everywhere, the Dukes are following suit.

On April 25, CBS, the station which originally carried Bo, Luke, Daisy and the rest of the Hazzard clan over 12 years ago, is scheduled to hold a two-hour made-for-TV reunion special.

Last year TNN began running "The Dukes of Hazzard" reruns, which proved a very successful decision, as I think many of the show's almost obsessive original fans were still suffering from "good ol' boy" withdrawal, and needed something to fill the void — apparently "The Jeff Foxworthy Show" didn't quite cut it. At any rate, not only are the reruns from the '80s back, so are the Dukes of the '90s. What does the reunion special have in store for the Hazzard-starved public?

Almost all of the original cast will be returning for the special. I know what you're thinking — how could they take time out of their busy schedules to shoot a movie? All sarcasm aside, everyone but the original Boss Hogg, who proved that good guys don't always wear white, and Flash, both of whom have unfortunately passed away since the show's demise in 1985, are slated to be back for the reunion. Who could possibly fill the hole left by the Hogg and the dog? Well, Flash's granddaughter Toodles will be trying her paw at the oh-so-demanding role, and as for Boss Hogg's replacement? Two words — Boss Rosco.

Now even the most loyal Dukes-devotee has to admit that the show was never, nicely put, bogged down by a thinking-man's plot. And whatever did go over your head the first time was explained nicely by Waylon Jennings (who will also be absent from the reunion lineup) at each commercial break. Staying true to tradition, the reunion's plot is rather uncomplicated and predictable, yet tension filled as ever.

It seems that there is a new villainess in Hazzard by the name of "Mama Max," who is bent on turning the small southern county into a theme park (what could the theme possibly be — Redneckville? Inbreed-world?). Naturally, the Dukes aren't about to let that happen, so they set out to settle the dispute, how else, "the only way they know how": a car race. But that's just a little bit more than Mama Max will allow. She seeks out the cunning mind of Boss Rosco, and together the two hatch a scheme to kidnap Daisy Duke on her wedding day (in case you are wondering, no she never went looking outside of Hazzard county. She's marrying Enos). It's up to the Duke boys to return Daisy in time to walk down the aisle, which almost makes them late for the big race that will secure the purity of

"Of course, I remember being head-over-heals in prepubescent love with Bo (John Schneider)."

Twin Cities artist Ta-coumba Aiken brings his 'spirit writing' style to UW-RF

■ Ta-coumba Aiken displayed slides of his work and told students about his past.

Brandon Eytcheson
A&E Editor

Nationally renowned Twin Cities artist Ta-coumba Aiken gave a slide show of some of his work and answered questions for a group of approximately 30 students in the Fine Arts building last Wednesday.

Aiken gave a slide show to the students that lasted about an hour. Almost every piece had a story to go with it, all with a hint of humor.

Aiken had once made a piece of art that he put an extremely large price tag on in hopes that it wouldn't sell because he liked it. He joked about how his wife ended up making him sell the piece because the daycare provider for his two kids offered him a substantial amount and daycare credit.

Aiken is perhaps most famous for some of his wall and grain elevator murals that can be found throughout the Twin Cities and Minnesota.

"I wanted to do murals because it is a way for hundreds of thousands of people to view art for free," Aiken said.

Aiken's visit was sponsored and arranged by the Art Society.

David East, Art Society president and senior at UW-RF, sought out Aiken specifically. "I think what is inspiring about his work for a lot of people is that he is willing to take chances," East commented.

"Within those chances and through experimentation he has found a real distinctive style."

Another reason that Aiken was chosen by the UW-RF Art Society was his accessibility to the UW-RF art department. Aiken lives in the same Artist Cooperative building as Morgan Clifford, who teaches Textiles at UW-RF. He is also an old friend of Bernice Swenson who teaches Graphics. A style that Aiken uses in his paintings is called "spirit writing."

