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Partly sunny with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s

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Planting for the holidays

UW-River Falls horticulture students grow poinsettias

Jenny Murphy
Front Page Editor

Along with decorated pines and firs, Santa Claus shaped sugar cookies and brightly colored wrapped packages, poinsettia plants are almost a given at any holiday happening.

Growing the plants is keeping some UW-River Falls students busy.

The greenhouse management class has been growing and cultivating poinsettias since September. About 35 students have experimented throughout the semester with poinsettias and chrysanthemums, which are considered model plants — once people learn the proper

care for these plants, they can usually care for any plant, said Terry Ferriss of the horticulture department.

Students have experimented with different growth media, pinching techniques, temperatures, watering and fertilizing methods and lighting conditions to determine the best growth results. Also, poinsettias and chrysanthemums are the most popular potted plants, Ferriss said.

The poinsettias grown in the campus greenhouse have colorful bracts, which people sometimes mistake as the plant's flower. The actual flowers are yellow and generally fall off the plant within three weeks of purchase. But the red, pink or white bracts, which are modified leaves of the plant, can last months.

Students will enjoy their plants during the holidays. However, the plants can not be sold.

"Several of the plants, due to the experimental conditions, are not A-1 plants," said Ferriss, who also advises the Horticulture Society. "But they do get to take them home."

The poinsettia cuttings are donated yearly by a large California poinsettia company. The cuttings are used for educational purposes only.

But students and staff who want their own centerpiece plant can order a poinsettia through the Horticulture Society.

The club bought plants from a Wisconsin grower and is selling 4 1/2 inch poinsettia plants for \$4 and 6 inch plants for \$8. The red, white or pink plants come in a foil-lined pot and must be ordered by Monday, Dec. 7 for delivery by Dec. 14 and 15.

"The traditional bright red and bright green color of the plant is really Christmassy," said Horticulture Society president Marcia Sell, a senior. "It's a living ornament, plants are always a good gift to give."



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Anne Harms and Jesse Gutowski check out the poinsettias.

A flower fable

Poinsettias have not always been considered a Christmas plant.

The legend derived centuries ago in Mexico.

A young, poor girl was on her way to church on Christmas Eve. She had no money for a Christmas gift for the church, so on her way to mass, she stopped and picked a handful of "weeds" from the side of the dusty road.

The girl brought the native Mexican "weeds" into church and set them on the altar during the service. The "weeds" burst into brilliant, bright red color as they lay in the church.

Since then, poinsettias, which require short days to bloom, have been a traditional part of many people's holidays.

Raising AIDS awareness

■ Student Health Services gave away condoms for World AIDS Day Tuesday

Max Date
Staff Writer

December 1 was World AIDS Day, a day meant to better educate the general public on the virus that now affects one out of every 100 U.S. adults.

Statistics now show that there are more than 641,000 cases of AIDS in the United States, which have resulted in more than 38,000 deaths.

UW-RF Student Health Services sponsored a table in Hagstad Student Center on Tuesday to help inform the students on the River Falls campus. Some of the items to make students aware included safer sex and abstinence kits, as well as a demonstration of how to put a condom on — a banana.

"Half of all new HIV cases in the United States are people under 25," said Alice Reilly-Myklebust, Coordinator of Student Health Services. "AIDS-related deaths are the sixth leading cause of death between the ages of 15 to 24, and the second-



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Senior Broc Threinen demonstrates how to apply a condom with a banana during World AIDS Day as senior Ryan Blaisdell looks on.

largest amongst 25 to 44-year-olds."

Many people became aware of the dangers presented by HIV and AIDS in November of 1991, when professional basketball superstar Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced he contracted HIV. Since then, the virus that was largely seen of as a "gay thing" in the 1980's was suddenly an "everybody thing," Johnson's an-

nouncement was essentially the beginning of the safe sex campaign in the United States.

Jamie Sorenson, regional director of the AIDS resource center of Wisconsin said the epidemic affects communities of all sizes.

"Many people in Northwest Wisconsin still struggle to believe that (AIDS) is a reality," he said. "They

see it as a Milwaukee or Madison or Minneapolis/St. Paul issue. But according to statistics, the rural areas will probably be the next wave."

Reilly-Myklebust said a cure for the disease is years off.

"People are living longer because of current treatments, but they are expensive...treatments can cost up to \$10,000 per year," she said.

Health and counseling brochures, pamphlets, and information are available at Career Services, located in East Hathorn Hall, on a walk-in basis from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sorenson said that the most important step in the prevention of AIDS and other STDs is awareness.

"Share information with peers," he said. "Make sex and drugs okay to talk about in order to keep yourself safe. Also, look at how (students) use alcohol and drugs, and try to keep yourself out of situations which could result in STDs."

Reilly-Myklebust emphasized learning about the problem and having sympathy for those infected.

"Learn about how it's spread and how it affects everyone, not just yourself," she said. "Also, have compassion for those infected...we've got to stop blaming the victim and start addressing the problem."

Grades are key to staying in school

■ With finals week approaching, some students may have to study harder and longer to avoid academic probation

Jessica Wiegrefe
Staff Writer

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, many students are busy finishing last minute papers and projects. Students are beginning to worry about finals and grades.

Students are in good academic standing at UW-River Falls if they maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. Anything lower will put them on academic probation or suspension.

"When I was a freshman, after my first semester, I was put on academic probation," said junior Brett Onan. "I had to get my cumulative above a 2.0."

Last semester, about 225 students were put on academic probation and almost 200 were put on academic suspension.

A student will be placed on academic probation if:

- They earn a cumulative grade point average less than 2.0.
 - They earn a semester grade point average less than 2.0 for the two most recent semesters in attendance at UW-RF.
 - They are admitted to the University on probation by the Admissions Office.
 - They are readmitted and if at the time they left UW-RF, they were on probation or suspended for academic reasons.
- Students are usually placed on probation for one semester so they can raise their grade point average to a 2.0 or above.

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Student skateboarders speak out

Protest initiates action

Brandon Eytcheson
Photo Editor



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice

Protesters go to the Vice Chancellor's office.

A skateboarding fine given to second-year student Steve Terlinden resulted in a student protest Wednesday.

About a dozen students petitioned for the right to skateboard on campus grounds. The group argued their case with Public Safety Director Priscilla Stevens and Virgil Nylander, vice chancellor of finance and administration.

Last month Terlinden was skating near the west end of campus on the sidewalk parallel to Cascade Street, which is city

property.

"I was watching a kid skating on campus," Terlinden said.

He said he skated over to the kid on campus grounds and had a short discussion when he noticed campus security driving by.

The officer saw them. Terlinden continued on his route and noticed the campus security officer had followed him.

According to Terlinden the officer said, "Steve, watch where you are skating."

About a week later, Terlinden received a \$147.50 ticket in the mail for violating

See "Protest" on page A3

BRIEFS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHORT-TERM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The American Scandinavian Foundation offers training opportunities for students who wish to temporarily live and work in Scandinavia. Training is available in the fields of engineering, computer science, chemistry and business. Most positions are located in Finland and Sweden. Work assignments are generally for eight to 12 weeks. Summer agriculture and teaching English positions for the 1999-2000 academic year are also available in Finland. Knowledge of Scandinavian languages is not required. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1999 for agriculture and business/technical placements, and Feb. 1, 1999 for teaching positions. Contact the American-Scandinavian Foundation for further details at (212) 879-9779 or the Office of International Programs at 104 North Hall.

AUDITIONS FOR PRESENT LAUGHTER, the University Theatre Spring semester show, will be held Dec. 9 and 10 in the Davee Theatre of the Kleinpell Fine Arts Building beginning at 3 p.m. on the 9th and at 7 p.m. on the 10th.

13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIRE, sale of fine crafts will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 from noon - 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with an art auction at 1 p.m. on stage at the Mabel Tainter Theater, Main Street, Menomonie. There is a \$2 admission, children 12 and under are free. For more information contact Nancy Blake at 715-962-3062.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for J-Term 1999 are now available from the Office of Financial Assistance. If you are enrolling for J-Term and want to be considered for financial assistance you must complete the application by Dec. 15, 1998.

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

HEPATITIS B VACCINE CLINICS ON CAMPUS! Hepatitis B is 100 times more contagious than HIV, but can be prevented by vaccination. For UW-RF students only, shots are available at \$15 each, but are free at this clinic if started before age 19 and completed before age 20. A series of three vaccines over six months is needed to be protected. Clinics will be held on Tues., December 15 and May 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Kinnickinnic Room of the Student Center. Call Student Health Services at 425-3292/3293 with questions.

THE CHALMER DAVEE LIBRARY will be showing a display by Monique Godbout during the week of Dec. 6-13 in the large lighted case by the door to the serial materials. The display will be a tribute to Claude Monet showing pictures and information about the artist. If weather and space permits, there will be a large acrylic painting done by Monique in Monet's style next to the case.

GRADUATING SENIORS AND TRANSFER STUDENTS who have had student loans at UW-RF are required to attend an exit counseling session. This session provides information you will need in order to repay your student loans. The sessions will be held in the Alumni Room of South Hall on Tues., December 1 from 2 to 3 p.m., Thurs., December 3 from 10 to 11 a.m. and Mon., December 7 from 9 to 10 a.m. You need to attend only one session. Failure to attend will result in a hold on your records. Call the Office of Financial Assistance with questions at 425-3141.

SENIOR FINE ARTS MAJORS Brett Kallusky and Joseph Smolinski will be showing an installation titled "Illuminations" at the Harriet Barry Gallery on Dec. 6-13 in the Chalmer Davee Library. Gallery hours are Monday to Wednesday 7:45 a.m. to 12 a.m., Friday 7:45 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 12

SCHOLARSHIPS

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY is accepting applications for scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year. The scholarships offered include: the American Society Scholars Program, the American Chemical Society/PPG Scholarships Plus Program and the American Chemical Society/Bayer Scholars Program. Deadline is February 15, 1999. For further information or to obtain an application please contact the Chemistry Department or the Office of Financial Assistance.

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

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP offers a maximum of \$5000 to sophomores and juniors. Students must be intending to pursue careers in environmental public policy and be Native Americans and Alaskan Natives who intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy. Application deadline is March 15, 1999. For more information contact Donald Petzold in the Geography department for eligibility requirements at 425-3264.

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

MINUTES

TUESDAY:
STUDENT SENATE meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Regents Room of the Student Center.

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

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

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

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

STUDENT PAGAN ASSOCIATION meets Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. in the Falls Room of the Student Center. Go past the information desk, take a right, it is the first door on the right, Room #162.

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.

The warm days of winter



Melinda Domzalski/The Student Voice

Travis Johnson, Kevin Appleby and Ryan Schriener enjoy the balmy December days outside their residence hall. The first day of December brought record highs instead of the usual snow. Temperatures in the Twin Cities reached 68 degrees last Tuesday. Forecasters predict more 50 degree highs this week. We have already had four record highs in the past 10 days.

Professional wrestling finds loyal following at UW-RF

Students with wrestle fever journey to the Nitro event in the Twin Cities

Andy Lenartz
Staff Writer

With dog fighting nearly extinct and boxing turned cannibalistic, fans of sporting violence are re-discovering a new outlet—professional wrestling.