"We are all made from the things we learn and are taught. We only retain some of that," Aiken said in regards to where the inspiration for some of his "spirit writing" comes from. "It comes from

Aiken combines these thoughts into brush (or different medium) movements.

Aiken gave an example of his additive process. "I put down a line that looks like the curve of a forehead. I make the eye; I'll make the nose. I'll draw a circle that could be an eye or a hand. Then, I'll bring the line down and it looks like a profile. I just keep going and going until the piece yells 'stop.'"

Aiken has always aspired to be an artist. "I've been (creating) art since I was 3 and I had my first show when I was 6," he said.

Aiken's first show was, among other things, an effort to

prove to his father, who wanted him to be a lawyer, that being an artist was inevitable. Aiken's first show grossed \$657.36. His

father allowed him to continue working on his art. "This was one of the most important parts of my life," Aiken said.

Another important point in his life was when his styles began to develop more.

"By the time I was 11 years old, I was bored with realism," Aiken explained about one of the important points in his artistic life. This is where he started to experiment more and developed more as an artist.

Aiken graduated from the high school in his home town of Evanston, Ill., when he was 15. He attended Yale, where he studied pre-law for two years through a special program. While at Yale he decided that he wasn't "cut out" for that type of life and headed West.

Aiken studied art at the Minnesota Institute of Art, which is now called the Minnesota Academy of Art and Design.

Aiken has been based in the Twin Cities area since. He has a wife and two kids. He created a permanent installation he created in the Walker Art Museum and runs a gallery there. His gallery is called Unique Images Fine Arts Gallery at 613 Grand Ave., St. Paul. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and can be reached at (612) 299-0100.



Brandon Eytcheson/The Student Voice

Aiken brought with him an example of his unique style of "spirit writing."

your parents, friends, enemies. Bad things and good things all make us who we are and define what we are going to be."

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'Mad' gets new look, philosophy in 45th year

■ Changes by the 'usual gang of idiots' are to let readers know that the mag. is still alive.

Larry McShane
Associated Press

Mad magazine, in its 45th year as a bastion of bright writing and bad taste, is getting its first makeover. But don't expect braces across Alfred E. Neuman's gap-toothed grin, or detente in the world of Spy Vs. Spy.

What "the usual gang of idiots" have planned is, for the first time, something more subtle: bringing aboard new writers, artists and features aimed at giving its satire more bite in a world where Howard Stern rules as king of all media.

"We had the feeling for a while that people were saying, 'Oh, Mad — they're still in print?'" explains co-editor Nick Meglin.

"It's time to let them know that yes, we are still in business. And yes, we're edgier and riskier than ever."

This is not your father's Mad magazine, the one headed so ably by the late William M. Gaines. That magazine, despised by parents but worshipped by their kids, had a circulation of 2.4 million during its 1966-75 golden age. Kids like Stern, Letterman and chief writer Steve O'Donnell were among those influenced by the magazine's marriage of absolute brilliance and sheer stupidity. Reading Mad beneath your covers with a flashlight became a rite of passage for an entire generation. Those days are over. Circulation is now at about 500,000, trimmed by television, technology and apathy toward reading. Co-editor John Ficarra, flicking a pair of drumsticks through his salt-and-pepper beard, offers another explanation.

"People grew up and had kids, and they remembered Mad fondly, and they allowed their kids to read it," Ficarra says. "And

one of the kisses of death is parental approval." There was professional approval, too. A 1992 auction of vintage Mad artwork attracted more than \$600,000 in bids. And even the editors' pals felt the magazine was a bit too tame; a recent "Friends" parody was devoid of the sexual innuendo that drives the hit TV show. Mad, it seemed, was too mainstream. So how to get back that cutting edge feel? Some of the material will be a little coarser, a bit rawer.