"(It's the) greatest sport ever invented, hands down," said UW-River Falls junior Tim Gnewikow. "I haven't missed it in over two years."

Gnewikow and his friends like wrestling so much they started a Student Professional Wrestling Federation (SPWF), and spend their free time beating on each other for a championship belt.

Professional wrestling involves muscular, costumed men (and an occasional woman) beating on one another. Current stars include "Diamond" Dallas Page, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Kevin "Big Sexy" Nash, The Giant, The Undertaker and the most famous of them all, "Hollywood" Hogan.

Monday is the biggest cable wrestling night, when two separate leagues, World Wrestling Federation (WWF), and World Championship Wrestling (WCW) compete for the attention of the campus and nation.

WCW's Monday Nitro, cable television's most popular weekly show, recently took place in Minneapolis at a sold-out Target Center, giving many UW-RF students a chance to view the object of their

obsession live.

"It was just crazy!" said freshman Charlie Selden. "Tens of thousands of screaming people watching wrestlers just beating each other's ass."

Selden said during Nitro, former Minnesota Twin Kirby Puckett and Minnesota Viking John Randle and the mayor of Minneapolis all participated. They came to the defense of wrestler "Nature Boy" Ric Flair when Eric Bischoff WCW president tried to remove him from the Target Center to enter the ring. The mayor of Minneapolis, Sharon Sayles-

which league they prefer.

"WCW is far better, because it has better wrestlers," said UW-RF freshman Jason Bachman. "My roommate watches WWF and we've come damn close to fist fights over the matter."

WCW's soap opera style plot line involves factions of wrestlers doing battle and trying to recruit new members for their groups.

A recent WCW plot involved several members of a group called "The Wolfpack" arriving at a South Carolina bar in a Humvee limousine and

kicking the crap out of rival Scott "Last Call" Hall in the bar's bathroom.

WWF's story line mainly involves

-Junior Tim Gnewikow

"There is nothing more important than Nitro. I'm not getting married on a Monday as long as it is still around."

Belton also made an appearance at the event.

"No way I saw that coming," Selden said. "I have never seen people get as crazy as when they saw Puckett come down."

Gnewikow was another student who attended Nitro.

"My favorite part was watching the Nitro girls," he said. He also said he saw at least 25 other UW-RF students at Nitro, and knew of more who went.

"There is nothing more important than Nitro," said Gnewikow. "I'm not getting married on a Monday as long as it is still around."

There is not much difference between the older World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and the newer, World Championship Wrestling (WCW), but fans are adamant about

a plot by league president Vince McMahon to keep the World Championship Title from "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

"Austin is a bad-ass," said UW-RF Senior Aaron Saar. "He's champ no matter what McMahon does, plus his victory celebrations rule!" These include climbing the turnbuckles and hoisting his middle fingers in the air, and walking around the ring slamming beers.

Enthusiasm for wrestling has not spread to everyone. "It's pointless," said UW-RF Sophomore Natalie Brenner. "Who would watch a bunch of idiots pretend to beat up on each other?"

Based on the amount of students who watch the shows, attended Nitro and wear the merchandise, quite a few people are interested.

UW-RF students help gather more than \$8,000 for Nicaraguan hurricane victims

Relief project event ends with candlelight walk through River Falls

Karen Timp
Staff Writer

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church invited UW-River Falls students to participate in a candlelight walk and vigil service on Nov. 22, in memory of the hurricane that devastated Nicaragua in late October. The disaster left about 11,000 dead and 570,000 people homeless.

"The candlelight walk was just beautiful," said Linda Alvarez, Academic Success Center advisor.

The small group of students, carrying candles, started the walk at the UMHE Journey House, walked to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and

then continued until they reached the Ezekiel Lutheran Church where the service was held.

"It was a good show of faith of the students who showed up," said Tony Jilek, professor of animal and food science.

The Nicaragua disaster relief project over the past three weeks has brought in more than \$8,000 in cash donations and a sizable contribution of supplies for the needs of the Nicaraguans.

"The project was a great success," Jilek said. "The project expanded beyond the community because of the effort the UW-River Falls students had made."

All of the donations will be sorted and packed in large containers to be ready for shipment to Nicaragua by the end of this week. The date to ship the supplies has not been decided.

"The project expanded beyond the community because of the effort the UW-River Falls students had made."

-Tony Jilek, professor

"The students did most of the work," Jilek said. "They made my job easier."

The Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of Americas held their annual meeting at UW-Stevens Point on Nov. 17.

Toney Jilek was honored and given the Partner of the Americas Year Award for his efforts to help raise supplies, donations and disaster awareness for Nicaragua.

CAMPUS SECURITY

Campus crime continues Bashed, broken and badgered

Jamie Jung
Staff Writer

In one week more than \$1,300 in damages were reported on the UW-River Falls campus.

On Nov. 18, at 7:30 a.m. vandalism was reported at the Ramer Field restrooms and locker rooms. According to police reports, a door-knob on a door leading to the locker room was broken off. Damages were \$200.

Also on Nov. 18, at 9:50 p.m., a car driven by Staci T. Bohlen collided with a car driven by Laura B. Kvistad on the 200 block of W. Johnson Street. Neither driver was injured, but minor damages to both cars was reported, according to police reports.

On Nov. 19, at 1:40 p.m., a theft was reported in East Hathorn Hall. The position indicator and bulbs were missing from the elevator located in that building. According to police reports, several screws had been removed before the plate and bulbs

were taken. Damages are estimated at \$200.

Fire extinguishers located on the second floor of North Hall were discharged on Nov. 20, at 6:45 a.m., according to police reports. Both the one by room 217 and the one by the elevator had been discharged. Damages are estimated at \$60.

Also on Nov. 20, at 9:57 a.m. a Crabtree Hall resident reported money missing from her room. Three weeks prior to filing the report, a \$10 bill was taken from her dresser. Next she had a \$50 bill taken from a suitcase that was under her bed, and the week before that two \$20 bills were taken from her dresser. After filing the report, the person responsible turned the missing \$100 into the student's resident assistant with a note.

On Nov. 21, at 3:30 a.m. criminal damage was reported in the May Hall lobby. The phone in the lobby was ripped off the wall and was found lying in the street. According to police reports, there are no suspects. Damages are estimated at \$200.

Twenty-two minutes later damage to a phone in Johnson Hall was also reported. The receiver on the lobby phone was broken and found in pieces on the ground. Police believe the two crimes to be related. Damages are estimated at \$150.

On Nov. 22, at 10:43 a.m., damage to a car in the campus "P" lot was reported. The passenger side of a 1991 Mercury Cougar was keyed while the student was visiting a friend. Damages are estimated at \$500.

Two students in Parker Hall received obscene phone calls on Nov. 23 and 24. The messages were left on their answering machine. The students had also received a call earlier in the year but did not report it.

On Nov. 25, at 5:50 a.m., property damage was reported in the breakroom area of Residential Services located in Hathorn West. A screen from one of the windows was torn off the window and left outside. Damages are estimated at \$10.

HAIL TO THE CHIEFS

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Chiefs bring more than fans to campus

■ Team generosity benefits students at UW-River Falls

Ben Schmitt
Staff Writer

Many students are aware that the Kansas City Chiefs use the UW-River Falls campus for their annual summer training camp, but students probably aren't aware of how much the Chiefs pay to stay on campus during July and August.

According to Mary Halada, UW-RF Kansas City Chiefs Camp Coordinator, the Chiefs are billed in three separate areas: food service, housing and labor costs.

"The cost of food is divided into a fixed cost and a food cost," Halada said. "The fixed cost component goes to offset student fees. It is used to keep the 1000 phones in the dorms running during the summer, as it would be too expensive to shut them down. The food cost is based on what food they (the Chiefs) buy. The total cost of food per person averages about \$40 per day."

In a statement in the Chiefs Camp Update newsletter, Halada said the camp generated \$5,500 in commissions its first year to cover the telephone expenses incurred over the summer. She said the Chiefs pay for their housing on a per-night basis. "This money goes towards Residence Life," Halada said. "Basically, the Chiefs pay for what they use during their stay, and they don't take more than what they can give."

According to Halada, the labor costs go towards hiring students to do their laundry and clean the Hunt Arena and Knowles Center. She said approximately six students are hired for these jobs.

"The Chiefs pay us a flat fee for Hunt and Knowles every year," Halada said. "This money is used for upkeep and cleaning costs. Students generally get paid to clean these facilities."

According to Halada, the University charges the Chiefs more than is needed for their stay. Extra dollars go towards publishing a 'how to use' booklet for the team, explaining how the various facilities on campus are used, and a portion of the labor costs paid by the team goes toward each student's tuition, reducing it by five to ten dollars per student.

The University has purchased various materials which it rents to the Chiefs for use during their stay, Halada said. These materials include television sets and overhead projectors.

"We've purchased 100 TVs (\$18,500) and ten overhead projectors (\$3,016)," Halada said. "The Chiefs use them, then we use them during the academic year. We then rent them back to the Chiefs every summer."

The team even buys equipment for the University. According to Halada, the Chiefs spent \$12,000 to build a gazebo and \$50,000 to irrigate four playing fields. They also paid for the costs of remodeling the desks in room 271, Centennial Science Hall.

"The way the desks were built before could not have accommodated 300-plus pound men," Halada said. "The Chiefs also hire a groundskeeper from May 1 through August to take care of the fertilizing, mowing and upkeep of the playing fields. This saves the University time and money."

Other commodities bought include a new sound system at Ramer Field, totaling \$1,592, a big red tent and more than a dozen new picnic tables.

"All these things are little things that we think are good for the campus," Halada said. "The gazebo, for instance, serves as a good shelter from rain for athletes during track meets. Hopefully, we'll be able to get a new split-rail fence around the fields next summer. It's starting to get pretty rusty."

UW-RF Public Affairs Director Mark Kinders said the Chiefs give the campus national recognition in the news.

"As a professional sports franchise, they can go anywhere," Kinders said. "Our name has been repeated several billion times in the media. People recognize our name because of the

Kansas City Chiefs. Before, we literally gave people a geography lesson as to where we were located."

Although the Chiefs spend the summer in River Falls training for their upcoming season, the community is invited each year to participate in a few different events designed to bring the players and fans together.

"Last summer, the first morning practice, called the Oklahoma Drill, was in pads and fans were allowed onto the field," Halada said. "The first event used two ropes which separate the players from the fans, and the fans get to watch players practice tackling drills. The first night practice is Family Fun Night, where the Chiefs sign autographs for fans for 45 minutes."

"These two events provided up

also said that the professional food service of UW-RF contributed to their decision.

"The staff serves the team four quality meals a day, and they met the nutritional expectations for them," he said.

Kinders said that the weather here in the summer is perfect for the Chiefs' intense practices.

"Since they've started coming here, they have never cancelled a practice because of the heat," Kinders said. "Before they came here for their training camp, they practiced at William Jewell College in Missouri, and the heat index was terrible. It would get up to 105 degrees, and the temperature here would only be in the 80s."

To keep fans up-to-date on Chiefs Training Camp happenings, the River Falls Journal publishes a special newspaper, the Kansas City Chiefs Camp Journal.

The Journal is composed of staff from The Student Voice, The River Falls Journal and the UW-RF News Bureau.

Kinders works with journalism and marketing students in putting this publication together, Halada said.

"A couple of students have gone on to careers in sports media," Halada said. "One works with the Saints in the video department. The camp is a good thing for students wishing to work in this type of career."

According to Kinders, the Camp Journal provides three internships for journalism majors, providing direct coverage of the Chiefs through interviews and stories, and two for marketing communications majors, in which students deal with the promotional aspects of the camp, putting together fliers and brochures.

"If you're a sports reporter, you may never have the chance to talk with the pros, but at the Chiefs camp, undergraduates are getting this opportunity, as well as working with the national media," Kinders said. "Many of the media have been incredible mentors for students. Some have even found jobs for our students, jobs doing free-lance work. They are getting paid and at the same time, building their clip files."

Kinders advises students who want this experience to send cover letters with their resumes to the Sports Information Department. The select people for these positions around March, with mid-February being the deadline for applications.

"This is the icing on the cake," Kinders said. "The Chiefs have a great working relationship with the University, and the camp has provided students with career opportunities as well as NFL franchise recognition."

Chiefs website honored

Trailblazer award presented to UW-RF staff

■ UW-River Falls students win award for website design

Troy Mallat
Assistant Sports Editor

Getting up at seven o'clock in the morning facing a 13-hour work day doesn't sound like a fun job to most people, but if it involves chasing down professional football players for interviews, it would be a labor of love to the staff of the Kansas City Chiefs Summer Training Camp website.

The staff recently won the Trailblazer Award for Excellence in the Use of Technology given by the Wisconsin Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus.

"This award is a reflection of the educational and cooperative relationships between the University and the communities that comprise the St. Croix Regional Tourism Alliance," said Mark Kinders, UW-River Falls Public Affairs Director. "Many people share in this award."

The St. Croix Regional Tourism Alliance includes communities in Wisconsin as well as Minnesota.

Five students and one graduate of UW-RF played a crucial role in the underlying technology for the site, enhancing graphics, and writing articles ranging from the menu of what the players ate that day to player profiles.

The students included Tim Buda of Rochester, Minn.; Mary Mercord of Prescott, Wis.; Teresa Kusske of Hastings, Minn.; Jason Egerstrom of North Branch, Minn.; and Joe Barbey of River Falls. Graduate Mark Danielson redesigned the graphic appearance.

The staff is very humble about their award-winning site. "I was just put in the position to do the work," Egerstrom said.

He points to the newest feature of the website as the reason for the award. "The Webcam won the award," he said. "It was a turning point. Give credit to the staff in the news bureau for trying something new every year."

The site landed 1.9 million hits during the summer camp up from 800,000 a year ago. Most of those came from the Kansas City area.

"People came up from the sidelines knowing who we were," Buda said. "It was very flattering."

According to Egerstrom, the website was so popular the University's server crashed from the amount of viewing during the scrimmage against the Vikings.

Those students not only gained valuable experience in the sports journalism field, but also have a ton of stories to tell about the players themselves.

"These guys are humble," said Egerstrom.

Egerstrom said rookie Rashaan Sheehee asked him if he would send the story he was working on to his



Photo courtesy of the Chiefs' website

The Kansas City Chiefs Summer Training Camp website crew worked on the website for more than two months. Pictured from left Tim Buda, Jim Thies, Jason Egerstrom, Mark Danielson and Mark Kinders. Bottom row, Jens Gunelson, Teresa Kusske and Mary Mercord.

The Webcam was used to upload over 1,500 practice photos onto the website.

The site was a huge hit, literally.

parents.

"I've never been denied an interview. They understand we just trying to do our jobs."

The interns got to know some of Chiefs on a more personal basis as well.

Egerstrom gave Assistant Head Coach Al Sanders directions to Lake Calhoun, so he could jog around it.

Of course, most stories were on the comical side.

For instance, Buda, whose job was to roam the practice field to find interesting tidbits, recalls three stories in particular.

Kansas City Chief safety James Hasty started ripping on one of the kickers one day, asking if he flunked his steroid test because he saw him lift 135 pounds when they were lifting weights that morning.

Running back Donnell Bennett kept asking Egerstrom for Kusske and Mercord's telephone numbers.

Wide receiver Andre Rison coming out of the bathroom ranting and raving that it was a conspiracy that there was no toilet paper.

"That month was just blur," said Buda.

The long, hard hours were definitely worth it.

Egerstrom said he got to watch an NFL practice and got paid for it.

"What guy wouldn't want to do that," he said.

"This award is a reflection of the educational and cooperative relationships between the University and the communities that comprise the St. Croix Regional Tourism Alliance."

-Mark Kinders, Public Affairs Director

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate meeting to be held Wednesday

■ Dec. 9 meeting designed to increase student awareness

Max Date
Staff Writer

The UW-RF Student Senate met on Tuesday with little to discuss coming off of Thanksgiving break. Few senators had met with their respective committees because of the short school week.

The one piece of new business was a motion initiated by Student Senate President Mac Gupta to hold a Student Association meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from noon to 3 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Falcon's Nest on the first floor of Hagestad Student Center.

The motion needed to be amended by suspending Article II, Section I of the Student Senate constitution, which says there must be a senate meeting held on the last Tuesday of each semester.

Gupta believes that having the meeting on an afternoon will increase student awareness of senate.

"The meeting is about students being able to interact with us," he said. "We've only been averaging one to three guests per meeting."

Senator Jamie Kirkpatrick expressed concern over the motion, saying she didn't think that all of the senators would be able to attend because of classes, and therefore the meeting, wouldn't be a true senate function.

"We could get just a good of a turnout if (the meeting) was advertised," she said. "It's supposed to be an official meeting as well."

Senator Jason McLean had the same concerns.

"If (the meeting) isn't mandatory," he said, "how many (senators) will attend?"

Nevertheless, the motion passed and will take place next Wednesday afternoon, at the meeting.

At the Tuesday meeting before Thanksgiving, several senators were appointed to committees: Brian Messina (Legislative Issues, Academic Policy and Athletics), Jeremy Daus (Legislative Issues, Athletics, and International Studies), and Sharron Waszkurak (Diversity Issues, International Studies and Academic Policy & Programming).

Robin Newman and John McPhee were also appointed to Campus Media budget, and Teresa Zirbel was removed from Clinical Services.

The final regular Student Senate meeting of the semester will take place next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Regent's Room on the second floor of Hagestad Student Center.

Probation/Making the grades

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Reasons students receive academic suspension include:

- Their semester grade point average is less than 2.0 at the end of two successive semesters.
- They are readmitted on probation following academic suspension and earn less than a 2.0 grade point average in their first semester.
- They are admitted on probation as a new or transfer student and earn less than a 2.0 average at the end of their first semester.

Students who want to appeal their academic suspension must contact the Registrar's office to verify their academic records and make sure the suspension is not due to record mistakes. Suspended students then must apply through Registrar Judy George of the Registrar's office for reentry to UW-RF. Students must then submit a letter of appeal to the dean or director of the college or school they were suspended from.

The written appeal must include evidence of academic success. This includes nine hours of academic work with a GPA of 2.5 or above from another institution.

Students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences should contact Dr. Rohde, Dr. Ridley or Dr. Ferriss. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences should refer to Dr. Hedahl and students in the College of Education and Graduate Studies should contact Dr. Norwood. Students enrolled in the School of Business and Economics should contact Dr. Prochnow when seeking readmission into the school.

The academic dean will not set up an interview for readmission until a letter of appeal is written to the school.

"The dean has to approve the reentry," George said. "Somehow you

have to prove that you can be successful and the dean has to be convinced."

The dean will notify students on whether they are accepted or denied into the college. George said the dean sometimes denies reentry, however.

"Each dean is different," she said. Some students agree with the probation and suspension is a good concept for students who do not make the grade point.

"It weeds out all the people who don't try hard enough to be here," said senior Keith Krause.

But some students believe additional academic help for students who struggle with grades would also be beneficial in addition to probation or suspension from UW-RF.

"I agree with the policy, but students on probation should be required to meet with a tutor," said senior Julia Ellison. "This way they're not just condemning students, but trying to help them as well."

One way for students to avoid getting low grades, which could threaten probation or suspension, is to attend class regularly. Some UW-RF professors include attendance as part of class grades.

History professor John Buschen said students should attend classes daily. He said that if students miss more than three of his classes, their grade is dropped one letter grade.

Sociology professor Nancy Parlin also counts attendance as part of the grades for her classes. Class attendance counts as ten percent of her students final grades.

"I take attendance every day," said French professor Monika Johansson. "Language development cannot be done if students don't come to class daily."

Protest/Skating on campus

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University of Wisconsin System policy 18:06 (29). The University statute makes it illegal to skateboard, in-line skate and rollerskate on campus grounds. This is a system-wide law.

Terlinden said it was his second skateboarding fine. He was previously fined from the River Falls Police Department.

Although the policy is system-wide, there is one exception: the chief administrator of the UW-System is allowed to amend some of the rules.

Chancellor Gary Thibodeau amended the UW-River Falls law in 1992 to allow in-line skating on campus. People can not in-line skate on campus between 7:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., however.

After hearing about Terlinden's case, senior Adam Benedetto mobilized a group of concerned students/skaters to address the issue. Benedetto was approached by the group because he is a columnist for The Student Voice.

"I felt that students' rights were being trampled upon," Benedetto said. "I would do the same for any other group that was facing discrimination practiced by this University."

Terlinden said skateboarders are discriminated by the University.

"I think that we are an easier target," he said. "It is easier to pick us out and get to know us because they keep stopping us."

Stevens, of Campus Security, feels differently about the events that occurred.

"Strictly speaking from Public Safety's perspective, we don't dis-

criminate against anyone," she said. "I can certainly understand that when someone gets caught they can feel discriminated against."

Other skaters also voiced opinions on the policy.

"I think that the ticket was given with bias," said junior Nate Frey. "Skateboarders are harassed on campus because of the fact that they have skateboards and are part of the culture skateboarding is associated with."

Frey has been skateboarding for about a year and said the rule affects how he gets to class.

"If I was late it would be nice to grab a skateboard as opposed to being late."

Senior Chris Smith has similar feelings about skateboarding as a form of transportation.

"I can't skate to class," Smith said. "Someone can ride a bike or Rollerblade to class. I feel discriminated against. I am restricted in my mode of transport."

Nylander said he doesn't feel that it is an issue of harassment. It breaks down to an interpretation of the rules.

"They're choosing to skateboard on campus where it is not allowed," Nylander said. "If the rules are being enforced, I don't believe that it is discrimination."

He also offered an analogy to explain the issue. "If I got a ticket for (driving) too fast, I wouldn't feel discriminated against as a driver."

UW policy provides that the chancellor can amend rules to put skateboarding on the same level as in-line skating.

Nylander indicated that, in order to amend any rule, the student who wished to institute change would



Brandon Eytheson/The Student Voice

Senior Adam Benedetto and Public Safety director Priscilla Stevens discuss the issue of skateboarding on campus.

have to bring forth evidence and information to convince Nylander to change the rule. He would then make a recommendation to the chancellor, who has the final say.