There's a new cover design, with a new border chock full of cartoons reflecting current events. Two new features — "Marvin," an angst-ridden teen, and "Melvin & Jenkins," a '90s behavioral guide — are now aboard. Spy Vs. Spy will be spiffed up by award-winning cartoonist Peter Kuper. The changes were a year in the making. Issue No. 1 of the new version, in stores this month, is indicative of the new mentality. A collection of classic kids' stories told by President Clinton, Stern and Louis

Farrakhan are hilarious and a bit raunchy. Joey Buttafuoco offers some frank dating do's and don'ts. Bathroom humor? The front cover features Alfred E. Neuman photocopying his butt. The back cover features a yellow snow gag. The editors agree the magazine's new tone was done with Gaines in mind: They figured it should be something their old boss wouldn't necessarily enjoy.

"I think it succeeds because he wouldn't have liked some of the stuff we're doing now," Ficarra says. "He was a 70-year-old man." The magazine's basics endure. Mad still does not accept advertising. Mad still savages advertisers — a particularly pointed parody of the Absolute vodka ads is featured in the "new" Mad. Mad is still done in black and white, although that's a nod to finance as well as style.

"There's no money for it, because we refuse to take advertising," says Meglin. The current cover price of "\$2.50 Cheap!" would have skyrocketed to \$6 if

Mad went glossy. There was also talk of jettisoning its "What Me Worry?" mascot. "We talked about it for about two seconds," Ficarra acknowledges. Mr. Neuman survived the cut.

The magazine is using several methods of spreading the word on Mad's new look and attitude. Alfred E. Neuman is in cyberspace; Mad has opened a web site. A promotion with a breakfast drink is under way. Collections of past Mad efforts were recently released. "And," Ficarra offers, "I have my mother telling all the people on her block."

While the new Mad will seek to push the envelope, associate editor Charlie Kadam — tongue firmly in cheek — promised the new magazine will not pander to readers seeking cheap thrills.

"The people who want that sort of cheap sexual innuendo," he warned, "will have to keep reading 'Martha Stewart's Living.'"

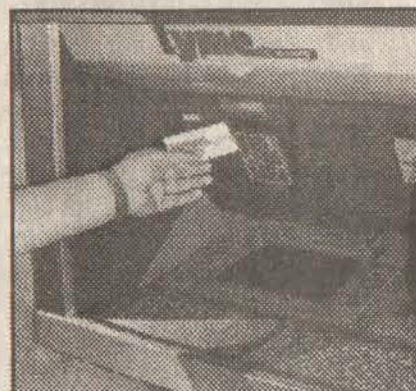
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SUMMER MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME!

WEIRD IDEAS AND ODD PEOPLE

Waiting Patiently

SEATTLE (AP) — A former mental patient wielding a samurai-style sword held police at bay for 11 hours before officers knocked him down with fire hoses and subdued him on a busy downtown street.

Tony Allison, 41, was taken to a hospital Thursday night. "He's going to be extremely sore," Assistant Police Chief Harvey Ferguson said.

Police evacuated the block after the man began threatening people with the 2 1/2-foot (.8-meter) sword before lunch. Police circled Allison and tried all day to talk him into putting down the sword. They used pepper spray, fired bean-bag projectiles and turned the hoses on him several times. He got up each time, but

police finally had him after pinning Allison to the sidewalk with a ladder.

Ferguson said Allison was "incredibly tough" and appeared to have "pretty severe mental problems."

Relatives said Allison was committed to a mental hospital in 1986 after being diagnosed as schizophrenic and manic-depressive. He was released last year. Downtown regulars said the man was homeless and had told them he used the sword to ward off demons.

Burning Love

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. (AP) — James Magoun wanted his ex-girlfriend to think he was a hero. So the part-time Northboro firefighter allegedly set several

fires at her dorm, then swooped in to save her.

Magoun, 22, is free on bail after pleading innocent Monday to setting several fires last fall at Framingham State College as a way of reconciling with a student he had been dating, authorities said. The woman allegedly told Magoun she was frightened by the fires and asked him to stay at her dorm.

Magoun allegedly set the fires mostly in trash cans near smoke detectors in occupied buildings. The worst was a Halloween night blaze in which Magoun allegedly set fire to a mattress in a storage room. The fires caused minimal damage and only one minor injury to a campus police officer, state Fire Marshal Stephen Coan said Monday.

"It's a black eye on this profes-

sion," Coan said. "It's a sad day for firefighters across the commonwealth when one of their own is charged with arson."

Magoun pleaded innocent in Framingham District Court to two counts of arson of a dwelling and three counts of attempted arson and was released on \$5,000 bail. During his four years as a call firefighter, Magoun would respond to alarms when called by the fire department, Northboro Fire Chief Brian Duggan said. The blazes were part of a rash of fires set at Framingham State. State investigators received information implicating Magoun in several of those fires.

"This whole hero scenario is one that's very common to investigators," said Jennifer Mieth, spokeswoman for the state Department of Fire Services. "If you see someone discovering a lot of fires, you wonder how they could do it again and again."

Stodola / A great friend

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Stodola in his industrial safety class, echoed Taylor's comments. "Tony was a great kid who always came to class with a positive attitude and a smile on his face," Nechville said. "He was an all-around nice person. He was outstanding at working with groups of people. He made school fun for a lot of people."

Stodola was a dedicated worker and spent a lot of time on a dairy farm, Dopp said.

"He worked for a dairy farm everyday outside town," Dopp said. "He worked three to four hours a night and every weekend."

Stodola was also involved in the UW-RF Dairy Clubs. Neifer Dekeyser, another Dairy Club member, said he was a great friend.

"He was friendly to everyone,"

Dekeyser said. "He cared about how others were doing. He always asked what was wrong if you didn't have a smile on your face."

Provost Robert Milam remarked that Stodola's death has cast a pall on the campus.

"We deeply regret Anthony's death," Milam said. "We are a very close-knit community at UW-River Falls, and particularly within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Anthony's family and friends."

Stodola's family members and closest friends were not available for comment.

The University is providing counseling assistance to all those who may need it. Students can reach a counselor by calling 425-3884.

Nelson

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Hazzard if won by the unstoppable General Lee. Rumor has it that a couple of the original Generals were tracked down and used in the film.

So there is a brief summary of the new Dukes, but I have many fond memories of the old Dukes, too. Of course, I remember being head-over-heels in prepubescent love with Bo (John Schneider). I liked him so much I was able to look past his monstrous attempt at a singing career. Even so, I knew that his jeans were just a bit too snug. In turn, however, I remember feeling the first pangs of envy as I saw every male I knew drool over Daisy. I even tried to be like her, hacking off my Gitano jeans and tying my shirts up in a knot directly under my nine-year-old chest. It goes without saying I failed miserably, but it's still a fun memory.

I also had some of "The Dukes of Hazzard" collectibles, like a matchbox General Lee and a stuffed Flash. And every cover of "Dynamite" magazine that involved the Dukes in any way went on my bedroom wall imme-

diately, next to Magnum and Michael Jackson (I had to admit that to begin the healing process). Probably my final memory of the show was of watching the Duke cousins, Coy and Vance, take over the reigns. That is my final memory as that is when I, like so many others, lost interest entirely.

Last year, *Student Voice* columnist Chad Urdahl wrote about the fact that maybe he had outgrown the wide-eyed excitement he had once watched "The Dukes of Hazzard" with as a kid. And after recently watching the reruns on TNN, I would have to say he was right — everything changes as we grow. I'm sure that the cast members, all 12 years older now, have changed greatly too and might not have quite the same allure as they did way back when. We may not want to "look at that girl with the Daisy Dukes on" anymore. Maybe she needs something in more of a culotte now-a-days. Who knows, maybe I look better now in my tied-up shirt than the aged Daisy. If only I didn't still have the nine-year-old chest...