According to Stevens, the issue breaks down to Public Safety and administration following through with policies dictated through the UW-System.

Public Safety officers also use their own discretion when giving out citations.

"The officers have bent over backwards by just issuing warnings (as opposed to giving out citations)," Stevens said. "The officers understand that the fine is high and they are making an effort to balance between issuing a citation and allowing someone to comply voluntarily."

Another issue that had the skaters concerned was the fact that Terlinden

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Enlist Sicilians to solve the Saddam problem

All right, let's look at the facts. Saddam is the anti-Christ. He is a nasty, little man that we liken to Hitler, the spread of Communism, and black jellybeans. An All-American villain, right?

So what do we do about him? In this high-minded age, we're supposed to do things diplomatically. This means we either wait for an opportunity to accomplish whatever will serve our means, or we pay somebody to do it for us. So far, neither has worked. But, I tell you, I've been thinking.

I can't take credit for the idea, because as my dear friend Don Vito Corleone (Godfather) lay dying, he breathed these last words to me: "Whack Saddam."

During the war between the families, the FBI enrolled me in the witness protection program and placed me in the most remote location they could find. But even here in River Falls, I haven't forgotten Don's dying request.

The U.S. Government has offered us a few suggestions, and I dare say that they don't make a whole lot of sense. Lately there has been a strong call for Saddam's assassination. Unfortunately, governmental assassination doesn't rate too high on the world's diplomatic scale of approval. Plus, it's illegal. According to Executive Order 12333, or the "anti-assassination" bill, the act of a government office whacking another governmental official is highly illegal, even if they don't play well with others. The next option is to bomb the Iraqi women and children into submission. The U.S. had to go at it a few years ago and they apparently want another shot. But this sort of television programming (CNN) can get expensive. So I suggest we talk to the family.

I'm serious. Hey, Sicilians don't work free,

but it would be better than the government doing the job. Also worth mentioning is that the sum would pale in comparison to what a good fireworks display over Baghdad would cost.

Bombing Iraq is simply too expensive. Think about it. Add up the costs for the endeavor. Factor in the costs of hundreds of planes, ships, tanks and bipedal creatures running around in desert camo. Then add in a few other necessary trinkets like thousand dollar wrenches and really fancy ketchup, and the total is almost enough to afford a luncheon with the president.

NEIL RHINES

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Something to really ask ourselves is, how much would another mini-war accomplish? What would it really cost? According to a United Nations study done in 1999, more than 60,000 Iraqi children have already died from war, starvation, and lack of medical supplies.

The family does not approve.

Now I know that many people simply want to make sure that Iraq doesn't have, and can no longer manufacture weapons of mass destruction. To make sure of this, the U.S. Government is under the impression that we have to force the United Nations inspection team to carefully check out Iraq. It scares the poop out of me to think that Saddam could have nukes, but how are we really going to stop him?

The world has changed in the past 20 years.

Gone are the days when the U.S. and a small handful of other countries could tell others what to do because "We have nukes."

With the Internet and the resulting proliferation of knowledge, everyone who wants to can get Grandma Bang-Bang's old-fashioned recipe for pipe bombs and toxic chemicals. You know, for the make it at home, do-it-yourself kind of terrorist.

Perhaps there are other options that need to be looked at. But for now, let me put these three ideas before you once again. We can

send in a crack-shot Green Beret sharpshooter and get America in trouble with every single ethical law in the books. Or we can go kill thousands more (and still the U.S. Government refuses to call this unethical) without ousting our little demonic friend, and without putting a halt to his ability to make big noises.

Now for the third, and most intelligent idea. Let's hire the family. My Sicilian brothers and I have been in touch, and they would like nothing better than to whack Saddam. The problem is raising the support, and the cash. They gave offered to employ three of their best shots. Talk about patriotism!

So I ask you friends to dig deep into your pockets, and into your hearts. Let's support my brothers in their endeavor to make the world a safer place. And we may be happy in knowing that as we make these contributions to my brothers, that we are supporting the preservation of truth, justice, and the American way. And all they ask in return, is a simple thanks.

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EDITORIAL

Drink and Drive

City policy encourages drunk driving

NEWSFLASH- River Falls students and residents drink alcohol! Although this seems like an elementary observation to most people, some city officials do not seem to realize this, or are at least not willing to take some minor steps to prevent drunk people from driving.

The city does not allow overnight parking in downtown lots behind the bars. This means people who have been drinking and do not wish to drive home will be ticketed for leaving their cars overnight.

On the weekend, allowing the empty space to be occupied by potentially deadly vehicles operated by drunk drivers would appear to make sense. Occasionally, drivers at bars and parties drink more than they intended to. One solution would be to allow students to park in lots, behind the bars, such as on Second Street. Although drunks in general are not the best, it is better to have them walking rather than behind the wheel of a car.

Out-of-town visitors would also benefit from access from town lots. There is virtually no parking space for visitors, especially now that the winter parking rule is in effect. Rather than having intoxicated individuals invading the areas' highways, they should leave their cars safely parked and pass out on a friend's couch.

I say let students park in these lots all weekend long. Several of the lots are open for free during the days, but cars cannot be left overnight. This should be changed to let cars be parked the entire weekend. The city should also allow overnight parking during the week, but still the meters at the same time.

To solve the plowing problem, parking could be allowed in these lots only on the left or right side of the lots on odd and even days corresponding to street parking during the winter months.

This may come as a surprise, but most of the country is involved in an anti drunk-driving campaign. River Falls apparently wants to be different, and show some individuality. As with many other things, River Falls needs to modernize and catch up to the rest of America. If this is to remain, why not advertise the fact? Put up signs saying 'River Falls-the drunk driving capital of the Midwest.'

Three solutions to the parking problem make sense: Allow overnight parking downtown in otherwise empty space, revert to the horse and buggy system, or make some cash off the whole deal and charge for tickets to the drunken demolition derby which is sure to result in downtown River Falls if the current situation continues.

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Missed the concert but saw the band

Driving 500 miles to see one band is pointless, one might say. But, not if they are one of the few great bands who claim the nearby ice cube called Minneapolis as their home. The band I am referring to is the one, the only, Semisonic.

I started listening to this fantastic band about a year ago. They combine sounds of grunge and classic rock melodies and throw in catchy pop riffs that make each song groove differently than the previous one.

Last August one of my compadres told me Semisonic would be performing at the Rosemont Horizon in Chicago. I had a free weekend ahead of me, and Semisonic was playing on that Friday night, so we decided to go.

The three of us piled in my friend's white Hyundai at about 10 a.m. that Friday morning.

Approximately 30 CDs later, we arrived in Madison and stopped to eat at a McDonald's. On the way out of Mickey-D's, we noticed that our friend's car was leaking some cool-

ant. He became pretty upset and started walking back into the Golden Arches to telephone the nearest garage. After all, he didn't want to take any chances with his car. I would've done the same thing.

The mechanic didn't know a carburetor from a steering wheel. He kept telling my friend to start and turn off his engine.

BENSCHMITT

"We missed Semisonic, but he got to chat it up with Dan Wilson and tell him about our escapade in Chicago."

As a result, we hit the road at about 5:30, and rolled in to the parking lot of the concert at about 8.

It was pitch dark in the arena when we decided to loiter in a section of seats, until we got booted out. Soul Asylum, another Minneapolis band, was playing at the time. We weren't too worried up about missing Semisonic.

But we did. They had already played, and Match-

box 20, the headliner for the night, was up next. Our driver was obviously the most ticked out of all of us. So while he left, my other friend and I sat through Matchbox.

We sat down next outside the arena. All of a sudden, three long-haired, flannel-donned guys walked out the door, and lit up cigarettes. My friend made small talk with them, and found out that they were all from Minneapolis. One of the guys turned out to be Dan Wilson from Semisonic. The other two were David Pirner from Soul Asylum, and their new keyboardist.

We missed Semisonic, but he got to chat it up with Dan Wilson and tell him about our escapade to Chicago.

My other friend and I didn't get to talk with them because our friend said that he couldn't find us.

Our time spent in Chicago was worth our hectic, nine-hour drive, even though my friend kept reminding us that he actually saw Semisonic and we didn't.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tuition keeps raising, students adapt to overcrowding

State funding affects the tuition increases, the quality of education, and the future of Wisconsin. For the last few years, tuition has been rising two to three times the rate of inflation, and it doesn't look like the state's budget process for the 1999-2000 biennium is looking too positive for the students or faculty. As of now, students are faced with working part-time jobs - sometimes even full-time jobs while being a fulltime student, to make ends meet. Other students are getting hooked up with credit cards to pay for their tuition. Nevertheless, most students using some form of financial aid, will graduate with a \$11,000-\$12,000 debt. It is especially hard to understand why our tuition is rising so much, when the quality of our education has not been improved. Our state is the only state in the mid-west that has experienced a decrease in higher education funding, when adjusted for inflation. My question is, 'when is the state going to start supporting the UW-System?' Our tuition has been steadily increasing while the Higher

Education funding has been decreasing. Students need to fight for an affordable, quality public education.

University of Wisconsin students have put up with the state's underfunding long enough. The tuition for spring semester will jump 5 percent, and the tuition for the next biennium is proposed to rise between 13-21 percent. We as students cannot afford tuition hikes at three to four times the rate of inflation. It is bad enough that the national average of state funding is \$800 more than what the state of Wisconsin spends on each full time student.

The state has many incentives to fund the UW-River Falls. Next year a first year student who I have a class with will be transferring to a private Minnesota university due to the quality of our education. He knows that transferring to this private university will be more challenging, but he is confident of the support he will receive in his studies. This university boasts a private university population and small class sizes. It doesn't seem to be that way this year-when professors are finding it more and more difficult to remember all of

their students' names. This freshman class is so large that the university was forced to let students be housed in the residential study lounges! With more students attending this university, wouldn't it make sense to hire more professors? I know that other UW universities have the same problems. Class sizes are growing larger and larger, which obviously affects the relationships that the professors need to have with their students to help them along in their studies.

Students cannot afford the tuition hikes proposed for the next biennium. What is happening isn't right, and our voices need to be heard. We have influence over the legislators through voting power. The state of Wisconsin had a huge student voter turnout for state elections on November 3. We need to remind our governor Tommy Thompson, of the power students have, and to fully support the UW-System-but not at our expense!