Christy Nelson is a senior majoring in journalism.

Welcome Back Cooter



'It's In The Stars'

Associated Press

ARIES: (March 21-April 20) If you insist on perfection you will be in for considerable frustration. Be willing to relax your rather unreasonable standards, not everyone in your circle will live up to those expectations, no matter how hard they try.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21) There are changes that need to be made at home. Even though your suggestions may not be met with enthusiasm, go ahead anyway, in the long run you'll be glad you pushed. Take time out for yourself, it is essential to your peace of mind.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21) Usual routines may be altered, due to unexpected situations that arise. Nip your ego in the bud and behave with courtesy and compassion at work, more will get accomplished this way instead of playing dictator. Act from your heart and not your head with love.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23) A feeling of isolation may overtake you, so make the effort to reach out and touch someone. Relationship issues need to be attended to, so state your needs clearly. If you are feeling stuck at work, hang in there and the solution will appear with little effort at all.

LEO: (July 24- August 23) Don't let your ego

get the best of you, inducing you to do something really too risky at this point. If you want to advance at work, the time may not be quite right yet. You may experience an awakening in the near future which will affect your attitude.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23) Due to a stunning success in business, or if your love life is improving, you feel like you're sitting on top of the world. Enjoy it! You don't have to give up anything just because things are finally going your way for a change. Strive for the best.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23) Some negative feelings may arise during the week, from issues about trust and betrayal. There is more than hope, there is a real opportunity for success, but only if you are willing to embrace current changes with an open mind. Be willing to listen to others' ideas.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22) Continue to insist on quality and honesty in all of your dealings, especially in issues close to your heart. Do remember in all your interactions with others that the absolute truth is quite hard to come by. You have only your personal truth and limited perspective to work with.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December

21) Concerning your love life this week, pay attention to sexual attractions and go for someone who is safe and kind. Push yourself to the limit, for you will only kick yourself later if you fail to accomplish that which is within your grasp. Don't let soul searching get out of hand.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20) Do something extravagant this week. Although money is usually associated with this activity, time could be your biggest commodity. Take some time for yourself. Harmony at home will bring you a great deal of satisfaction. Review your investments to see if returns can be better.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19) It's

time to talk about your need for independence within your closest relationships. Listen carefully to those words of love, and try to read between the lines. There are a number of things which you can't do alone. If help is not on the way, do the best you can and leave the rest for later.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20) Remove your emotional armor if you really want to get through to someone. Without such a willingness to show your own vulnerability, no one else will feel that they can trust you. The feelings that you have for someone right now are best kept secret, you'll have your chance.



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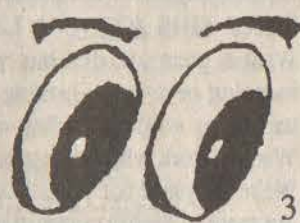
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Housing / Renovations have helped

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move off campus," he said.

Testa added that although there is no set timetable for freshmen to find off-campus housing, he hopes that they would do so by May 1.

Testa said that next year's freshmen will be receiving a letter detailing the tight housing situation in the hopes that some of them may decide to commute or live with relatives in the area.

According to Testa, the purpose of the letter is not to worry

the students concerning their housing status.

"Everyone that will be getting a letter already has a place to live," Testa said. "I don't think it will discourage them from coming to River Falls."

Grades / Professors are concerned

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tations from the students," Perkins said.

The addition of pluses and minuses would be an incentive for students, she added.

Several other faculty members agreed with Perkins. The system

is used at other UW-System schools like Madison and Eau Claire.

In the past, the move to a plus/minus system has been discussed and voted down by Faculty Senate.

In response to the issue of grade inflation, faculty members made

suggestions.

"The alternative to this situation (grade inflation), would be to do away with the letter-grading system and switch to a system where there is a level of subjectivity," said Kathleen Daly, dean of the College of Education and Graduate Studies.

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