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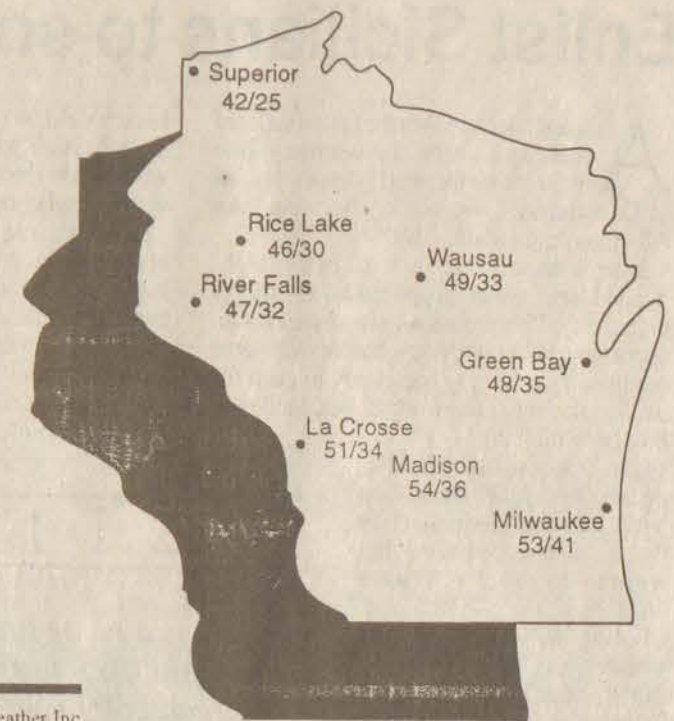
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Monthly Forecast

Is it really December? By the warm temperatures, one would not think so. Mother Nature has been kind thus far in keeping Old Man Winter away. The next week will remain pleasant although temperatures will begin to cool and snow will move in by mid-month.

Temperatures

	High	Low
Average	30	14
Record	57	6
	(1962)	(1972)
Yesterday	55	40

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	Actual	Normal
Yesterday	0.0"	—
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Sky Data

Length of day:	9 hours, 2 min.
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Moonrise	6:00 p.m.
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 River Falls 63, Mayville 61
 River Falls 79, Viterbo 75
 River Falls 92, Kendall College 55
 River Falls 77, Cardinal Stritch 64
 River Falls 87, Superior 46

Men's:

Emory & Henry 76, River Falls 65
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 River Falls 59, Superior 57, OT

HOCKEY

River Falls 4, Stout 2
 River Falls 9, Stout 1
 River Falls 5, Stout 2

J A S O N
EGERSTROM

\$13.3 million for one player?

Okay, I'm going to do my best Dan Dierdorf impression with this column and point out the obvious: baseball salaries are outrageous.

Writers and fans across America have talked about how players' salaries have taken away from the game for some time now, yet payrolls continue to skyrocket.

Since the World Series, Mo Vaughn, Roberto Alomar, Albert Belle, Mike Piazza, Brian Jordan and Bernie Williams have signed such obnoxious contracts.

Vaughn will make \$13.3 million as a member of the Angels in 1999, while Piazza will pull in a meager \$13 million catching for the Mets.

The contracts are simply unfair. They're an injustice to the hard-working people across the nation, especially teachers, and they are an embarrassment to the business of baseball and its fans, like myself.

The Twins projected payroll for its entire team is expected to max out at \$20 million. For small market teams, like the Twins and Brewers, signing baseball's stars to lucrative contracts is impossible. Small market teams can't even afford to bid. They are forced to sit back and watch baseball's best players take the highest bid of usually large-market teams from New York, Baltimore, Cleveland and Atlanta.

The rules need to be changed before there will be more wildcard playoff spots than teams to fill them. Baseball desperately needs revenue sharing.

The multimillion dollar contracts turn more fans away than the talented players who sign them attract. And after last season, considered by many to be the baseball's most entertaining in years, these NBA-type contracts will destroy any chance at a continued resurgence of baseball in America.

Unfortunately, these salaries will only continue to increase. Shortstop Jose Offerman signed a new contract with the Boston Red Sox and is scheduled to make \$6.5 million this season—and he's terrible. Fellow shortstop Omar Visquel could field the position better than Awfulman—without using a glove.

Imagine when Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez becomes a free agent. Rodriguez is the best all-around shortstop in the game today. He stole 40-plus bases, and hit 40-plus homers last season, has outstanding range, a strong arm and a steady glove. But it's his offensive numbers and the underachieving Awfulman's \$6.5 million salary that will earn him a contract that will surpass the entire Twins payroll, that is if the Twins still exist in a year or two.

Earlier this week the Diamondbacks signed this off-season's most sought-after free agent in pitcher Randy Johnson. Four years and \$52.4 million Johnson will be paid for pitching once every five games.

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Falcon skaters take down Stout, again
Victory is team's 4th over Blue Devils this season

■ Forward Corey Martinson scores two goals in his first game back from a deep thigh bruise

Jason Egerstrom
Sports Editor

The Falcon hockey team defeated UW-Stout 5-2 Tuesday at Hunt Arena marking the fourth time the Falcons have beaten the Blue Devils already in this young season.

On Nov. 20, the Falcons abused the Blue Devils in a 9-1 non-conference debacle at Hunt Arena. Despite the importance of Tuesday's crucial NCHA contest with the Blue Devils, Falcon head coach Steve Freeman was concerned about how he would motivate his team which had dominated Stout in their first three meetings this season.

"It was an important conference game," Freeman said of Tuesday's win. "We didn't want to be overconfident coming into it."

But early on, the Falcons were lackadaisical as the Blue Devils took an

early 1-0 lead at the 10:57 mark of the first period when Blue Devil forward Luke Murray beat Falcon goalie low on a hard slap shot from the right circle.

"It was a little bit of a roller coaster game," Freeman noted. "We played well in parts and not very smart in others."

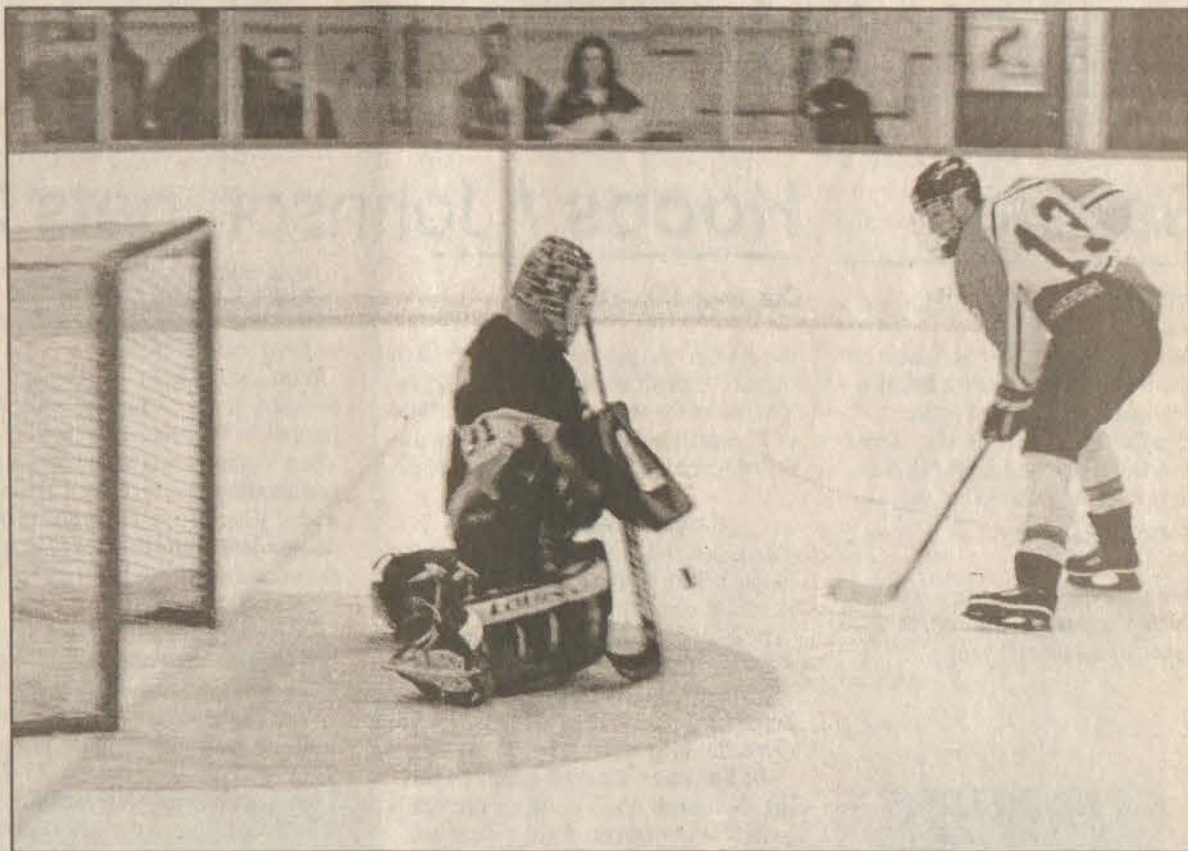
Nevertheless, the Falcons managed to come back from the early deficit thanks to a two-goal effort from forward Corey Martinson.

Ironically, Tuesday's contest was the first time Martinson saw action since the season opener. He had sat out the last six games with a deep thigh bruise. But his return couldn't have been more timely, as the Falcons lost fellow forward Tim Nelson for 4-6 weeks with a broken arm he suffered when he was hit by a puck in the Nov. 20 contest.

"Our depth has been the key so far this season," Freeman noted. Indeed, four different Falcons scored goals on Tuesday night.

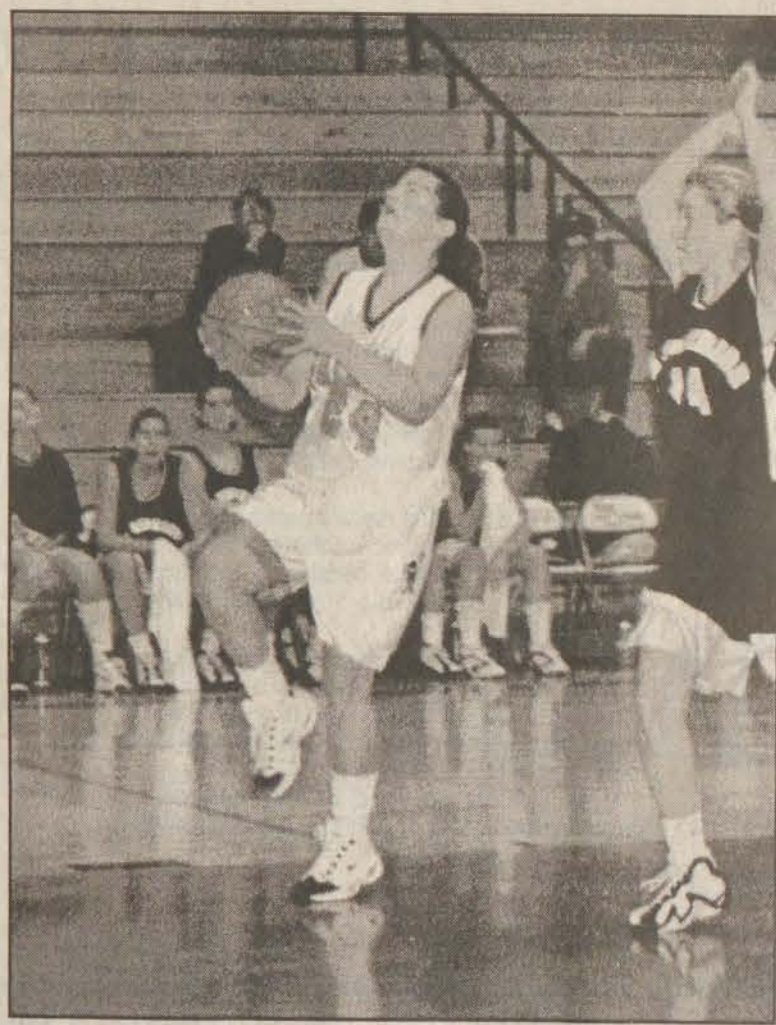
Forward Bryan Benedict tied the contest at one in the first period with a power-play goal at the 15:18 mark. Benedict intercepted a clearing attempt by Stout goaltender Ben Plester, who aggressively came out of his net to try to clear the puck out

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Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
 Falcon forward Carl Boben fires a back-handed shot on Stout goalie Ben Plester in the Falcons' 5-2 NCHA win Tuesday at Hunt Arena. Later, Boben scored a short-handed goal to cap the game's scoring in third period.

Superior inferior



Brandon Eytcheson / The Student Voice
 Bev Gefeke scores two of her game-high 18 points in the Falcons' 87-46 win Wednesday over UW-Superior.

■ Led by reserve guard Bev Gefeke, the Falcons win a laughter over the Yellowjackets, 87-46, Wednesday to start the season 6-0

Dan Hilsen
Off-Beat Editor

The Falcon women's basketball team remains undefeated at 6-0 following the team's 41-point victory over the visiting WIAC rival UW-Superior Yellowjackets.

"First and foremost, it's always good to get off the conference season on a positive note," Falcon coach

Dave Schuchter said. "We shot the ball extremely well (in the first half) and defensively made things happen."

Junior guard Bev Gefeke provided a three-point show for the home crowd leading the way for the Falcons. Gefeke was 5 for 7 from three point land for the game and finished with 18 points in only 17 minutes of action off of the bench.

"Bev Gefeke was great off of the bench," Schuchter said. "She hit a number of threes. Heck, you start doing that (and) it takes the air out of your opponent's sails."

Leading the team in rebounds was senior guard Jodi Loeblein who had 10 on the night. Loeblein also dropped in 13 points and added five assists in 25 minutes of play.

Defensively, sophomore guard JoLynn Sieburg led the Falcons in steals with five in 18 minutes of play.

At the opening of the second half Falcon senior forward Missy Johnson gave Schuchter and the home crowd a little scare.

With 19:10 left in the game Johnson went up for a layup and on her way down landed awkwardly on her left ankle and tumbled to the floor clutching her left ankle.

"I got kind of scared when she went down on her ankle," Schuchter said.

She would leave the game on her own power. After having it taped up and determining she could still play, Johnson would return to action less than four minutes later and her ankle looked solid.

"She's had that ankle problem on and off for the last couple of years," Schuchter said. "It's always a concern but she plays through it. She's a kid who can play through a lot of pain. We've got to ice it and strengthen it as best we can and tape it up pretty solid."

Falcons 77,
Cardinal Stritch 64

Last week, the Falcons celebrated Thanksgiving weekend by extending the team's winning streak to five games with a 77-64 road win against Cardinal Stritch at the Cardinal Stritch Classic on Sunday in the championship game.

"We really got great play from our guards," Schuchter said. "Cardinal Stritch played really well."

Johnson, who was named to the All-Classic Team, led the Falcons to victory with 17 points and was second on the team in rebounds with five in 37 minutes of play. Junior guard Steph Olson added 15 points and Gefeke came off the bench to score 14 points in 19 minutes of action.

Loeblein led the team with six rebounds.

"Bev Gefeke was the key for us," Schuchter said.

Gefeke was 5 for 7 from the floor and a perfect 3 for 3 from three point range for 14 points.

By evenly spreading the ball around, the Falcons had a total of three players in double figures in points. Sieburg, Loeblein and junior forward Kelly Rambow all chipped in nine points each to provide a balanced offensive attack.

Both Johnson and Sieburg picked

See "Hoops" page B2

Men's free throws sink Yellowjackets

■ Falcon hoopsters close the book on North Central Bible, 107-45, before defeating Superior in the WIAC opener

Matt O'Brien
Sports Correspondent

The Falcons overcame poor shooting from the floor Wednesday night to pull out a 59-57 overtime win in the WIAC opener.

Despite shooting just 34 percent from floor, UW-River Falls outscored the Yellowjackets 6-4 in the overtime session.

Free throw shooting was key to the win. The Falcons were 20 for 21 from the charity stripe including 4-4 in the extra session.

Senior Tony Fisher led UW-RF with 18 points.

On Nov. 24, North Central University of Minneapolis served itself up on a silver platter at Karges Center, losing to the Falcons by a Harlem Globetrotters-Washington Generals-like score, 107-45.

Senior Lamar Westberry made like Meadowlark Lemon and led all scorers with 17 points. Junior Chad Coss made like Curly Neal, nailing 5 of 7 three-pointers en route to 15 points. Freshman center Scott Liebmann also put in 15.

Last season, North Central suffered the worst beating ever given to a team by the Falcons, losing 96-29. The Falcons missed the record Tuesday by five points.

Everyone played, and everyone who played scored for River Falls.

Seeing their first action ever for the Falcons were freshmen Chris Stimmler and Tim Duncan. Duncan scored seven points, including a three-pointer, and Stimmler pinned down four. Including the previous weekend's tournament near Washington D.C., eight of the ten new faces on the Falcons bench have played in game action. "The freshman have worked hard," Head Coach Rick Bowen said.

He added he was glad to get them into the flow.

With Liebmann looking impres-

sive so far this season, it may turn out to be the second straight year the Falcons have a good first-year post player. Last year, it was Pat Piatek who had a great first year at the center spot. "Scott's got a really, really nice future here," a smiling Bowen said. Bowen had nice things to say about Westberry and Coss's performances also. About Westberry, Bowen said he was extremely pleased that he had total control of himself at all times. About Coss, Bowen said he was the one person he always knew could shoot—now he's got the opportunity.

At halftime, River Falls led 53-25. It was then apparent to even the most casual of spectators that the Falcons would have a light walk through the rest of the game. In the locker room, Bowen told his starters they'd have just a handful of minutes to play in the second half—no use risking injury in a blowout.

When the lead increases to such a huge margin, how does the leading team stay in the game mentally? Coach Bowen says it's all a matter of perspective. "You must play against the game, not the opponent," he said.

Believe it or not, things were not all bleak for North Central.

They got 23 points from Matt Frey.

The Falcons dominated North Central in nearly every statistical category. River Falls grabbed over twice the amount of rebounds, with a 49-24 edge. The Falcons tipped 16 steals (including four by Tony Fisher) to North Central's three, and fed 23 assists (to North Central's 8). The Falcons also shot 14 percentage points better than North Central, 53-39 percent.

Yes, it was a total tar and feathering by the Falcons. How will that lead the Falcons into the start of the conference season, which begins this week? It's difficult to tell. Coach Bowen says he's nervous and a little uneasy. "(This season), we've had good stretches of 7,8,9 minutes in games. Mistakes against North Central won't hurt you. In the conference, they will," he said. In other words, consistency is his main concern.

The Falcons have two tough battles this upcoming week. On Saturday, the Falcons host UW-Oshkosh, then they travel down to UW-Platteville to play the defending national champions on Dec. 9.

SCOREBOARD

Overall WIAC Standings

WIAC MEN'S BASKETBALL		
	W	L
River Falls (2-1)	0	0
Stevens Point (3-0)	0	0
Whitewater (3-0)	0	0
Eau Claire (3-1)	0	0
La Crosse (2-2)	0	0
Stout (4-1)	0	0
Oshkosh (1-1)	0	0
Platteville (1-0)	0	0
Superior (1-1)	0	0

WIAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
	W	L
River Falls (5-0)	1	0
Whitewater (1-1)	0	0
Stevens Point (2-3)	0	0
Stout (0-3)	0	0
La Crosse (2-2)	0	0
Platteville (3-0)	0	0
Eau Claire (5-0)	0	0
Oshkosh (4-0)	0	0
Superior (3-1)	0	1

NCHA MEN'S HOCKEY (As of Nov. 29)				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Bemidji State (6-4-0)	3	2	0	6
UW-Superior (6-1-0)	3	1	0	6
Lake Forest (3-5-2)	3	2	0	6
UW-River Falls (7-1-0)	3	0	0	6
UW-Stevens Point (5-3-1)	2	1	0	4
St. Norbert (5-2-1)	1	1	0	2
St. Scholastica (1-5-0)	1	2	0	2
UW-Eau Claire (4-5-0)	0	3	0	0
UW-Stout (2-10-0)	0	4	0	0

FALCON SPORTS CALENDAR

Dec. 4-10 1998	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Hockey	Superior 7:05 p.m.	Superior 7:05 p.m.			St. Mary's 7:05 p.m.		
Men's Basketball		Oshkosh 7 p.m.				at Platteville 7 p.m.	
Women's Basketball		at Oshkosh 7 p.m.				Platteville 7 p.m.	
Wrestling		River Falls Invite					
Swimming	Titan Invite	Titan Invite					
Gymnastics	at Whitewater 7 p.m.						

Salary

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Without a salary cap in baseball, there will never be a balance of power. Whoever pays the most for the talent will win. That sounds too much like the NBA to me and we all now where they are now.

Jason Egerstrom is a senior majoring in journalism

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SPORTS SUMMARIES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 20 results (Shenandoah tourney)

River Falls	34	31-65
Emory & Henry	34	42-76

River Falls leading scorers: Ptacek 12, Coss 10.
River Falls leading rebounders: Ptacek 9, Warner 5.

Nov. 21 results (Shenandoah tourney)

River Falls	54	33-87
Shenandoah	34	26-60

River Falls leading scorers: Been 17, Coss 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Westberry 11; Been, Coss 6.

Nov. 24 results

River Falls	53	54-107
North Central Bible	25	20-45

River Falls leading scorers: Westberry 17; Liebmann, Coss 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Westberry 9; Ptacek, Werner 6.

Wednesday's results

River Falls	23	30 6-59
Superior	20	33 4-57

River Falls leading scorers: Fisher 18, Coss 12
River Falls leading rebounders: Ptacek, Becker 5

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 20 results (AT&T Challenge)

River Falls	41	34-75
Northwestern College	24	35-59

River Falls leading scorers: Loeblein 20, Johnson 18.
River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 6; Olson, Rambow, Schley 5.

Nov. 21 results (AT&T Challenge)

River Falls	30	33-63
Mayville St.	32	29-61

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 23, Olson 10.
River Falls leading rebounder: Johnson 8, Schley 6.

Nov. 24 results

River Falls	37	42-79
Viterbo	31	44-75

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 29, Rambow 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Johnson 9, Rambow 7.

Saturday's results (Cardinal Stritch Classic)

River Falls	43	49-92
Kendall College	29	26-55

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 15, Loeblein 13.
River falls leading rebounders: McKernon 7, Loeblein 5.

Sunday's results (Cardinal Stritch Classic)

Hockey / Alstead wins his 6th

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of the zone. Benedict quickly fired a wrist shot from the left circle along the wall into the vacant Stout net.

The Falcons added two more goals in the second period.

Forward Eric Yackel, who has moved from his normal defensive position, scored at the 9:04 mark of the second period to give the Falcons a 2-1 lead. Then, Martinson scored his first goal, unassisted, while on the power play. The goal, which stood as the eventual game-winner, was a fluke.

A charging Martinson made a passing attempt across the slot and Plester followed the pass across the slot leaving an opening on the short side, the pass bounced of a Stout defender and trickled into the net.

However, Stout would later cut the Falcon lead to 3-2 with 26 seconds left in the second period. But Martinson's second goal of the contest and a short-handed goal by forward Carl Boben in the third boosted the Falcons to the 5-2 victory.

"It gave us a lift to see Corey back in the lineup," Freeman said of the junior's two-goal effort on

River Falls	46	31-77
Cardinal Stritch	37	27-64

River Falls leading scorers: Johnson 17, Olson 15.
River Falls leading rebounders: Loeblein 6, Johnson 5.

Wednesday's results

River Falls	47	40-87
Superior	16	30-46

River Falls leading scorers: Gefele 18, Loeblein 13

River Falls leading rebounders: Loeblein 10, Schley 8

HOCKEY

Nov. 19 results

River Falls	0	3 1-4
Stout	0	1 1-2

Second period: RF-Anderson (Matzke, Yackel), 4:15 (PP). S-Anderson (Olson, Aube), 9:39. RF-Almquist (Sampair, Bernard), 15:25. RF-Fukushima (Egan, Burke), 16:13.
Third period: S- Maher (Lomen, Gehr), 3:38. RF-Bengtson, 19:46.

Shots on goal: RF 7-16-4-27; S 12-11-17-40.
Saves: RF- Alstead 38; S- Plester 23.

Nov. 20 results

River Falls	3	2 4-9
Stout	0	1 0-1

First period: RF-Boben (Bengtson, Fukushima), 1:11. RF-Bernard (Sampair), 14:20. RF-Benedict (Yackel, Matzke), 16:24 (PP).

Second period: S-Lomen, 5:15. RF-Yackel (Saverine), 7:49. RF-Bernard (Komar, B. Nelson), 10:02.

Third period: RF-Sampair (Bernard), 2:06. RF-Anderson (Almquist), 4:00. RF-Bernard (Almquist, Cullen), 13:52. RF-Matzke (Anderson), 17:36.

Shots on goal: RF 14-12-12-38; S 9-13-24-46.
Saves: RF- Alstead 45; S- Sether 19, Gugliuzza 19.

Tuesday's results

River Falls	1	2 2-5
Stout	1	1 0-2

First period: S-Murray (Aube, Schaffer), 10:57. RF-Benedict, 15:18 (PP).

Second period: RF-Yackel (Matzke, B. Nelson), 9:04. RF-Martinson, 16:01 (PP). S-Corbett (Lomen, Anderson), 19:34.

Third period: RF-Martinson (Thorp, Benedict), 1:53. RF-Boben (Alstead), 15:35 (SH).

Shots on goal: RF 13-9-15-37; S 13-10-9-32.
Saves: RF- Alstead 30; S- Plester 32.

SWIMMING

Nov. 21 results (WIAC Relays)

Men's Team	Women's Team
1. Stevens Point 170	1. Eau Claire 154
2. Eau Claire 120	2. Stevens Point 134
3. LaCrosse 98	3. LaCrosse 106
4. Oshkosh 74	4. Oshkosh 88
5. Whitewater 58	5. River Falls 44
6. River Falls 40	6. Whitewater 34

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MONICA MANSKE

Giving thanks on Turkey Day

Greetings again, dear readers. Did you all have a nice vacation? If your Thanksgiving break (is that politically correct?) was anything like mine, you learned way more about Sherman's march through the South than you would ever wish to know. Families are so odd; a diverse group bound primarily by the similarities of genetics. I'm reminded of this thought every Thanksgiving when people in our family squabble over what to watch on television. Since my mother is a

Civil War fanatic (I don't attempt to understand it), us Manske kids have to relent our hold over the remote to allow her a Civil War marathon on some educational channel. I know we outnumber her, but you can't beat the guilt logic of: "I brought you into this world, you owe me." Well stated.

I bet some of you are wondering where I am going with this. I wonder myself. I guess the more I watch television with my family over any sort of holiday break, the more I am faced with the fact that not everyone shares my tastes. This is a simple concept I probably should have well-established in my mind already, but I never have claimed to be a fast learner or astute in my perception, for that matter. Here's what I'm driving at, the more I watch television with my family, the more I appreciate the time I wield the sacred remote. Believe you me, I feel anxious when, in the depths of my laziness, I can't remove myself from the couch and someone other than me has firm hold of the clicker.

Since I'm in a good mood I won't turn this week's edition into a session about my family's diverse entertainment preferences (did I mention my mother also loves John Wayne movies? He is safe in the ground right?)

I aspire to capitalize on a sort of post-Thanksgiving feeling. I present to you the things in the entertainment industry (such appropriate wording considering Jennifer Love Hewitt is cranked out like a resource) that I am thankful for. Awwwww.

1. Puff Daddy is on MTV less these days, it appears anyway.

2. "Psycho" hits theatres on Friday!

3. Tori Amos hasn't been assimilated by the evil marketing people at GAP. I swear, I will go on a rampage of mass destruction if I see her crooning a catchy little jingle for that chain of blandness. I've heard reports that THEY have already caught Everclear in their sinister clutches (SOB, CRY, WHIMPER).

4. There are some really good campus radio shows on 88.7 right now. Since I've been tuning in and out without paying much attention to specific shows (names, times, etc.), I will have to keep this rave vague for now. Sorry.

5. "Will and Grace" (NBC Mondays @ 8:30). By far this is one of the funniest sitcoms I have seen this season. The premise: Grace moves in with her best friend, Will, after she splits with her fiancé.

The twist: Will is gay. I know this sounds horribly cheesy, but I assure you the dialogue is realistic, the format is unpreachy, and the jokes are hilarious. I like "Will and Grace" because it portrays friendship in such an accurate and humorous way. Bottom line: Watch it!

6. Finally, my favorite part of the list. A sort of list unto itself. EVERY DAY IS A DAY CLOSER TO...

A. Backstreet Boys breaking up. I'll also accept N'Sync, Hanson or All Saints.

B. The end of Old Navy ads. Those annoying (and creepy if

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MEDDLING MELINDA

Dear Meddling Melinda,

I am writing in response to last week's article. Now, the way the letter was written, of course you and others would take the side of "confused." Well, I am the "roommate," and I am not writing this for revenge, but so that the readers will get my side, the complete truth.

You see, she failed to mention three very important points, and totally lied about one of them.

First of all, she failed to mention that she met her boyfriend over the internet. Of course I would feel a little uncomfortable when he came to visit, and I wouldn't let him stay in the room.

Second, she wrote, "I hardly get to see him and when I do it's usually only for a four-day weekend." Well, here is another reason why I felt uncomfortable: It wasn't only my first time meeting him, it was also her first time meeting him! You can't tell me that you would honestly be comfortable in my situation!

Third, she totally lied about me not letting him stay the six days he will be here. I told her he could stay Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights, but he would have to stay in a hotel Wednes-

day and Thursday night. I think I am being very nice about that!

And NO, having to change in the bathroom for a whole week wasn't the only excuse I could come up with. I had a few others.

Don't you think that a whole week for anybody to stay in one tiny dorm room is too long anyway? I need my own space too, you know.

Roommate

Dear Roommate,

There is definitely a lot more to the story than was in the original letter. I'm almost afraid to say anything because I don't know who is lying and who is telling the truth.

I will say one thing though, you and your roommate need to sit down and have a very long talk.

Just to let you know, I think you have some very valid reasons for

not wanting this guy to stay in your room. If he is practically a stranger to her, how could either of you trust him?

The last thing I have to say is that you are right about needing to have your own space.

And, since you have already agreed to let the guy stay half of the week in your room, I think the only problem you have is communication.

My best advice for you and your roommate is to get some help from your resident assistant before this gets out of hand!

-Meddling Melinda

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Resisting a Hero's Death

Mindy Gwidd
Reviewer

Tell Nannan I walked. And straight he walked; Grant Wiggins. Straight he walked. I'm a witness. Straight he walked." This quote from Ernest J. Gaines' book, *A Lesson Before Dying*, accurately describes the plot of the book.

The book is set in a small Louisiana community in the late 1940s. A young man named Jefferson is sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit. He was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time.

In defending Jefferson, the public defender called Jefferson a "hog." His godmother, Nannan, Miss Emma, turns to Wiggins for help.

Wiggins leaves his home to attend the university. In his mind, it's the

only way a black man can make a living without having to work in the fields. He is a teacher at a small plantation school and has been contemplating whether or not to run away with his girlfriend Vivian to another state to make a better life. Miss Emma wants Wiggins to go and talk to Jefferson to make him a man before

two form an unlikely bond. Wiggins buys Jefferson a notebook so he can write down his feelings. It shows how scared he is to die and how he appreciates Wiggins coming and talking to him. In the end, like the quote says, he walks like a man. He becomes a hero to the community for resisting and defying the expected.

This was a very well written book. Each chapter was written to keep the reader hanging and wanting. It portrayed the prejudice that existed in the 1940s and it had a very real at-

mosphere. The characters were portrayed like real human beings. It almost felt like it was a true story because of its detail. The reader really doesn't want Jefferson to die. But because of his death, the segre-

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"A young man named Jefferson is sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit. He was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time"

he dies. Wiggins is forced into doing something he doesn't want to do. He feels obligated to do it. I really didn't like Wiggins' attitude, but his attitude is like any other human being's.

At first, Jefferson doesn't talk to Wiggins, but as the book continues he starts to express his feelings. The

Horoscope Forecasts

Melinda Domzalski
Assistant Off-Beat Editor and
your forecaster for the future



ARIES (March 21-April 19): There is a cloud hanging over you, but do not worry because in a week or two

your luck will change.

Tonight is a good night for dancing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

: Your financial problems are about to take a turn for the better. This might be a good time to get a new job or start a new project. Your main goal for the upcoming weeks is making money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

Your love life has been a little on the rocks lately. Be sure to listen to your heart and not your hormones. Just remember, there are lots of fish in the sea being swallowed by sharks.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Your are full of endless good luck this week. Some time in the next couple of weeks plan to take a trip out of town.

LEO (July 23-August 22):

You definitely need a break! Treat yourself to a night on the town with friends or a loved one.

VIRGO (August 23-September 22):

You are about to go on a very passionate adventure. Tonight is definitely a good time to go out.

LIBRA (September 23-

October 23): Sorry, I can not

tell you a lie, you are about to run into some good and bad luck. Your love life is about to become crazy and wild while your financial life is going to take a turn for the worse. Don't worry, in the next few weeks things will start to calm down.

SCORPIO (October 24-

November 21): Good luck is coming your way. Tonight, go out and party the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-

December 21): It's time for you to break free from the chains of bad luck and go out to conquer the world. Tonight is a good night to start a new project

CAPRICORN (December 22-

January 18): Wake up! Stop being such a bum. Go outside and enjoy the weather. You need exercise, a love life and new friends. Tonight would be a good night to start a new hobby.

AQUARIUS (January 19-

February 18): You are a mess. You need to sit down and start designing a plan for the future. This would be a good week to start looking for a new job. Your life is in dire need of change. Tonight is a good night to try something new.

PISCES (February 19-March 20):

Your love life is about to be turned upside down. Beware of cheaters, liars and confused individuals. If I were you I would start looking for a new love before your partner does.

Cryptogram

This message can be decoded by trans-ferring the numbers into letters. Submit decoded messages to the Off-Beat section in 213 South Hall with your full name and class standing. Winners will be announced in next week's issue.

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"POINTS OF VIEW"

"The semester is beginning to wind down and students are trying to fulfill the final requirements for their classes. How much is left to do in your work load before final exams?"



Jenny Abraham, senior

"I have a lit. page, 2 posters and one paper. That is down from normal. Last week I had 4 papers due alone."



Dale Bailey, sophomore

"I have a lot of stuff to do. I have to make a 40-page art flipbook. That is stupid."



Laura Anderson, sophomore

"None, I just have finals. I've started organizing, not really studying for them yet."



Byrant Hardy, sophomore

"I have two papers and a group project to do. In psych-class I have a research thing, so I have a lot to do."



Tina Huskelhus, freshman

"I have one left, a presentation and paper."



Nick Ballard, freshman

"I have about four; I have two reports and just stupid activities where I have to go out and survey people, kinda like you're doing."

Adam Benedetto in the Bell View

Adam Benedetto is a senior majoring in English



Here is the funny (and true) conversation with the head of campus security Tuesday:

Adam: Is it policy for campus security to mail tickets to students without stopping them first?

Head of Security: I'd have to know the specifics.

Adam: There are no specifics. I want to know if it's policy.

Head of Security: I can't answer that question.

Adam: It's a simple "yes" or "no" question. This is your job; it should be an easy question. Yes or no?

Head of Security: I won't answer that question now. But you can make an appointment and we can discuss it at that time.

I gave up. Obviously she didn't know. But by 9 a.m. Wednesday she had the answers I wanted. Yes, it is policy for security to mail out tickets without stopping the student first. To my mind, this gives them the right to send out tickets to whom ever they want without adequate cause. To put it another way: they can fine people for no reason at all.

What I like about dealing with bureaucracy is its constant effort to

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you ask me) commercials can't go on forever. Sure, they can replace Magic if he (she?) goes to that mall in the sky, but that old lady with the huge glasses looks like she doesn't have long to go. Maybe the last one will be the Old Navy gang wearing black fleece at her wake. (By the way, I'm aware that is mean, morbid, and generally sick. But so is subjecting the public to those ads).

C. "Star Wars" prequels hitting theatres. They have taunted me with the trailer for what seems like eons now, with Ewan McGregor playing what looks like a damn good Obi. I'm also excited because all the hubbub involving the premiere means more Star Wars merchandise. Like many geeks in this country, I go into spasms of uncontrolled joy when I see a new Luke Skywalker doll (complete with Rankor bone!) or a detailed Millennium Falcon model.

So there you have it, all the things in the entertainment industry that make me happy, or will soon make me a happy little consumer. Next time I'm going to break down and do movie reviews, so don't miss it!

Monica Manske is a sophomore majoring in English.



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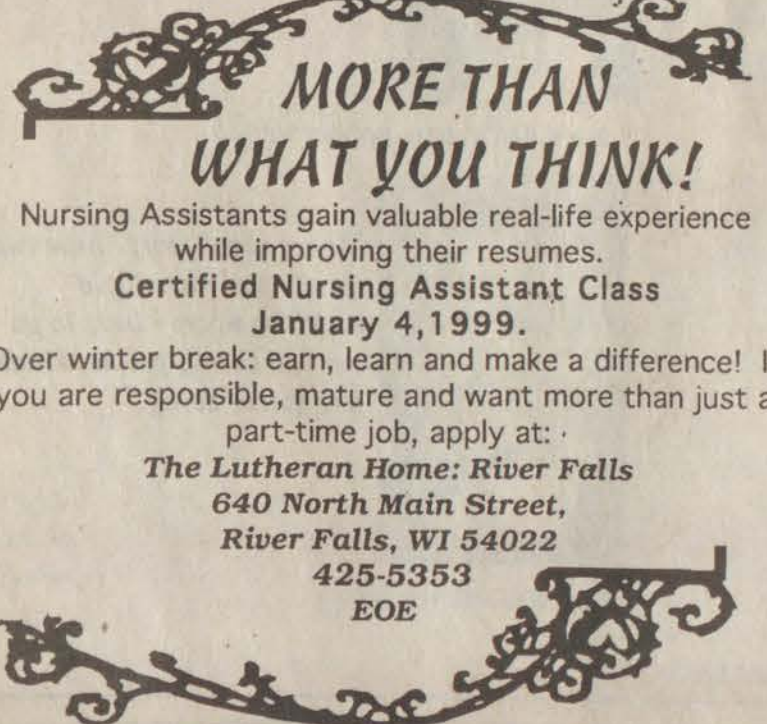
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work as a negotiator between students and administration, but apparently they just give advice. I think that's it anyway. Well, I guess I'm still not sure what Deans of Students do, but I'm sure it's important.

Now it's time for me to slip/revert into my humorous and fictional persona of Benedetto in the Bell View.

After a long hard day of talking to campus administration I decided to have a picnic! I packed a little basket and put a little checkered blanket down on the front lawn of South Hall. In front of North Hall there were a bunch of angry squirrels picketing because campus security guards had thrown rocks at them. I was so intent watching them I didn't even notice I had accidentally left

I didn't know I was acting illegally. I found out when I went home and checked the mail. There it was! A ticket for \$448.50! I didn't realize anyone had noticed me and no one had spoken to me! There it was, a ticket for parking my bike on a sidewalk, having a picnic on campus, and watching the picketing squirrels!

O what heroes of justice! Campus security, you really know how to bust the evildoers of this campus.

After I paid my enormous fine, I called the Cashiers Office and told them my college career had come to a surprising halt because of financial limitations. O well, so much for that diploma thing. I guess I'll have to become a professional skateboarder. I'm

sure the Dean of Students will be fascinated by my new post-college decision. He likes small talk.

So you're all probably thinking, "Pretty good article, Adam, but you forgot

to mention that it only costs 50 dollars more to smoke pot on campus than it does to skateboard."

You're absolutely right! Go out, roll a joint, smoke it right on the sidewalk! The fine for that is only \$209 so you might as well get really high and brag to your parents that being a stoner is only \$50 dollars worse than being a skateboarder!

Amen.

"I didn't know then, but under University of Wisconsin System conduct 18.06 it's illegal to have a picnic on campus."

my bike laying in the sidewalk. Oops!

I didn't know then, but under University of Wisconsin System conduct code 18.06 it's illegal to have a picnic on campus. In fact, it'll cost you \$149.50! It's also a \$149.50 fine for parking your bike on the sidewalk and a \$149.50 fine for being a spectator to "picketing, rallies, parades, or demonstrations" that have been declared illegal on campus.

Myths and sensationalism run America

Beauregard Bureau
Freelance Columnist

I was glad to hear that my college was having a gay/lesbian pride celebration. I think it says something that we're coming to a point in society where we're ready to give an open ear to one of the most slandered groups in history.

At least I thought it did for a while. The Gay/Lesbian Alliance Group had to go out early in the morning to chalk the walks because last year when they did it at night the sidewalks were littered with anti-gay epithets. So much for the university as an institutional haven for intellectual enlightenment.

The bile and angst the topic of homosexuality stirs up in this supposedly free society is astounding. I don't know if many people are homophobic because it's socially ordained or because they're afraid there might be some shred of homosexuality burrowed deep within them. Either way, the anxiety is maintained through myths, ones that give people an excuse to carry on the status quo. There is a myth that says

homosexuality is a trend, like disco, eight tracks or hot pants. This is the most laughable myth I've heard - especially since it's usually boasted by the religious right. I have complete respect for their religion, but I don't see how they can say that homosexuality is a fad and still maintain that their 2,000 year old Bible condemns it.

I can't hope to dispel all the myths, which is why I'd prefer to look at the source of the fear. I don't think most people understand what homosexual-rights activists want. Many people believe that homosexuals already have equal rights and can't see what the hype is about.

Now, I may not be homosexual, but I can try to see what I'd be looking for out of society if I were in their position. First of all, I wouldn't want "I am" to be used as an insult, the way "faggot" or "dyke" are. I'd prefer not to have to gauge someone before I mention my significant other.

I wouldn't want a parade or any special recognition; I'd just want society to treat me like a person.

I can tolerate people being insecure about homosexuality. What I refuse to respect is any argument that either homosexuals have equal rights in this society or that they deserve anything less.

I don't know what all this talk is about. Plus, everyone's saying they're sick and tired of hearing about our president's most recent humiliation buried under a media deluge of sensational headlines and overplayed sound bites.

Not me.

Every time I pass a newsstand and see that daily tribune with the headline on President Clinton's

newsworthy love letters, each time I hear another media bite on Monica Lewinsky's "secret" life, I remember just how great and noble the country I live in is.

I don't think we've gone too far. As a matter of fact, I don't think we've gone nearly far enough. In the spirit of Jerry Springer, Richard Bay, Geraldo Rivera and all the other pillars of American intellectualism, I think we should go a step a further.

Maybe we can get OJ Simpson involved - he hasn't been in the media in awhile. Of course we'll have to include a few natural disasters (very popular in the movies these days), a few X-Files conspiracies and, in the name of the aforementioned purveyors of American cultural refinement, a stripper, a white hate group and at least one transvestite.

As a matter of fact, I think the president should get his own talk show. Jerry Springer was in politics once, wasn't he? Instead of the Jerry Springer bouncers, we can have President Clinton's secret service agents. He can cover controversial, up-to-date topics like women who cheat on their husbands with serial killers over the internet.

If all goes well, we can make a mini series out of it. Meg Ryan will play Hillary Clinton, Mary Kate and Ashley Olson will play Monica Lewinsky, Leonardo DiCaprio will play Al Gore and Don Knotts will star as the president of the United States. We'll get Sheryl Crow, Hanson, or the Spice Girls to sing a snappy theme song. We can syndicate it

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gation between blacks and whites in the community starts to disintegrate. His death symbolizes heroism and the bonding of races.

This is an excellent book for anyone who wants to read about the struggle of human life and how one person can change something. It al-

ways leaves you wanting to read more and it leaves unanswered questions. It teaches the reader a lesson that you can keep with you for a lifetime. I'll let you be the one to figure out this lesson.

Off-Beat illustrations

All illustrations for Off-Beat are done by Brad Renner.

Entertainment Calendar

thursday monday

friday tuesday

UW-RF Orchestra holiday concert for families. It will be held on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Abbott Concert Hall.

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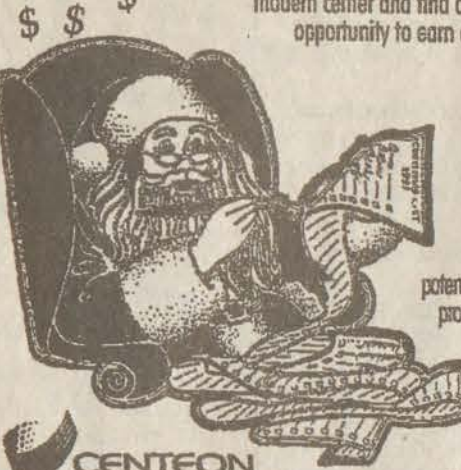
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